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A LITTLE MORE

"By God's grace, I'll work and pray and give and love a little more."—A New Year's Resolution.

My Lord, I dare not pledge some mighty task
Wrought by my hands; but give the strength I ask
And by thy grace, if aught before I've done,
I'll do, before another setting sun,
A little more.

No wealth is mine; but from my scanty store
Love-gifts I've brought, like that which Mary bore,
Or widow's mite; yet as this year I live,
Not much, perhaps, but for the King, I'll give
A little more.

Not rashly would I vow, like Peter bold,
White-heat devotion when thy friends grow cold,
But by thy help throughout each coming day
I'll seek thy will to do and watch and pray
A little more.

Weary the world, and much the world needs heart,
And slight the love and cheer that I impart;
Yet hear my prayer for help in courts above,
And while I live, by thy great grace I'll love
A little more.

Not much of aught, O Lord, I dare to vow;
But as before thy throne I humbly bow,
I pledge for this new year thou givest me
I'll work and pray and love and give and be
A little more.

—James E. Clarke.

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Editorial

THE OUTLOOK FOR A NEW YEAR

The Advocate greets the reader today with the wish that the new year upon which we now enter may be full of blessings and opportunities for blessed service. The supreme promise of God to his servant Abraham was, not that he should be blessed, but that he should be made a blessing. Our happiness as well as our usefulness in the year which lies before us will depend upon the service which by God's help we shall be able to render others.

It is good to be looking for better things. All the world would be better and happier if all were optimists. Recent years have been shadowed by the great world war and have put the faith of God's people to the test. Many have given way to doubt and fear; but we see no reason why any saint should doubt that God has been speaking out of the clouds and darkness, nor do we see any reason why we should not expect the year now beginning to be better and brighter than all the years that have gone before. We have the benefit of all the experience of the past, therefore we should be wiser to choose the best things and to avoid the things that are evil.

If we are to make the new year better we must again repeat the resolutions which so often in the past we have broken. No matter if we are ashamed of our failures there is no way for us to build again save upon the foundation of good resolutions. So, while it is shameful to form resolutions and break them, it is still more shameful to acknowledge ourselves so weak and cowardly as to form no resolution at all.

Let us stop a moment and listen to St. Paul. He is evidently not fully satisfied with his attainments in the past, so he says, "This one thing I do." Thus he makes for himself a resolution, not as it might appear to live for the things that would bring the greatest bodily comfort, but to do the right thing. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." "My mind is made up, my purpose is fixed. I shall not live an aimless life." How many people would see the dawn of a new day if they could bring themselves to the point of decision and henceforth have a definite object in life! An aimless life is a dissatisfied life.

But we want not only a definite purpose. We want the dominant purpose of life to be in harmony with the will of God. The mark toward which we press must be that which is set by Him who alone is wise enough to lay out our task for us. The purpose to live right in the sight of God and before men, doing all we can to make the world a paradise, is sure to give the new year a glow of the millennial light, if not to the whole world, at least in our hearts.

The way grows dark to any one whose point of vision is not onward and upward. Moses gave expression to the true conception of life when he said, "We are journeying." To journey is to move forward, and it will not be well with us if we fail to press to higher ground in our journey this year. If we pause to busy ourselves with the things by the way, vainly hoping to satisfy ourselves with these, we shall never reach the goal of bliss.

Let the old year, with its trials and triumphs, its failures and achievements, take its place in the past while we keep our faces steadfastly to the future.

"For we know not what it brings us,
Whether sorrow, pain or peace,
And it may be that in passing,
It will bring us sweet release."

THE CENTENARY PORGRAM

It may be worth while to remind our readers that this year, 1919, is the Centenary of American Methodist Missions. In the month of April, 1819, in the city of New York, our church first established a "Missionary and Bible Society." Out of this small beginning one hundred years ago, has grown the tremendous missionary organization of Episcopal Methodism, and the pretentious Centenary celebration which is now proposed is to gather in the harvest from the patient sowing of a hundred years.

For several weeks we have been giving our readers, both in display form and in our reading columns, such matter as is calculated to arrest attention and prepare the way for making this Centenary celebration a great inspiration to the church and a means of giving the gospel message to every tribe and tongue during this generation.

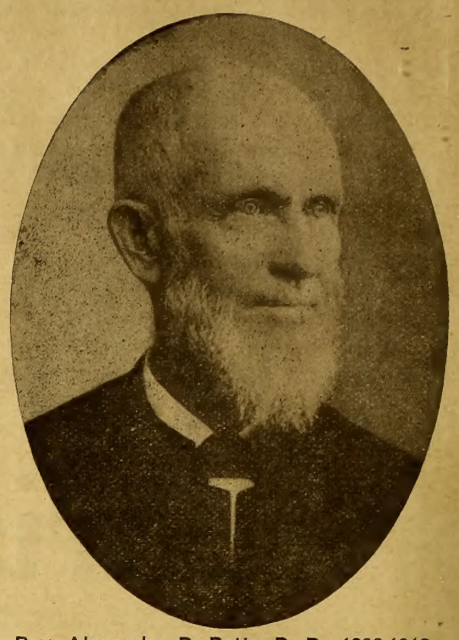
That part of the program which is now on is perhaps the most important of all. St. Paul says, "I exhort first of all that prayers, supplications, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men," etc. This text comes now with new meaning. First of all we are exhorted to pray over this matter and see that our hearts are right and that we have communion with God and fellowship with each other. The fellowship of intercession will unite us all in one great purpose and make us ready for the next step in the divine order when we shall each be ready to ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" So following this season of prayer is the program of enlightenment or education. We must learn about the field and the needs of men in all lands as well as about our duty in the premises. As the result of this intercession and enlightenment—this campaign of education—we shall expect to hear "the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?", and in reply many voices saying, "Here am I, send me."

If a great company of young men and women does not appear to offer for the mission field as the result of this Centenary celebration, we may be sure that our efforts have been in vain. Conditions brought about by the war, inspirational and educational effects of the Centenary program, all point to such an awakening as the world has never seen before, and it will be the glory of the modern church that all things in the order of divine providence have conspired to open wide the door for the universal reign of our Lord.

Let every Methodist, every day, join in this prayer, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

REV. ALEXANDER D. BETTS

There was universal sorrow throughout North Carolina when, on Wednesday, December 18th, it was announced that "Father Betts" had passed to his eternal reward on high. On Tuesday, December 11, accompanied by his wife, he went to Goldsboro, where the North Carolina Conference, of which he was the oldest member, was to convene on Wednesday, December 11. During the night, having occasion to rise from his bed, he fell and fractured a hip. Seeing that he could not attend the Conference the physician advised that he be brought home, and late in the afternoon of December the 11, he arrived at the home of his son, Dr. J. S. Betts, in Greensboro,



Rev. Alexander D. Betts, D. D., 1832-1918

where he was tenderly cared for, lingering till the following Wednesday morning when, released from suffering, he passed peacefully to his home in the Father's house above.

Dr. Betts was in many respects a most remarkable man. He was born in Cumberland, now Harnett, county, near Fuquay Springs, August 25, 1832. His parents were William and Temperance Utley Betts. His boyhood days were spent on the farm. For three years he attended Summerville Academy, afterward spending three years at the State University at Chapel Hill, where he graduated in 1855 with the A. B. degree. Later the same institution conferred upon him the Master's degree and also the honorary degree of D. D.

It was during his stay at Chapel Hill, October 15, 1853, that he was happily converted, an experience which was ever positive and fixed in his life. He was licensed to preach in 1855, and was admitted on trial in the North Carolina Conference at the Annual Conference held in Greensboro, in 1856. From that time to the present year he had never missed a Conference roll-call, and this last one is included in the sixty-three consecutive calls, as he was permitted to answer by phone from his room. Besides answering to the sixty-three consecutive calls, this was the sixty-sixth session he had attended, having been present at three Conferences before joining.

Father Betts was perhaps the best exemplar among us of the Wesleyan rule: "Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necesssary." All who knew him will testify that, for a half century or more, he did not mend our rules but kept them; that he employed his time in the manner directed by those in authority, going without complaint where sent and doing the work assigned in a bright and cheerful spirit. No one ever gave our itinerant plan a more honest test, and it is safe to affirm that we had no man among us who was better satisfied with it or thought less of attempts to mend it. Serving the average charge, he literally laid all of a fine equipment for service upon the altar of consecration and spurned the thought of any allurement of filthy lucre.

In all his career he was an example of the diligent pastor. He did not make long visits, but when gone the memory of his visit was like the memory of the sunbeam which suddenly breaks through the crevice, making the otherwise dark room radiant and happy. Many a lonely shut-in has been made glad by the unexpected visit of "Uncle Betts," who always knew how to leave one thinking of better things and hoping for the "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." His ministry was always helpful because his religious experiences

seemed so real and genuine. Like Enoch, he "walked with God and had this testimony that he pleased Him." In his passing from among us we can but feel that he was translated as was this ancient saint and servant of God.

Some ten years ago "Father Betts" retired from regular pastoral work, taking the superannuate relation. He spent much of his time in Greensboro, living with his son, Dr. J. S. Betts. While on the retired list he did not cease to labor for the salvation of souls, speaking to men on the streets or wherever he came in contact with them. He was a tower of strength to the editor of the Advocate, being one of the few who reminded him constantly of the fearful responsibility of his work and of his constant prayerful interest in him.

We regret that lack of space will not permit a reprint of some of the tributes paid our departed brother by the secular press. We shall perhaps see his like no more, but let us pray that his mantle may fall upon the younger men of Methodism in North Carolina.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The British Electors have chosen a new Parliament loyal to the policies of Lloyd George, and the Premier was returned by a good majority by his Welsh constituents to a seat in the House of Commons. Henderson, the labor representative in the Cabinet, was defeated for reelection. It is gratifying to know that the opposition weakened at the right time and the brilliant war policy of Lloyd George has been so positively endorsed by the British people by the return of 470 members loyal to the George policy, out of the 707 chosen.

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The Religious World has heard with sorrow of the death of Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the well known evangelist, which occurred in New York last week, following a surgical operation. He possessed the loftiest Christian character and was eminently successful in evangelistic work which he had engaged in for many years after he gave up pastoral work as a Presbyterian minister. He stood high in his church, having recently been Moderator of the Northern Presbyterian General Assembly. Four years ago Dr. Chapman conducted a great union meeting in Charlotte and at that time seemed to be in his prime. He was 60 years old.

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Dr. J. Y. Joyner has sent in his resignation as Superintendent of Public Instruction and it has been reluctantly accepted by the Governor. Dr. Joyner has filled this important post for nearly twenty years and his wise policies have developed our public school system to the present high state of efficiency. The Governor could not have found a more capable successor to Dr. Joyner than Prof. Eugene C. Brooks, of Trinity College, who comes well prepared to the responsible position. He is widely acquainted, a good mixer, cultured and scholarly, and thoroughly well equipped by experience in the school room, so that he comes to his task with the confidence of the teaching force of the state, and all who know him feel that he will succeed in carrying forward the work so well begun by his honored predecessor.

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Hon. Walter Hines Page, recent ambassador to Great Britain, died at Pinehurst Dec. 22nd, after a lingering illness, and was buried near Aberdeen, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Harry North, presiding elder of the Rockingham district. Dr. Page was a brilliant scholar, who distinguished himself in the world of letters and then gained additional fame by the splendid work performed in London at the most trying and exacting period in the history of diplomacy. The great strain of the trying times was too great for him, so that he was forced by failing health, to give up his work and come home to die. His fame is world wide, but North Carolina claims him as her own and mourns the loss of this honored son.

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President Wilson has been received in France and England with an enthusiasm gratifying to Americans. The highest consideration has been shown to him by the governments and the people welcome him everywhere as the representative and ruler of the American nation. His visit to the American army camps and hospitals was an occasion which the soldier boys will never forget. In London last week he was the guest of King George and all the honors of royalty were showered upon him. When the week ended he slipped away from the crowded metropolis to Carlisle, the seat of the early labors of Rev. Thomas Woodrow, his maternal grandfather and for whom he was named. Mr. Woodrow was a preacher in Carlisle before his removal to America. The president went to the old church which the grandfather once served, and heard the sermon of the day. Then upon invitation of the pastor he ascended to the old pulpit and talked to the people, laying special emphasis upon the noble characteristics of his mother. It was a great day for Carlisle and a day never to be forgotten by the president.

TO OUR PASTORS

By common consent the Advocate campaign must go in every charge this year. With the demands of the great Centenary of Missions we can not get on without it. No intelligent, forward looking member of the church will be content without his church paper. Let the pastor and his Advocate agent or agents or committees begin at once and sow the Conference down with Advocates the first thing. Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of Burkhead church, Winston-Salem, is the first to send in his full allotment, with check to pay in advance. Who will be next? Last year, Rev. Dwight W. Brown, of Belwood circuit, had his whole list renewed by the last of January. He lost none, and secured more than his allotment of new subscribers. This was his first job. His list was one of the largest in the Conference. Let the renewals be taken care of, and do it now.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. J. E. Woosley attended a special service at Ramseur on Sunday held in memory of W. O. Forester, who fell in battle in France the 29th of September.

—Bishop McMurry has cabled under date of December 20th from Shanghai: "Leaving for Japan." He will hold Japanese Conference December 26th and expects to embark for home about mid-January.

—Rev. Joseph Fry expresses delight at being again settled down to work among the good people of the McDowell circuit. The salary has been increased and plans are already at work for the new year.

—The passing of Mrs. Ellen Frizelle Wycoff, of Statesville, on Tuesday, December 24th, removes one who had attained deserved distinction in local literary circles during the past few years. Her contributions to the daily press not only breathed a lofty spirit, but were clothed in the garb of splendid literary expression. She was, moreover, a devoted Christian and a member of Broad Street church, Statesville, from which her body was tenderly committed to its last resting place on Christmas day, Rev. Loy D. Thompson, her pastor, conducting the service.

—The St. Louis Christian Advocate says: Dr. John A. Rice has been appointed to Trinity Church, Sumter, S. C., a church of influence in the midst of Dr. Rice's life-time associations. Dr. Rice is enjoying the feeling of being at home again. For many years he served leading churches in various conferences and has been loved and honored wherever he has gone. During his pastorate at St. John's, St. Louis, he won the esteem of his people and his brethren. He is greatly missed here.

—Rev. C. C. Totherow, of Marion, was a pleasant visitor at the Advocate office on Saturday morning. Brother Totherow has been doing supply work in the bounds of the Marion District for several years. This year he proposes to work exclusively in the evangelistic field, a work for which he seems specially fitted and to which he feels divinely called. He has done a large amount of evangelistic work outside of his charges during the years that he has been in the regular pastoral work. His postoffice address is Marion, N. C.

—The North Mississippi Conference was held by Bishop Kilgo this year in an unusual way. Owing to influenza the body of the Conference did not assemble. The Bishop called together at Clarksdale, Miss., the Presiding Elders and such members of boards as were deemed necessary to the discharge of the business of the Conference. The appointments were made and announced, the minute questions were answered and the quadrennial boards organized. The votes were taken on the constitutional questions, laity rights standing nineteen for and eleven against; change of creed, twenty-three for and eight against.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

—Many friends among Advocate readers have learned with sadness of the death of Mrs. J. G. Boylin, which occurred at her home, near Wadesboro on the morning of December 16th. Mrs. Boylin was the daughter of the late Judge M. L. McCorkle, of Newton. Her first marriage was to a Mr. Ingram, of Anson County. After Mr. Ingram's death she was married to Mr. J. G. Boylin, editor of the Wadesboro Messenger. Much of the time since Mr. Boylin's death she has been quite a factor in the editorial management of the Messenger at Wadesboro. Her mother was a Wilfong, and she had, by inheritance as well as culture, those admirable traits of character which made for her a multitude of friends and admirers.

—The following note from a recent number of the Texas Christian Advocate will be of interest to many Western North Carolina Methodists, as Rev. D. V. York went out from among us. Giving account of his visit to the West Oklahoma Conference, the editor of the Texas says: We were delighted to again meet our old friend, Dr. D. V. York, Conference Evangelist for West Oklahoma. He has the distinction of being the father of Lucy York who, on July 11, 1911, became the wife of Rev. C. A. Long, the Texas boy, now President of Granbery College, Juiz de Fora, Brazil. Just one month from their wedding day they landed in Rio de Janeiro. After seven and one-half years of faithful and efficient service, Brother Long and his wife will soon visit her father in his Oklahoma home.

—A great company of friends throughout our Conference will share the grief of our brother, Mr. J. A. Odell, in the great bereavement which has come to him in the passing away of Mrs. Odell, which occurred at their home in this city on Wednesday morning, December 25th. A sad Christmas to him, indeed, but a glorious translation to her who, being released from long continued suffering, went home to the Father's house. May the faith which Brother Odell has so long and consistently exemplified be his anchor in this trying hour. Beautiful and appropriate funeral services were conducted from the home on West Market Street on Friday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. E. L. Bain, assisted by Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, and Rev. Dr. Turrentine.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE ROAD TO PEACE

By T. H. Acheson, Ph.D.

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The great question before the coming Peace Conference, before the civilized world, and upon the heart of every patriot, is, "What will secure peace, a just peace, a peace fair to all peoples, and a permanent peace? On what basis can such a peace be assured?

It will certainly not come merely as the result of the crushing and restraint of Germany, the home of the monster of autocracy and militarism. It is true that the fangs of the serpent must be extracted. But human nature is the same it has always been. Sin still prevails in the hearts of men. Satan is still active. Germany's overthrow is not sufficient.

Nor will the punishment of the arch-conspirators against the world's liberty and of instigators of horrid atrocity, be sufficient. Such a course would be a good antidote against the recurrence of war, for it would make rulers in the days to come think twice before plunging their people into war; but it would not be enough.

Treaties of peace cannot secure us absolutely against war. They are most important, and when entered into properly go far to prevent hostilities; but treaties did exist before this recent war, and there is no certain guarantee that rulers may not again regard treaties as scraps of paper.

Disarmament also is not sufficient in itself. It must take place in considerable measure, but it cannot wholly occur under present world conditions. Who will disarm first? How far shall we disarm? It is not easy yet to say. There is no full answer here.

Nor, in addition to what has been mentioned, will the granting of sovereign rights, the giving of independence and governmental freedom, to hitherto oppressed peoples be any sure guarantee of lasting peace. It will remove grounds for trouble, but will not remove warlike tendencies from such peoples, nor insure them from depredations from without.

The growth of democracy throughout the world does not carry with it the guarantee of permanent peace. Democracy is the divine plan for civil government, but it is no cure-all for the ills of civil society. **Vox populi vox Dei** may be a slander against the great white throne. Democracy as well as autocracy can sin grievously against both God and man.

But to proceed further, shall we find a proper and true basis for permanent peace in a great League of Nations for Peace? It is to be hoped that at this coming great council in Europe there shall be formed among the civilized nations of the world, on a righteous basis, such a League that will cast stout anchors to windward to keep nations from plunging into war. In connection with it, or as a part of it, there should be a World Tribunal for the settlement of all international questions that cannot be settled by the governments more immediately concerned. And also as a necessary corollary to such a League and Tribunal, there would need to be an International Police Force to carry out, if necessary, the decisions of the Tribunal. The Tribunal would need some military power, and might occupy an invaluable place in wise provisions for peace.

All these measures are prominent in men's minds. They are important. They are in harmony with God's plans for nations. But all of them taken together do not form a bulwark sufficiently high and strong to hold back the flood tide of war in some critical hour of aroused national ambition, cupidity or resentment. They are not a complete guarantee. Such plans partake too much of merely human wisdom. They are good, but not fundamental. They are not founded on the rock. The problems of true and permanent peace are solved only by the principles of the Christian religion. For all the ills that afflict the individual and the world only one solution can be offered: and that is—God! "Say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth!"

But let it be clearly marked in this connection that for permanent peace we need more than the prevalence of moral and Christian sentiment among us. This has not prevented war in the past. It did not prevent our civil war. Nor is a revival of evangelical religion wholly sufficient to prevent war. A world revival would be a great barrier to war, but might not be enough. Not merely in the growth of individual religion do we find the cure for war. There is a clear distinction between the religion of a man and the religion of a nation. Both are necessary as the guarantee against war. Christianity to be full orbed and effective, must be individual and institutional and international.

Facing the vast problem of reconstruction amid the ruins of the greatest and most destructive war ever waged in human history, the world never needed more to learn distinctly and comprehensively that the nation is a moral being with its own direct and responsible relation to God; that the Bible contains laws for the nation and its government as certainly as it does for the individual and the church; that, while the church and state should not be united, it is absolutely essential that Christianity and the state should never be separated; that law hath its seat in the bosom of God, that men cannot make law, and the lawgiver must come down from the mount; that all human rulers are subject to the Governor among the nations, receive their authority from him through the peoples, and are solemnly responsible to God for the exercise of their power; that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Prince of the kings of the earth, and that all nations and rulers must honor and obey him; that such honor and obedience have a direct relation to the bestowment of his power and favor for national prosperity and peace; that nations should make his law the corner-stone of their governmental fabric; and that all treaties of peace should be made in the name of God, and of Christ. Amen!

It would be a most helpful course for the world, and a most encouraging ground for assurance of success, if the coming Peace Conference in Europe would begin its work in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and if the stipulations of the peace treaty would conform to the principles of the Christian religion so far as they apply to present problems in civil life. **In hoc signo vinces.** May the Star of Bethlehem rest above the House of Peace at Versailles!

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given," whose name is called "Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." On his shoulders rests the government of this world. Of the increase of his government and of his peace there shall be no end, and only in submission and obedience to him will the nations' rulers and the diplomats of the world in their search for power find the true pathway to its permanent goal.

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Rev. J. M. Rowland

The one hundred and thirty-sixth session of the Virginia Conference met in Charlotesville December the fourth, being three weeks late on account of the influenza. Bishop Hendrix, who has charge of the first Episcopal district, presided, and Bishop Cannon was present and took part in the proceedings.

There were several things of special interest that demanded the attention of the Conference this time. One of these was the new law regarding the four year limit. A number of our strong charges had pastors who were ending their quadrennium and there was much interest as to what would be done. Six men were returned for the fifth year, to country churches and three to the large city churches. Those who were thus returned are: J. E. Daniel to Buckingham; W. H. Fletcher, to Andrew Chapel; H. D. Mollard, to Highland Springs; Dr. T. A. Smoot, to Centenary, Richmond; Dr. S. T. Senter, to Epworth, Norfolk, and J. M. Rowland, to Park Place, Norfolk. From this it would seem that this new law is equally acceptable both to the country and the city.

Another matter of outstanding interest was the Conference paper. It was thought that there would develop many notions and much debate over a settlement, but a carefully selected committee of one preacher and one layman from each district weighed the matter and were able to present a unanimous report. The paper is to be bought and owned by the Conference. The sum of $16,400.00 is to be paid from an assessment on the churches. A large list of new subscribers was promised and Dr. G. H. Lambuth, pastor of our Monument Church in Richmond, was selected as editor.

The session of the Conference was one of unusual harmony and quietness, and yet it made more miles with less gas than is usual with us. We are great on exercising the art of free speech over here, but the high cost of living has also brought about the high cost of talking and we have come to the conclusion that much of our Conference talk was not worth what it cost the folks who fed us while we did it.

Another action of interest was the change of plan for our entertainment. With such a large Conference and these unusual living conditions we could not expect to follow the old plan of free entertainment any longer. In these times it is asking too much to expect the people to take us on their hands for a week. We levied an assessment sufficient to cover the entertainment, and next year will send all the men who are not asked for by friends to hotels. We will be given $2.50 per day, which is considered adequate to live on the Methodist Plan. Should any preacher desire to try the Episcopal plan he will have to pay the difference. Of course we regret getting out of the homes of the people, but there seemed nothing else to do in times like these. With this new plan many will still be taken into the homes of friends. The churches were requested to pay the travelling expenses of the pastors to and from Conference and the Conference treasurer was ordered to pay the way of the superannuates. The Virginia Conference believes in going the whole hog.

Our financial report was the highest it has ever been. The total amount of money raised was one million three hundred and ninety-eight thousand nine hundred and sixteen dollars, which is an average of ten dollars and sixty-seven cents per member. The total amount for missions was $234,361.00, which is more than fifty thousand dollars higher than our mark last year, and it was much higher than the year before. Over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars was paid the preachers which will doubtless give us the lead in taking

care of preachers. This is an average salary of over $1300 besides the parsonage. If liberality is any sign of the advance of the Kingdom of God we have cause to be happy over this report.

When we turn to our other figures we find things for gratitude as well as for concern. We report a net increase of 1241. This is by no means what it ought to be but in the face of a net loss reported in many places it makes us thankful that it is as good as it is. The war and the unsettled condition of the country with the continual moving has had a deal to do with these reports. And then there seems to be a campaign over the land to weed out the roll. We expected to find ourselves short of preachers but we are now full. We received a large class of the best equipped young men I have ever seen come into a Conference. We also report nineteen licensed to preach, with a net increase of six local preachers. This would indicate that in these war times we are growing in grace in some lines at least.

The appointments were, in the main, satisfactory. I have not heard of any post-Conference changes. These are very rare in the Conference. There was a strong effort to do as little moving as possible, but a good number of changes were forced on account of men going into war work and Dr. Lambeth taking the editorship of the Advocate. These changes left some of our largest churches to be filled, and other moves had to be made to adjust things. Two new elders came into their kingdoms. C. E. Blankenship goes to the Farmville and F. B. McSparren to the Eastern Shore districts.

To me this was, on the whole, the most pleasant Conference for several years. I enjoyed the services and my entertainment in the homes of good friends I had known before. I am indebted to them for many acts of kindness, including a visit to the University of Virginia and the historic home of Thomas Jefferson. A happy session of Conference is a great blessing to a preacher. It has come and gone and we are all back at the plow once more.

THE COLUMBUS CELEBRATION

R. D. Smart

The Methodist Missionary Celebration, or Exposition, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 20-July 7, 1919, is an integral part of the whole Centenary program. In fact it was, in a form somewhat different from that now contemplated, the first part of the proposal to assume definite form.

The first thought was to have three large meetings, one in the North, one in the Middle West, probably at St. Louis, and one in the South. This, however, was later given up and two meetings substituted. The first of these, composed of a thousand leaders from the Canadian, the Northern, and the Southern Methodist churches, was held in Junaluska during the summer of 1918 and was for the purpose of bringing to these leading men in a more vivid way the different phases of the Centenary movement. The second is the Columbus Celebration, where it is proposed to hold the grandest "Methodist Camp Meeting" the world has ever known. Two special causes have combined to hold this meeting in the background heretofore. First, for some time there existed a certain degree of doubt as to whether or not war conditions would favor the holding of such a large gathering as this proposed to be, and second, the stupendousness of a $35,000,000 program and the timeliness and wisdom of the campaign for Intercession and Stewardship have tended to overshadow the celebration. But preparations have gone forward nevertheless, and no small amount of work has been done and interest aroused.

It will seem well at this time, because of questions which have come in and of interest which has been shown, to give the following facts concerning the celebration:

1. Time—June 20-July 7, 1919.
2. Place—Columbus, Ohio.

The question has doubtless arisen in the minds of many as to why Columbus was chosen for the place of this celebration. The chief and outstanding reason was that the Ohio State Fair Grounds, situated at Columbus, afforded by far the finest grounds and buildings that could be found for this celebration. Other places nearer the dividing line between the North and the South were visited, but the facilities at Columbus were so far superior to those afforded anywhere else that there could be no two opinions as to where the celebration should be held.

3. Grounds and Buildings. On the grounds are situated a coliseum which will seat 10,000 and in which the pageants are to be held; seven large buildings in which the exhibits from twenty odd different countries are to be placed (these buildings measure about 200x100 feet); sheds under which arrangements are to be made for 50,000 people to sit at the table at one time; other sheds under which 25,000 automobiles can be parked; a grandstand for the outdoor pageants which will seat 100,000.

4. Organization. Dr. S. Earle Taylor has been selected as Director-General of the Centenary and he, together with Dr. Beauchamp, forms the Executive Committee.

There are three committees with special duties:

Committee No. 1, on Decoration and Exhibits, composed of Dr. J. F. Goucher, chairman, L. A. Warner, W. G. Cram, C. C. Miles, C. F. Reisner and G. B. Winton.

Committee No. 2, on Program in the seven buildings representing the different countries, composed of John R. Pepper, chairman, R. A. Ward, E. H. Rawlings, R. E. Diffendorfer and Miss Mabel Howell.

Committee No. 3, on Pageants, composed of Professor L. A. Warner, chairman, R. A. Ward, C. G. Hounshell, R. E. Diffendorfer, and Dr. Belle Bennett.

Besides these committees, Mr. H. B. Dickson, whose office is in Columbus, at 74 East Gay street, has charge of the Publicity Department and is ready to send literature to all who are interested. He has already catalogued the names of 70,000 Methodist owners of automobiles within a reasonable motoring distance of Columbus and to these he is ready to send road maps which will help them in getting to the celebration. Besides this, Mr. Dickson will have charge of the local plans.

5. Program. Official programs have not been issued as yet, but in a general way it may be said that in connection with the exhibits from the several countries there will be episodes carried out by natives of those countries which will give life to the exhibits. Besides these there will be two pageants every day, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. One of these will represent Foreign Mission Work, the other Home Mission Work. The present thought is to have them alternate—the Home Mission pageant one day and the Foreign Mission pageant in the evening of one day and the Foreign Mission pageant in the afternoon and the Home Mission pageant in the evening of the next day. Then on the two Saturday nights there will be two grand outdoor pageants held in front of the grandstand which will seat 100,000. One feature of these pageants will be stereopticon views thrown on a sheet seventy-five feet square. This is calling for a new invention, because with the present methods used in throwing stereopticon views a light sufficient to throw a view on a screen seventy-five square would be so intense as to melt the ordinary plates. This invention is about completed now. This is mentioned to give some idea of the scale on which preparations are being made. Speakers of recognized ability will deliver addresses from time to time during the celebration. There will probably be several such each day. More detailed information with regard to the program will be given out later.

It is hoped that all will keep in mind that this is the one and only phase of the Centenary movement in which all of Methodism can unite. In raising the Centenary askings and in enrolling members in the leagues of Intercession and Stewardship the different boards are necessarily limited to their own constituency, but at Columbus, the church, North and South, will get together for the greatest meeting Methodism has ever known and the greatest religious exposition the world has ever seen.

The work connected with the Columbus celebration has grown to such proportions that it has been necessary to set aside one man to give his whole time to this enterprise. R. D. Smart, of the China Mission, has been appointed to this work with office at 325 Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tennessee. Besides this Dr. G. B. Winton, whose work for Latin America necessitates his being in New York this winter, is to represent the Southern Methodist Church in all matters connected with the Centenary. The bulk of the designing and art work of the celebration is to be done in New York because of the superior facilities afforded by that city, and we are truly fortunate in having Dr. Winton there to represent us.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Plans and Suggestions

A great many questions have been coming to me with reference to the Centenary. These questions have been for the most part along two lines. Many are asking, "What are the Centenary plans?" and "What can I do or we do in the Centenary movement?"

One thing all of us need to remember as we consider the plans and enter into the work of the Centenary is that it is a movement in the entire Southern Methodist Church, in fact of all American Methodism. There is something inspiring in the thought that we are catching step with seven millions of Methodists.

Plans

Our plans provide first of all for a period of intensive cultivation along two lines, intercession and stewardship. We want, through the month of January, to lay upon the heart of every individual member of our church the privilege and importance of intercession in this crucial time. If we can get our people to praying for the work of the church as we all prayed for the soldier boys and the allied cause when the war was on we will have the foundation laid for the greatest success that has been achieved by our great church. It is pre-eminently fitting, then, that January is set apart as the month in which all will join in the effort to enlist all our people in intercession.

Then February is stewardship month. This is the second step in our plan.

In March and April we will have the work of organizing the forces for the financial campaign. This in broad outline is the plan for the Centenary movement.

District Group Meetings

In order that we may carry our plans into action we have arranged for a series of district group meetings to be held in January, 9th to 23rd. After consultation with the presiding elders, we have arranged the following schedule:

Charlotte District—Trinity, Charlotte, Thursday, January 9th, 9:30 a. m., afternoon

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Be sure to read page eleven.

—We are glad to learn that Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, of Tryon Street, Charlotte, is able for work again. He has been sick most of the time since Conference, but last Sunday Bishop Kilgo preached for him at the morning hour and the pastor was able to preach with vigor at the evening service.

—Miss Snow Rankin, daughter of the late Dr. G. C. Rankin, cables her mother that she arrived in France and will take up the work as a Red Cross nurse in that country. She left for France December 1. The many friends of the family will be glad to know that she had a safe journey. She will likely remain in that country until the sick and wounded soldiers are removed to America.—Texas Christian Advocate.

—We learn through a Burlington correspondent of the daily press that Prof. M. C. Terrell, former superintendent of schools for Alamance County, will likely return to the work the first of the year. Prof. Terrell is a son of Rev. P. L. Terrell, of our Conference, and is very popular in Alamance both as a teacher and as county superintendent.

—In the financial table of the Conference Minutes, Waynesville district, there is a typographical error that the total paid to the preachers of the district is $16,751.00, when it should have been $17,751.00. While several charges in the district failed to pay pastors' salaries in full, many of the charges overpaid, making the district go over the top on pastors' salaries. The financial reports for all purposes on the district were better than ever before.

—The whole Conference sympathizes with our dear brother, Rev. W. B. Thompson, in the death of his wife, which occurred at Mars Hill December 15. She was stricken with influenza, followed by pneumonia and lived but a few days. The body was brought to Denton and laid to rest on December 16th, Rev. P. H. Brittain conducting the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Lanning. The husband is left with three small children.

—Rev. Frank Siler, after spending a week with his family at Lake Junaluska, returned to Winston-Salem Monday, Dec. 30th. Mrs. Siler and daughter will join him as soon as repairs on district parsonage are complete, which will probably be during the next week. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Siler spent the holidays at the Lake, Mr. Siler having recently received his discharge from the officers' training school at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., and being on leave of absence from his position as principal of the Technical High School, Atlanta, Ga.

—Mrs. J. K. Wheeler, widow of the late Mr. J. K. Wheeler, of this city, an elect lady and long a devoted member of the Methodist church, passed to her reward at the family residence on Cedar Street on Thursday evening of last week. The deceased was a lady of quiet demeanor, elegant and refined tastes and a genuine and devoted queen of the home. She lingered in ill health for many months before her translation and was tenderly cared for by the two daughters and two sons left behind. May great comfort be given to these bereaved ones.

—A correspondent of the daily press, writing from Lenoir, says: The spring term of Davenport College will begin January 8. The indications are that the school year will prove the most satisfactory in several years. During the term just closed there was not a single interruption of any kind in the school work. Owing to the careful oversight of the college physician and nurse not a case of serious illness developed during the term. Plans are being drawn for an elegant music hall. The building will contain an auditorium with pipe organ and practice rooms for about 30 pianos. The music department of Davenport has always been of a high order and when this building is erected it will give every facility for making the music department equal to that of any college in the south.

—We have learned with deep regret of the death of Dr. J. M. Matthews, which occurred at his home in Cameron after a long illness, on Monday night, December 23rd. The editor first knew Dr. Matthews in Yadkin County, where, for many years, he was a leader in the church. He was born in that county about 70 years ago, and was for some forty years or more, a useful local preacher. He was a practicing physician for thirty-five years or more. Leaving Yadkin some ten or twelve years ago he located in Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, remaining there till about three years ago, when he removed to Moore County. A correspondent of the daily press, giving account of his death says: Te deceased possessed many fine qualities of mind and soul, and was justly popular with a large circle of friends.

—No doubt many Advocate readers have already taken note of the announcement in the daily press of the state that Miss Elizabeth Hutchins won the highest honor with a percentage of 95½ before the Board of Examiners of Trained Nurses of North Carolina at Asheville on December 10th. Miss Hutchins is a sister of Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of the Western North Carolina Conference and is a particularly bright and attractive young lady. She took her training in St. Leo's Hospital, this city, and is a member of West Market Street Church. By every token she has a specially bright future before her in the profession which she has chosen.

—We regret to learn through our exchanges that Bishop E. E. Hoss recently suffered a stroke of paralysis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Headman, Collinwood, New Jersey. We shall hope to hear soon that the attack is not serious and that this eminent servant of God is safely on the road to recovery. Referring to his illness the St. Louis Advocate says: For some time he has been quite enfeebled. His life has been active and strenuous. He has performed his task with zealous care for all the great principles to which he was devoted. The evening time of his life has been radiant and glorious. When the clear call comes as near the time it seems to be, this grand old man will be victoriously ready.

Hundreds Interested

In these opening days of 1919 do what you and hundreds of others have been thinking of doing: Send a check or a subscription payable in 1919 or first payment payable in 1919, to Weaver Hall, Rutherford College, N. C. A check for fifty dollars has just been received from a man to whom the work was presented some months ago. J. R. Walker.

Lenoir

The people of Lenoir have received us royally, first, with good fires, a warm supper and, a hearty welcome, then with a check for a month's salary before we had hit a lick, then with a good old fashioned pounding, and last, but not least, with an increase of four hundred dollars on the salary. Of course we are pleased with this good start. If we can only give them a service worthy of their kindness and confidence, we shall be glad indeed.

R. D. Sherrill.

Ansonville

We have been very kindly received on our new charge. We arrived on December 11, and on the night of the 12 the good people of Ansonville gathered at the parsonage in crowds and gave us a fine pounding. The "Flu" quarantine is in effect over the whole county so we can not have any services, but we have been doing some visiting and we like the people very much indeed. We were in the Cedar Hill neighborhood last Sunday and visited the Dunlaps, Gaddys and Hendleys. Rain drove us in but we will get to see more people this week and expect to keep it up until we have got all the way round the seven churches, whether we get to preach any or not. This is a great charge, the work must be very great, we are going to do our best. Pray for us and "our people." Best wishes to you.

A. R. Bell.

Weaver Hall and the Dream Suggested in a Recent Issue of Our Advocate

Rutherford College is putting up a winning fight. More than was thought possible has been accomplished within the last few years. The wide interest that has been manifested in this progress can mean nothing less than continued progress. We have been having dreams about this institution for some time, and we are interested in the one suggested in "Notes and Personals" in our Advocate of December 12. In commenting on Weaver Hall and our energentic and worthy agent, Professor J. R. Walker, the suggestion was this: "How would it do for some one of our prosperous friends to dream one of these nights of giving the last $5,000, and of how good it made him feel, then get up next morning and write the check and make it a reality?" Rutherford College so far has been built on small donations, and a contribution of $5,000 at this time, permit me modestly to say, would not be unworthily bestowed. Who will make us this donation? Send it along at once. We are in a receptive mood.

M. T. Hinshaw.

Meeting of Board of Managers

At the call of the chairman, Rev. M. T. Plyler, the Board of managers of the North Carolina Summer school for preachers met at Trinity College, Friday morning, December 27, 1918.

Drs. Few and Flowers met with the Board to the profit and delight of all.

The first term of this most vital institution was a phenominal success, enrolling nearly two hundred attendants and every one thoroughly convinced of its vast importance.

It is planned to make the next session which will begin June 4, far more largely attended and of the greatest possible usefulness.

Efficient committees were elected who will secure some of the nation's finest talent as speakers and make all other provisions for a really great school this year.

It is the desire of the Board that every minister of the two conferences shall attend and it is requested that, if possible, all the presiding elders leave the second Sunday in June open so that they and the pastors may be able to enjoy the profitable and enjoyable occasion.

Charges are also requested to encourage the attendance of their pastors and even aiding them to do so where it is deemed necessary.

Both pulpit and pew realize the need for a better equipped ministry and now, since the opportunity has been provided, why not plan to use it "without stint or limit?"

The secretary, Rev. W. H. Willis, Weaverville, N. C., will be pleased to answer any questions or furnish any details concerning the school.

Jno. W. Moore, Sec., Pro tem.

THE CENTENARY

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and night.

Shelby District—Main Street, Gastonia, Friday, January 10th, 9:30 a. m., afternoon and night.

Statesville District—First Church, Lenoir, Monday, 2:30 p. m. and night; Broad Street, Statesville, Tuesday, 2: 30 p. m. and night.

Greensboro District—West Market, Wednesday night, January 15th, and Thursday, the 16th, morning and afternoon.

Mt. Airy District—Rural Hall, Thursday, January 16th, night, and Friday, January 17th, morning and afternoon.

Marion District—Morganton, Monday, January 20th, night; Tuesday, 21st, morning and afternoon.

Asheville District—Central, Asheville, Tuesday, 21st, night; Wednesday, 22nd, morning and afternoon.

Waynesville District—Sylva, Wednesday, January 22nd, night; Thursday, 23rd, morning and afternoon.

At the above meetings we are to have a member of the Centenary staff at Nashville. We expect all the pastors, all the charge lay leaders, the members of the District Centenary committees, representatives from the Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, and any other persons whom the presiding elders may invite, to attend these meetings.

Some other meetings not in the schedule have been arranged for. On December 31st, at Centenary, Winston-Salem, at 8:30 p. m., for the pastors and officials of the churches in the city. At Lexington, January 5th, presentation of the Centenary at 11 a. m. and round table conference at 2:30 p. m. At Mocksville, January 5th, 7:30 p. m., presentation of the Centenary. On Monday, the 6th, 10 a. m., a conference of pastors and officials of Davie county.

Suggestions

I am sure my brethren of the Conference will not think me presumptuous if I make a few suggestions that I think will help us to make the Centenary a glorious success in our Conference.

1. Get the leaflet "The Enlistment of Intercessors," by Doughty, and follow the suggestions given. Two of these suggestions I will give here: (a) "Set aside at least a week for a fresh study of the place and power of prayer in the spread of Christianity;" (b) "Procure a supply of pamphlets for distriubtion among your people." A good pamphlet to spread broadcast over our church is "A Call of God For This Hour." As many as are needed can be procured free by writing to S. A. Neblett, Nashville, Tenn.

2. Get the regular finances provided for early in the year. If the officials of the church would put as much thought and work into the first month or six weeks of the Conference year as they put into the last month or six weeks, it would doubtless count for more. All the regular finances of the church ought to be gotten out of the way if possible before the Centenary financial campaign comes on. This will be the last of April.

Standard Centenary Program

The following is the standard Centenary program. I wish every reader of the Advocate would clip this and place it where it would often be seen as a reminder of the work we are doing.

1. Centenary committee in every church. This is formed by the enlargement of regular missionary committee.

2. Campaign for the enrollment of members in the Fellowship of Intercession. This campaign is to be carried through January and close with the first Sunday in February.

3. Centenary prayer meeting one Wednesday night in every month.

4. Observance of the Christian Stewardship program. (February is Stewardship month. (1) Life: Time and Special Service; (2) Property: One-Tenth as a Minimum.

5. Observance of the eight days' drive.

6. Apportionment of Centenary askings raised in full.

7. Centenary Speakers' Program carried out in full.

8. Sunday schools' observance of the Centenary program as outlined by the Sunday School Board.

9. Increased circulation of the church papers: (1) Missionary Voice; (2) The Conference Organ, North Carolina Christian Advocate; (3) Christian Advocate (Nashville).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Two things can especially be said of Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, who I am glad to present to you this week. First, he has a winning and lovable disposition that beams with genuine sincerety; second, he knows how to make an effective Sunday school speech, one that completely covers the subject and stops there. If you could see how he works with his Sunday school officers and teachers you could understand why he knows how to make a good Sunday school speech. His school, with very limited equipment, is one of the best I have seen.

I asked Brother Kirkpatrick to give me a few facts relative to himself for publication and he so entertainingly condensed them that I want to give them to you in his own words. "Born in Haywood county, on a farm, longer ago than I should like to say. For years and years my father was superintendent of the country Sunday school which we attended. Attended the country schools, later went to Weaver College. Was graduated from Peabody College for Teachers in 1900. Taught school for two years and then went to Vanderbilt University. Was graduated in 1905 as president of the largest class the theological department had then had.

First work in church was as a boy steward. Collected quarterage for the preacher in a two-horse wagon. Also served in those early years as a Sunday school teacher. Joined conference in Greensboro in 1905. In May 1906 was married to Miss Effie Atkinson, Centreville, Tenn. Served twice a full quadrennium, at Andrews and Mooresville. Eight years on the third year committee. This year placed on the Sunday School Board.

Have worked especially at two things: Sunday school work and evangelism. Have held all my own revival meetings for nine years."

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The growth in church membership of the Southern Methodist Church for the past ten years has been slightly over twenty-nine per cent. The growth in Sunday school membership in the same church during the same time has been slightly over 61 per cent. In other words, our Sunday school growth has been three times greater than our church growth. When our schools becomes what they should, our church growth ought to be a natural consequence, but for the present so many of our schools are so completely absorbed in sustaining a continued existence for themselves that they do not have much left for impartation.

The value of the Sunday school to its parent body is, however, not measured alone by the number of church members it furnishes. The Sunday school is such a vital part of the church that each is partially and should be more completely, a part of the other. But growth is the theme. The Western North Carolina conference is behind in its Sunday school growth. In fact during the past year our growth has been in the wrong direction. We must bestir ourselves. The early spring must see membership campaigns being waged throughout our bounds. We have the organization and we



REV. C. S. KIRKPATRICK

have the people. We must put forth the effort. Isn't it a shame that our conference, the third largest of the forty-six in the Southern Methodist church, should show a Sunday school membership of nearly nine per cent lower than the connectional average?

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Our goal for this year is "A Sunday school scholar for each church member." This goal ought to be an easy one to reach. We ought to go over the top and then wish that the top were higher. The securing of 20,000 new scholars ought to be an easy task for over 800 Methodist Sunday schools to accomplish. This enrollment of new scholars will be easy if a united earnest effort is made; but tremendously difficult if only a faint desire is shown.

In this enlistment campaign each church must look after its own attainment. It can easily find what is expected of it by comparing its Sunday school membership with its church membership. The difference will be the minimum number of new scholars it ought to secure. In order to get a general idea of what must be done I am showing below the number of new Sunday school members that must be enrolled this year in each district to make Sunday school members and church members equal numerically, the minimum requirement, if you please.

Asheville district, 88 Sunday Schools 1200
Charlotte district, 79 Sunday schools 3200
Greensboro district, 62 Sunday schools .. 700
Marion district, 87 Sunday schools 2000
Mt. Airy district, 78 Sunday schools 1600
N. Wilkesboro dist., 55 Sunday schools .. 600
Salisbury district, 70 Sunday Schools ...1200
Shelby district, 77 Sunday schools 2400
Statesville district, 84 Sunday schools ...2600
Waynesville district, 79 Sunday schools ..2100
Winston district, 83 Sunday schools 1500

Trinity College Opening

Thousands of the most promising young men in America who left school and college at the call of their country are being released from S. A. T. C. units and other forms of service and are planning to go on with their education.

Trinity College offers to such young men the opportunity to enter college now, either to begin their college course or to resume it where they left off when they enlisted.

The college will co-operate generously with these men to make easy their transfer into college and will use its resources to aid them where aid is needed by means of scholarships, loan funds, and many forms of self-help.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

We extend to each of our readers a cordial New Year greeting and as an expression of our good wishes, we pass on the following greeting which came to us during the holidays from our good friends, Rev and Mrs. W. L. Hutchins, of Marion, N. C.

A NEW YEAR GREETING

We wish you joy—joy of loyal friendships, of dear companionships and deathless loves; joy in your quest for truth and beauty; joy in your labor, joy in God's sunshine and His abounding love; joy in the quiet and solitude of your own heart when night comes, and restful sleep; joy in cheerful yesterday, of heroic todays and of confident tomorros; through all your life and all your days we wish you joy.

YEAR BOOK FOR YOUNG MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FOR 1919

We have, this week sent to our Young People's Societies copies of the Year Book for 1919, and leaflets for use in programs for first quarter.

We want to extend to our Council Committee on Young People's work, our congratulations, not only on the attractiveness of this Year Book, but the splendid programs arranged for 1919, which are in keeping with the Centenary movemen

The suggested devotional services are taken from "The Life of Prayer Indispensable for World Winners," by W. E. Daughty. (This booklet can be secured from Home Base Secretary.)

"The New Crusade Making Democracy Safe," is the subject of Social Service studies, which are to be given once each quarter.

Stewardship is stressed in the Year Book, and the program for first month in each quarter is arranged with this idea in view.

In addition to the twelve monthly programs one other is given for observance of Good Friday, which has been designated as a day of prayer for volunteers. It is earnestly requested that every auxiliary observe this day.

The programs will be published in Voice, as heretofore and it is necessary that each member of each auxiliary have a copy of Year Book. One copy is sent free to each auxiliary, and additional copies may be purchased at the rate of three cents per copy, or thirty-five cents per dozen, from Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Young Woman's Missionary Society, Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, N. C.—President, Mrs. Pierce Wyche; first vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Askew; second vice-president, Mrs. H. C. Sheridan; recording secretary, Mrs. W. S. Stewart; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Paul Allen; treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Johnson; superintendent Study and Publicity, Mrs. Lloyd Ranson; superintendent Social Service, Mrs. Brevard Nixon; superintendent Supplies, Mrs. David Clark; agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. Z. E. Barnhardt.

Woman's Missionary Society, Monroe N. C.—President, Mrs. L. N. Presson; first vice-president, Mrs. Atha Stevens; second vice-president, Mrs. Fred Huntley; recording secretary, Mrs. Allan Heath; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Roscoe Phifer; treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Capeheart; local treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Ashcraft; superintendent Mission Study, Mrs. Jordan; superintendent Social Service, Mrs. Whiteford Blakeney; superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Jim Shute; agent for Voice, Mrs. Code Morgan.

Marshville Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. M. P. Blair, President; Mrs. Benson Marsh, first Vice-President; Mrs. Seymour Taylor, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Bowman, Treasurer; Mrs. B. C. Griffin, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. M. C. Ashcraft, Cor- Sec.; Mrs. Alice Bivens, Supt. Mission study; Mrs. Charles Stegall, Supt social service; Mrs. Bascom Bailey, Supt. Voice; Mrs. Loyd Green, Local treasurer; Mrs. James Karrell, Organist.

Woman's Missionary Society, Broad street church Statesville—president, Mrs. D. J. Kimball; first vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Sloan; second vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Newel; supt. mission study and publicity, Mrs. E. G. Gilmer; supt. social service, Mrs. T. E. Anderson; supt supplies, Mrs. W. F. Sherrill; treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Stephenson; rec. secretary, Mrs. G. M. Foard; cor. secretary, Miss Delia Lazenby; pianist, Mrs. Loy D. Thompson; agent missionary Voice, Mrs. J. F. Anderson.

Woman's society, Central church, Concord, N. C.—President, Mrs U. D. Pemberton; first vice-president Mrs. D. L. Bost; second vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Dayvault; supt mission study, Mrs. L. D. Coltrane; supt. social service, Mrs. G. H. Kestler; secretary Mrs. H. S. Williams; treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Dayvault; chairman local work, Mrs. W. F Goodman; supt. supplies, Mrs. G. C. Love; agent for voice, Mrs. J. E. Smoot; cor secretary, Mrs. J. B. Sherrill.

Women's society Central church, Asheville, N. C.—President, Mrs. W. R. Harris; first vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Witz; second vice-president, Mrs. W. G. Simons; rec. secretary, Mrs. M. H. Cox; cor. secretary, Mrs. H. W McKay; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Caston; supt. mission study, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe; supt. social service, Mrs. A. G. Barnett; supt. supplies, Mrs. H. C. Johnson; agent missionary Voice, Mrs. W. R. McGuire.

THE COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary council will be held this year at Memphis, Tenn. The date will be February 20-27. The earlier date has been decided upon this year in order that the members may be free to give their services to the Centenary drive and also the next Liberty loan

THE COUNCIL DAILY HAS A NEW NAME

The name of the Council Daily has been changed to Council Bulletin. This change was made because of the plan to publish the entire proceedings in one volume to be mailed at the close of the session of the council. This plan was used last year and proved much more satisfactory on account of the irreregularity of the ils.

Every effort will be made to insure the subscribers securing the Bulletin within one week after the close of the meeting.

Send name and address and 25 cents to Miss Lena Freeman, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

VOTE ON LAITY RIGHTS BY CONFERENCES

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Alabama	126	20
Baltimore (To be held in March		
Brazil "Unanimous"		
Central Texas	192	
Cuba (To be held in Feb.)		
China (Not heard from)		
Denver	18	
East Oklahoma	643	
Florida	120	10
German	14	1
Holston	113	12
Illinois	37	
Korean "Unanimous		
Kentucky	94	39
Little Rock	122	
Los Angeles	22	
Louisiana	95	12
Louisville	126	23
Memphis	111	22
Mexico	13	
Mississippi	80	47
Missouri	132	
New Mexico	39	
North Alabama	223	11
North Arkansas	183	3
North Carolina	160	13
North Georgia	218	37
North Mississippi	19	11
North Texas	151	1
North West Texas	96	
Northwest conference	33	1
Pacific	58	
St. Louis	104	1
S. Brazil (Not heard from)		
South Carolina	113	12
South Geargia	137	68
South West Missouri	119	
Tennessee	128	10
Texas	141	3
Upper South Carolina	93	28
Virginia	169	14
West Oklahoma	88	
West Virgina	74	6
Western North Carolina	180	9
West Texas	97	
Total	4,067	417

The necessary three-fourths of total vote required to carry the measure is 3,363. Therefore, to date, the action of the general conference is ratified by the necessary three-fourths with 704 to spare, without the vote of the foreign conferences not yet reported.

HOW OUR BOYS WERE CARED FOR IN LONDON

The city of London was a center of interest that our boys were anxious to see if they were stationed in England. When they could get a furlough for a day or so they would go to London to see the sights

All over the city were erected small houses called kiosks and secretaries had charge to direct the activities of the soldiers and sailors while visiting in the city. Guides went out from these kiosks every morning and every afternoon conducting sight seeing tours. Tea was furnished free of charge, material for letter writing was to be had for the asking and the fellows were made to feel at home.

One woman had a section of a theater rented for the season and turned it over to the international hospitality leage to be used for the boys. The theatrers were generous in their donations of tickets also. The boys could sign up at a kiosk and if they were too late for a seat at the theater one day, they could feel sure of getting there the next day. Whenever any one wanted to entertain a few soldiers they would send word to the league to provide them with guests. The entertainment took the form of a meal, a party or an auto ride.

A most interesting feature in the work of the league was their night work. From about ten at night until four in the morning, watchers went out to walk the streets and make themselves useful to any one in need. These watchers were mostly men, the only women who undertook this task were the New Zealand women who went out two and two and helped to round up the drunks, settle fights, find fellows whose money had been lost or stollen and be true friends in time of need.

At two o'clock in the morning all the tram cars and other means of transportation stopped. At this hour English girls would get into automobiles and go to every section of the city to help those who were caught far from hotel or depot. They would find the strangers who had strayed off and gotten lost in the big city and those who attended parties and remained too late, or any one who for any reason needed help.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER BATTALION

During the past year, one of the most notable prayer movements which has come into existence has been that of the National Woman's Prayer Battalion. It's founder and executive secretary, the Rev. Eva Ryerson Ludgate was so impressed during a visit to England by the attitude of English women toward prayer, that when this country entered the war she felt she could do no greater thing for her country than to "strenthen this third line of defense." Women of all stations and all walks of life have written telling what a blessing the prayer battalion has been to them. We quote from Miss Ludgate herself: "As I write, I have before me letters from women of three different nationalities; the first is from a woman of noble birth who lives in Holland. She writes: 'Do pray for us; situated as we are, we see daily such terrible suffering; indeed we could not live if we did not believe we were in the hands of God.'"

"The second letetr is from an English woman who has worked years in the Y. W. C. A. in London; 'We must pray. Prayer has sustained us through the dark years of this war. And whatever may be before us in the reconstruction period, we will find strength and wisdom as we need it, if we only pray.'

The last letter is from a woman who is neither educated nor of noble birth; her story is very briefly told. She is a young wife and mother whose husband has been overseas for a year. She is working very hard to make ends meet. She says: 'I never thought I would pray in my kitchen, but I do. Sometimes when my heart is so heavy that I cannot bear it another moment, I kneel down and just talk to the dear Heavenly Father, and soon I receive the strength I need to go on.' That is just what the world needs more than any other one thing: 'Strength to go on.' We cannot generate this power within ourselves—it must be God-given. "I brought home from England one year a motto which read: 'Prayer Changes Things.' The church needs to reaffirm this. The war brought the world to believe that there is power in prayer, and if we at this time lay the emphasis on prayer, we can make religion not a thing apart, but the very heart and soul of the great world reconstruction movement."

While the first Battalion was organized for women only and was to last for the duration of the war, the name has been changed and the movement is developing a world reconstruction program. It is now called the International Prayer Battalion and will in the future work in a spirit of helpful co-operation with the churches.

Further information can be secured by writing to the Rev. Eva Hyerson Ludgate, Executive Secretary, 105 East 22d street, New York, N. Y.

CONSERVING THE NATION'S LABOR POWER

Among the measures of labor reconstruction now pressing for immediate action is the development by legislation of a federal-state plan for restoring to economic usefulness all workers who have been disabled in industry and establishing on an adequate permanent basis the machinery for placing them again in productive employment.

The congressional hearing was held at Washington, December 10, on the Smith-Bankhead bill to provide vocational rehabilitation for the large and permanent army of maimed victims of industrial accidents, similar to that recently extended unanimously by congress to disabled soldiers and sailors. Public interest in this meritorious bill should not be allowed to lag. Prompt action should be urged upon all members of congress in advance of the legislative sessions to convene in 40 states in January—most of them not to meet again for two years. The way should be opened immediately for state action to provide the necessary co-operation with the Federal Government for the restoration of the crippled industrial workers to physical fitness, trade skill, and useful self-sustaining occupations.

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

A PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, we pause at the beginning of this new year to place ourselves in harmony with Thy great plans. Hear our humble appeal for Divine wisdom, for spiritual sensitiveness to Thy message, for broader viwes of our duty, and for the peace of God which fills the soul when working in full harmony with Thee. Incline each Epworth Leaguer to stop and pray—to watch and act under the impulses which come from Heaven. Make known Thy love and law to all people in all lands, and hasten the era when all mankind shall accept the teachings of Thy son. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

THOUGHTS ON THE NEW YEAR

Hark, a sound! I awoke with a start and heard the bells sending their message across the snow. Suddenly I realized that the old year was dying and soon would be gone forever, but that a new one, holding unknown joys and sorrows was waiting to take its place. It was with mingled joy and sadness that this realization came to me.

After the bells had ceased ringing I lay for hours in the stillness of the night, thinking, thinking. I thought of the failures, and neglected opportunities recorded in the year book of my life which was closed forever. In the midst of such thoughts a voice spoke to me out of the night saying: "Silly dreamer, brood not over the past, but think of the future."

Immediately my thoughts turned into more pleasant channels, and I saw opened before me another year-book without a mark of any kind on its white pages. Then there came rushing and tumbling through my mind, thoughts of the many, many opportunities which would come to me through the three hundred and sixty-five days during the year, nineteen hundred and nineteen. The voice again came out of the night saying: "It lies in your power and yours alone to keep the year-book just received free from blots and records of failures. The time will not be long until that one too, will be closed."

As I was passing into dreamland again I resolved that, so far as lay in my power, the new year-book should not contain so many blots and failures as had been in the one just closed. Then the words of the poet came to me more forcibly than ever before—"work, work that each tomorrow, find us farther than today."

EPWORTH LEAGUER

Elkin, N. C.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Canton, N. C., Dec. 17, 1918

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

As treasurer of the Western N. C. Epworth League Conference, I want to ask you to help me make it possible to have all finances in the treasury on time. Lets begin now to raise our African Special and conference assessments, so when conference comes we will not have to worry at the last minute about raising our pledge.

You will find it easier if you will secure a pledge from each member to be paid in small weekly payments.

Let me remind you also, that our conference is expected to pay about four times our usual amount for African Special, so "Go over the top" with your pledge if possible. We must not forget that we are supporting missionaries in Africa, and that they are depending upon us for support.

This year we will not have to pay the usual $2.50 chapter membership fee. This will leave us only $2.50 conference assessment, besides our African Special.

I suggest that you send your conference assessment as soon as possible and if you did not pay your chapter membership fee, please send it in at once. You know this pays the expense of the Central office.

I have just received a letter saying that all chapter membership fees must be paid in the next twenty days.

Can I not depend on your chapter to have all its African special in by March 1, and your conference assessment as soon as you have an idle $2.50 in your treasury? Don't forget if you have not paid your chapter membership fee for the past year, send it at once, please.

Most sincerely yours,

GRACE BRADLEY

Treasurer.

A SPLENDID MEETING OF THE ASHEVILLE UNION

Much interest was shown in the recent meeting of the Union Epworth Leagues of the Asheville district this month. In spite of the fact that the epidemic of influenza was very serious, there was an unusually good attendance. Dr. O. J. Chandler of Chestnut street church gave the young people one of his very best talks and fiilled each individual who heard him with the earnest desire to do something for the advancement of christianity among the young people.

Following the devotioal services, came the business. It was decided that the leagues would raise $150 and this amount was to be given to Weaverville College as payment for the expense of some worthy young man who needed such aid while preparing for the ministry.

The social program was a complete success also and the best talent which Asheville could afford certainly did themselves justice. Punch and cakes were served and all who attended appeared to have a real enjoyable evening. Through just such social meetings the very best in a young person is developed for this is the highest form of social life. Social life thriving in the genial rays of Christian love.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT READ BEFORE THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Swept along the march of mighty events the church today stands face to face with the most appalling responsibility that ever confronted her. She has successfully withstood the shock of the world's greatest cataclysm, but is she prepared to discern clearly the lessons of this thing, and to so build herself into the new order as that she shall assume a place of dominant influence in all future world developments? This momentous question she will answer largely by the manner in which she deals with her boys and girls, her young men and young women. It is not only a question of bringing the young to a great decision for Christ, important as this is, but it is also a matter of persuading them to commit themselves to a great program and to be willing to work at this, to the neglect, if need be, of every other interest in life.

Surely no institution of the church has a more elaborate program for Christian service than the Epworth League, and in the language of our general secretary, "Failure on the part of the sheperds of Christ's flock to provide for the young people just what the Epworth League gives has resulted in fearful losses to the church."

Again the bishops, referring to the Epworth League as a means of holding the young Christians, in a quadrennial message to the general conference made this unqualified statement: "There has not been devised before in our church anything which fills the place meant to be filled by the Epworth League." This testimony of our chief pastors, it would seem, settles for all time the question as to whether the Epworth League has a distinctive place in our church.

We rejoice that the last general conference gave the Epworth League such large and careful attention. By fixing Anniversary Day as the second Sunday in May, thus making the Epworth League a permanent feature in our church calendar, by providing by law for the support of the Epworth League conference, and by giving us a new financial system, they guarantee to it a better support than it has ever had.

The Big Drive membership campaign resulted in the organization of more than five hundred new chapters. A number of these have been organized in our own conference and in many instances we find the pastors and the young themselves inquiring into the claim of the League.

In the fact that the Epworth League last year reached the highest point in its history in missionary contributions, approximating $44,000, and for the quadrennium, nearly half a million dollars: and in the further fact that for the entire period of the war it undertook a comprehensive program of war work, which will continue till all of our forces shall have been demobilized, the League has shown how it can arise to emergencies.

The Epworth Era continues to keep in the forefront with the best young people's periodicals in America. We commend it to every pastor, leaguer, and forward seeing young man and woman in our conference, and we recommend that every pastor make an effort to secure a club of subscribers, whether he has a League chapter or not.

We further recommend that the pastors make an effort to organize chapters in every charge where it is possible and thus help in putting the League in the same position of commanding influence in this conference that it has attained in many other parts of our connection.

We recommend that the Epworth League assume its share of responsibility for the success of the Centenary Movement and, above all, its responsibility for finding its share of the men and women of this enlarged enterprise.

W. EDGAR POOVEY, President,

J. FRANK ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

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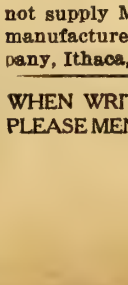
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From the Field

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR WINSTON DISTRICT

Rev. Frank Siler and his district committee have arranged to hold their district quarterly meetings in the interest of the Mission Centenary, as follows:

Forsyth county, Winston-Salem, Centenary church, December 31, 7:30 p. m.

Davie and Yadkin county, Mocksville, January 5, 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m.

Davidson, Randolph and Montgomery counties, Lexington, January 5, 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. and January 6, 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Brothers Woosley and Courtney will be present at all these meetings.

Pastors in Forsyth county are requested to come to Centenary, Winston-Salem, December 31, 7:30 p. m. and bring their Sunday school superintendents, church and charge leaders, presidents of Epworth leagues and Woman's Missionary societies.

Those of the other counties and Lexington, are expected to do the same for their respective group meetings on Monday, January 6.

The Sunday services, January 5, are intended mainly for Mocksville and Lexington and of course such from neighboring charges as can attend without neglect of Sunday services at home.

The call is made by the district committee, composed of the following: Frank Siler, M. D. Stockton, Mrs. T. B. Apperson, F. S. Lambeth, Jas. A. Gray, R. M. Courtney, E. O. Cole, J. F. Spruill.

MARION DISTRICT NOTICE

The District Stewards of the Marion District will meet in the Methodist church in Marion on Thursday, January 9th, 1919, at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Full attendance is desired.

PARKER HOLMES, P. E.

STOKESDALE CIRCUIT

We arrived safely in Stokesdale a few days ago. When we came our goods were all unloaded from the car and in the parsonage. The good ladies of the town had also prepared a nice warm supper for us at the parsonage. After supper the people of Stokesdale came in and gave us a most hearty welcome and also a good substantial pounding. The dining room table was filled with good things to eat, all of which we most heartily appreciate. The people of Stokesdale know how to treat a preacher and his family, and we are expecting a pleasant and successful year with them.

T. V. CROUSE.

CATAWBA CIRCUIT

"But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable."

It may be discerned with half an eye that this itinerant and family have fallen into good hands on the Catawba circuit. We met a happy reception on the day of arrival, and the spirit of that reception, being after the order of Bonquo's ghost, does not down. Last Monday afternoon and night, this spirit of pounding broke out in fine style, insomuch that we find ourselves provisioned for many days to come.

The Christmas tide has passed pleasantly at this parsonage because of the hospitatlity of this people and also because of the Christmas cheer of the Mooresville circuit overflowing its natural bounds and reaching into Catawba, which occasions no surprise from such a people.

It would be a marvel in these days to find a hungry Methodist preacher, unless, indeed, the hunger be self-imposed for the relief of dyspepsia.

We read of John Wesley dismounting from his horse to eat the blackberries that grew beside the way, from sheer hunger; and many of his preachers went cold and hungry often from being hated and neglected by the people they sought to bless. Great is the change from that to this.

O, that we may be able to minister to these people in spiritual things in a way fitting the demands, and after the manner and in the spirit of the founders of our Methodism!

J. T. RATLEDGE.

Catawba, N. C.

GLENVILLE CIRCUIT

We are entering our fourth year at Glenville. We came here three years ago. We found a good loyal people to serve. We are glad to have the privelege of staying with people four years.

Since we came from conference our entire family has had the influenza but we are able to be out again and are looking forward to another good year.

With sadness and regret we report the death of Walter Monteith who was killed in action in France the 29 of September.

Walter was a faithful member of our church at Glenville. He was loyal to his church and to his pastor and was loved by every body that knew him. He died in defense of his country. Our church has lost a good young man. May the blessing of the great God rest upon the bereaved family.

Respectfully

T. L. Noble, P. C.

WEDDINGTON CIRCUIT

Whereas it has been directed that Rev. C. L. McCain is to remain on the Weddintgon charge instead of being transferred as was first ordered by the conference. We, the undersigned committee of the Wesley Chapel church on the Weddington charge desire to offer the following resolutions:

First, That we appreciate the splendid service which he has rendered to our charge both as pastor and minister during the past two years.

Second, That we have always found him deeply interested in the development of the community and also thoroughly patriotic at all times

Third, That we welcome him back with joyful hearts and sincerely believe that it is possible for him to achieve great things for the charge during the coming conference year.

Fourth, That we promise to him on behalf of the church our heartiest cooperation in all of his efforts.

Fifth, That we give to his splendid wife a most hearty welcome back to the charge.

Sixth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Advocate for publication.

JAMES T. PARKER,
L. A. PRICE,
J. MACK HOUSE,
S. GLENN HAWFIELD.

BETHEL CHARGE, ASHEVILLE

I suppose most of the readers of the dear old Advocate, know where Bethel is, away up in the highlands, or "The Land of the Sky" where is found plenty of stones for pillows and for pillars, too. Yes, and better still, where the windows of heaven have been and are opening in such a way as to make one feel it is good to be here. Of course the angels are not winged creatures, such as were seen at the other Bethel. But why should we be concerend about their form or features, so long as they are messengers for good, assisting us to labor, to pray and to serve. Bethel is a normal "Methodist" church, having the essential arms of service, viz. the Sunday school, the Epworth leage, the Woman's missionary society, including Ladies' Aid etc. These all are, I think, functioning each in its place with a degree of real success. Our charge has one minister, one preacher and one pastor who hopes in this third year of service for these good people to bring to pass to the glory of God. Bethel has also, twelve stewards, all stalwart, good and growing men. I was about to say; they are all men of "solid piety" but since I am staggered to know just how much that means, I am hesitating to say "men of solid piety" that is such an high claim to make for our human kind of life. God give us as preachers and laymen too, a most prayerful and unceasing longing to attain unto that high spiritual ground, even to be "men of solid piety." But while we hesitate to make this high claim for these twelve men, we do not fear to stand them up man for man, for any reasonable comparison, with any other dozen men we know. Brother C. R. Perry of the Imperial Insurance Company, who has been one of Bethel's "pillars" for possibly a score of years, is chairman of the board. Brother J. E. Divelbiss, one of the Southern's biggest and best engineers, for many years a "pillar" at Bethel is treasurer of the board, and Brother E. O. Chandler, also an employee on the office force of the Southern Railway, is secretary to the board. The other nine, R. R. men and business men are some of the other "pillars." Now lest some repetition be indulged, or some error committed, we shall hesitate to name other things and objects peculiar to Bethel. Angels, for instance, as we have no winged ones, there is possibility of not calling the right one, or failing to name the proper one, we prefer to stop where the ground is sure.

We are getting started off better this year, I think, than in either of our former years on the charge. The material interests of the church seem to be carefully and conscientiously considered by a goodly number of our people. Providence has peculiarly favored us in many ways. Not one of our members has been taken by influenza. All our boys who entered the service, it seems, are coming back alive. So that we fear we are liable to run short on gratitude and praise for all His goodness unto us.

With love and kindest regards to all the brethren and to all the readers of our good conference organ I stop.

JAS. O. ERVIN.

ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF OFFERINGS TO BE SENT TO DR. CHAPPELL.

All Christmas offerings of our Sunday schools for Armenian and Syrian relief should be forwarded with the name of the school and conference to Dr. E. B. Chappel, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. If this is done, the school may report to its conference the amount as a "missionary special." If this is not done no guarantee can be given that the school and our church will receive proper credit for the work done. Of all appeals occasioned by the war, none has a more compelling force than this one, especially at this season when multitudes of children are perishing for want of bread. A drive will be made from January 13 to 19 for $30,000,000 for the 4,000,000 refugees. President Wilson has issued a special proclamation putting this claim upon the heart and conscience of the American people.

If any school has not made its offering, let it do so, make it as large as possible and forward to Nashville.

E. B. CHAPPELL,
Sunday School Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Addie Richmond, of Bronaugh, Missouri, has recently deeded to the Board of Church Extension, good property in McAlaster, Oklahoma, valued at $3,500, by which she establishes a memorial, and secures good rates of interest on the annuity during her lifetime.

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One of the best business men in the South, has recently sent to the Board of Church Extension, $10,000 worth of Liberty Bonds on the annuity plan, by which he establishes a perpetual memorial for himself and wife. He and his wife, being well advanced in years, receive nearly twice as high rate of interest from the Board of Church Extension, as the Government pays. These bonds will be sold to the best advantage, and the money loaned out at 4 per cent to build churches. How much good this money will do during the next two hundreds years, no man can estimate.

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Mr. M. D. Stockton, of Winston-Salem, N. C., recently sent to the Board of Church Extension, $1,000 in cash, on the annuity plan. The money will be used in building churches, as long as time lasts. He and his wife will receive interest on this amount while they live, and when the angels have carried them both home, it will be left behind, doubling every eighteen years to do good perpetually.

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Mrs. Julia A. Danks, of San Francisco, Calif., recently deeded to the Board of Church Extension, valuable land, for which she receives a $2,500 annuity bond, bearing good interest during her lifetime. The land will be sold and the money used in the building of churches.

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Mrs. John H. Witt, of McKenzie, Tenn., recently sent in $500 worth of Liberty Bonds, for which she received an annuity bond bearing good interest during her lifetime. This money will be loaned at 4 per cent for the building of churches, and will double every eighteen years perpetually.

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Dr H. M. Whaling of Bastrop, Texas, presented his wife a $500 Church Extension annuity bond, secured from the Board of Church Extension, just before the holidays. This was a very appropriate Christmas gift.

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The last General conference authorized the Board of Church Extension to take such necessary steps as would enable us to protect the property of the church from fire. In accordance with this authorization, the secretary has been instructed by the Executive Committee, to proceed with the organization of an insurance department, under the control of the Board of Church Extension. Rev. J. D. Young, former president of the Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, Texas, has been elected as secretary and manager of this department. A charter will be secured at once, and we think by the first of February, the Board will be ready to write insurance policies for churches and parsonages throughout the connection, wherever desired. For further information, address: Board of Church Extension, 1115 Fourth Ave., Louisville, Kentucky.

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Centenary Specials

Thousands of Centenary Specials will be assigned to Individuals, Groups, Churches, Sunday Schools and Leagues. All such specials will be counted on the total allotment. Regular specials will be continued as formerly.

The Distribution

The $10,000,000 of normal income will be prorated to the various missionary Boards and interests as heretofore.

Of the amount raised by the Sunday Schools, ten per cent will go to the Sunday School Board for Missionary Extension and Improvement.

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Foreign Department General Work	$7,870,000
Foreign Department Woman's Work	3,000,000
Home Department General Work	2,850,000
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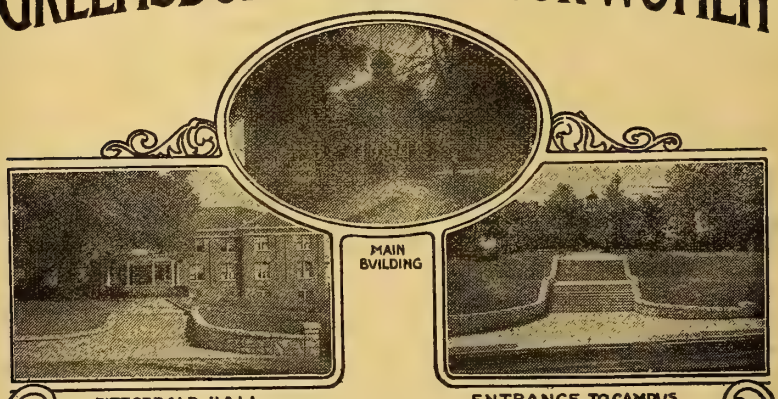
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The New Year will be coming
At quiet midnight, too;
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"Mamma, what is a serenade?" asked Jamie.

"It's a song," said mamma. But why do you want to know?"

"A song!" said Jamie. "Why, I heard Uncle Jim say that he went out to give a serenade on Tuesday night. I thought it was something to give some one."

"Why, you give them a song, you see. When you are very fond of some one, you go at night and sing a song under her window. That is to show the person that you love her."

"Must you do it at night?"

"Yes, I think so."

"But s'pose your mother won't let you sit up late at night, or s'pose you fall asleep and can't wake yourself up."

"Oh, the people that give serenades do it secretly, and they commonly have no trouble in keeping awake at night."

"Oh!" said Jamie, as if he were perfectly enlightened about the matter.

Then mamma forgot all about the matter, but Jamie pondered long and earnestly.

Two nights later granma was just settling herself for her nap, when she heard a sound that made her raise her night-capped head from her pillow in haste.

"Father that's Jamie!" she exclaimed.

"Nonsense! Jamie was in dreamland an hour ago," said grandpa.

Then a shrill boyish voice arose on the night air:

My kittie has gone from her basket
My kittie has gone up a tree;
Oh, who will go up in the branches
And bring back my kittie to me?
Br-ing back, br-ing back,
Oh, bring back my kittie to me, to me.

"Jamie Carrol, what do you mean? Come right in out of that damp air."

"Wait till I finish my song, grandma," said an aggrieved voice. "You oughtn't interrupt it, 'cause it's a serenade."

"Does your mother know you are here?"

"Of course not, serenaders are secret.

"Let the boy finish his song," said grandpa with a chuckle.

"Have you got all your clothes on?" demanded grandma.

"Why of course."

"Well, put this scarf around your neck and finish your song. Then come to the kitchen door, and I will give you some refreshments."

"Oh, do you get refreshments for serenades?"

"Yes, indeed. Now hurry."

The shrill refrain was taken up again and the music finished in double-quick time. When he finished he found grandma at the door waiting for him with a plate of the little chocolate cakes that Jamie thought were the very best things in the world to eat. Grandpa was there, too; and, when the refreshments were disposed of, he escorted the small serenader home.

"Good-bye, dear," said grandma. "I enjoyed your music very much."

But mamma collapsed with a string of incoherent exclamations when she opened the door to the runaway. "Why didn't you tell me about it?" she demanded.

"Why, mamma, you said yourself that they were secret, and I love grandma the best after you, and I wanted to surprise her. She liked it very much, and I had refreshments and lots of fun."

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W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
First Round

January

Sulphur Springs, Laurel Hill 4-5
Central, Asheville night 5
Henderson Ct., Moore's Grove...11-12
Saluda, night 12
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 18-19
Leicester, Leicester 25-26
Chestnut Street, night 26

February

Weaverville Ct., Alexanders 1-2
Bethel, night 2
Asheville Ct., River View.....9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock (7:30) 9
Mills River, Horse Shoe 15-16
Hendersonville, night 16
Rosman Ct., Rosman.....22-23
Brevard, night 23

March

Mars Hill, Shiloh 1-2

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder, 508 North Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
First Round

January

Marshville, Marshville, 11 a. m. 4
Matthews, Matthews, 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. 5
Belmont Park, night 5
Lilesville, Lilesville, 11 a. m. 9
Ansonville, Ansonville, 11 a. m. ..10
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m. 11-12
Wadesboro, night 12
Hawthorne Lane, 11 a. m. 19
Trinity, night 19
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m. 24
Tryon Street, 11 a. m. 26
Dilworth, night 26

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder 508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
First Round

January

Wentworth Circuit, Salem 4-5
Walnut Street and Car. Memorial, Walnut Street, night 5
West Greensboro, Muirs Chapel 11-12
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night . 12
Deep River, West Bend 18-19
Ashboro, 11 a. m. 19
Greensboro Circuit, Holt's Chapel 25-26
High Point, East End, night .. 26

February

Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m. 1-2
Reidsville, Main Street, night .. 2
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 9
Randleman, Naomi, night 9
Randolph Circuit, Fairview 15-16
High Point, Main Street, night .. 16

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Marion, N. C.—First Round.

Jan.

Micaville Ct., Deyton's Bend.... 3
Bald Creek Ct., Bald Creek..... 4-5
Burnsville Ct., Burnsville..... 5-6
Table Rock Ct., Oak Hill.....11-12
Marion Mills, Sunday night..... 12
Cliffside Ct., Hopewell.....18-19
Henrietta & Caroleen, Henrietta, night..... 19
Broad River Ct., Tanner's Grove.25-26
Forest City Ct., Sunday, 3 p. m., Pleasant Grove 25-26

Feb.

Thermal City Ct., Thermal City.. 1-2
Mill Spring Ct., Lebanon..... 8-9
Euola Ct., Warlick Chapel..... 14
Connelly Spgs. Ct., Connelly Spgs.15-16
Marion Ct., Providence.....22-23

Mar.

Rutherfordton Ct., Rutherfordton 1-2

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

Stokesdale, Zion 4-5
Yadkinville, Prospect 11-12
Leaksville, night, 18; 11 a. m..... 19
Draper, Draper, 3 p. m..... 19
Spray, night 19-20
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove.....25-26

Feb.

Rural Hall, Antioch..... 1-2
Madison—Stoneville, Madison.... 8-9
Danbury, Davis Chapel.....15-16
Ararat, Hunter's 22-23

Mar.

Dobson, Dobson 1-2

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, P. E., Jefferson, N. C.

Feb.

North Wilkes Mission.....22-23
North Wilkesboro, night.....22-23

Mar.

Wilkes Ct., Adley..... 1-2
Wilkesboro Sta., p. m..... 1-2

The district stewards will please meet at Jefferson December 31, 1918. A full attendance is desired.

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 a.m..... 4-5
Belwood, Kadesh, 3 p.m..... 5
Crouse, Lander's Chapel, 11 a. m.11-12
Dallas, High Shoals, 7 p.m. 12
South Fork, Vernon, 11 a.m.....18-19
Lincolnton, 7 p. m..... 19
East End, East End, 11 a.m..... 26
Franklin Ave., Franklin Ave, 7 p.m..... 26

Feb.

Gastonia, Main Street, 11 a.m.... 2
Gastonia, Eighth Ave., 7 p.m..... 2
Lowesville, Hill's Chapel 11 a.m. 8-9
Rock Spring, Denver, 3 p.m..... 9
Stanley, Stanley, 11 a.m.....15-16

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, presiding elder
Statesville, N. C.
First Round

January

Catawba, Concord, 11 a. m. 4-5
Statesville Circuit, Connelly's 3 p. m. 4-5
Maiden, Maiden, 11 a. m. 11-12
Newton, Newton, 7 p. m. 11-12
Mooresville Ct., McKendree 11 a. m. 18-19
Mooresville, Mooresville, 7 p. m. 18-19
Taylorsville, Taylorsville, 11 a. m. 25-26
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3. p. m.25-26

February

Davidson-Huntersville, 11 a m. 1-2
Troutman, Wesley Chapel, 3 p. m. 1-2
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 1-2
Olin, Macedonia, 11 a. m. 8-9
Cool Springs, Providence, 3 p. m. 8-9

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
First Round

January

Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 5
Badin, night 5
Cottonville Ct., Cedar Grove 11-12
Norwood 12
New London, New London 18-19
Gold Hill, night 19-20
Mt. Pleasant, Cold Spring 25-26
Epworth, night .....Jan. 26

February

Concord Circuit 1-2
Kerr Street, 11 a. m. 2
Westford at Harmony, night 2
Kannapolis Ct., Unity 8-9
Kannapolis Station 9
Salisbury Circuit 15-16
East Spencer, North Main 16
Albemarle Circuit 22
Salem 23
Albemarle, First St., night 23

March

Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Waynesville, N. C.
First Round in Part

January

Murphy Station 4-5
Andrews Station 5-6
Franklin Ct., Salem 11-12
Franklin Station 12-13
Macon Ct., Pattons Chapel 13-14
Hayesville, Tusquittee 16
Ranger, Belview 18
Murphy Circuit Marble 19
Robbinsville, Robbinsville 21
Judson, Judson 22
Fines Creek, Pine Grove 25-26

February

Highlands, Highlands 1-2
Glenville, Glenville 2-3
Tuckaseegee 4

WINSTON DISTRICT

Second Round
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Winston-Salem, Centenary church, December 31, night. Group meeting for Foryth county.

Lexington, January 5-6. Group meeting for Davidson, Randolph and Montgomery counties

Mocksville, January 5-6. Group meeting for Davie and Yadkin counties.

Grace, January 12, 11 a. m.
Salem, January 12, night.
Centenary, January 19, 11 a. m.
Liberty street, January 19, night
West End, January 26, 11 a. m.
South Side, January 26, night.
Walkertown February 2, 11 a. m.
Burkhead, February 2, night.
Lexington station, February 9, 11 a. m.

Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, February 9, night, Mt. Pleasant, February 10. 11 a. m., Clemmons, February 10, 3 p. m.

Thomasville station, February 16, 11 a. m.

S. Thomasville, February 16, night.

Farmington circuit February 22-28. Quarterly conference at Ward's.

Mocksville station, March 1, night, March 2, 11 a. m.

West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.

Cooleemee, March 2, night.

Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.

Lexington circuit, March 11-16. Quarterly conference at Center.

Davidson circuit, March 17-23. Quarterly conference at Good Hope.

Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.

New Hope circuit, March 31, April 1. Quarterly conference Mamedonia.

Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.

Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.

Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.

Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.

Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.

Advance circuit, May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.

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The Missionary Centenary

WHAT WOULD JOHN WESLEY DO?

One of the most pleasing speakers at the great Memphis meeting was the Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay, of the Canadian Presbyterian church.

"I have wondered what John Wesley would do if he were to come back to earth," said Dr. Mackay. "I think he would first of all call a thanksgiving service because of the development of Methodism. Think of the millions now in the world and the multitudes who are wearing the white robes beyond.

"Then I think he would call a day of humiliation because he would probably say, 'Methodism has grown so large and wealthy, but what has she been doing? When there are so many demands coming upon her, from Mexico, from Japan, from China and the rest of the world, what have the Methodists been doing?' I think he would not be satisfied.

"Then I am sure he would congratulate you upon this Centenary proposition. You are asking now with a sense of your responsibilities. You are beginning to look out upon the world. He would encourage you, I am sure, but I think he would say that everything depends upon the manhood beneath the program, whether or not it is charged with the Spirit, mighty in Scripture and emptied of self.

"You are great in influence, great in numbers, and great in resources, but all this means greater responsibilities."

"THE TIDE THAT LIFTS EVERY BOAT"

What a Special Did For Franktown and Johnson's

By the Pastor, Rev. J. W. Gee

The Franktown and Johnson's charge, Eastern Shore District, Virginia Conference, is composed of two large country churches and one small chapel, with a total membership of about six hundred. Its special for missions had its beginning in 1912, in the pastorate of Rev. John O. Moss. Rev. R. H. Bennett, then Conference Secretary of Missions, delivered a strong address at the Franktown church, and the pastor, assisted by the lay leader, took an offering, which amounted to $600. They went to the Johnson church in the afternoon, where Dr. Bennett spoke again and the offering was $400. The result of the day's work was a glad surprise to all concerned.

Rev. R. V. Turner, of the Virginia Conference, was then preparing to go to Korea, and was assigned to this charge as its special representative in mission work. He is still supported by the charge after seven years, and we are all proud of the fact and rejoice in the good reports of his effective work. For four years the assessment for foreign missions was used to help make up the thousand dollar special, but the last two years the special has been paid in addition to the assessment. We are hoping this year to make the special $1,400, the present salary of Brother Turner.

You ask what effect this special has had on the church's giving for other purposes? The change wrought has been marvelous. In 1910, two years before the special was undertaken, the charge gave for missions, through all channels, including Church Extension, the sum of $871. In 1912, the first year of the special, it gave for missions, $1,855. In 1917, the sixth year of the special, it gave for missions $2,741.

In 1911 the charge gave for the Conference orphanage, $116, and in 1917, $568 for the same purpose, the third largest contribution in the Conference. The salary of the pastor has been advanced from $1,000 in 1912, to $1800 in 1918. The total raised for all purposes advanced from $4,396 in 1912, to $9,092 in 1917. Every interest of the church has been helped. Our people have not only grown in liberality, but in all the Christian graces. They welcome the brother who comes with a worthy cause and send him away rejoicing.

I do not believe it is too much to say that the example of this charge has been the chief incentive to the forward movement of the Eastern Shore District. There are other charges on the district equally as strong, and they have been told repeatedly, "If Franktown and Johnson's can do it, you can." Now they are saying, "If Franktown and Johnson's can do it, we can and will." May the good work go on!

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A CRADLE IN THE DARKNESS

A missionary writing from the heart of China tells of a little pagoda just outside the city of Isking-poo. Into holes in its sides are cast the bodies of little babies who have died within a few days of their birth. As this missionary climbed up and looked in and beheld the place nearly filled with bodies, he thought of the warm cradles these little ones might have occupied if their parents had only known of the light—the light which means healing for body as well as for soul.

Although this horrible custom is carried on only by the ignorant country people, this cradle of darkness is still receiving its daily toll. One wonders if the Light may not be hastened a bit. Will not our people, through the Missionary Centenary, establish a church in this place that the Light may be reflected before other cradles are robbed of their right?

IN THE CONFERENCES

The Texas conference accepted its allotment with enthusiasm. J. D. Morgan was appointed Centenary secretary; H. D. Knickerbocker, chairman of the Big Gifts committee and J. W. Mills, chairman of the Centenary commission. Rev. E. R. Barcus and his church at Tyler, Texas assumed the support of a Mexican pastor in Texas.

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Centenary Day was an important feature of the recent session of the Virginia annual conference. As the World Program was presented the people pledged themselves anew to the great principles of the Christian religion upon which the movement is founded. Not only did they cheerfully accept their financial allotment but the body led in the response to membership in the "Methodist Million and the Fellowship of Intercession." T. N. Potts was appointed Centenary secretary.

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The Little Rock conference met at Hot Springs. When the questian of accepting the Centenary allotment was put before the body it was unanimously voted to accept the sum assigned—$816,000. As interest in the undertaking deepened a recommendation was made that the amount be raised to an even million. The motion passed enthusiastically. R. W. McKay was made Centenary secretary; W. C. Davidson, chairman of the Centenary commission and D. B. Nevins chairman of the Big Gift committee. During the session the announcement was made that the widow of a Methodist preacher had sent in a gift of $20. Being in poor health she feared that she might not live until the time of the Big Drive and wanted to make sure of having a part in the movement.

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The Florida conference manifested a deep interest in the Centenary, joyfully accepting each part of the World Program with an earnestness of purpose that was most gratifying. It was especially noteworthy that the laymen, if possible, surpassed the pastors in their zeal for the Centenary. Dr. Ira S. Patterson will lead the Florida forces to a realization of their financial goal.

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BEGINNING JANUARY 12

EVERY pastor is requested to take time on next Sunday to set in motion such agencies as he may deem wise to secure the renewal of all supscriptions to the Advocate and the full allotment of new subscribers for his charge. In most cases the best and easiest plan will be to take the matter up with the congregation, securing all possible from those present, and then follow during the week with a house to house canvass for those not present in the Sunday service.

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Now let all who want to save the fifty cents go to work and help secure the renewals and the new subscribers. This should be done at once as the paper is needed in all the homes and many of the old subscribers will have to be cut off long before April unless renewed.

The lists have all been mailed to the pastors. If any have failed to receive the lists let them report to the office at once.

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Editorial

A GOOD PLAN

"The Board of Stewards of the First Methodist church of Anniston, Ala., unanimously passed a resolution to put the Alabama Christion Advocate in every home in the church and they voted to put in the budget the amount necessary to do this. There are about four hundred homes in that church."

The foregoing was clipped from an exchange a few days ago and we reprint it here as a timely suggestion to our churches. Our Advocate campaign is just about to be launched. There are many churches in our conference in which only a few families are without the paper. It would be easy for them on the above plan to place it in every home. In fact, we believe the time is ripe for all our charges to consider the practicability of seeing each year that the Advocate goes into every home. The church organization under the leadership of pastors and lay helpers is the only body capable of handling the matter. They can do it when they make up their minds.

THE PASTOR'S PROGRAM

One of our forward looking pastors has just had printed in the Advocate office a report card which will be filled out by every family in his charge. This pastor is evidently systematizing his work. He is following a progrm which, if carried through faithfully, will give him ample information as to the state of his work and also inform him as to the spiritual condition of his charge. Working by this program it will not be long before he will be able to answer almost any question one might feel inclined to ask him with reference to affairs in his charge. He will know the names of all parents, also the name of each child in the family; whether a member of the church or not; whether a regular attendant in Sunday school and church services; wether children have been baptized, and whether family worship is observed. Last, but not least, he will know whether the church paper is taken. We predict also that, working a systematic program like that, by the time he completes a full round of family visits, each family in his charge will either be taking the church paper or will have shown this pastor a reason why they do not take it.

There are two classes of men who invariably fail as pastors. Of the first we trust there are not many, namely, those who are indifferent as to any particular knowledge of the needs of the flock. The ministry of such a man is very much of a battle in the dark. He fights uncertainly, "as one that beateth the air." If he hits anything it will be purely accidental.

The other class of failure in the pastorate to which we refer is composed of men who, though honestly incline to give the best service to the flock, do not know how to approach the matter. They are sincere and honest, with more or less zeal, but are not tactful. They have no power of initiative. They do not know where to begin, nor how to proceed to a personal knowledge of what is most needed in the charge to which they have been assigned. The result is that, in painful anxiety, they wait for something to turn up.

One thing may be set down with certainty: a pastor whose work is to count, must begin by finding his people. He must know where they are. Then he must know what they are. The effort to secure this information will take him into the homes as rapidly as possible. If in this process he follows the method of the pastor to whom we have referred, he will soon be in possession of all the good practical preaching material needed to make his pulpit glow with a fervor and power which only human interest can give. There will be no "dry as dust" discourse, and there will be no lack of a congregation to enjoy the sermon which will glow with the white heat of evangelical power. Especially is this true with the man who prays in the homes and shows a real human interest in all that makes for the happiness and best interest of the home.

The real prophet of God is still lamenting the fact that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. The true pastor is still the prophet of God, and is still struggling with the problem of ignorance. There is no more effectual method of dealing with this condition than the pastoral method. He can bring the parents and children into the Sunday school and into co-operation with all the helpful organizations of the church and put the church paper and other helpful religious literature into these careless homes far more effectively than by public rebuke from the pulpit. The fact is that the man who fails in his pastoral relation is usually the one who resorts to public rebuke and drives the people away from him in a well-intended, but ill-conceived effort to reform them.

O for pastors who, with sympathy and tender solicitude, as well as system, will guide the people into better ways!

SOME CAMPAIGN POINTERS

There is unusual and widespread interest throughout the Southern Methodist church on the subject of circulating our church papers. Last week, Dr. Arnold, of the Central Methodist, (Kentucky) had a regular symposium on the subject, one of the strongest and most interesting we have seen in any of the papers. The following are some of the utterances which we are glad to pass along to our readers now:

"The times call loudly for strong journals, sounding a clear religious note amid the jargon of multitudinous so-called religious papers, advocating all manner of isms, and the secular papers that come into our homes with a daily ration composed too largely of the evil doings of a sinful world. We must have an antidote for the poison."—C. H. Greer.

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"The Centenary of Methodist Missions to be celebrated during the year 1919, is beyond all question the greatest and most important single religious movement that has ever engaged the Church. We must not fail nor fall short in completing this splendid program, but to achieve its far-reaching objectives, we must bring into the enterprise every agency of the Church. Every resource of Methodism must be conserved and impressed for this single task. All of our sermons, songs and prayers; all of our public and private ministries must help to make known to the whole Church and the world the news of the great world work. There must be a constant increase in the onward going tide of influence and opinion for the Centenary.

Next to the minister in the pulpit, for effectiveness in this publicity and educational campaign for a purer and a mightier Church stands the Church paper."—J. B. Adams.

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"There can be no working intelligence without information—for information is the very bread and meat of intelligence.

And intelligence along any line must be specific. A man may be able to calculate the parallax, or revel in Shakespeare, or dote on Descarte, and yet be as ignorant as a Hottentot concerning events in the kingdom of God. No matter how learned a man may be about one thing or many things, he is still ignorant about the thing, or things, concerning which he lacks information.

Long, long ago God made complaint: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." And ignorance is still—and all the more today—a capital crime.

Therefore the preacher who is content to preach to an ignorant congregation is himself either ignorant or vicious. Or if he should regard himself as combining all the powers of the preached Word and the printed page he is an insufferable egotist * * * *. Whatever else he may be he is most certainly hopeless—and rare, thank God! So I shall concern myself no further with him. But an intelligent preacher realizes that he must have an intelligent force if he is to work intelligently. Therefore he covets for his people convenient and reliable information. But where can he find it? In his church paper, of course. The preacher who would halve his burden and multiply his efficiency is he that keeps his congregation in touch with the great movements of the church by seeing that they subscribe for and read their church paper. The minister and the congregation whose concerns are circumscribed by the lowering horizons of their local interests miss the inspiration of great outside achievement, lose the viewpoint of the world's Redeemer, and face an early death of inanition. But preacher and people informed of the achievements of grace and inspired by the bold enterprises of faith may well dare to ask and expect great things of God, and undertake greatly for Him.

In as much as no aggregation of men, political, commercial, fraternal or other, has ever achieved success without adequate organs of publicity, why should we fondly dream or idly trust that the church is the one lone exception to the rule? The gospel is the very essence of news, "good news;" the church's one commodity is the gospel. Therefore organs of publicity are more essential to the church's well being than they are to any other human enterprise. Let's get our people to take our paper."—Rev. C. L. Bohon.

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The following are from St. Louis Christian Advocate:

"The Southwest Missouri conference reports approximately 40,000 members. Fifteen hundred and nine copies are sent each week to supply the homes of this multitude. This means that the Advocate does not now exist so far as six out of every seven of them are concerned. Who can estimate what it would mean to the conference if the remaining six-sevenths could be brought to read it regularly? And who can contemplate without dismay the results that will follow if the paper is allowed to discontinue and the one-seventh who now leaven the whole lump are deprived of its benefits?"—C. B. Duncan, presiding elder Kansas City district.

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"The reason why the average church member is not particulary interested in the kingdom of God is not because of meanness, for the average church member is a good man. Nor is his lack of interest because of stinginess, for most of our church members buy just about what they want—money is spent freely. But the trouble with the average church member is ignorance. The work of the church, in its multiplied forms in the home land; the labor of the church for the uplifting of the lands be-

yond the seas; the number of the workers, the different kinds of work being done, the fields in which it is being done, the cost of carrying on the work, the new plans that are being formed for the enlargement of our endeavors—these are all unknown to the average church member, because the average church member is not a subscriber for a church paper.

We must have an intelligent membership. This we cannot have without the church paper."—Rev. A. C. Johnson, presiding elder Mexico district.

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"We are on the eve of great changes in the world. They are stupendous and far-reaching. Not only is the map of Europe changing, but we are on the eve of great political, social and industial changes.

The church is on the eve of a great change. The whole world is thinking and talking democracy. The church that has a program big enough for this day and time is the church of the future.

As the church can no longer afford to be provincial, neither can its members. If we are not progressive and efficient, but narrow and limited in our sphere, we are provincial and little. We ought to be big enough to be world citizens in these advancing times. How are we to be world citizens if we do not keep up with the big world of Christian thought, progress and advancement?

Without the church paper we cannot keep the work of trying to rebuild, regenerate and establish the freedom of mankind and the progress we are making before the people. It is folly to endeavor to be progressive Christians without it."—Rev. V. O. White, presiding elder St. Charles district.

THE HEROISM OF THE MISSIONARY

Among the stories of heroic service and endurance which have come from our mission fields there is nothing more thrilling than the chapter made during the last five years in the Congo country in which Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Mumpower are the central figures. Such devotion and sacrifice entitle them to have their deeds recorded among the chronicles of the New Acts of the Apostles. And the really heroic figure in this wonderful story is Mrs. Mumpower as the following story taken from the St. Louis Christian Advocate will show. Dr. Mumpower is now at home in Missouri on furlough and is spending the vacation at work in the Centenary Campaign. The St. Louis Advocate says of his work in Africa:

"At the very heart of Africa today a young white man is binding up the festering wounds of naked black men. A little while ago he was a medical student in an American University—and an Atheist. He says that he became a Christian and a missionary through the influence of D. L. Mumpower.

Bishop Walter R. Lambuth, blazer of the gospel trail into the heart of the Congo, says that no missionary he has ever known surpasses Dr. Mumpower in keenness of insight, ability to organize and direct and utter abandon of devotion to his task.

Five years ago Dr. Mumpower sailed for Africa with three other missionaries—Bush, Stockwell and Setzer. All the men were married, and Dr. and Mrs. Mumpower shielded from the thickening dangers of the journey a baby girl, Mary Elizabeth. These men set up the pole of the first Christian church in the Congo, four degrees south of the equator. Stockwell began to build houses for the mission, Bush began to preach, Setzer began to print, and Mumpower began to cure the "open sore" of the world.

But the rigors of the strange experience soon made inroads upon the little company. First, Setzer was compelled to abandon the press and return to America. Then Bush was obliged to hand the open Bible over to another and seek asylum in his native land. Finally, the desperate illness of a member of his family forced Stockwell to drop the hammer and the saw and make a hurried return to the land from which he went out.

Meantime the war had shattered the plans of the Board of Missions to send out reinforcements to the Congo.

Mumpower was left alone with Mrs. Mumpower and Mary Elizabeth. In addition to the remedy and the bandage, his hand now had to wield the hammer and hold the Bible. The audacity of the little band of white men had already created a wide circuit with several preaching stations. Mumpower became "circuit rider" as well as "country doctor." Mrs. Mumpower supported her husband by remaining alone at Wembo-Niama to keep the main mission open—a week at a time, two weeks at a time, a full month, without sight of a white face or sound of an English word except those of her own children."

It will be of interest to our readers to remind them that Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, has been supporting Dr. Mumpower from the time he began work in the Congo mission. Thus a great surgeon in the homeland is, by proxy, laboring to bind up the open sore in Africa.

TO PASTORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

Our campaign this year is intended to increase our circulation to at least 10,000. In order to achieve this it will be necessary to hold our old list and secure the full allotment in each charge. To make this easy we are offering the $1.50 rate to all where the whole list is renewed and the allotment of new subscribers secured. This will require co-operation of all concerned. It can not be accomplished in any haphazard way. Let the subscribers at each church get right behind the pastor at once and see that this work is done in a systematic way. All will have to work together. If your pastor does not take this up call his attention to it and propose to help him. We are making this offer to secure the assistance of all our people. We are going to look out next week for many reports. If this work is not taken up at once many whose time is expiring will have to be cut off. The charge can not be placed on the roll of honor this year without looking after the renewals. Lists have all been sent to the pastors and any who have failed to receive same should write the office at once. Time is flying, and the weather is bright and favorable. Who will get on the honor roll next week?

NOTE AND COMMENT

Some People Regard a Communion Service—minus the sermon—as of secondary importance, but there is no service which has right to claim precedence over the sacramental. When the preacher approaches this service he should be prepared for it and so magnify it and enlighten the people as to its meaning that they may more clearly comprehend the obligation to observe it and make it what the Saviour intended—a rich spiritual feast. On a recent Sunday we attended a communion service. No sermon was on the program but the preacher talked about confessing Christ and the obligations then which continued binding on the confessor, and his earnest words aroused his hearers to self examination and renewed profession of faith, which led to more complete consecration of life to the Master. It was not a sermon in the general acceptation, but a revelation of the meaning of the sacrifice of Jesus and it made us all feel that we were indeed in His presence as our hearts opened to receive Him indeed and in truth. Let us magnify the sacrament, not because of the material substance, but because of the spiritual privileges and blessings which follow a right approach to the table of the Lord.

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We Have Been Advocating the Interests of the North Carolina Orthopeadic Hospital ever since our Conference some years ago endorsed that philanthropic move. Two years ago the legislature made an appropriation to the institution on the condition that an equal sum and a suitable site be secured. Generous men in and out of Gaston county have contributed to the fund but the work of building has been retarded because of war conditions. Since war has ceased, however, plans are being laid to begin work. The high cost of material though necessitates more money and the legislature will be asked to furnish it. The crippled children of the state need the care and training which such a hospital will furnish and we trust the legislature will be generous to this worthy call. Our friend, Mr. R. B. Babbington, of Gastonia, has worked in season and out of season to develop sentiment to make the movement a success, and while sometimes the prospects were discouraging to many, his faith never wavered, and now, with united effort, the hospital will be open to the unfortunate children of the state before another year shall pass.

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The Death of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt came as a great surprise to the world, for it was not generally known that his physical condition was so serious. He was one of the most brilliant men who has figured in American public life, being conspicuously prominent from the time he was first elected to the New York Assembly in 1881, being then just past his majority. At 24 he was one of the delegates at large from New York to the National Republican Convention which nominated Blaine for president, and he has figured prominently in every political contest since then. After serving in the assembly for three terms, he was candidate for Mayor of New York, but was defeated by Abram S. Hewett. Later he was Police Commissioner of that city and served for a while on Civil Service Reform Commission, under Harrison. McKinley made him Assistant Secretary of the Navy, but he resigned that position to enter the Spanish-American war, which he entered as lieutenant colonel in a regiment then commanded by General Leonard Wood. After the war he was chosen governor of New York, then vice-president, and upon the death of McKinley became president. He was an impetuous leader who held a strong grip on the people. He had his weaknesses, but withal was an honest man of remarkably strong character who wrought mightily in his day.

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The Toll of Dead and Wounded in the great war reaches up to nearly twenty-five million people, and all Europe mourns the loss of her manhood. The damage to property in allied countries is estimated at 120 billion dollars and the indemnities which will be exacted of Germany and her allies will be so great that many decades must pass before the vast sum can be repaid. Germany boasted of her strength and gloated over the bright prospect of robbing the world of its treasure and bringing under her domain all the kingdoms of the earth. As Haman was hanged on the scaffold he had erected for another, so Germany is reaping the penalty of her own wrong doing. It is hard but it is just. The brutality of Germany as exhibited in Belgium and France, and her submarine policy on the high seas, must not be forgotten, and the poor people whom she so ruthlessly robbed and maltreated should be compensated to the uttermost farthing.

CONTRIBUTIONS

TRIPLE C

By Luther E. Todd



Superannuated

President Wilson has to his credit many soul-stirring words which have electrified the hearts of millions. But he never uttered a more thrilling sentence than when, speaking of the American Red Cross, he said to the people of this nation: "I summons you to the comradeship."

The Red Cross has millions of adherents throughout the world. Once each year it "calls the roll" and requests everybody who has a heart for the needs of humanity to register his interest by paying a dollar.

The M. E. Church, South, has nearly 1,000 superannuated preachers, and about 1,000 widows and orphans of deceased preachers. They are known as Conference Claimants. A superannuated preacher is one who, because of age or physical impairment, has been retired from active service. He does not have charge of a church, draws no salary, and is dependent upon the small allowance that his Annual Conference pays him each year, which at present is about $200. The widow and orphans of a deceased preacher receive an average of about $125 annually.

Many of these Conference claimants want for the bare necessities of life, though they have given their best years in unstinted service to the church which permits them to suffer. The last General Conference created the Board of Finance to provide an adequate support for them. The Board was authorized to raise $10,000,000 as a Superannuate Endowment Fund. It has located in St. Louis, Mo., secured a charter, and is now at work. But it is not permitted, by order of the General Conference, to begin a general campaign personally to solicit every member of the church for subscriptions, until the Missionary Centenary Campaign, and also a campaign in the interest of Christian education, are completed. This means that the Board of Finance cannot attempt its work in an organized way for four years.

Therefore, attention is called to the following simple and permissible plan which will at least serve to get the just claim of the Conference claimants before the people. It is desired to form a comradeship of those interested in the cause of the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, which will be similar to that of the American Red Cross. It will be known as "The Triple C" (Conference Claimants Club). Here is the plan:

(1) Join. Send your name and address, with one dollar to the Board of Finance, 901-3 Mercantile Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. When received, your name will be enrolled as a member of "Triple C," and your dollar will be credited to the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

(2) InVite Others To Join. There are at least a few individuals in every community who will most gladly come into this comradeship, if some person with initiative will show them the way. Therefore, let every member of "Triple C" induce his friends and acquaintances to become members.

(3) Annual Roll Call. Once each year the roll will be called and every member will have the opportunity to pay another dollar, thus certifying his continued interest. But if one now joins "Triple C" and pays a dollar, one does not obligate one's self to pay an additional dollar at each annual roll call, unless one wishes to do so. It will be entirely voluntary (operating the same as the Red Cross).

(4) Keep The Board Informed. As the just cause of the Conference claimants becomes known to members and friends of the M. E. Church, South, there will be many to manifest an inclination to make donations to it in various forms, and they should be reported by members of "The Triple C" to the Board of Finance. In this way opportunity will be given to the Board to cultivate and encourage those who show such disposition. If this service is faithfully performed, it will mean that thousands will make gifts which otherwise will not be secured.

In the name of the aged, worn-out, and superannuated preachers, in behalf of the "Mothers in Israel" who are the companions in bonds of these preachers, and for the sake of the widows and helpless, orphaned children of preachers who have answered the last roll call, I appeal to the members and friends of the M. E. Church, South, to come into this holy comradeship. I am not asking for much now, but a wholehearted response to this simple request will set in motion a wave of loving service that will ultimately sweep the church with mighty power, until its record of neglect of these faithful servants will be forever obliterated.

Bishops, connectional officers, editors, presiding elders, pastors, members, friends, of the M. E. Church, South, I appeal to you! If your Board of Finance is not free at present to organize a campaign to raise the ten million dollar Superannuate Endowment Fund, will you not at least help it to realize its purpose of a loving and serving comradeship that will guarantee easy access to said fund when the time comes to secure it?

Join "The Triple C." Be a comrade. Send your name, address and your dollar to The Board of Finance, 801-3 Mercantile Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Do it now.

THE HOUR IS COME

S. A. Steele

"The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified."—John 12:23.

If there was ever a time when these words of Jesus fitted the occasion, that time is now. In a pre-eminent sense the "hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified." This is a strategic time, an "age on ages telling," an era unparalelled in the history of man for the spread of the gospel and the conquest of the world for Christ. The opportunity is so wide, so favorable, so manifestly providential, so urgent, that it is a repetition of the ancient command, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

It is the opportunity of a restless, unsatisfied, hungry world. No fact is more striking to the student of history than the moral condition of the Roman Empire at the beginning of the Christian era. Man had lost faith in the old beliefs of the Roman people. The Empire was a seething cauldron of superstition. There was never so much religion, and so little spiritual life. Rome had her Pantheon where every "god" was welcome, and yet she believed in none. Pilate's sneering question to Jesus when he stood at his bar, "What is truth?" summed up the opinion and expressed the spirit of the age. The myths and legends of outgrown superstition, banished from the centers of intelligence, lingered among the ignorant and lowly, so that the very name of "pagan" became the synonym of a vanishing religion. Yet nothing had been found to put in its place. The refined agnosticism of Cicero and Seneca, and the coarse infidelity of Lucretius, alike disappointed the public mind. Epicurean and Stoic each confessed the failure of philosophy to give man spiritual rest and peace. Christianity in the beginning spoke to a world of unrest.

And Christianity speaks to a world of unrest today. The old historic heathen faiths are acknowledged failures. By their fruits ye shall know them. They have not lifted the race. They have in them no initiative, no inspiration, no spiritual dynamic. They are exhausted volcanoes of moral error, looming in barren desolation over the landscapes of history and crumbling to the dust. Mahomet is prostrate and his scimitar is broken. Buddha is asleep, and they cannot wake him. Brahma is vanishing into his "Nirvana" and science is rapidly weaving the shroud of oblivion for Hindoo mysticism.

"Peor and Baalim forsake their temples dim,
With that twice battered god of Palestine.
Nor is Osiris seen in Memphis grove or green,
Trampling the unshowered grass with lowings loud."

But Christianity is as fresh as when it first leaped down from the sky, trailing clouds of glory, to redeem the world. Jesus still has the dew of his youth from the womb of the morning. His church, with all its encumbering imperfections, has the "swing of conquest" in its movements and the program of conquest in its heart. Disillusioned of the sophistries of a "new theology" made in Germany by the shock of the world war, we are realizing afresh that what a weary world needs is just what the church has to give, a gospel of love, the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

But there is no time to be lost. If we are to seize the time of opportunity at its flood, we must instantly mobilize all our forces. Thirty-five millions of dollars sounds great, but there is something greater than that, and it is the power of the Holy Ghost. The church in the beginning had no mission "boards" or revenues or any of the mechanism of modern organized activity. Without money, without arms, without learning, without social prestige, almost without organization; with all the odium of the cross to handicap their movements and the powers of the world in league against them, but with the consciousness of the presence of the risen Christ, the imperial peasants projected plans immeasurably grander than had ever engaged the human mind before; and proceeded to carry them out with a faith and courage that astounded the world. We must recover their spirit. More than we need the thirty-five millions, and in order to get it, we need the church on its knees. We can pray "old Satan's kingdom down" and if we can revive vital religion we can win the world for Christ.

FROM PEDDLER TO PREACHER

Earl W. Anderson

While there is said to be a close connection between chickens and the Methodist preacher, it is interesting to note the rise of a Korean Christian from the position of chicken peddler to the office of preacher.

When the writer first came to Choon Chun four years ago he noticed as being a regular attendant at church a fat, smiling boy by the name of Sim Ung Tai. He was told that this boy came from In—ay, one of the districts away back in the mountains, and that his father had beaten him and driven him away from home because he went to hear the missionaries preach and said that he was going to be a Christian. So Ung Tai came to Choon Chun, where he could be a Christian and attend church to his heart's content. He made his living by doing any kind of odd jobs he could get. Eventually he became a chicken merchant. As with other Korean merchants whose wares consist of members of the feathered tribe, he had a

coop built upon a jiggy—the universal carryall of the Korean, a wooden frame which he carries on his back and upon which he transports loads which are amazing both as to size and weight. So Ung Tai would shoulder his chicken coop, go out in the country and buy up his chickens and then peddle them in the city. We were told, and had no reason to doubt, that he tithed his profits. Mention might be made that tithing is stressed in the Choon Chun Church, and it is only since coming here that the writer began systematic tithing.

Ung Tai's next job was serving as cook for one of the missionaries on his itinerating trips. As a side line he carried a supply of the Gospels which he sold to the people. It was really interesting to see how he could sell them. He made one trip as cook with the writer, and so busy was he selling Gospels, distributing tracts, and preaching to the people that it seemed almost a shame for him to have to bother with building fires, frying eggs, and other such prosaic details of itinerant cooking. In fact, he literally preached and colporteured himself out of a job as country cook. So last spring a scholarship was secured for him in the Bible School in Seoul that he might prepare himself for a place of larger usefulness in the church. Just what that place will be cannot be told yet, whether it will be that of colporteur, or what seems more probable, that he will one of these days take his place in the preaching ranks. In any event, it is safe to predict that Sim Ung Tai, in whatever capacity he may serve, will glorify his Lord and that the work which may be entrusted to him will be faithfully performed.

Thousands of Koreans, just as capable as Ung Tai, are yet unreached. What a wonderful power for good they will be among their countrymen when the Gospel message shall set them free. The Centenary askings for Korea call for thirty-six missionary evangelists within the next five years, for fifty new churches, for the organization of Sunday schools and the preparation and distribution of Christian literature. The task before the church is to give the gospel to 1,252,841 people for whom Southern Methodism is wholly responsible. A trained native leadership must be provided if we are to accomplish the task. The one time Hermit Kingdom is now in touch with world movements. The World Program as exemplified in the Centenary of Missions will mean light and life to those far-away ones for whom Christ died.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Rev. L. D. Thompson, a recent and valuable addition to our Sunday School Board, is a methodical Sunday school worker. He sees a department of his school prosper before leaving it. His Men's Bible class, taught by Lawyer Dorman Thompson, is a wonder. There is nothing greater in Statesville. Great is its social and religious work in the midst of that thriving town.

Pastor Thompson is now directing special attention to his younger Sunday school membership in the way of direct pastoral instruction. He proposes to let no duty prevent his determination to properly observe Decision Days with his young church life. Happy is that church that has a pastor like Broad Street, Statesville.

At my request he gives me the following facts: Loy Durant Thompson was born in Gaston county, September 14, 1880. He was educated in the elementary schools of the county, Gaston high school and was graduated from Wofford College in 1903. In the fall of the same year he was elected a member of the faculty of Rutherford College and two years later was selected as president of that institution, in which capacity he served two years.



REV. LOY D. THOMPSON

At the district conference at Rutherfordton in 1907 he was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference. The following fall he joined the West Texas Conference where he served the Rochelle and Kennedy charges. After two years he returned to the Western North Carolina Conference and was stationed at South Shelby where he organized what is now the thriving congregation of Lafayette Street. His next charge was that of Andrews, where he served two years. Two years were profitably spent at Brevard, which were followed by three years of service at Marion. Brother Thompson is now serving his third year with his Statesville congregation. A glance through the minutes of our church will in a measure show some of the things this earnest pastor has brought to pass.

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At the call of the chairman, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, the executive committee of the Sunday School Board met at the Wesley Memorial parsonage last Tuesday afternoon. It will be remembered that this committee, in addition to the chairman, is composed of Mr. Geo. L. Hackney, secretary of the Board, and Mr. G. W. Ivey, the Board's treasurer.

A general discussion of the Conference Sunday school field proved instructive and encouraging. In addition to other matters decided upon the following goals were set for accomplishment this year:

20,000 new Sunday school scholars.

5,000 new church members from the Sunday schools.

100 one-hundred per cent Sunday schools.

75 additional teacher training classes.

150 additional Wesley Bible classes.

Sunday School Day observed in each school.

A Sunday school in every church.

Cradle rolls and Home Departments wherever practicable.

Miss Hettie Craven, Franklinville, sends the following encouraging report from her Sunday school class there:

"The Junior Wesley Philathea class was organized three years ago with twelve members. Though we were small we were determined to grow. Today we have between twenty-five and thirty members of bright Christian girls who are always ready to lend a helping hand to brighten the lives of others. Almost all of them are members of the Methodist church. The class has recently met and elected its officers for the ensuing year. We hope to accomplish more good in the coming year than during the past, and with the help of our Heavenly Father we feel sure we will win."

Good news, Miss Craven, let us hear from your class as you go along winning.

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"What can you do to make the Sunday school scholars stay for the preaching service?" Did you ever hear that question asked? More of our good pastors have asked me that question than I have succeeded in satisfying with an answer. It's a big problem, as big as the superintendent's when he asks "What can I do to get the church thoroughly interested in its Sunday school?"

More interest in the Sunday school will bring more interest in the church services. Brother pastor, can you expect many boys and girls to come to hear you preach whe you continually preach to adults? If you find time to interest yourself in the young life of your congregation you will find a growing number of the youngsters coming to hear you preach. Did you ever have a junior church? Is it enough to urge that young enquiring boys and girls stay for church for a good habit's sake? A sermon directed to the head of a child will hit the heart of a man.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO PEACE AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

By Charles C. Jarrell, D. D., Commissioner of Emory University

A notable proposal was set on foot when the following resolution was unanimously and heartily passed at the recent session of the North Georgia Conference:

Be it resolved, that this Conference endorse the plan to build on the campus of Emory University a great building as a Memorial to the Peace which has come in answer to a nation's prayer and as a crown to its sacrificial offering on the altar of freedom.

That we ask our people to turn their Liberty Bonds into this beautiful expression of both patriotism and religion.

That we ask the South Georgia Conference to join us in this work."

Practically the same motion was introduced the following week in the South Georgia Conference by Rev. J. A. Harmon and passed without a dissenting vote.

A similar resolution was introduced at the Florida Conference by Rev. I. C. Jenkins and enthusiastically endorsed.

The South Carolina Conference next fell into line when the Rev. Peter Stokes moved that South Carolina put her power behind the Memorial to Peace, especially as it was proposed to make it the beginning of the Carlisle Teachers' College.

At the suggestion of the Rev. G. T. Adams the North Carolina Conference endorsed the plan and pledged its moral support to the movement.

Any memorial to peace touches a noble chord in human nature. The Christ of the Andes stands upon its lonely peak to point two nations to the God who giveth a peace that passes the understanding of mere worldly prudence and ambition. The world has heard that story and has seen the picture of that impressive memorial.

The peace we propose to celebrate is vastly more memorable and the memorial we propose is more nobly impressive and prophetic of greater good to the human race.

If the Viennese had built such a memorial when John Sobieski drove the Turks back from the walls of Vienna we would have praised their generosity and admired their appraisement of the values of history.

But for this Twentieth Century victory the Turk would have filled his harem with girls from the noble families of France and England, while the "Hun" looked on and grinned. The peace we celebrate marks the turning back of the Turk from London and Paris. Have we the generosity to celebrate it and do we sufficiently understand the meaning of history to mark it with a worthy memorial?

If France had built such a monument when the power of the Hun was broken at Chalons-sur-Marne; if Spain had so fittingly celebrated

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. W. L. Hutchins has been welcomed back to Marion in a whole-hearted fashion. The board of stewards advanced the salary to $1500., and the work is starting off fine in every way.

—We sympathize with our brethren of the A. M. E. Zion church in the loss sustained by fire at Livingston College, Salisbury. Early on the morning of December 30th, their three-story dormitory, Huntington Hall, was destroyed by fire.

—A Cool Springs correspondent of Statesville Landmark says: Our people regretted to see Rev. C. P. Goode and family leave Cool Springs to go to his new work on the Thomasville circuit, but all seem highly pleased with the coming of Rev. Mr. Swaringen, the new M. E. preacher, who came in before the holidays.

—Mrs. Sarah W. Scott, a loyal and devoted member of West Market Street church, this city, passed away at St. Leo's hospital on last Sunday morning, after a brief illness following a surgical operation. The body was carried to Lexington, Ky., her former home, for interment. Much sympathy is felt for the husband who is thus left alone.

—The Concord Times last week had the following interesting item: Rev. M. H. Vestal and family now occupy the Epworth parsonage. A few days ago they were given a heavy "pounding" by the congregations of both Epworth and Centre. A number of new articles of furniture have been placed in the parsonage.

—Rev. E. R. Welch has been given a cordial reception at Wadesboro. In a welcome service in the church on Sunday evening, December 28, the pastor of all the other denominations were present and participated, making appropriate addresses, to which Brother Welch made suitable response. Brother Welch will receive a big-hearted welcome back to his native state by all the people.

—Mrs. Agnes Lander Lawing, of Lincolnton, and a life-long member of our church, died at her home in that town last Saturday, after an illness covering fifteen months. Mrs. Lawing was the widow of the late Dr. J. M. Lawing, of Lincolnton, and the eldest daughter of the late Hon. William Lander, of that town. The body was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery, after the funeral service, conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. M. Litaker, assisted by Rev. W. L. Sherrill.

—We are glad to note that Greensboro College for Women has opened the work of the spring term in fine shape. The work of the college was very much disturbed during the fall on account of influenza. The student body is now happily clear of this trouble and work is proceeding normally. The college considers itself fortunate in being able to announce that Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preach the bacculaurate sermon at the coming commencement.

—Our people in Lexington are moving for a new parsonage. They have recently purchased a desirable building lot on State street. The lot is just in the rear of the church and adjoins the present church lot. It is very conveniently located and will add much to the value of the church property. The present parsonage on First avenue will be sold and proceeds of sale used toward the erection of another on the new site. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Hipps, has moved to the residence of the late Mrs. L. J. Heitman on Main street.

—Dr. J. W. Squires, of the Yale Medical unit, died of pneumonia December 16th, in France, where he had been in service for eighteen months. He was a fine young physician, who became famous as an X-ray specialist, and his death brings sorrow to many friends in and out of the medical profession. He leaves a wife and two little children to mourn their loss. Dr. Squires was a devout Christian and a steward in Hawthorne Lane Methodist church, Charlotte.

—The following interesting item is taken from the Winston-Salem Sentinel of a recent date: Mr. H. C. Jones, who has been superintendent of the Salem Methodist Sunday school for more than ten years, was tendered a pleasant surprise at the close of the Christmas sermon by the pastor on Wednesday night when Rev. A. C. Swafford summoned Superintendent Jones to the chancel and presented him with a large package, the same containing a handsome suit of clothes, a gift of the Sunday school. Mr. Jones was apprised of the fact that every member of the school, including the smallest tot, contributed to his Christmas "treat." The surprise was so complete that the superintendent was only able briefly to express his appreciation for the kind remembrance.

A Sad Christmas

On the 22nd my wife and I were called to Granite Falls, N. C., on account of serious illness in the home of our son-in-law, Mr. W. F. Russell. He and his daughter both had "flu." On Monday our little grand-daughter, Sue Russell, died. Then on Tuesday her father passed away. They were both buried on Christmas day. Brother H. G. Allen, the pastor, held a short and appropriate service at the home. So our daughter is left to mourn the double loss of her husband and daughter. She herself had taken "flu" on Tuesday, but we are glad to say she is improving, and we hope will soon be well. We look to the Lord for his consoling grace.

Our loved ones, they have crossed the river,
Landed on the other shore,
Where they are free from pain forever;
Sorrows there molest no more.

Fraternally, P. L. Terrell.

Centenary, Greensboro

Doctor Burke Culpepper, the gretest evangelist of the South since the days of Sam Jones, has been secured to conduct an evangelistic campaign in Centenary Methodist church of this city. In making this announcement Sunday morning, the Reverend A. W. Plyler read a letter just received form Doctor Culpepper in which he stated that in a few days the exact date of his coming will be made known.

The coming of this eminent evangelist, whose name is a household word throughout the great southwest where he has abored so successfully, will be an event of much importance in the religious life of Greensboro, and Mr. Plyler is to be congratulated upon having secured his services.

Mr. Culpepper had expected last October to hold a meeting in Wesley Memorial church, of High Point, but the epidemic of influenza compelled him to cancel that engagement, much to the regret of the people of High Point.

Mr. Plyler preached a special sermon Sunday morning in which he outlined some of the things Centenary church should undertake to do this year. In the firts place, he expressed the desire for a broadening and a deepening of the religious life of the community. It was in this connection that he announced the coming of Dr. Culpper, whose home is in Memphis, Tenn.

Look at your label! If the date is past you must renew or you are liable to be cut off. Send renewal now.

Mounty Holly

Mount Holly Methodism certainly knows how to give the new preacher a true-hearted welcome. These folks simply captivated the pastor right on the start. Before our arrival the ladies had set the parsonage in order and added some substantial furnishings. At the depot we were met by a number of the brethren, the parsonage reached, we found a glowing fire, nice supper, and a still larger group of people who greeted us warmly and bade us feel at home among them. Of course the pounding came along, generous, good measure, pressed down, and running over—and it is still running over. A few days later, we were given a check for a month's salary in advance, and what is more, the salary was advanced to fifteen hundred dollars.

Thus we start out in our new field with encouraging prospects, and our prayer is that we may be able to give the people a ministry which will be in some measure worthy of such kind treatment.

C. M. Short.

Tuckaseegee

For once Santa Claus has visited the home of the Tuckaseegee pastor fifteen days before Christmas, and be it said to his credit he didn't forget a single member of the family.

On the night of December 11, just before the hour for prayer services at Cullowhee we were happily surprised to see a company of our Cullowhee friends come marching in and leave a fine supply of groceries. Thanks to our friends, we shall not have to visit the grocer for a long, long time.

An unusual fact in connection with this "pounding" is that those participating are not members of the Tuckaseegee circuit, but belong to Webster-Cullowhee. Nor were they all Methodists. There was a goodly number of our generous Baptist friends, and among the gifts we find the names of a Unitarian and an Episcopalian.

This kind of act of our friends will be held in grateful remembrance, and we trust will prove a blessing to those who gave, even as it has blessed us who received. May our people ever retain the spirit of brotherhood and benevolence and continue to be friends to humanity.

"I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
And the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away into night.
But still a rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone."

R. L. Foster.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

One change has been made in the schedule of Centenary district group meetings as published last week. The meeting at Asheville will open at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, instead of 7:30, of the 21. This will not change the program of the Marion district at Morganton. Part of the team will remain at Morganton till after the afternoon session.

Rev. John C. Hawk will be with us in our group meetings. Dr. Beauchamp says that he is one of the very best of the general staff.

The Centenary Movement has begun to move among us. At Winston-Salem on Tuesday

evening, the 31 of December, there was a gathering of the officials of the seven charges in Winston-Salem at Centenary church, at which the Centenary Movement was discussed. Many questions were asked and various points brought out by those present. In this company of men were some of the leading business men of this prosperous city. Watch Winston-Salem. She will be a leader in the Centenary Movement.

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We shall be hearing much of and from our Methodist Minute men in the near future. It will be interesting to the readers of the Advocate to know who the district chairmen of the speakers bureau are. They are as follows:

Asheville district, H. A. Dunham; Charlotte, D. N. Henderson; Greensboro, W. A. Lambeth; Marion, D. E. Hudgins; Mt. Airy, J. H. Allen; Salisbury, T. F. Hudson; Shelby, J. M. Holland; Statesville, F. B. Bunch; Waynesville, A. C. Reynolds, Winston, J. F. Spruill.

His many friends will be interested in the following clipping from one of our church papers:

Rev. S. A. Stewart, one of the most devoted missionaries in Japan, has been called for Y. M. C. A. work in Siberia. The call was approved by the mission. Pray that he may be protected and empowered for this great service for Christian civlization. There is doubtless a providential meaning in so many of our missionaries in the East being called to Siberia at this time. They may be pioneers for work God wants us to do in that great land. Let us pray that we may be wise in His leading.

Brother Stewart is being supported by the First church at Hickory.

Centenary Group Meetings

Following is the schedule of group meetings in the interest of the Missionary Centenary:

Charlotte District—Trinity, Charlotte, Thursday, January 9th, 9:30 a. m., afternoon and night.

Shelby District—Main Street, Gastonia, Friday, January 10th, 9:30 a. m., afternoon and night.

Statesville District—First Church, Lenoir, Monday, Jan. 13th, 2:30 p. m. and night; Broad Street, Statesville, Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 2:30 p. m. and night.

Greensboro District—West Market, Wednesday night, January 15th, and Thursday, the 16th, morning and afternoon.

Mt. Airy District—Rural Hall, Thursday, January 16th, night, and Friday, January 17th, morning and afternoon.

Marion District—Morganton, Monday, January 20th, night; Tuesday, 21st, morning and afternoon.

Asheville District—Central, Asheville, Tuesday, 21st, 3 p. m. and night; Wednesday, 22nd, morning and afternoon.

Waynesville District—Sylva, Wednesday, January 22nd, night; Thursday, 23rd, morning and afternoon.

At the above meetings we are to have a member of the Centenary staff at Nashville. We expect all the pastors, all the charge lay leaders, the members of the District Centenary committees, representatives from the Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, and any other persons whom the presiding elders may invite, to attend these meetings.

Important Announcement—Greensboro District

Allow me to direct attention in this manner to the very great importance of the Centenary group meeting for the Greensboro District, to be held in West Market Street church, Greensboro, beginning Wednesday evening, Jan. 15th, at 7:30 o'clock, and continuing on the following day, morning and afternoon.

It is most vital to the success of our work that each representative named below should attend all of the three sessions if possible. Those remaining for the night will receive entertainment in the homes of our Greensboro friends.

Please set apart the above date and attend this group meeting without fail. The list of representatives include the following:

(1) Every pastor in the district.

(2) The district Centenary committee.

(3) Every charge lay leader.

(4) The president of each Woman's Missionary Society.

(5) The superintendent of each Sunday school.

(6) The president or missionary secretary of each Epworth League.

It may not be possible to get a personal letter to each one as above. Please consider this a personal invitation. Will the pastors kindly co-operate in securing the attendance of the representatives from their respective charges, as named?

J. H. Barnhardt, P. E.

From Cliffside

Our people at Cliffside were on the lookout for their new preacher, and our reception has indeed been a hearty one. We were met with ample conveyance at Ellenboro to bring us out to the parsonage at Cliffside, where good friends and an inviting supper awaited us. We were made to feel that we were among old friends from the start, and the impression continues to grow with the increasing hospitality of the people.

On the arrival of our household goods, a crowd of strong men appeared on the scene to unload the car. All of our goods were in the house within the space of about two hours. Our own people were assisted by Brother Hunt, the pastor of the Baptist church, and a man who has extended a welcome no less with his sympathy and kindness than he did with his muscle. He has a warm place in the hearts of all the people here. Our first Sunday night was taken up by filling his pulpit in a union service of both the churches.

The interior of the parsonage has been given a new coating of paint, and we are comfortably housed. Other demonstrations of kindness have been shown in the way of useful Christmas gifts, and the loyalty of our people to hold up our hands in our efforts to serve them. The "flu" has prevented our getting out to the other churches, but we hope to have favorable reports to make for them as soon as the way opens up.

Cliffside is the town which has grown up as a result of the work and efforts of Raleigh Rutherford Hayes, a man of big heart and keen business insight, whose name is forever linked with the development of a greater part of this section of the country. At his death in February, 1917, he had plans worked out on a large scale in the way of developing water power, building new mills, and of enlarging the work of his business interests in general, and this work is being carried out by his son, Charles, who seems to have inherited this same business insight and bigness of heart which his father possessed. A more contented people or nicer mill village cannot be found anywhere; a fact due to the personal interest which Mr. Haynes takes in looking after the welfare of his employees. During the "flu" epidemic his generosity was shown by furnishing to all who needed it medical attention, food and other necessities without one cent of cost to them. This is only a single illustration of the good things which are being done from time to time.

We were the recipients of a number of useful Christmas gifts, chief of which was a generous purse presented by the Cliffside Mills Co., and others. Our material wants are being well cared for.

The field here is large and the possibilities are great, and we hope to be of service in administering to the spiritual wants and needs of the people. With their help and loyalty, we look forward to a good year's work.

A. J. Burrus.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO PEACE AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

(Continued from page Five)

the defeat of the Moor under the mighty blows of Charles Martel, we would look back upon such a peace with gratitude and on such a memorial with reverence.

A greater than Sobieski is here in Haig; a greater than Charles Martel in Foch; a greater than Charlemagne in Wilson, and the fame of Chateau-Thierry will outlast that of Poitiers. The victory of Yorktown meant that Democracy might have an obscure corner of the world in which to dream her iedals and beat out her instruments of political expression. The peace of Versailles under the blessing of God will mean that the Virgin of Democracy may walk anywhere in the whole wide world unsullied and unafraid.

Shall we celebrate this peace? Can we celebrate it in any more worthy or enduring way than to erect a great building at Emory and dedicate it to the training of teachers to spread Christian culture through the school-houses of the land? We have defeated on the battlefield the military weapons of Kultur; shall we not meet in the school houses its no less dangerous intellectual menace?

Kultur came with its Kaiserism, its militarism, its rationalism. Seeing the Lord of history coming to His vineyard these evil husbandmen in swift and secret counsel said, "This is the heir, come, let us kill him and the inheritance shall be ours."

It remains to be seen whether Christian Culture shall come with Freedom, Peace and Humanity and declare to all the world that Jesus is Humanity's only King.

America has startled the world with the speed and efficiency of her military preparation. A non-military people became in a few months a militant nation, defending with sublime fury the treasures of history, honor and hope, dearer to her than life.

Is it not safe to predict that her educational program and progress in the next ten years will outstrip her achievements in war? Is it not safe to predict that she shall not only teach democracy to the world but that she shall really become the teaching nation of the world?

If all this be true we must look to Protestantism to make democracy safe for the world; and to Christian education to make America fit to stand at the top of the world. Unless the church shall sweeten the waters that issue from this throne of opportunity, these waters will curse and not bless as they go washing the shores of all the world. But if we in our day and generation shall cast upon these waters as they issue forth into the future the living bread of Christian education, it will return in blessings upon the heads of our children.

Let us lay the foundations of this Teachers' College. Let us erect a noble building to memorialize the Peace which is dawning. Let us build it with our Liberty Bonds and let us hang in it our Service Flags. It will be a monument to the bofs who fell and a challenge to those who come back. Leet every fallen hero have a tablet there to tell the coming generations how he died that they might live a nobler and deeper life.

What say the thinkers, leaders, teachers and preachers of the Southeastern States?

Look at your label! If the date is past you must renew or you are liable to be cut off. Send renewal now.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

1919

The New Year 1919 has been ushered in, and with it has come new resolutions, new hopes, new plans and new aspirations. The year is before us; the record is, as yet, but just begun. What shall we find twelve months hence? Will the records show that in our missionary work we have been faithful in our service, loyal to our duties and true to every trust that has been committed to us? Let us all resolve to make this our greatest missionary year, not only in growth in members and increase in finances, but in a deeper, more loyal consecration to Him who has given us this work to do. Will not each society strive to do the very best possible this year?

PLEDGE CARDS

May we call attention of each president, first vice-president and second vice-president to the pledge cards which are issued for use in the adult, young people and children's societies? The January meeting is supposed to be the "Pledge Meeting" at which time these cards are to be distributed for pledges for the year—and when they are filled out and handed to treasurer the society can form an estimate of how much pledge the society will be responsible for for the year. It is a splendid idea and we would urge a liberal use of these cards. They can be obtained by writing to Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., and asking for the number desired. Let us, by all means, order these cards and use them in securing our pledges for 1919.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

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Mrs. T. A. Moon,
Corresponding Secretary.

THE YEAR AHEAD

(The following article comes to us from our social service superintendent of the Conference. Let us all read what Mrs. Newell brings to us through this message for the New Year)

This is the end of the last quarter of our missionary year. It has been a difficult year in every sense. Our pastors, our time and our sympathies have been called upon in the interests of our soldiers, in safeguarding the nation from the foes of greed and vice within; in fighting the adversaries of greed and hate without.

Every time an appeal has been made to us for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., Liberty Loan, War Savings, or Belgian and American Relief it has been for Social Service.

Now the suffering masses of Europe must be fed, clothed, housed, and civilization re-instated, largely through the use of American resources. That means our resources, material and spiritual. That means social service.

What are the missionary women doing for this work? It is a work that goes on without the bounds of our society, yet it is our work and recognized by our society as co-operative social service worthy of being reported as such in our quarterly reports. We have done much and will do more. It has all been done under the inspiration of the religion of Jesus Christ, nourished by the teaching in our churches.

What are we going to do in the year that is entering, as a united body, working for definite social and spiritual ends.

Can we work thus for social ends in our missionary society and not leave the other work undone? Certainly, yes.

We can continue our service to the nation, contribute to suffering Europe's restitution, and at the same time look within the boundaries of our own Conference and find what needs to be done.

What do we know of the ignorance, the abuses, the neglect of our people of North Carolina? We cannot remedy social ills until we have faced them.

The topic for the New Year is "Making Democracy Safe." Is it safe in North Carolina for growing boys and girls, for the laboring people, for the deficient in mind? What do we know ought to be changed?

Let us join in the fight for better schools and longer school terms that now engages the state.

Secure better care for the wayward girl.

Strengthen our reform schools for boys.

Take care of the juvenile criminals in the colored population.

Work with the earnest thinkers of our day toward a solution of the tenant problem on our farms.

Work for better housing of those who labor in our cities.

Work for better conditions for all laborers.

Protect children from exploitation by the greed of capital.

As a preparation for this forward movement along social lines we beg every woman of the church to read the social creed of our church as printed on page 397 of the new discipline.

Mrs. W. A. Newell,
Supt. Social Service.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

(The following paper was written by Mrs. H. E. Walters, President of Woman's Missionary Society of Haywood Street church, Asheville, and read at a public meeting recently held in the church)

First, we will define our subject. We all know that a steward is a person intrusted with the management of things not his own. In the parable of the pounds, the pound was not given to the person for his very own, but he had this instruction, "Occupy till I come." Now, since such is a steward, stewardship means occupancy, or possession, and it means responsibility, and it means accountability. It applies to personality, and that is the most powerful force in all the world, and it applies to money and anything that money can buy. So, my subject is divided into two parts, viz., stewardship of personality and stewardship of money.

What is personality? It is that indefinable something that makes you different from your dearest friend, that makes you different from me, that makes one child in the home different from another child, and it is of this personality that God gives us stewardship.

We are responsible and accountable to God for every talent we have, for talents are God given. We may not have but one, but "occupy till I come" is for you, is for me. Some of us may have a talent to sing, some to lead, some to pray, some to teach, some to preach, all to attend missionary meetings, but if we let them rust from misuse, we will have to return them to God, with "Here's your gift, God, all rusted; I could have prayed, I could have attended the missionary meetings, I could have attended the Sunday school, I could have used my education for you in the church, but, O, well, I did not." If we use our talents for God, we'll soon love to use them, and we will be dead unto sin, for sin, no matter how enticing, has no attraction to a dead person, and if we are dead unto sin, and alive unto Christ, we will want to use our talents for him. If we are true Christians we do not have to tell it, our actions speak for themselves, so should our talents. We should not sing, "Lord, I give myself to Thee," and then sit idly by. We can, at least, have a consecrated presence at missionary meetings, so, whatever you do, do not let your talent for being present rust. You may never see results in a hundred fold, nor even in seventy fold, nor even in thirty fold, but leave results with God.

"Spin cheerfully, not tearfully, tho,
wearily you trod;
Spin carefully, spin prayerfully, but
leave results with God.
The shuttles of his purpose more to
carry on his own design,
Seek not too soon to disapprove his
work, nor yet assign
Dark motives, when silent dread you
view each sombre fold,
For lo, within each darken thread,
there shines a thread of gold.
So, spin cheerfully, not tearfully, He
knows the way you plod;
Spin carefully, spin prayerfully, but
leave the thread with God.

Second, Stewardship of Money. Some people do not believe in giving a tenth just simply because they have never given it a thought. Some do not believe in it because it is in the Old Testament, so are the commandments, and they were first written by the finger of God. We are promised spiritual and temporal blessings, if we give God his tenth. Proverbs 3rd chapter says, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Then in the third chapter of Malachi, it says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me," concerning the blessings which are to follow on account of our giving the tenth. He is willing for us to prove him, but we treat him like a beggar, when the Heaven, and the Heaven of Heavens is the Lord's, thy God, the earth, also, and all that therein is. So, since all is God's, we have no more right to determine the terms of our stewardship of money than we have to determine the terms of our admission into the kingdom of heaven, and God said, "one tenth."

Some determine the amount of their offerings by the amount that some one else gives, thinking that when they satisfy their fellowman they satisfy God, but the Bible says in first Corinthians, "As God hath prospered you."

The children of Israel were taught to give the choicest lamb of the flock, the first fruit of the garden, the tenth of all their increase, and this was when they were the very poorest, when they had just come out of Egypt.

Nine-tenths of our income, with God's blessing, is far better than ten tenths without it.

"One tenth of ripened grain,
One tenth of tree and vine,
One tenth of all the yield,
From ten tenths rain and shine.
One tenth of lowing herds,
That brouse on hills and plains,
One tenth of bleating flocks,
From ten tenths shine and rain.
One tenth of all increase,
From counting room and mart,
One tenth that science yields,
One tenth of every art.
One tenth of looms and press,
One tenth of mill and mine.
One tenth of every craft
Wrought out by gifts of thine.
One tenth, and dost thou, Lord,
But ask this meagre loan,
When all the earth is thine,
And all we have thine own?"

Some will not give because they do not know where their money goes. If they would take the time to read missionary journals, they would know. We build churches, schools, hospitals, pay preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses, etc.

If we are true stewards, our plan will be God's plan, and his plan is for the whole world. But it takes prayer, as well as money to do this, but if we pray aright we will pay aright. You may not be able to go, but you can help send. You might not be willing to go down into a well, but you could hold the rope and help some one else down. You may not be so situated that you can go down into Samaria, and into the uttermost parts of the earth, but here is the point, are you willing to work right here in Jerusalem? That is the question.

If we give to the church it makes us love the church, and if we love the church we will give to the church. Then, if we give and love, we'll think church thoughts, and they uplift our very souls, and then we'll soon be ready to exclaim, "Take me, Lord, and shape me, thou art the potter, I am the clay."

Now, we can so live and so give, that people will be constrained to follow our example, and "those who came to scoff will remain to pray."

But we have to be chaped by the hand of God before we can have such an influence. We are, as it were, stones in a great building, and we have to be shaped to fit into our one place. Some of us have corners that have to be knocked off ere we fit. Perhaps the corner is a high temper, or perhaps it is bearing false witness against a neighbor, or perhaps it is stinginess—some do not want to give a tenth—but if we submit, and learn, our lives will be like torches, the more they are shaken, the more they will shine.

But to sum it all up and stop, I'll say:

"I am satisfied with Jesus,
But the question comes to me,
As I ponder o'er his goodness,
Is he satisfied with me?"

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

THE BISHOP'S ANSWER

Bishop Matt Hughes, of Portland, Oregon, has lost a son, killed in action "Somewhere in France." This greater significance to a poem he has just written in answer to one written by Edwin Markham and entitled "Markham's Question," which follows:

"O mother, will you longer give your sons
To feed the awful hunger of the guns?
What is the worth of all these battle drums
If from the field the loved one never comes?
What are the loud hosannas to the brave
If all your share is some forgotten grave?"

The Bishop's poem follows:

"God gave my son in trust to me;
Christ died for him, and he should be
A man for Christ. He is his own
And God's and man's; not mine alone.
He was not mine to 'give.' He gave
Himself that he might help to save
All that Christians should revere
All that enlightened men hold dear.
'To feed the guns?' O torpid soul!
Awake and see life as a whole.
When freedom, honor, justice, right
Were threatened by the despot's might,
With heart aflame and soul alight
He bravely went for God to fight
Against base savages whose pride
The laws of God and man defied,
Who maidens pure and sweet defiled.
He did not go to 'feed the guns';
He went to save from ruthless Huns
His home and country and to be
A guardian of democracy.
'What if he does not come?' you say.
Ah, well, my sky would be more gray.
But through the clouds the sun would shine
And vital memories be mine.
God's test of manhood is, I know,
Not, 'Will he come?' but, 'Did he go?'
And yet he went with purpose high
To fight for peace and overthrow
The plan of Christ's relentless foe.
He dreaded not the battle field;
He went to make fierce vandals yield.
If he comes not again to me,
I shall be sad, but not that he
Went like a man, a hero true,
His part unselfishly to do.

THE NEW LEAF

Among the images under which life has been pictured, few are more apt than that of a book. The resemblance is strikinly close as one thinks of it. A book is a collection of written or printed sheets bound together in orderly succession, each page telling a part of a complete story.

Life, too, is a succession of days and years stretching between that preface called the cradle and that finis called the grave. In the book of life each day fashions a word, each week a sentence, each month a paragraph, and each year a page.

The book of life must stand as a true record because one writes it himself. Here personal story is told in indelible characters. No hand other than his own makes or mars the pages. It was the view of the great Christian seer that each human soul was to be assigned to his ultimate place on the basis of the facts recorded in the book. In his vision of the judgment the apostle foresaw the time when "the books were opened * * * and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works."

A human personality is a sensitive register on which, as on a living scroll, every act and every thought is written. Muscular exercise leaves its inevitable reaction on the physique; thought has its definite effect in the mental fiber; speech refines or dulls the power of expression. The fact of self-registration is a highly impressive one. God has set up within the soul all the machinery for visiting rewards and penalties upon the earthly pilgrim. At the last assize the plain facts are all in hand, so that he who runs may read. The dead may fairly be judged out of the things that are written in their books.

If the books thus far has been scrawled over, defaced and blotted, there is at least this consolation: clean, fresh pages remain. It is possible to write on them clearer and better sentences than on those turned down. New Year's Day presents a great opportunity. We are throwing away the old calendar and beginning a new one. We are turing back the written page and opening a fresh one. It is a fine time for starting again.—Rev. Frank B. McAlister.

My heart will fee exultant pride
That for humanity he died.
'Forgotten grave?' This selfish plea
Awakes no deep response in me.
For though his grave I may not see,
My boy will ne'er forgotten be;
My real son can never die.
'Tis but his body that may lie
In foreign land, and I shall keep
Remembrance fond, forever, deep
Within my heart of my true son
Because of triumphs that he won.
It matters not where some men live,
If my dear son his life must give,
Hosannas will I sing for him,
E'en though my eyes with tears are dim;
And when the war is over,
His gallant comrades come again,
I'll cheer them as they're marcing by,
Rejoicing that they did not die;
And when his vacant place I see,
My heart will bound with joy that he
Was mine so long my fine young son,
And cheer for him whose work is done."

—Eastern Methodist.

(CONSECRATION MEETING): "THE LEAGUES OF INTERCESSION THE QUIET HOUR COVENANT

(Matt. xviii. 152-; John xvii. 6-9, 20, 21.)

For the Leader

Read the editorial on "A League of Intercession."

Order of the Central office, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., a sufficient number of covenant cards. "The League of Intercession," to place one in the hands of each person attending the League meeting. The cards are free.

Order of Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn., Dallas, Tex., Richmond, Va., a supply of the pamphlet, "Comrades of the Quiet Hour," which sets forth the Epworth League covenant. Price, 50 cents per hundred.

Make this meeting one of song, prayer, and earnest testimonies and heart-searching. If your Chapter has a large attendance, divide into groups. However, it is usually best to have the meeting with the Chapter as a whole.

The calling of the roll of members should not be overlooked, and let each respond by testimony, reciting a passage of Scripture or avowing a purpose. Those members who are unable to attend this meeting should send a written word of testimony to be read by members in response to their names at the calling of the roll.

Instead of the usual song serivce, let us begin this meeting with prayer. Assign prayer topics to four members of the First Department of your Chapter and ask them to be on time, for their part comes at the beginning.

Suggested topics for prayer:

1. Prayer for this meeting and all League meetings held at this hour.
2. Prayer for the leader and all who assist.
3. Prayer for the nation and the boys in the service.
4. Prayer for the consecration of the lives of all young people.

What to Read in Connection With the Quiet Hour Covenant

The Bible.

"The Meaning of Prayer," by Fosdick.

"Men of the Old Testament," by Willman.

"Story of the Old Testament," by Professor Seay.

Quotations for Comment

God has given to every one of us the power to be spiritual and by our spirituality to lift and enlarge and enlighten the lives we touch.—Phillips Brooks.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air.
—Montgomery

Our Bible study must be a ministry. What we get we must give. Meditating over what we read until it becomes a part of us, we are to pass it on to others.—Robert E. Speer.

The best evidence of the inspiration of the Word of God is found in the Word itself. When studied, loved, obeyed, and trusted, it never disappoints, never misleads, never fails.—J. Hudsan Taylor.

Consecration

The essential element in consecration is its spontancity. It is true that God's claims on us are absolute. He demands with perfect justice our yielding of ourselves, but he cannot force us nor would he. It is true that our consecration is the avenue of all that is best in life—the highest possibility of our nature, our greatest happiness, and our largest usefulness among men, but the real motive of our consecration cannot be based on these. "The mercies of God," multiplied as they are, but finding a climax in our personal knowledge and appropriation of Christ, who gave himself for us, is the inspiring motive alone for our presentation of ourselves, a far different thing from the reluctant surrender which the rebel sinner makes in his abandonment of sin and the acceptance of Christ. We never truly give ourselves to Christ until experimentally we know he has given himself to us. Instinctively the call comes at once to every truly converted soul to make this consecration. This consecration means the surrender of our entire being, with all its conditions, relations, and possibilities.—Stephan.

Time to Pray

Daniel while ruling the realm of Babylon found leisure to pray three times a day. Some would say that he must have been a first-rate man of business to find so much time for prayer. It would be nearer the truth to say that it was his taking so much time to pray which made him so diligent and successful in business. It was from God that Daniel got his knowledge, his wisdom, and his skill. This was the secret of his being found by the king ten times better than all the wise men that were in all his realm. The man must be busier than Daniel who has not time to pray and wiser than Daniel to help him.—Life in Earnest.

The Prayer-Calm

"No day is well spent that is spent without a still moment." In a certain large high school for young women an old-time requirement was that every girl should spend at least twenty minutes a day in absolute quiet. Some of the studants rather rebelled at this break in the day's activities and spent the little period in doing fancywork, in repairing their cloths, or in reading sensatioal stories. Others accepted the plan, relaxed into easy attidues, and let themselves mediate on the best things they heard during the day, or they turned to their Bibles for spiritual refreshment.

Of the first groups described, most are now nervous, over-busy, anxious women, even those who are well provided with worldly wealth. Of the other group, many are quiet, happy, accomplishing women.

The habit of being calm in the midst of duties is a masterful habit. It keeps the soul above too much dust and friction and gives time for mental poise and spiritual refreshment.—Selected.

Alone With God

"I noticed," says Robert Collyer, speaking of a summer spent in a retired spot on the English coast, "that once in a while there would come a day when the waters would leap into white foam in their strife with the great, calm cliffs and then a day when the blue waters would melt into the sky full of innocent dimples, which made you feel as if the tides were laughing with content. But this was what I noticed besides that; in the clear waters rested the full sun, while in the unresting waters you saw only broken lights. There was shinning on the edges, but not in the deeps, a stormful grandeur, but no mirror of the quiet heavens." If our hearts are to see God as he is, we must be alone with him in stillness and contemplation.

Additional Suggestions for Intermediate League

1. Roll call from names written upon blackboard. Let each member answer by a Bible verse on prayer which he has selected before the meeting.
2. Suggested hymns for service: 350, 568, 516, 510, 508, 493.
3. Testimonies from Quiet Hour Covenanters.
4. Sentence prayers for Centenary, boys in service, League Chapter, and for a deepening of prayer life of members. Close by singing softly "My faith looks up to thee."
5. What we find in our Bible concerning the topic:

(a) The disciples' prayer. (Matt. vi. 5-8.)

(b) A rule of prayer. (Ps. lv 16, 17.)

(c) A reason for prayer (1 Pet. iv. 7.)

(d) What prayer can accomplish. (Jas. v. 16b-18)

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ANTI-SALOON CONVENTION

The tenth Biennial convention of the State Anti-Saloon league will be held in Raleigh January 16-17, 1919, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday.

The headquarters committee, who have in charge the arranging of the program, are preparing a feast of oratory and other good things for the prohibitionists of the state. Among the out-of-state speakers are: Dr. P. A. Baker, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon leage of America; Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the M. E. Church, South; the inimitable George R. Stewart, of Birmingham, Alabama; Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon leage of America; and Hon. Wm. H. Anderson of New York city.

Among the prominent men of the State on the program are: W. B. Cooper, State Senator from Wilmington; W. L. Poteat, L. L. D president of Wake Forest College; W. T. Shaw, manufacturer of Weldon; Hon. O. M. Mull, representative from Cleveland and the law partner of Congressman E. Y. Webb; Wm. Allen Harper, L. L. L. President of Elon College; Hon W. O. Saunders, representative from Pasquotank; Hon. J. D. Eckles of Buncombe; Judge J A. Oates of Fayetteville; Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league; Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate and Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of State Board of Health.

This convention will no doubt get behind the Legislative program outlined by the board of trustees and lend a hand in passing further legislation to rid our State of blind tigers and blockade stills.

It is expected that many churches, Sunday schools and other organizations will send delegates to this convention, and that hundreds of citizens throughout the State who want to break up the blind tiger and blockade business will attend. All who attend have the rights and privileges of the floor as well as those sent as delegates.

Rev. Elmer T. Clark, D. D., Centenary Secretary of the Methodist Minute men, is recently back from France where he served two years as War Correspondent for leading American newspapers. Dr. Clark got very close to the realities while in France and has many stories to tell of the splendid unselfishness of the boys and of their real regard for the eternal verities.

In many of the ruined cities and villages may be seen the church spires still standing. It was not the custom of the Germans to destroy the towers and steeples of large buildings, as these high points were useful to them in establishing a range.

One evening Dr. Clark was walking along the streets of the little French village of Lironeville, which had been utterly destroyed by the guns of the enemy. His heart was saddened by the desolation on every side. High up on a hillside stood a tall church spire by a gleaming cross. All around were devastation and disaster. As Dr. Clark paused to take in the scene a soldier appeared. He, too, seemed impressed by the sight of the cross standing unharmed in the midst of so much ruin. As the soldier, an American sergeant, stood gazing aloft at the cross radiant in the glow of the setting sun, he uncovered his head and unconsciously began to sing that grand old hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory, Towering O'er the Wrecks of Time."

As Dr. Clark approached, and, silently clasping the soldier's hand, joined in the singing, he could but thank God for the providential timeliness of the Centenary Movement which includes in its program the reconstruction of the war-ravaged countries, and which has for its underlying principle the cross of Jesus Christ which will ever prevail against all wanton waste and sinful destruction.

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Our Dead

BARNES—Mrs. Nannie Barnes was born in Mecklenburg county and died in Concord, N. C., October 22, 1918, aged 43 years, and her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Mt. Zion Methodist church. Sister Barnes was a member of Kerr Street Methodist church. She was the wife of one of our official board of Kerr Street church. She professed faith in Christ in early youth and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Mt. Zion. A good woman has gone from us, and it is with the deepest sorrow that we were called so unexpectedly to witness the passing away of one of our most faithful Christian workers. A devoted wife and an affectionate mother and sweet spirited Christian has been called from labor to rest. She leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillespie; husband and two sweet little girls to look forward to that good day when they shall meet again "where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. J. W. Strider.

McMICHAEL—Martha Demarias Pegram McMichael, wife of J. M. McMichael, was born September 15th, 1847, and departed this life December 17th, 1918, aged 71 years, 3 months and 2 days. She was happily converted when quite young and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Goshen and lived a devoted member of the same till death. She loved her church and all God's people. Her home was always the preacher's home, and a real Christian home in the broadest and truest sense of the word. It made no difference how others might find fault and neglect duty, Sister McMichael and her faithful husband were always true to the pastor and true to the church. Her long life was spent in loving and faithful service for her Master.

Sister McMichael leaves a husband, 2 sons and 15 grandchildren, with many relatives, neighbors and friends, to mourn their loss. She said just before death that she was not afraid to die and expressed her full assurance of being saved in heaven at last. Truly as was said of one of old—"She hath done what she could."

May God's richest blessings and comforting Spirit rest and abide with the bereaved husband and little granddaughters left in the home. A host of friends join in loving sympathy for them during this sad hour.

T. V. Crouse, pastor.

CASHION—Wm. O. Cashion was was born September 11, 1871. He was married to Miss Perolee Cloninger October 8, 1893. This happy couple were much devoted to each other and lived harmoniously together until the end suddenly came to Brother Cashion. They were blessed with only one child, Nellie, now Mrs. Robert Terrell, of Gastonia. The widowed wife and daughter survive, together with a host of relatives and a multitude of friends, to mourn their loss. As the Christmas days approach the destitute boys and girls who are poorly clothed and shod will miss the big-hearted man who took them to the store, clothed and shod them and then gave them "pocket change" with which to buy their candies, fruits and toys. This was a custom of Brother Cashion and his way of expressing his love and sympathy to the little needy children. This was a source of great joy to him, for it brought blessing to him. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the evil day." Psalm 41:1. For noble deeds in love responded, e're come to him the fatal day, for they went before and smoothed the steep and stony way.

Not only did he have the spirit of charity, but coupled with this was the spirit of benevolence. While he made the mistake of not identifying himself with some branch of the church, yet with his means he contributed to the support of many of them. Being an electrician he was often deprived of church attendance, still he attended often. The deprivation of church attendance, together with the fact that he often must work awhile on Sunday as electrician, alone, found resentment and objection in his mind. For although this electrical work must be done sometimes on Sunday, yet he often remarked that he did not like to do it. One question which he often turned about in his mind was, "Is it right?" applying it to many things.

In addition to his considerate, kind-hearted disposition and his benevolent and forgiving spirit, "behold he prayeth." Of course he did not lead public prayer, but often did those intimately associated with him find him calling upon the Christ we so often forget. It has been repeatedly said that there is no harm in a praying man, and I have found it so. Why do men pray? Is it not the Holy Spirit who prompts us to pray? If so, then prayer is the evidence of His presence.

Brother Cashion was killed in Norwood August 8, 1918, when he came in contact with a live wire. His remains were taken to Gastonia and laid to rest there the next day, the funeral being conducted at the home of his daughter, by Rev. E. P. Stabler and the writer.

Truly Brother Cashion is gone. It is sad to think he has been so suddenly snatched away; but death is no whim by which life's giver wrecks a broken heart.

"There is no vacant chair. To love is still
To have. Nearer to memory than to eye,
And dearer yet to anguish than to comfort and will,
We hold him by our love that shall not die."

O. C. Fortenberry.

BRANCH—Virginia Branch was born November 7, 1902, and died October 23, 1918. She was 16 years, 11 months and 16 days old. Only five days from the day her father died until this kind little girl passed into the land where there will be no more of the disease which caused her death. Virginia was a faithful church member. She loved her church and was nearly always at Sunday school and preaching. She was an example. Everybody seemed to love her, even the old, the young and all. We don't see her in the Sunday school any more here, but the kind little girl has joined the everlasting Sabbath school above. Farewell, Virginia, for a little while. We shall all meet again.

John Green, Pastor.

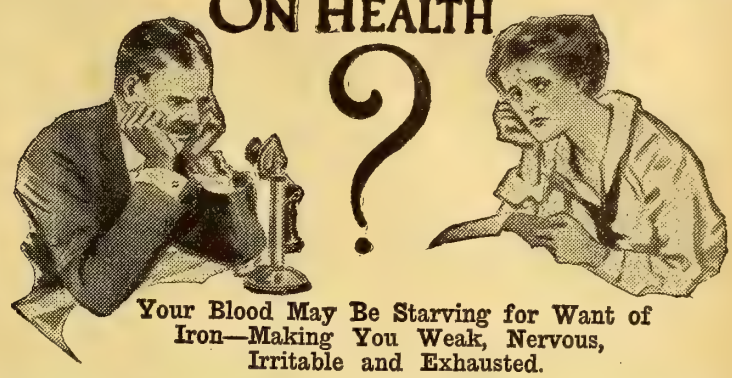
MARSH—Eben Marsh was born February 1, 1899, and died October 27, 1918. Eben was the son of Mrs. W. W. Branch and just nine days from the death of his step-father he passed away into the other world. Eben had many friends around Granite Falls and Rhodhiss. We all miss him. He suffered so much for many days. He died of influenza, followed by pneumonia. A big-hearted boy gone to receive his reward.

John Green, Pastor.

BRANCH—W. W. Branch, of Rhodhiss, was born August 9, 1879, and died October 18, 1918. He died of influenza. A big-hearted man, yes, a great man in many respects, is gone. We all miss him as a merchant, as a friend and as a brother in the church. He had been a member of the church for many years, and yet, like many of us, he made some mistakes along the way, but said on his death bed, "I am going to die and all I hate to leave this world for is my wife and chil-

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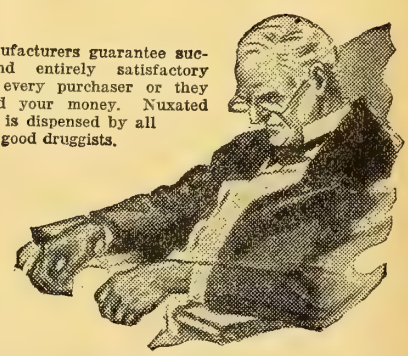
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The head of the new bureau, Dr. George E. Haynes, is a highly-trained Negro of unusual ability, who has the confidence and respect of the whites of his home city, Nashville, Tenn. For years the women of the Southern Methodist Missionary Council have co-operated with him in social betterment work for his people; and in his work for the government he is securing the co-operation of Southern men to a remarkable degree.

State conferences of white employers and colored workmen, sometimes of white workmen also, have been held in a few Northern states, and in Virginia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky. They are to be held shortly in several other Southern states. In the last four named, they were called by the governors, three of whom presided at one or more sessions. State Advisory Committees of both races, with a colored Director of Economics, have been appointed in five of these states; and local committees are being organized in counties and cities. Virginia has 49 counties and three cities already organized; Florida and Mississippi have 20 county communities each. In Norfolk the committee handles the whole question of negro wage earners for the Chamber of Commerce. In Atlanta an employment bureau has been opened under the colored director to connect white employers and colored workers in agriculture, industry, and domestic service.

These committees have held hundreds of mass-meetings in which causes of friction and dissatisfaction have been freely discussed by both sides; and men of both races have secured a better understanding of the need for co-operation on a broad basis of human justice if prosperity and contentment are to issue from the war.

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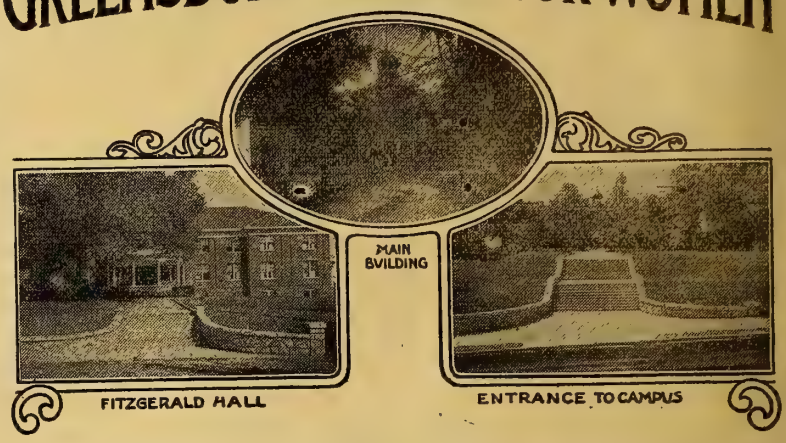
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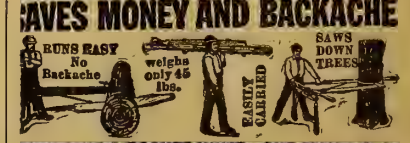
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Two little clouds one summer's day
Went flying through the sky;
They went so fast they bumped their heads,
And both began to cry.

Old Father Sun looked out and said,
"Oh, never mind, my dears;
I'll send the little fairy folk
To dry your falling tears."

One fairy came in violet,
And one in indigo;
In blue, green, yellow, orange, red—
They made a pretty row.

They wiped the cloud tears all away,
And then, from out the sky,
Upon a line the sunbeams made,
They hung their gowns to dry.
—Lizzie M. Hadley.

Are the eyes of angels,
That always wake to keep
A loving watch above us
While we are fast asleep?
Or are they lamps that God has lit
From His own glorious light,
To guide the little children's souls
Whom He will call tonight?

More beautiful and glorious,
And never cold and far,
Is He who always loves them,
The Bright and Morning Star.
I wish those little children knew
That holy, happy light!
Lord Jesus, shine on them, I pray,
And make them glad tonight.
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

LITTLE RED CROSS WORKERS

Not long ago the Red Cross chapter in Bay City, Mich., received a hurry-up call for one hundred and fifty dunnage bags. Troops were about to move and, through an oversight, their equipment was not complete. The bags had to be made and sent within forty-eight hours. A request for help was sent over the town, and the stores were searched successfully for the right materials.

Among those who quickly responded and came to the chapter workrooms to help were two little girls, sisters, about ten and twelve years of age, each eager to lend a hand and do something for the boys who were going to the front. All day long the fingers of the women and the little girls were fairly flying. Bag after bag received the last stitch, until scores were piled up, ready for shipment.

Closing time came, and the woman superintending the making of the bags counted those completed and announced that if every one of the workers would come early the next morning and work all day the bags would surely be finished in time for shipping by evening. Two crestfallen little girls, the little sisters, were waiting for her at the door as she departed.

"We are awfully sorry, ma'am," said the older of the two, "but we can't come back tomorrow. You see tomorrow we have to—" And, without finishing the sentence, she looked back wistfully at the pile of bags.

"It is too bad you can't come back," said the superintendent, "but I want to thank you, and we all thank you, for the work you've done today. You two have been a wonderful help, and that pile of bags wouldn't be nearly so big if you hadn't been here. Good-night."

The next morning, when the superintendent came down to unlock the work-rooms for the day, she was astonished to see the two little girls standing in the cold by the locked door.

"Oh, I'm so glad to see you!" she said. "I thought you said you couldn't come."

"Oh, we knew those Red Cross bags just had to be finished for the soldiers," exclaimed the little one, with glistening eyes, "and we got up at three o'clock this morning and got the washing done early!"

A SOLDIER'S STOCKING

Rosabel had knit almost around before she discovered it; then her brow puckered into an impatient frown. What was one dropped stitch, anyhow? She kept right on knitting stubbornly. Isabel's stocking was an inch longer than hers already. She couldn't afford to ravel any out. One little stitch way up in the leg wouldn't matter much; no one could see it.

Perhaps it wouldn't matter at first, but Rosabel knew that it would matter a very great deal after a while, when the stocking was being worn—that the tiny hole would eat its way clear to the top.

But click, click, click her needles went on keeping time with Isabel's, and every moment it seemed harder to ravel back to the dropped stitch.

The twins were each knitting a pair of stockings for the soldiers. Grandmother, who had come to visit them, was showing them how. They were very proud of being able to do something to help their country in time of need. Already they had finished one stocking and were well started upon the second. They knit an hour each day, and it was surprising how fast the stockings grew; but the longer they got the more miserable Rosebel became.

"Won't the soldier who gets these be glad? Won't his toes be nice and warm? I wonder if it is very cold in the trenches?" Isabel said. They had been chatting merrily, but now Rosabel was strangely silent.

"I'm going to write my name on a little slip of paper and put it in the toe of mine," Isabel said proudly. "'Isabel Blair; age, twelve years.' Don't you think the soldiers would like to know who made them? I'll be so proud of mine."

Rosabel hung her head miserably. Pride in her work was marred by the knowledge of the dropped stitch. When they were finished she pinned her pair together, so the dropped stitch would not be discovered, and went away where she could not hear grandmother's praises. It seemed almost like telling a lie to accept praise when she did not deserve it.

That night father read to them about the sufferings of the soldiers, of the cold, wet trenches and of the long, frozen marches when their feet left bloody stains upon the snow.

After they had gone to bed Rosabel lay and thought and thought until she could stand it no longer. She got up and went into the sewing-room and found her stocking; then she sat down and unravelled it round by round by round till she came to the dropped stitch; then, after she had knit a little, just to know that she had started right, she went back to bed and went to sleep.

When grandmother knew, she said that that stocking was worth more to Rosabel than it would be to the soldier who was to wear it, for it gave her the opportunity to prove that she had the courage to acknowledge her mistakes and to rectify them, too.—The Child's Gem.

A CHINESE HYPERBOLIST

He was very proud of his large round table, and boasted of it to a friend.

"How large is this table of yours?" asked his friend.

"Twenty feet in diameter."

"Is that so? What do you use it for?"

"Oh, I often ask my friends to dinner, and I like to have them all at one table. At my table I can seat a hundred guests."

"Well, and what kind of food do you serve?"

"Our regular Chinese food, and we eat with chop sticks."

"If your table is twenty feet in diameter with the dishes on every side of the table how long are your chop sticks?" persisted his friend.

"Nineteen feet long, so as to reach across the table."

"Then if your guests' arms are about two feet long how do they put the food in their mouths?"

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Our Dead

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dren." He said, "I a mtrusting in God," and on October 18th God carried him up to his eternal home. We all loved him. O, how we miss him. God bless the dear loved ones left behind, and may his Spirit comfort and cheer them along the way.

John Green, Pastor.

HOLDER—Mrs. Zala Dotson Holder was born May 14, 1898, was married to Pierce Holder March 16, 1918, and died at Savannah, Ga., of pneumonia, following influenza. She leaves a husband, father and mother, four brothers and six sisters, and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was converted young and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Fincher's Chapel, Haywood circuit. She was a faithful attendant at church and Sunday school and teacher of a primary class. She loved everybody, and with her smiles, kindly words and sweet songs she won the affection of all with whom she met. How strange to us that such a beautiful life should fade like the flower of the field, touched by the untimely frost! But God has transplanted her to a fairer clime where death cannot lay his withering hand on her any more. We humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well. May we all meet her "in that bright land of joy and song, where we will never say good-bye." We laid her body to sleep on a beautiful hilltop in the cemetery at Fincher's Chapel.

Will Fincher.

FINCHER—"Fannie Fincher died here this morning." The above telegram gave our community one of the greatest shocks it has ever received. Fannie Pearl Fincher, eldest daughter of A. J. and Elizabeth Fincher, was born August 27, 1889, and fell a victim of influenza complications at Winston-Salem, Dec. 17, 1918. She was converted while in school at Brevard, and joined the Methodist church at Clyde, in 1909, during the pastorate of Rev. Jim Green. Her life was consistent with her profession. She leaves her father, two brothers and two sisters to follow on. "Fannie is a good girl" was an expression often heard before she went away. The pall of sadness that hangs over the community testifies to the esteem in which she was held. She was in love with everybody, and was universally loved. We shall miss her in the social circle and all departments of the church. Her body, encased in a beautiful white casket, emblem of the pure life she lived, was laid to rest in Pleasant Hill cemetery to await the final summons. May comforting grace be supplied to those who remain behind for a season. H.

ROBBINS—Titus Franklin Robbins was born August 12, 1885, and died October 25, 1918. Pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, was the cause of his death. His body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery, after a very short service, conducted at the grave by his pastor. The large concourse of friends and relatives attending the funeral service tells us of the high esteem in which he was held, both by his fellow laborers and the citizens of Concord. Brother Robbins was a member of the order of Woodmen of the World and their officials assisted in the burial service in a very impressive manner. Titus, as he was called by nearly every one, was a congenial companion, an affectionate father, a devoted husband and one of the leading members of Kerr Street Methodist church. For some time he had been a very efficient secretary and treasurer of Kerr Street Sunday school. Our church and community realize very keenly his untimely departure. Having been called away in the very prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness, just coming in to take his place as one of the leading citizens of Concord. He leaves a wife and two children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his almost unexpected departure. May the loving kindness and tender mercies of our gracious Heavenly Father ever abide with them.

J. W. Strider.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called unto Himself the gentle spirit of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Nannie Barnes (nee Gillespie), therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of God, acknowledging his right to take unto himself that which is already his.

Second, that by her death we sustain a great loss, our society has lost a faithful member, the home a patient wife and loving mother.

Third, that we, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Kerr Street church, extend to the bereaved friends, husband and dear cihldren our deepest sympathy in this hour of trial, and while we deplore the passing of Sister Barnes we shall ever cheerish the memory of her as one whose going makes death less a terror and life more a reality.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our society and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and one to the bereaved family.

Mrs. J. W. Bonds,
Mrs. J. M. Howard,
Mrs. J. W. Strider.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Almighty God, in his wise providence, has removed from our midst little Annie May King, we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that our Sunday school has lost one of its brightest and most lovable little members.

Second, that while we deplore the loss of one whose short life has given joy and brightness to a devoted family and many friends who loved her, we are thankful for the assurance that she is safe in the arms of Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Third, that we extend to the grief-stricken family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be placed in our Sunday school record, a copy sent to the Christian Advocate for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

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First Round

January

Henderson Ct., Moore's Grove...11-12
Saluda, night 12
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 18-19
Leicester, Leicester 25-26
Chestnut Street, night 26

February

Weaverville Ct., Alexanders 1-2
Bethel, night 2
Asheville Ct., River View.....9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock (7:30) 9
Mills River, Horse Shoe 15-16
Hendersonville, night 16
Rosman Ct., Rosman.....22-23
Brevard, night 23

March

Mars Hill, Shiloh 1-2

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder, 508 North Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
First Round

January

Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m. 11-12
Wadesboro, night 12
Hawthorne Lane, 11 a. m. 19
Trinity, night 19
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m. 24
Tryon Street, 11 a. m. 26
Dilworth, night 26

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
First Round

January

West Greensboro, Muirs Chapel 11-12
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night . 12
Deep River, West Bend 18-19
Ashboro, 11 a. m. 19
Greensboro Circuit, Holt's Chapel 25-26
High Point, East End, night .. 26

February

Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m. 1-2
Reidsville, Main Street, night .. 2
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 9
Randleman, Naomi, night 9
Randolph Circuit, Fairview 15-16
High Point, Main Street, night .. 16

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Marion, N. C.—First Round.

Jan.

Table Rock Ct., Oak Hill.....11-12
Marion Mills, Sunday night..... 12
Cliffside Ct., Hopewell.....18-19
Henrietta & Caroleen, Henrietta, night..... 19
Broad River Ct., Tanner's Grove.25-26
Forest City Ct., Sunday, 3 p. m., Pleasant Grove 25-26

Feb.

Thermal City Ct., Thermal City.. 1-2
Mill Spring Ct., Lebanon..... 8-9
Euola Ct., Warlick Chapel..... 14
Connelly Spgs. Ct., Connelly Spgs.15-16
Marion Ct., Providence.....22-23

Mar.

Rutherfordton Ct., Rutherfordton 1-2

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

Yadkinville, Prospect 11-12
Leaksville, night, 18; 11 a. m..... 19
Draper, Draper, 3 p. m..... 19
Spray, night 19-20
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove.....25-26

Feb.

Rural Hall, Antioch..... 1-2
Madison—Stoneville, Madison.... 8-9
Danbury, Davis Chapel.....15-16
Ararat, Hunter's 22-23

Mar.

Dobson, Dobson 1-2

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, P. E., Jefferson, N. C.

Feb.

North Wilkes Mission.....22-23
North Wilkesboro, night.....22-23

Mar.

Wilkes Ct., Adley..... 1-2
Wilkesboro Sta., p. m..... 1-2

The district stewards will please meet at Jefferson December 31, 1918. A full attendance is desired.

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

Crouse, Lander's Chapel, 11 a. m.11-12
Dallas, High Shoals, 7 p.m. 12
South Fork, Vernon, 11 a.m.....18-19
Lincolnton, 7 p. m..... 19
East End, East End, 11 a.m..... 26
Franklin Ave., Franklin Ave, 7 p.m..... 26

Feb.

Gastonia, Main Street, 11 a.m.... 2
Gastonia, Eighth Ave., 7 p.m..... 2
Lowesville, Hill's Chapel 11 a.m. 8-9
Rock Spring, Denver, 3 p.m..... 9
Stanley, Stanley, 11 a.m.....15-16

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, presiding elder
Statesville, N. C.
First Round

January

Maiden, Maiden, 11 a. m. 11-12
Newton, Newton, 7 p. m. 11-12
Mooresville Ct., McKendree 11 a. m. 18-19
Mooresville, Mooresville, 7 p. m. 18-19
Taylorsville, Taylorsville, 11 a. m. 25-26
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3. p. m.25-26

February

Davidson-Huntersville, 11 a. m. 1-2
Troutman, Wesley Chapel, 3 p. m. 1-2
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 1-2
Olin, Macedonia, 11 a. m. 8-9
Cool Springs, Providence, 3 p. m. 8-9

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
First Round

January

Cottonville Ct., Cedar Grove 11-12
Norwood 12
New London, New London 18-19
Gold Hill, night 19-20
Mt. Pleasant, Cold Spring 25-26
Epworth, night .....Jan. 26

February

Concord Circuit 1-2
Kerr Street, 11 a. m. 2
Westford at Harmony, night 2
Kannapolis Ct., Unity 8-9
Kannapolis Station 9
Salisbury Circuit 15-16
East Spencer, North Main 16
Albemarle Circuit 22
Salem 23
Albemarle, First St., night 23

March

Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Waynesville, N. C.
First Round in Part

January

Franklin Ct., Salem 11-12
Franklin Station 12-13
Macon Ct., Pattons Chapel 13-14
Hayesville, Tusquittee 16
Ranger, Belview 18
Murphy Circuit Marble 19
Robbinsville, Robbinsville 21
Judson, Judson 22
Fines Creek, Pine Grove 25-26

February

Highlands, Highlands 1-2
Glenville, Glenville 2-3
Tuckaseegee 4

WINSTON DISTRICT

Second Round
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Grace, January 12, 11 a. m.
Salem, January 12, night.
Centenary, January 19, 11 a. m.
Liberty street, January 19, night
West End, January 26, 11 a. m.
South Side, January 26, night.
Walkertown February 2, 11 a. m.
Burkhead, February 2, night.
Lexington station, February 9, 11 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, February 9, night, Mt. Pleasant, February 10. 11 a. m., Clemmons, February 10, 3 p. m.
Thomasville station, February 16, 11 a. m.
S. Thomasville, February 16, night.
Farmington circuit February 22-28. Quarterly conference at Ward's.
Mocksville station, March 1, night, March 2, 11 a. m.
West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.
Cooleemee, March 2, night.
Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.
Lexington circuit, March 11-16. Quarterly conference at Center.
Davidson circuit, March 17-23. Quarterly conference at Good Hope.
Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.
New Hope circuit, March 31, April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.
Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.
Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.
Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.
Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.
Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.
Advance circuit May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.

Pastors on circuits will note that sufficient time has been given to include all churches within their charge. They will please announce services at each church at the most convenient hour within the dates assigned.

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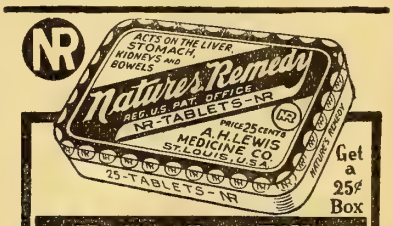
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JANUARY — The councils for conference campaign Directors will be held in January, and the Standard Plan explained.

FEBRUARY — The councils for district campaign Directors will be held in February, and the Standard Plan explained.

MARCH — The councils for local church campaign Directors and Pastors will be held in March, and the Standard Plan explained.

APRIL — The Local Church Campaign Directors will then be ready in April to organize the men and women of the local churches for the Eight Day Drive to be conducted April 27-May 3.

The whole Church is on fire with zeal for the Eight Day Drive. Our only fear is that some churches in their zeal will start organizing and soliciting prematurely. Our appeal is HOLD STEADY.

The above calendar will give you plenty of time in which to organize your church completely.

Wait for the Standard Plan

THEN FOLLOW IT

W. B. BEAUCHAMP, Director-General **Missionary Centenary**

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JANUARY 15—APRIL 1

THE ADVOCATE CAMPAIGN

HOW IT CAN BE DONE

Our friends will not be alarmed when we tell them that the editor fell out of his chair one day last week. It was not a fainting spell nor any evidence of physical weakness or infirmity. It happened when he opened a letter from Rev. Dwight W. Brown, pastor of the Belwood circuit, containing the renewal of all his former list of subscribers and twenty-three new subscribers, with check for $84.50 and the absolute guarantee of the balance of $25 by or before April 1st. Was that not enough to make any ordinary mortal fall over?

The Belwood circuit has six churches with about 650 members. The territory covered in the charge is about 15 miles square. We should say that the Belwood is about an average country charge. Therefore, the question as to whether it can be done in the country charge has been fully answered by Brother Brown, especially if we consider that this is the second year that practically the same thing has been done by this pastor in the same charge.

Brother Brown says: "If anybody wants to know how I did this work the enclosed slip will explain it." The following is the enclosure:

It Can Be Done

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied,
That 'maybe it couldn't,' but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried, he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

"Somebody scoffed: 'Oh, you'll never do that,
At least no one ever has done it.'
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing he knew he'd begun it.
With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
If any doubt rose he forbid it;
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

"There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you,
But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and go to it.
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That cannot be done and you'll do it."

Now let every pastor put one copy of this in his hat and another under his jacket close to his heart. If we can just get both the head and the heart right on this matter we shall soon be saying 15,000 per week instead of 10,000. We need that many Advocates in our field and they are not hard to get if we go after them in dead earnest.

Now listen to what a presiding elder says. The editor is holding with both hands now and is prepared for any shock to his nerves from the Shelby district. By the way, it was the Shelby district that went over the top last year and then over again and some more, and the preachers said they never did anything so easy. Presiding Elder Kirk says:

Now For the Advocate

Preliminary to the Centenary, and in preparation for it, the preachers of the Shelby District are already laying plans to secure the renewal of every subscription within the bounds of the district. In addition to the complete renewal of the old list, we intend to secure the allotment of new subscribers in each pastoral charge. Where it is not possible to secure the renewal of an old subscriber, we are determined to find an extra new subscriber, over and above the number allotted, to take his place. It is our purpose, as a district, to hold the old list, and to secure the district's full allotment of new subscribers. We aim to place every charge on the Shelby district on the honor roll, and thus to place the district on the honor roll.

We made our record last year by work, steady, persistent work, backed by resolute determination. Another factor is the spirit of team work possessing the preachers of the district. We are one. We are one for all and all for One and His cause. This spirit was beautifully illustrated in our district stewards' meeting this year. One charge and its pastor felt that the regular pro rata allotment was too much for that charge. At once four preachers volunteered to assume responsibility for this year's extra amount.

I think I can assure you, Brother Blair, that Shelby district will stand on the honor roll again this year. I serve notice that one or two stations are liable to spring a surprise on you by going far beyond what I have outlined as our general policy. Just wait patiently and you will see what you will see.

One circuit pastor—Belwood charge—reported to me yesterday that the charge was already "over the top" with 12 new ones to spare.

John F. Kirk.

HOW IT WAS DONE

At your request I am writing you an article in regard to my Advocate campaign, and how the campaign may be successfully carried out. I want to say

1. I believe in the Advocate. I believe in it to such an extent that I make an honest effort to get my people to take it and to read it. I believe the Advocate has a mission in the Western North Carolina Conference, and I might add on the Belwood circuit. I had the pleasure of attending the Missionary Centenary meeting at Gastonia last Friday, and the speakers made the point time after time that the pastor is the key man in this great "God given constructive movement of the church." This is equally true with the Advocate—the pastor is the key man. And it has been my experience that when I believe in it, the people soon believe in it, for somehow or other the people catch the spirit of their leader.

2. I believe every pastor should try harder this year than ever before to get the Advocate in every home. We are expecting to do great things this year. A great many of us have circuits. We want to get our people interested in the great Missionary Centenary movement, and we cannot when they are not at church. These cold winter Sundays present a temptation to stay at home, and study the Bible there. Then the fear of influenza keeps a great many away from church. I have preached to my people on the Centenary movement four times, but my congregations were not large, and I suspect the city preacher has trouble of this kind. The Advocate has almost a full page explaining the Centenary movement every week. Let us work hard to get the Advocate in every home, so that the people can get this great movement on their minds and hearts.

3. I think the people who read the Advocate are quicker to respond to the calls and demands of the church. Through the columns of the Advocate they learn of the church, and what the church is trying to do. Occasionally a good man comes to me and makes the statement, "Well, you call for more money every year." Some have had such talk in regard to the Centenary. They don't understand. I usually tell them the story of Mike and Sam who were in the state prison. Mike said, "Sam, how long is you in here for?" Sam answered by saying that he was in there fer five years, then Sam asked Mike, "What is the length of your sentence?" and Mike's reply was that he was in there from now on" (meaning of course a life sentence). I tell my people that I am going to call for money from now on, and the church is, for it takes money to run the church as well as everything else. But people who read the Advocate have their vision broadened, and they usually understand why the minister calls for money, and why the church does, for they know we are trying to do big things.

4. The inspired writer of the Revelation says, "Blessed is he that readeth." I guess this means the man is blessed who reads. I don't believe any Methodist home is complete without: (1) family devotion; (2) a Bible; (3) a Methodist Hymn Book; (4) a Discipline, and last, but not least, the church paper. The apostle says, "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Now, we are taught to obey and not to mend the rules, and I am not trying to improve on God's word, but we might say, "How shall our Methodist people be informed without reading the Advocate, and how shall they read it except they take it?" We often hear ministers say that their people are able to give, but have not reached the place where they love to give, to use the familiar expression not educated to give. We ought to impress upon them the importance of taking the church paper, and not only to take it, but to read it. And if they read the paper we will have less trouble with this class of people; in fact, we shall have fewer of them.

5. The Advocate is a cheap paper. Not cheap in reading matter, for I believe it is among the best, but cheap in price. Our Baptist friends advanced the price of their paper to $2.00 some time ago; so did our Presbyterian brethren, to $2.50 a year; in fact, everything has advanced in price; but by making a little effort we can still get our church paper at the same old price, $1.50 a year. Three dozen eggs will pay for the Advocate one year.

6 You ask me to tell how the pastor can do this work. It has never been difficult for me. I make a house to house canvass. I start out with the determination to get the new subscribers allotted, and all the renewals. I prefer to do this at once, and not be bothered with new subscribers and renewals all the year, for we know that our time is well taken up. Of course, after the special campaign is over I still look after new subscribers, but don't make the special effort, but there are no renewals to look after. As soon as I approach people I tell them my business. I tell them that I think every man should take his county paper, and if a farmer the Progressive Farmer; if a business man some business journal; that I take them, but certainly he ought not to take these and leave his church paper off. I impress upon him the great fact that every home ought to take some religious paper, and certainly every Methodist ought to take the Advocate. I keep a record of my subscribers, etc., and when I begin the campaign I usually know who takes it, and who doesn't take it. The work was the easiest this year in the history of my ministry.

Very sincerely,
Dwight W. Brown,
Pastor Belwood circuit.

AN EFFECTIVE AGENCY

The Western North Carolina Conference, apart from its constituted officers, has eleven media of communication—all episcopal appointments except the Conference Sunday School Secretary—who is a layman—and all receiving stated salaries except four students in

schools, two Conference evangelists, and one Secretary of Education, serving without salary.

The other seven are as follows: Four foreign missionaries, eight army workers, nine school men, one State Sunday School Secretary, one agent of superannuate fund, one Conference Missionary Secretary, and the Editor and Assistant Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

The cost of maintaining these is approximately $50,000 annually. Any one conversant with the classes named can easily determine which are financed by our membership within the Conference and which are otherwise provided for.

The last named medium, our Conference organ, the North Carolina Christian Advocate, not only features everything that the others combined feature, but does it at small cost and with marvelous effectiveness. It is not in competition with the others—it serves them all by being a medium for each and champions the cause of each. It greatly supplements the other mediums. It serves all by ministering to all quickly and repeatedly. The two field secretaries, Sunday school and missionary, and the agent for the superannuate fund cannot compass the Conference in a year. The Advocate does it fifty odd times a year. Each of these can but stress a special work to a comparatively limited number. Their spoken messages cannot reach, much less linger in the eye and ear of a large number except after a considerable period of time.

The advantage of the printed word is that after its promulgation "it is written" serves its purpose of conquest.

And so the blessed old Advocate, out of the soul travail and nerve pain of its indefatigable Editor, enters quietly every week over seven thousand homes in our territory, carrying thereto the heart-beat of our Conference, our great church, and the world.

I crave for it a place in every Methodist household in the Winston district. I exhort its pastors and committees on circulation of Christian Literature, appointed at the first quarterly conference, to set themselves resolutely to the work of circulating the Advocate.

I wish that it might fall all over the district as the gentle snow flakes that overnight wrapped Junaluska's hills in beauty during the holidays. On such a visitation God caused the sun to rise and shine. We need on the Winston district the shining of God's light upon the pages of the Advocate in hundreds of homes where it has never been given entrance.

Frank Siler.

THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Our legislature has, by a big majority, ratified the constitutional amendment providing for nation-wide prohibition. This was of course to be expected. Other states are falling in line so that the ratification by the necessary three-fourths majority of all the states is now fully assured.

The State Anti-Saloon League convention is meeting in Raleigh today (Thursday) and will be much in the nature of a general rejoicing and celebration of this long-prayed-for victory.

The work of the League, however, is not done by any means. There must be legislation to make fully effective the laws that we have and to break up the moonshiners that are now flourishing perhaps as never before. In view of this the League will propose a program of legislation that will put the prod to all the county officers who are remiss in the performance of their duties.

We sincerely trust that the opposition will not be able to forestall this very essential legislation, and that our state will henceforth be "bone dry" in fact.

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

One of our presiding elders wants to know if, in the effort to comply with our conditions, nearly all, but not quite all, the renewals and the allotment of new subscribers should be secured, what shall be done? Will the labor be lost? In reply we wish to explain that the object of this special proposition is to offer an inducement to every old subscriber and, in fact, the whole congregation, to become helpers in the campaign. When the matter is taken up with deliberation and determination there will be no failure. However, if, after a well planned and organized effort to complete the list any pastor or layman having charge will certify to us that a thorough canvass has been made, we will accept the situation and the work will not be lost. Now, is this not fair? Let each charge go ahead at once and make an honest effort to place the paper in every home; or let each individual look out for himself and pay the $2.00. The truth is that $2.00 a year is not as high for the paper now as $1.50 was four years ago. Let all rest assured we will not quibble over small matters.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Announcement of the Death of Colonel Roosevelt was received with regret the world over, for he was admired by the people of all lands and loved by his own countrymen. At Oyster Bay, where he was best known, he was idolized by his neighbors. Messages of condolence have been received by the family from all parts of the world. A message of tender sympathy was received from President Wilson, who also ordered that the flags on all public buildings remain at half mast for thirty days in memory of the former president. Legislatures adjourned for a day in respect to his memory and every honor which an appreciative people could express has been manifested. The impression has all along been general that Col. Roosevelt was a very rich man, but it developes that his estate is valued at less than $500,000.00, all of which is left in trust to his widow.

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The Visit of President Wilson to Europe seems to have promoted clearness of understanding between the various allied powers. At the outset many friends doubted the wisdom of his breaking all precedent and crossing the sea, but now it is generally conceded that no mistake was made by the innovation. He has been received in Paris, London and Rome with great honor by the Government representatives and also with unbounded enthusiasm by the rank and file of the people. The lofty and unselfish motive which brought us into the war was not the hope of material reward, but only the desire to establish a larger freedom among all people, is fully grasped and appreciated by our friends in Europe, and the president represents our ideals which command the admiration and respect of the world, and as America's chief magistrate he receives the honors to which he is entitled, for our ideals are his ideals. We trust that his influence abroad may greatly faciliate the right solution of every problem we have to meet.

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The North Carolina Legislature met in biennial session January 8, and organized by electing Lindsay C. Warren, of Beaufort, president pro tempore of the Senate, and R. O. Self, of Webster, principal clerk. Dennis G. Brummitt, of Granville, was chosen speaker of the House, with Alexander Lassiter principal clerk and David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, reading clerk. The governor delivered his message to the joint houses, and among other things, urged that provision be made for better school facilities, longer school terms, compulsory school attendance, better roads, short ballot, equalization of taxation, law enforcement and an income tax to reach incomes from $1,000 of unmarried persons, and from $1500 up of married men, excepting only income from state and federal bonds exempted from taxation. If the legislature gives wise consideration to most of these matters and makes permanent provision for railroad facilities to the people of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, ratifies the prohibition amendment and provides well for the state's great charities, the body can adjourn with no doubt of general approval.

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The Various Annual Conferences have ratified by an overwhelming majority the action of the General Conference granting laity rights to women. Women now are eligible to all lay positions in the church, after a long contest for this privilege, and it is not doubted that they will utilize to the full the wider opportunities of the official recognition thus granted. Women have from the beginning been permitted to teach in the Sunday schools, later to hold office in the Women's Missionary Societies, and more recently to be members of the General Board of Missions and Sunday school superintendents, but none of these positions gave her a plce in the quarterly conference. Now she is eligible to the office of steward, Sunday school superintendent, membership in quarterly conferences, and may be a delegate to district, annual and general conferences. The quarterly conference of Dilworth church, Charlotte, has just elected Mrs. John G. Weber and Mrs. T. R. Drum stewards. These ladies, so far as we have been able to learn, hold the honor of being the first ones chosen stewards since the amendment was ratified. That they will be faithful and diligent in the performance of the duties assumed will not be questioned by those who know them.

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The Irish Question has been before the world for a hundred years and is as much a religious as a political one. The Protestant minority in North Ireland is bitterly opposed to any change in the local plan of government and refuses to be under the domination of the Roman Catholic majority of South Ireland. The revolutionary party, under the name of Sinn Feiners are now demanding of Britain a free republic, while during the terrible war that same party dominated Ireland, refused to accept the conscript law and embarrassed the government as much as possible at the time when the struggling freemen of the world were in the throes of the terrible conflict to save it from the slavery which would surely have followed a Hun victory. We cannot now sympathize with the Sinn Fein demands made before the controversies of the war are yet unsettled, and made just at this time to embarrass Britain and if possible to weaken her influence at the peace table. Had Ireland stood lyoal and true to Britain and her allies when we needed every ounce of her man power, she would have better claim now for a favorable hearing. Catholic Ireland wants one government on the island and that one to be dominated by the Catholics. Protestant Ireland would accept a government of her own for North Ireland, but the Catholics want all or none. It is a grave question, which England may be forced to meet in some sort of fashion at a very grave period in her history.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OUR "LOST SIGHT OF" MEMBERS

R. H. Daugherty

As a pastor, it has been my experience, as I presume it has been the experience of every other pastor, to stumble on to a considerable number of members of the Methodist church living within the bounds of every charge of which I have been pastor who had moved there from other places without bringing with them their membership certificates, or, if they had their certificates they had not presented them to any church and no notice had been given the pastor into whose charges these members had moved by the pastor from whose charge they had gone. It is in this way that our church loses sight of a good many members every year. Many such members are in this way finally lost to the church and not a few of them are, for the lack of proper shepherding, lost to the kingdom. The fault of this lies as much with pastors as with the members themselves.

While there is no law requiring it, it is, nevertheless, every pastor's Christian duty to notify every other pastor into the bounds of whose charge he may have members moving. I am making it my custom to do this. But I have yet to receive the first notice from any pastor that he has had members to move into my charge. Some pastors not only fail to do this much as a means of saving their members to the church and to the kingdom, but they actually discourage their members who are moving away from their charges from taking with them their church membership. This is done, of course, in order to avoid having to report a reduction in membership at Conference. That sort of an ambition on the part of any pastor to make a good report at Conference time manifests a selfishness that is highly indicative of a lack of genuine interest in the spiritual welfare of his or any other pastor's people.

No matter how badly a member may be needed in the church from the bounds of which he moves his citizenship he ought to be encouraged by his pastor to take his church membership with him. And if he does not take it the pastor into the bounds of whose charge he moves should be notified as to his whereabouts and as to his church membership. As soon as I can get hold of the necessary information I expect to notify every Methodist pastor into whose charge members of the West End church have moved without taking with them their membership certificates and offer their membership certificates to be issued when requested by these pastors. Some such policy as this will, if followed by all of our pastors, save to the church thousands of members every year. There are a great many people who never think of taking their church membership with them when they move from one charge to another. And they rarely ever try to help the pastor into whose charge they move find them out. This fact does not, however, relieve any pastor of his obligation to cooperate with other pastors in an effort to keep Winston-Salem members in the church.

A GOSPEL PREACHER

A Hoosier boy had led a religious meeting arranged by the Young Men's Christian Association in his home town, Richmond, Ind. It seemed to him at the close that his part was a failure, and (as Penrol might have done) he was trying to slip out of the room without being noticed when a business man, a friend of his father's, laid a warm hand on his shoulder and said, "Wilbur, I was deeply interested in what you did today, and somehow I have the impression that you will some day be a minister of the gospel." Fifty years later the boy, J. Wilbur Chapman, at the end of a long and rich career of usefulness could say: "That day in that little room I received my call, and I have sought to be true to the vision."

In the calling of Wilbur Chapman, the Holy Spirit put His hand on the shuolder of thousands of other men and women, and called them to the ministry of preaching and teaching and other expressions of the Christian life. For the lad with the gospel ministry as his goal went through college and seminary, became a preacher in Indiana, Ohio, New York, and at length in the great Bethany Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, with thousands in its Sunday schools and worshiping congregations.

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever"—but even in this world they are no mean luminaries. Dr. Chapman's genius for evangelism took him all over America and around the globe. His own denomination set him apart for this service year after year, and he became the center of a system of preachers, singers, and personal workers, which was not limited in its membership or in its ministry to Presbyterians. Methodists needed to make no change in their creed or methods to adapt themselves to Dr. Chapman's theology or his practice, and in almost every campaign under his generalship he had no more earnest captains or co-operating forces than those of our Church. In his own spirit he exemplified that new unity which is the most genuine bond between Christians. He was perfectly at home in any pulpit where the gospel of a divine Christ as the only remedy for human sin was preached. There were even those who said that Dr. Chapman was more Wesleyan than the Methodists. Certainly no one more effectively proclaimed the "full and free salvation" of the early Methodists than this moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Chapman's latest book shows no abatement of the evangelistic fervor which marked his ministry of thirty-seven years. Its opening sentence is, "This is a great day for preaching the gospel." To young men just starting on their pulpit career his last word was:

"Preach th gospel! It will win when everything else fails. Audiences will grow under such preaching. Some ministers seem to think that they are called to discuss philosophy in the pulpit. Under such preaching audiences dwindle. Some seem to think that they are called upon to discuss secular themes, and the men who sit in the pews lose their respect for them when they do it, for they have the newspapers and the magazines with experts elaborating the themes presented by the ministers.

"We have a monopoly when we preach the gospel, and if we preach it faithfully we are sure to succeed."

The seven thoughts to which he counseled the would-be evangelistic preacher to give his mind are:

1. That all ministers have the evangelistic gift, and have only to exercise it.
2. That men are saved not by character alone, but by Calvary and character, Christ being the only hope.
3. The preacher must himself be right if God is to use him.
4. Evangelism is never to be separated from prayer.
5. Preaching is a passion, not a profession.
6. There must be unquestioned loyalty to Jesus Christ. His deity is fundamental.
7. There must be absolute confidence in God's Word.

Dr. Chapman's death is a shock to the religious world. He was in his sixtieth year, and was deeply engaged in organizing the evangelistic side of the New Era Movement in the Presbyterian Church which is the counterpart of the Methodist Centenary. He will have his earthly memorial in the hearts that he warmed by his friendship, and the tradition of confident evangelism that he handed down unimpaired to a diffident and critical generation. And in that fair land to which he passed on the birthday of his King what a welcome!—New York Christian Advocate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Among the new members of the present Sunday School Board none is more cordially received than Rev. J. E. Abernethy, who, after serving the Monroe congregation for four years, was this year sent to that hustling Salisbury congregation which is now completing one of the most attractive and serviceable church plants the writer has ever seen. I am glad he has complied with my request in supplying the Sunday school column with a cut of himself.

When I asked him for some facts dealing with his useful service to his church he replied, "All the information you need in regard to me is that I am pastor of the First Church, Salisbury, N. C." My personal acquaintance with Brother Abernethy is more limited than I desire. This I know: He is 100 per cent loyal to the Sunday school cause and will be seen leading these forces through needed campaigns.

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Your humble servant has just returned from a trip to Memphis, where he met with the Sunday school field secretaries of the western half of Southern Methodism. Being unable to meet with the eastern brethren at Atlanta, he welcomed the sojourn with those buoyant fellows of the south and middle west. We conservative easterners will have to be alert lest those sturdy followers of Wesley from the Mississippi basin throw dust in our eyes.

The occasion of the meeting was a get-together meeting arranged by Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, our corresponding secretary, and his departmental assistants. A definite policy was agreed upon for Sunday school promotion. The following resolutions will in a geenral way outline the scope of the meeting:

Report of the Committee on Findings Field Secretaries' Conference, Held In Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9 and 10

Your Committee on Findings, having attended carefully all the discussions of the Conference, begs leave to submit the following report:

Visitation Day

(a) We heartily endorse the plan of the Corresponding Secretary of the General Board for a church-wide Sunday school visitation, to increase the Sunday school enrollment and attendance, to be conducted during the months of May and June.

Teacher Training

(b) Next to securing the presence of those to be taught, we recognize the training of the Sunday school teachers and officers a fundamental task. The plans of the General Superintendent of Teacher Training are of the highest practical value and rest upon solid and comprehensive foundations. We urge, throughout the church, the fullest co-operation. In every Conference the Field Secretary or some other competent person should act as Conference Superintendent of Teacher Training.

Sunday School Standards

(c) Our new standards for the Sunday schools are worked out on a comprehensive

basis to meet the needs of several grades of schools. They should be used, not as report forms, or as tests only, but as working plans by which and to which all our schools are to be incited to build their Sunday school organization.

We suggest that the standards be fixed as soon as possible, and that they be not changed until change is absolutely essential to further progress.

Elementary Division

(d) The work of Miss Kennedy, our General Superintendent of Elementary Work, is needed throughout our field. Conference and district elementary superintendents should be secured and set to work in every conference and district in the church. Our field secretaries and chairmen of Conference boards should co-operate with the General Superintendent of elementary work in making immediately effective throughout the church the plans of this department.

Centenary Movement

(e) Our immediate task is the co-operation, to the limit of our powers, of all our Sunday school forces in the Centenary Movement.

We should urge, without ceasing, that every Sunday school appoint a missionary and service committee; set aside one Sunday in each month as Missionary Day.

Observe the missionary program. Secure the minimum missionary offering of 5 cents per member, including Cradle Roll and Home Department, per month, and send same to J. J. Stowe, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., as a Sunday school special for missions.

We urge that all our field secretaries and chairmen of Conference boards attend the Centenary group meetings held in their territory.

The School Standard

(f) We heartily commend the new periodical, "The School Standard." It furnishes material that is needed and should be accessible to every Sunday school worker in the church.

Church Organs

(g) We express our appreciation of the services of the editors of our General and Conference organs in devoting a page to the Sunday school, with news items, suggested plans, articles on Sunday school work, etc.

We record it as our conviction that this is far more desirable and beneficial than the use of these pages for lesson treatment.

Sunday School Supply Department

We are pleased to note that our publishing agents have established a Sunday school supply department for the service of our Sunday school workers. This department is rendering most excellent service, but we feel that still better service can be rendered if all supplies used in the Sunday schools are placed in charge of this department of our Publishing House, and we therefore request the publishing agents to do this at as early a date as possible.

Conclusion

(i) We commend to our whole church the spirit of utter consecration that characterized this body, and pray that the same spirit who thrilled us with His manifest presence may inspire our work and workers everywhere.

O. V. Woosley, Chairman,
R. L. Duckworth,
G. A. Shadwick,
Clem Baker,
Walter Harbin, Sec.,
Committee.



REV. J. E. ABERNETHY, SALISBURY, N. C.

FROM EPWORTH, CONCORD, TO PARK AVENUE

A. S. Raper

One goes, another comes. We have a wonderful itinerant system. It seems to work wonders.

My stay at Epworth, Concord, was the allotted years of a full quadrennium. In these years, with the co-operation of a large percent of the total membership of this charge, quite a great deal was accomplished. Debt paying was the order of the day. We saw it done, and besides, very much more in the way of improvements. Many faithful souls dwell here, and not all are men, either. Some of the best workers are now among those who have at last gotten equal rights with men—"the women."

We were sorry to leave them, but we do not believe in the annex to the four year limit and the leaders were wise enough to see it. So, after a three weeks struggle with the "flu," we were not there, for we were gone to another field.

We herein thank each and every one who gave us support in this field for all they did for us. If we left a debt unpaid there we stand ready to make full settlement now. So send in your bill.

Our reception at Park Avenue was very cordial and with open hearts. A goodly number of the elect ladies were on hand at the parsonage to bid us welcome, and to make us feel at home at once, which we very much appreciated.

A sumptuous supper was awaiting us in the dining room. After the "flu" I was just a little afraid to enter into its enjoyment as I really desired, but, preacher-like, I took a chance. No ill effects have resulted, and since that day I have steadily improved. Good things to eat and good health go well together.

The day we came was ideal, as was the next day. We are yet thankful to a good Providence for these beautiful days, as they added so much to the "flu" condition in which I had been left.

Now, what took place the second night we were here is all too good to keep, so I will say quite a large number of men, women and children came in upon us and gave us a very heavy pounding. I remember it till this 6th day of January, 1919. Poundings like this are just wonderful. They make a weak preacher strong. They show an appreciative people. They call for the best that is in a person. They did so well their part it now devolves upon me to do my part. This I will do by His help. To lead this people to larger usefulness shall be our aim. We may fall far short of it. If we do it will not be the fault of these kind and thoughtful people.

Fine folks they are. The beautiful new church must impress one with this fact. Of course there is debt here, but the brethren are handling it admirably and they soon will see themselves in a house free of debt.

It is certainly a high compliment a Bishop passes upon a preacher when he sends him to a charge with a debt. I know of nothing half so great as paying debts. I have been helping to pay debts and build churches for 21 years in the ministry.

I hope the years ahead of us will see every preacher paying the debts he caused to be made upon churches. I for one think the time limit should be extended until the maker of debts pays them. Isn't that fair?

So here goes wishing for the happiest and most prosperous year that has ever come to the Advocate, and to each debt-paying preacher in all Southern Methodism. Those who do nothing are welcome to rest. Victory only comes to fighters, and crowns to cross bearers.

Let us all be more devout this year, brethren, and work more for the salvation of the lost.

Salisbury, N. C.

COOL SPRINGS CHARGE

R. A. Swaringen

There are good people on all charges and at most places they desire to treat their pastor well. But some people have not learned how to do things. The people of Cool Springs charge want to do the right thing for their pastor, and they know how. They received me in such a way that I felt at home at once and fell in love with them. Wagons were sent to Statesville and hauled my goods to Cool Springs free of charge. Several of the neighbors met us at the parsonage with a generous pounding and it has not ceased yet, for not many days have passed since we came without some substantial token of friendship and good will. We have received butter and milk, potatoes of both kinds, peas, beans, fruit, fresh meat of various kinds, including rabbits (they could tell by my looks that I was reared on the farm and of course fond of rabbit), chickens, etc. These necessities save us from spending money, and fill our hearts with love and gratitude. We also found an appetizing supper prepared for us in the home of one of our best and nearest neighbors. The supper was not only appetizing, but there was an abundance of it. A slanderous report came ahead of us, telling some of our members that we have eleven children. We have only six, but there was plenty for eleven.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Providence church last Wednesday afternoon, with a splendid representation from all the churches. All of the official members seemed willing and anxious to move forward for the extension of God's kingdom. The members of

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. N. R. Richardson is happy in his work at Cooleemee. He starts uopn his second year with great hope.

—Rev. G. A. B. Holderby goes to the Ranger circuit as supply pastor. Brother Holderby is full of zeal for the Master and we shall be looking for good reports from his work.

—Mr. David R. Barber, a worthy and devoted member of Main Street Church, Reidsville, passed away at his home in that place on Friday night, January 3rd. He had been in poor health for some two or three years.

—Three fraternity houses at the State University at Chapel Hill were destroyed by fire on Thursday morning of last week entailing a loss of $20,000, with very little insurance. One of the heaviest items of loss is the records and valuable papers which can not be replaced.

—Rev. Sam P. Mauldin has been appointed as supply pastor on the Highlands circuit. He is already on the field and his post office address is Highlands, N. C. We trust Brother Mauldin may have a very happy and prosperous year among those clever people.

—Rev. M. H. Vestal and family are carried away with the reception given them by the congregation at Epworth, Concord. The parsonage has been beautifully furnished and the salary largely increased. The Epworth congregation is growing and doing things more and more in the good old Concord way.

—The many friends of Rev. A. C. Swofford who was taken ill of influenza at our Annual Conference, will be glad to learn that he is now entirely recovered and has entered upon the work of his new charge in Winston-Salem with his accustomed push and zeal. We expect to hear fine reports from his work.

—A correspondent of the Concord Times, writing from Mount Pleasant, says: Rev. B. Wilson and family have arrived and are located in the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Wilson is meeting his appointments on the circuit and has already made a favorable impression on his people.

—Rev. W. E. Abernethy, who transferred to the Virginia Conference since our Conference adjourned, writes that he is very happy in his work at Central church, Portsmouth, Va. He is preaching to large congregations and we feel assured that under such conditions Brother Abernethy is at his best and that means fine pulpit service.

—Rev. J. E. McSwain and wife, who were removed from Lewisville to Matthews have been nursing their four children, who have been sick with influenza. We are glad to learn that they are all improving and all seem delighted with their new home. Brother McSwain spent four years on the Lewisville charge and was very popular with the people, who regret to see him leave.

—"'Men of the Burning Heart' is a book that grips you, whether you are a minister or layman. You do not want to lay it down till you have read the last line. You laugh, you cry, you marvel at the faith and daring of these men of God; you feel ashamed of your weak faith and the way you shrink from hardships; your 'heart burns within you; you want to be a better man.''—Nashville Christian Advocate.

—Rev. L. P. Bogle enters very hopefully upon his work on the Jonathan charge. At the first quarterly meeting it was unanimously ordered that a new parsonage be built. These are clever and prosperous people and they are going to put their charge right up to the front by building an elegant preacher's home and giving him a comfortable support. Numerous and liberal poundings have already been reported this year.

—As we go to press the Baptist State Convention is convening in the First Baptist church of ths city. We hail them as worthy co-laborers and feel sure Greensboro hospitality will make for them a very pleasant meeting.

—Last Sunday was a beautiful day and the editor of the Advocate had the pleasure of joining Rev. Albert Sherrill, of the Summerfield circuit, at Lee's Chapel and Pisgah. The congregations were not large but appreciative and responsive. All renewals for the Advocate were secured and considerably more than the allotment of new subscribers for the two churches. The pastor has a strong hold upon his people and they seem delighted to act upon his suggestions.

—We regret to learn, through the Alabama Christian Advocate, that Bishop McCoy has been quite ill at his home in Birmingham recently. After an attack of influenza that weakened him very much, other complications made a surgical operation necessary, from which it seemed for a few days he could hardly rally. We are glad to learn, however, that while still not out of danger, there are hopeful indications of his final recovery. Bishop McCoy has many warm friends among our readers who will join in the prayer that he may be spared to serve the church for many years to come.

—Miss Bessie Ledbetter, of Wadesboro, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter, died at the hospital in that place on Wednesday, January 8th. Death was due to pneumonia. Miss Ledbetter was associate editor of the Wadesboro Ansonian, and was regarded as a bright and competent newspaper woman. She was organist of the Methodist church, of which she was a devoted and faithful member. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Welch, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Salem church, near Ansonville, on Thursday. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents thus left alone.

—We rejoice with our friends at Boone and in Watauga county on the fact that they are at last enjoying railroad facilities. While it seems unfortunate that neither of the roads now running into the county connect them with the people of their own state, it is, nevertheless, a great blessing to them to have these roads. The first passenger train arrived in Boone on Wednesday, January 1st—New Year day—running from Johnston City, Tenn. A special from Boone, dated January 7th, says: Boone is already taking on new life in several ways and will doubtless increase more and more as the road gets better under way. Miss Lillie Campbell, of the training school, was the first of the teachers of the school to ride on the new train.

—Mrs. Jane C. Holmes, widow of the late R. L. Holmes, of Davidson county, passed to her reward from the family home near High Rock, on Sunday, December 23rd, aged 87 years. The deceased was a devoted member of the Methodist church, having joined at the age of 14 years, and was very active all her life till age and infirmity made it impossible for her to attend. She and her sainted husband planted Methodism in their community. She was prominently connected, being a cousin of the late Dr. L. S. Burkhead, of the North Carolina Conference, also of the late Dr. Frank H. Wood, of the Western North Carolina Conference. We trust the pastor or some one will favor us with a full memoir of this good woman. It is not well for our church paper to fail to put on record a memoir of those who laid the foundations of our beloved Methodism.

—Many of our readers who are strong personal friends and admirers of Rev. Dr. Plato T. Durham, will regret to learn that he has found it necessary, on account of impaired health, to tender his resignation as dean of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. His resignation was reluctantly accepted and Dr. Franklin N. Parker was chosen as his successor. Dr. Durham is retained in the chair of history and will thus have lighter work. The people of his home Conference in which he has always been held in high esteem, will await anxiously for tidings of improvement in his physical condition. He is just fairly entering upon what promises a great and useful career and we shall pray for an early and permanent restoration to health.

—Our brethren in Virginia know how to value things. At their recent Conference they purchased from Bishop Cannon the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate, paying $16,400 for it. An assessment of $25,000 has been made on the Conference for five years to pay for and sustain the paper. Dr. Graham H. Lambeth has been made editor for four years at a salary of $4,000. The name of the paper will be changed to The Richmond Christian Advocate and its control will be in the hands of a board elected by the Conference and composed of four preachers and four laymen. It is understood that they have no printing plant or visible assets except their mailing list, name and good will. According to their method of estimating the North Carolina Christian Advocate, including all assets of the Board of Publication, is worth more than $56,000., instead of $43,203.82, as shown in last annual report.

—The people of Central church, Shelby, began to be good at least 18 years ago, when the editor of the Advocate was so fortunate as to occupy the pastoral relation in that field, and they have been getting better ever since. Of course it stands to reason that they are now very good. An evidence of this is their manner of receiving Brother Wood in the beginning of his third year. We have heard it said that a Methodist preacher strikes the lowest water mark in the matter of acceptability at the beginning of his third year. We do not know whether this is really true or not, but keeping this in mind, Brother Wood's stock has suffered no depreciation at Shelby, for the Star says, referring to a recent pounding: A great quantity of good things to eat was sent down to stock his pantry for months to come. This, in a small way, is an appreciation of his services as pastor of the church. When it was learned that he was to be "pounded" people of other denominations wished to do something to show their appreciation of his untiring efforts during the influenza epidemic and contributed to the "pounding." Mr. Wood has gone without fear into homes in town and county, doing what he could in a spiritual and material way to relieve the suffering. He did not draw a line on color, condition or denomination and administered unto the sick without reward or glory on earth. He will always be remembered for his noble work.

An Important Meeting of the Marion District

The Centenary meeting will meet at Morganton Methodist church, Monday night, January 20th, and continue Tuesday.

The Centenary Committee:—All the pastors of the district; the charge lay leaders; the presidents of the Senior Epworth Leagues; the presidents of the Missionary Societies.

All these are expected to attend, and we hope the public will attend also. Come if you can.

Parker Holmes, P. E.

Waxhaw Charge

We have been very kindly received by the good people of this charge. The good women had the parsonage ready for us, and a good supper, with supplies for the pantry till we could get started off to housekeeping. A few days before Christmas they gave us a good pounding, and have, in many ways, demonstrated both their ability and willingness to take care of us in a royal way, and some of the pastors before me bear witness to these facts. So we feel that "the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places." The stewards have very kindly and unanimously agreed to increase the pastor's salary a hundred dollars over last year.

We are sorry that we have not been able to have any services at Waxhaw on account of the "flu," but we have had our services at Bonds Grove, Pleasant Grove and Mineral Springs. We hope to be able to hold our services next Sunday at Waxhaw, as the "flu" situation seems to be better in the town. The condition is not so good at the cotton mill, but they have pretty good control of that district.

We are praying for a great year with these good people. Sincerely,

Waxhaw, N. C. E. Myers.

Notice to the Class of the First Year

I have received several inquiries from some of the first year undergraduates about the requirements of the examining committee, and am writing this note to try to answer all.

As I understand it the Discipline requires all undergraduates to take the Correspondence Course, given by the Correspondence School at Emery University, and it has been the custom of the examining committee to accept this work in lieu of an examination at Conference, and I am sure they will do so this year. There is no law requiring undergraduates to attend the summer school to be held at Trinity College, June 4 to 13, 1919, but it is earnestly desired that every one shall do so, and I would urge all to begin to make their plans at once to attend, and also that they try to get their Conference course worked off by that time, if possible, so as to get the greatest amount of good from the school. I would especially urge all, if they have not already done so, to enroll in the correspondence school at once, so as to get off their work in the first part of the year, and avoid the possibility of not being able to get it off at all later.

H. H. Jordan, Chairman.

Deaths At Granite Falls

Granite Falls has paid heavily to the recent influenza epidemic in our midst. Some of our most worthy citizens have been the victims of the disease which is still raging. Those of our faith were Walter Franklin Russell, his daughter, Sue Ellen Gwnidolin, and Mrs. Hattie May Terrell.

Mr. Walter Russell was one of Granite Falls' most influential business men, and a citizen worthy of the name. As a man he was unostentatious, yet real; a good and devoted husband, without display; a man whose word was his honor, and in his motives most sincere. His church and community will feel very keenly the absence of his counsel, friendship and service. He leaves a sainted mother, Mrs. D. W. Russell, one sister, Mrs. Lula Hickman, and five brothers, Horace, Odas, Oscar, David and Charles. Mrs. Walter Russell was a faithful and devoted wife, and is a deeply spiritual woman.

Little Sue Russell, the eleven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell, died December 23, 1918, the day previous to her father's death. Her bright and loving disposition won for her the love and admiration of all the people of the community. She was indeed a darling angel. We shall miss little Sue. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Florence Russell, and little brother, Thadeus. It is trying to have to part with a husband, but trying indeed to have to part with a husband and only daughter on successive days and see them buried together. May God comfort and bless the bereaved wife.

Mrs. Hattie May Terrell, daughter of Dr. A. D. Jones, and wife of Mr. James Trerell, of Granite Falls, died Sunday, January 5th, 1919. Mrs. Terrell possessed the gift of a bright and cheerful disposition, even to the last. She was one who could not refrain from imparting to those with whom she came in contact a ray of hope, sunshine and cheer. She loved her home, husband and two little sons, James and Ervin. The husband and relatives have the sympathy of the community.

Mrs. James Terrell and Mrs. Florence Russell are both children of Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Terrell, of our Conference.

A. G. Allen, Pastor,
Granite Falls Methodist Church.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

During the past week Centenary Cultural District Group Meetings have been held in the Winston, Charlotte and Shelby districts. On Sunday and Monday, the 5th and 6th, meetings were held in Lexington and Mocksville. The speakers in these conferences were Rev. Frank Siler, Prof. O. V. Woosley and Rev. R. M. Courtney. The program of cultivation will be carried out on all the charges in the Winston district. Most folks in the Conference will know what I mean when I say that Rev. Frank Siler is leading the forces in the Winston district.

Dr. Boyer had done fine preparatory work in the Charlotte district. All but three of the pastors and a goodly number of laymen and women spent Thursday, the 9th, in earnest consideration of the Centenary program. Rev. John C. Hawk arrived and entered with his whole heart into the work of our district group meetings. His address on "China's part in and after the war" is great. Officers for a District Tither's League were elected at Charlotte. E. A. Cole is the president and Rev. E. Myers is the vice-president.

A high standard for cultural group meetings was set at Gastonia, in the Shelby district. The attendance was fine; the interest was deep and increasing to the very last moment. A large number were enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession. It was unanimously decided to set 2500 as the minimum to be enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession in the Shelby district. Also a large number signed the stewardship and tithing pledge, and the goal for tithers for the district was set at 2500.

On all sides we are hearing that the most important part of the Centenary program is the cultivation period. How goes this part of the program with you and your church? Remember that in this month we are emphasizing prayer, intercession. Bishop Atkins says, "If two and a quarter million Methodists rise from their knees to any task, it shall be done." Is it too much to expect all members in the Western North Carolina Conference shall be enlisted in the Fellowship of Intercession, and then that we pray.

Centenary Group Meetings

Mt. Airy District—Rural Hall, Thursday, January 16th, night, and Friday, January 17th, morning and afternoon.

Marion District—Morganton, Monday, January 20th, night; Tuesday, 21st, morning and afternoon.

Asheville District—Central, Asheville, Tuesday, 21st, 3 p. m. and night; Wednesday, 22nd, morning and afternoon.

Waynesville District—Sylva, Wednesday, January 22nd, night; Thursday, 23rd, morning and afternoon.

At the above meetings we are to have a member of the Centenary staff at Nashville. We expect all the pastors, all the charge lay leaders, the members of the District Centenary committees, representatives from the Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, and any other persons whom the presiding elders may invite, to attend these meetings.

Shelby District Assessments, 1919

Name of Charge	Conference Work	General Work
Belmont	$285	$263
Belwood	424	391
Bessemer	285	263
Cherryville	417	384
Crouse	253	233
Dallas	269	249
Gastonia—East End	206	191
Eighth Street	45	40
Franklin Avenue	244	226
Main Street	726	670
King's Mountain	380	351
Lincolnton	554	512
Lincoln Circuit	285	263
Lowesville	380	351
Mayworth	198	182
McAdenville	260	240
Mount Holly	427	394
Polkville	380	351
Rock Spring	380	351
Shelby—Central	544	503
Shelby Circuit	443	409
South Fork	253	233
Stanley	301	278
Total	$7,939	$7,328

The above allotments are as made by the district stewards at the regular meeting at Gastonia, January 10, 1919.

John F. Kirk, Ch'm.,
Geo. A. Hoyle, Sec.

COOL SPRINGS CHARGE

(Continued from Page Five)

Rose Chapel church have just bought more land, and preparing to make some much needed improvements on the building which will give them a nice, neat country church. The parsonage needs painting outside and also the roof needs it very badly, and a few more furnishings are needed in the parsonage. A committee was appointed to do this," and put the parsonage in good shape." One of the pleasant surprises to me was when the salary was increased from $1,000 to $1,500. I was prepared for a 20 or 25 per cent. increase, but not for a 50 per cent. increase. The Lord nearly always gives me more than I ask for. I asked God to let me see one hundred people saved last year, and I saw over 250 converted and more than that number reclaimed. I am confidently expecting a great year here.

We want to place the Advocate in as nearly every home as possible, for this is one of the best ways to have informed, enthusiastic lay members. We want a live Sunday school at each church, and one that will live all the year, with fifth Sunday offerings for the Children's Home. We want to have a Children's Day at each church, and of course we want a revival at each church and we are expecting it to begin soon and continue all the year. We want to visit every resident member at least twice this year, and the sick and indifferent members many times. We want to write every non-resident member a pastoral letter. We want to find and visit every unsaved person within the bounds of our charge. I pray that God may use me to strengthen the saint and save the sinner.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

DETOUR

By John H. Styles, Jr.

I laid the course my life should take
'Twas straight and smooth and fine.
I vowed to hold it faithfully
Until success was mine.
And oh, the world was fair—so fair!
And oh, my heart beat high!
My days were scientillant with hope—
They never new a sigh.

Then came Adversity. She barred
The road ahe-d of me
And pointed to an unknown lane.
I turned reluctantly—
And oh, my hopes went glimmering!
And oh, my heart was dead!
I tried to sing the blues away
But only sighed, instead.

I've journeyed now for many months
And still have far to go;
But I have learned 'tis sweet to tread
The lane I did not know.
And oh, the world is fair again!
And oh, but God is good!
I'm learning, as I go, the joy
Of human brotherhood.

I know not when or where the lane
I'm traveling today
Will join the road to my success,
But I'll hold on my way!
And oh, my heart is eager now!
And oh, my feet run free.
God knows the coure my life should take—
His way is best for me!

A NEW CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

From the Shelby district comes the announcement of the organization of a Children's Society at King's Mountain, with twenty-five members and the following officers—President, Dwight Laughlin; vice-pres., Paul Hays; secretary, Ollie Falls; treasurer, Prunelle Hauser; Cor. Sec, Orangel Barrett; pianist, Madge Patterson. Mrs. E. L. Kirk, aldult 2nd vice-president has the work in charge and we wish for her unbounded success.

A CORRECTION

In the issue of the Advocate of January 2, 1919, in the ninth paragraph in the first column, referring to the program in the Young People's Year Book, the printer made us say that "the programs will be published in the Voice as heretofore." It should have read, "the programs will **not** be published in the Missionary Voice as heretofore" and this it is very necessary that each officer and member as well, has a copy of this attractive booklet, which may be obtained from our Council Home Base secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., at the rate of three cents per copy or 35 cents per dozen. Let the First vice-president make a note of this and see that the young people get these books.

DONATIONS FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK

Our conference secretary, Mrs. P. N. Peacock, wishes to acknowledge through these columns, the receipt of the following donations: $10 from "L," Catawba, N. C.; $5 to be applied to Lucy H. Robertson Scholarship and $5 to the conference pledge. From a "Friend," Catawba, N. C. $5 for Lucy H. Robertson Scholarship. Mrs. Peacock and the other officers of the conference as well, thanks these good friends for their generous contributions and wish their names were given, as they might prove a nucleus for a real live society at Catawba.

COUNCIL BULLETIN

Did you notice that the name of the Council Daily for 1919 has been changed to Council Bulletin? This change was made because of the plan to publish the entire proceedings of the Council in one volume to be mailed at the close of the session. Our conference corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, as king fo- one hundred subscriptions for this conference. Each district secretary is urged to bring the matter to the attention of their societies and secure all the subscriptions possible. The price remains the same as heretofore, twenty-five cents, and subscriptions should be sent to Miss Lena Freeman, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. The Council meets at Memphis, Tenn, February 20-27, and our conference will be represented by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, president, and Mrs. H. A. Dunham, correspondin secretary.

ELECTED SOCIETY OFFICERS

Ths following officers were elected for the ensuing term at a meeting of the Margaret Foster Missionary society of the West Market Street Methodist church, held yesterday afternoon in the ladies' parolr: Mrs. F. C. Boyles, president; Mrs. Richard Willis, first vice-presidetn; Mrs. L. L. King, second vice-president; Miss Ada M. Ballard, corresponding secretary; Miss Araminta Hester, recording secretary; Miss A. Pegram, superintendent of missionary study and Christian stewardship; Miss Maude Hester, superintendent of social service; Miss Alma Sparger, superintendent of supplies; Miss Eugenia Patterson, pianist; Miss Mary Donnell, treasurer; Mrs. M. M. Boyles, treasurer of missionary funds; Mrs. B. B. Carr, solicitor for Voice.

Miss Nina Troy, who has been visiting the colleges of the South during the fall, in the interest of the great Centenary Movement, made a thrilling address in West Market Street church, Sunday night, January 5. She spoke most intimately, and from a personal standpoint, of China's dire need of the blessing of Christianity. At the close of the service, scores of young people flocked to the altar for a personal word with Miss Troy.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Kings Mountain Adult society, Kings Mountain, N. C.—President, Mrs. M. L. Houser; first vicepresident, Mrs. A. H. Patterson; second vice-preident, Mrs. E. L. Kirk; recording secretary, Mrs. B. M. Ormond; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. C. Putman; treasurer, Mrs. I. B. Goforth; superintendent mission study, Mrs. F. L. Campbell; superintendent social service, Mrs. H. T. Fulton; superintendent supplies, Mrs. Lizzie Falls; agent Voice, Mrs. Harry Falls.

Adult society, Central church, Shelby, N. C.—President, Mrs. C. A. Wood; first vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Hoyle; second vice-president, Miss Margaret Wood; recording secretary, Mrs. Grover Beam; corresponding secretary, Mrs. . E. Ware; treasurer, Mrs. Ogburn Lutz; social service superindent, Mrs. P. L. Hennessee, Voice agent, Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey.

Adult society, First Methodist church, Hickory N. C.—President, Mrs. J. W. Shuford; first vice-president, Mrs. B. D. Gaddy; scond vice-president, Mrs. D. F. Messick; recording secretary, Mrs. M. S. Smithe; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. P. Bomer; treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Ivey; local treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Bowles; mission study supterintendent, Mrs. T. C. Blackburn; social service supterintendent, Mrs. B. P. Link; supterintendent supplies, Mrs. R. J. Foster, Voice agent, Mrs. B. F. Seagle.

Young People's society, Salem church, WinstonSalem, N. C.—President, Miss Rosa Petree, 619 Marshall street; vicepresident, Mrs. T. P. Transou, Green street; recording secretary, Miss Nettie Cornish, Mulberry street; corresponding secretary, Miss Bitana Lyon, Washington Ave.; treasurer, Miss Lillie Tyon, Washington Ave.; supterintendent mission study, Mrs. R. B. Mille., Granville Drive; superintendent social service, Miss Lucille Swain; Voice agent, Mrs. H. C. Jones, Broad street.

Young People's society, Monroe, N. C. (Willie Gordan)—President, Miss May Gordan; first vice-president, Miss Lucy Helms; recording secretary, Miss Elizabeth Stevens; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Porter; treasurer, Miss Clara Laney.

Young People's society, Main Street Church, Gastonia, N. C.—President, Miss Lois Smith; vice-president, Miss Mary Rawlings; recording secretary and corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Love Babington; treasurer, Miss Ellen Morris.

Lucy Robertson society, Central church, Asheville, N. C.—president, Miss Adelyn Harris; first vice-president, Miss Pauline Shuford; second vice-president, Miss Virginia Vanneman; recording secretary, Miss Elizabeth Boone; corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Chedester; treasurer, Miss Margaret Orr; supterintendent mission study, Miss Sara Clark; supterintendent social service, Miss Carolyn Cowan, superintendent supplies, Miss Addie Wilson.

THE MISSIONARY BULLETIN

Plans for Nogales

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Downs, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell are to meet in Nogales, Ariz., Decembere 15, to perfect permanent plans for the Nogales school for Mexicans. The citizens of Nogales are very much interested in the establishment of this school and have promised liberal support. We trust that the school may soon be placed on a satisfactory working basis, be permanently located, and prosper in its work.

Return of a Pioneer Missionary

Dr. D. L. Mumpower and family are at home on furlough at the end of their first term of service in the Belgian Congo, Africa. Dr. Mumpower is enthusiastic in his praise of the work that is being done by our three representatives in Africa—Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, Miss Etha Mills, and Miss Kathron Wilson. Miss Wilson is a trained nurse and has charge of the hospital and medical work during Dr. Mumpower's absence. He feels that the mission will not suffer for medical attention during his absence.

San Antonio Wesley House

We reprint the following paragraph for the Bulletin of the San Antonio Wesley House:

"Monday evening, November 11, witnessed a peace celebration at the Wesley House, as well as in other parts of the city. It was the nature of a spontaneous gathering of kindred spirits desiring to express in some way their patriotism and great joy over the news of peace. About seventy-five persons were present, ranging in age from three months to sixty years, and all took some part in the celebration. There were a "grand march," national songs, and impromptu speeches. Even the three-months-old infant figured in a lullaby, sleeping peacefully the while. One small boy, unable to express his patriotism in eloquent phrase, saluted the flag, and did his best in three words: 'Vive Estados Unidos' ('Long live the United States')."

Home Mission Work in China

By Elizabeth A. Love

This summer the Chinese leaders in evangelization from many missions were meeting at Kuling. They wished to launch a Home Missionary Movement among their own people. A provisional Constitution was drawn up I wish I could in the short space of a letter inclose enough notes to give you an insight into the spirit of the talks that led up to the making of this Constitution. The spirit of all the conferences of this summer at Kuling is summed up in John xvii. 21: "That they all may be done, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." As one Chinese puts it: "When Christians can work together in schools, hospitals, evangelization, the world will believe Christ's message."

From Our Nurse Abroad

We have just received a letter from Miss Lula Marsh, who is with the American expeditionary forces in France . She writes that she is enjoying good health, and of course is kept quite in the base hospital, where she serves our wounded American boys. In one paragraph she says: "The Y. W. C. A. and Red Cross have given us a lovely hut with a big fireplace, and of course we enjoy it very, very much." Let's follow her with our prayers, while she is "over there" rendering this glorious service to the sons of America on foreign soil.

Preparation for Centenary in China—Virginia School, Huchow

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon writes: "Thank you for the pledge cards. We have sent them to headquarters. We have prepared some for the girls and teachers, and Miss Steger is planning a series of talks on the Centenary. We have also had some discussion of it in classes, and my juniors have a paper in exposition assigned on this topic. The girls are interested, and a large number have signed the daily prayer, and they did it thoughtfully.

"Flu" in the Mission Fields

While our sympathy goes out to those in America who are suffering from "flu" we should remember that this disease is to be found in all our mission fields at the present time and is a real obstacle to our mission work. A recent letter from Seoul, Korea, speaks of 7,400 cases in that city at the time of writing. From China we hear that the magnificent Chinese teacher that had been secured for Laura Haywood Normal died of "flu" two weeks after school opened this fall. In Torreon, Mexico, one-tenth of the population have died of "flu," and so rapidly have the deaths come that the bodies were placed in trenches. At Chihauhau and Saltillo the school work had to be closed up temporarily because of the "flu." In Brazil the "flu" is widespread, and the poor, especially of the cities, are dying in large numbers. In Cienfuegos, Cuba, our school had to be closed for a week, and in Matanzas in the school itself there were twenty-six cases, all of which recovered. Dr. Parker, our missionary in Cienfuegos, says that one-half the families of the church in that city have been afflicted with "flu."

Neews from the Korean Conference

The appointments from the Korean Conference have not yet been officially received, but alrady some items of news regarding the conference have come. Many words of approvial have been expressed regarding the administration of Bishop McMurry. He has won his way into the hearts of the Korean people, and our missionaries write that he has taken a personal interest in each one of them. They feel ment. Bishop McMurry organized the Korean Mission into a conference with rean Mission into a conference with nineteen voting members. This new conference voted unanimously for laity rights.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 1-4 ounce of Glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

AFRICA FOR CHRIST

(Tune: "Loyalty to Christ.")

We are late to take our stand
In Africa's dark land,
For Africa, Africa, Africa for Christ:
But now we're moving on,
We'll all take up the song
Of Africa, Africa, Africa for Christ.

CHORUS
On to Afrca! On to Africa!
On to Africa we'll go!
We'll lend a helping hand
To win that darkened land
Of Africa, Africa, yes, Africa for Christ!

O come, ye brave and true;
There's work for you to do
For Africa, Africa, Africa and Christ.
Let all obey the call
And lift the dreadful pall
From Africa, Africa, Africa for Christ.

There comes to you and me
From far across the sea,
For Africa, Africa, Africa for Christ,
A call to give or go;
For all may help, we know,
Win Africa, Africa, Africa to Christ.

While some are far away
And some among us stay,
Yet Africans, Africans, Africans are Christ's.
No matter where they live,
To them we'll go or give,
For Africans, Africans, Africans are Christ's.

—Stella Womack.

The senior Epworth League of Centenary Methodist church elected and installed officers Sunday evening. The following are the young people elected:

Miss Frances Paschael, president; Miss Luna Scarboro, vice-president; Miss Lena Hinkle, secretary; and Mr. Isaac Holden, treasurer. The following were elected department superintendents: Miss Bessie Scarboro, the first department; Miss Frances Clendenin, the second department; Miss Frances Glascock, the third department; and Miss Ethel Simpson, the fourth department. The following special officers were elected: Miss Gladys Caudle, agent for the Epworth Era, the official journal of the League; Miss Rosalia Morrison, organist; and Professor M. B. Andrews, press reporter and general leader.

The Leaguers have unanimously decided to attempt to carry out the following ten New Year resolutions:

1. Welcome returning soldiers and sailors.
2. Enroll one hundred twenty members.
3. Hold six or more real social meetings.
4. Induce all members to join the church
5. Render every program scheduled.
6. Pay the dues regularly in full.
7. Relieve the pastor of three services.
8. "I will do my part."
9. Secure twenty subscribers to the Epworth Era.
10. Each Leagurer an all-round good fellow.

OUR HABITS

By James A. Burrow, D.D.

Consecration is a harnessing of human powers. A horse grazing in a pasture is only a potential force. Energy spent in galloping and kicking up heels is force to no practical purpose. Put on the harness and hitch the horse to a wagon, then the powers pulls. Human power going to waste is no better than horse power going to waste. Intellect may browse only and never hitched to anything and never pull anything. Hands which have strength but do not use it to some worthy end are unharnessed hands. Affection which does not help to carry human burdens is a waste of heart power. Consecration is the harnessing and the pulling.

What is harness to a Christian? Not merely belonging to the church, contributing to its support, nor attending its services. These are important, but are only parts of consecration. To harness the whole man the habits of his life must be brought into use. He is no better than his habits, however spiritual may be his thought or talk. Temporary enthusiasm drops back into what he does. Impulsive zeal relapses into routine. Mountain top transfigurations prepare for valley ministrations to lunatics, lepers, and the like. Human influence is not measured by the glow and glory of the mountain top, but by the patience and plodding humaneness of daily down-low duties.

A virtue is only theoretical until it is harnessed and made to help pull the loads which have to be pulled every day. A resolution to read and digest a part of the Bible every day is nil until the person resolving reads and digests a part of the Bible every day. A revival promise to live closer to God means nothing until the promiser somehow works the promise into his everyday habits. The person who prays only when in a tight place does not know the breath of true prayer. Spiritual meditation which comes only under special evangelistic rallying is too sporadic to count.

If this line of thought alarms us into a realization that our lives are measured, not by the high places reached, but by the average of all the days, it may also comfort us by the reflection that habit formation is a very practical and accessible sort of thing. At the beginning of each new year we automatically write the old figures for a time, but erasure and correction soon fix the new figures, and we become automatically accurate. A trick of awkward gesticulation may by patience and persistence be changed into graceful movement. A mispronunciation may be noted and corrected until the right way becomes as easy as breathing. So with habits of conduct. The bad may be eradicated and supplanted by the good. Some folk object to automatic goodness, but it certainly is a great improvement over automatic badness. Machine guns are friends if turned on the foe, but they are withering eneimies if turned on us.

The thing for each one of us to do is to begin the redemption of our habits. This cannot be accomplished perhaps, in an hour nor in a day, but it can be accomplished; and when accomplished these redeemed habits become assets like bones in our bodies. They are a part of us, whether we stop to think about them or not. Habits of quick temper, of cynical, of harsh judgment, of stinginess, of narrowness, and the like are forerunners of ultimate defeat. Like stilted and atrocious autocracy, their fall is inevitable. Habits of generosity, of kindness, of self-control, of reverence, of righteousness are better than bonds and bank accouts. They constitute our standing in the sight of Heaven. If we possess them not, the fault is at our own doors.

The conquest calls us. It offers a pursuit of exhilaration which beats bagging patridges or black bass or even the leaping deer. It may be a bloodless campagin, but one that offers inducements even better than bringing down a Boche bombing plane or helping to put over a liberty loan, thrilling as these feats of victory may be. It is up to us to master our habits. Nervous dypepsia and run-down vitality and pressure of business and engrossment of pleasure are not legitimate alibis. Microbes in food, in the lungs, in the blood are not more dangerous than habits of life which lead us away from God.

Help from above can win us the victory. Grace is the giver of courage, of purpose, of strength. The Spirit alone can help us transform our spirits and change our ways of looking at things and thinking of things and doing things until we really become partakers of the divine nature.

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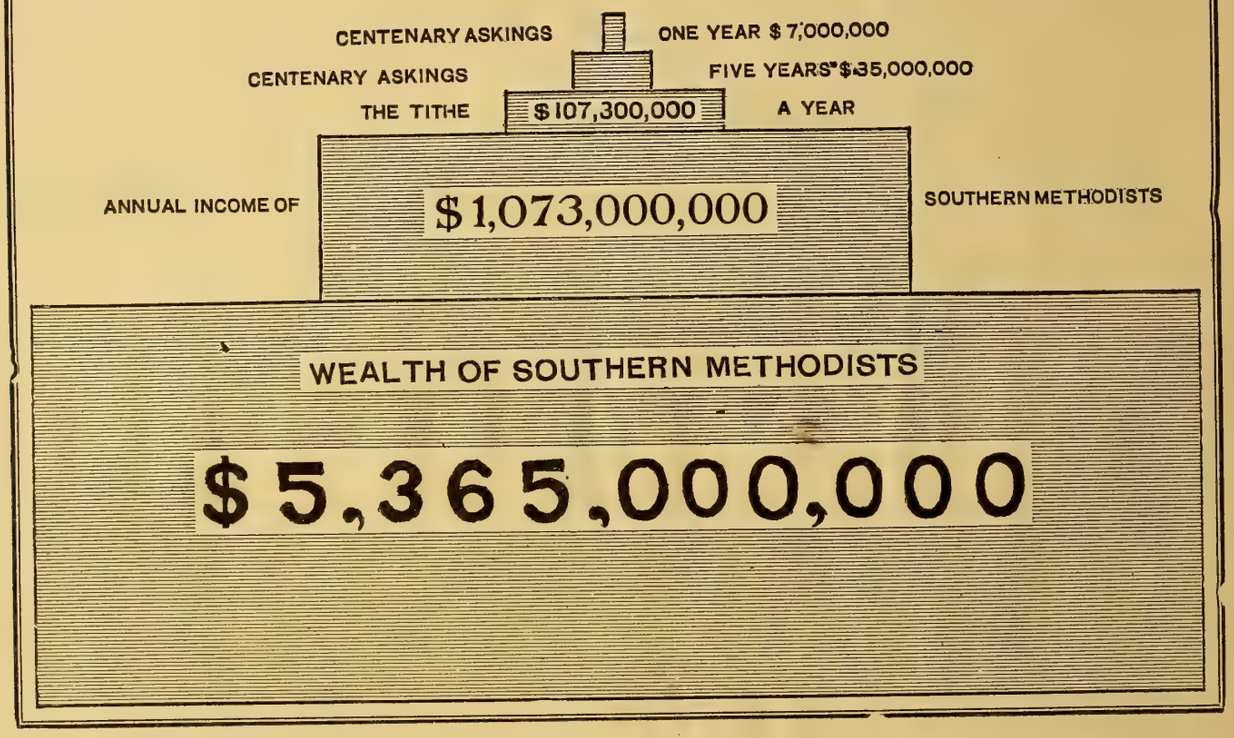


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FIGURES BASED ON GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES

CENTENARY ASKINGS AND SOUTHERN METHODIST WEALTH



FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST

I believe I am correct in the statement that in every appeal our Government has made in the interest of the sale of Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps, and that in every appeal the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross and other organizations of this kind have made for support since April, 1917, when the United States entered the World War, North Carolina has exceeded her quota in the financial support given, a fact which is gratifying to every native of this state and to every other resident within her borders.

Beginning on January 12th, and continuing through January 19th, another appeal to the benevolent spirit of the men and women of North Carolina and of our entire nation will be made when in a campaign continuing continuing through this period the American Committee for Relief in the Near East (formerly the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief) will ask for thirty million dollars for the relief of the Turkish oppressed peoples of the Near East, those of Armenia, Syria, Persia, Palestine and of other countries of the Near East.

Mamie Bays.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 6, 1919. —Governor George J. Seay, of the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va., under whose jurisdiction the War Savings Campaign of 1919 is to be conducted, has just wired State Director Fries that 1918 War Savings pledges outstanding on January first, 1919, may be redeemed by the purchase of 1919 Stamps but that 1919 Stamps must be affixed to 1919 Certificates only.

Reports from the several counties of North Carolina show there are about twelve million dollars in War Savings pledges outstanding and unredeemed on January 1, 1919. This large amount of unredeemed pledges is due, first, to the drop in the prices of cotton and peanuts in the east, which caused many of the farmers to withhold their crops from the market and, second, to the shortage of supply of stamps on the last doy of the year. Many pledgers waited until the last day to redeem their pledges and then found that there were no Stamps to be had at the postoffice or other agency. In view of these facts the Government is going to give pledgers an opportunity to keep their word of honor to the Government by redeeming their 1918 pledges in 1919 Stamps and the Government expects all outstanding 1918 pledges to be redeemed as early in 1919 as possible.

The financial needs of the Government are almost as great as they were during the war. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, eighteen billion dollars will be needed. During the past six months the Government has spent ten and a half billion dollars, and is now spending two billion dollars a month. Secretary Glass has recently stated that the War is not over so far as the Treasury Department is concerned and that it will not be over until the United States shall have honorably discharged every commitment it made on entering and during the war.

SAGE TEA DARKENS HAIR TO ANY SHADE

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were passed by the Kerr Street M. E. Sunday school in memory of Brother T. F. Robbins:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our beloved friend and secretary, therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to him who is too wise to make a mistake, and who loves his children too much to be unkind.

Second, that we extend to the bereaved wife and children and all the relatives our heartfelt sympathy and pray that the comforter may come to them in this hour. May they be ready to exclaim, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minute book, a copy sent to the relatives and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

J. W. Strider,
J. W. Bonds,
J. A. Warren,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Another redeemed soul has "fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith," and gone to receive the reward promised by the Righteous Judge for the fulfillment of these requirements. We feel these lines singularly appropriate:

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful be thy grave so low.
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou no more our song wilt know.
Yet again we know we'll meet thee,
When our day of life is fled,
And in heaven in joy will greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed."

A great sorrow was brought to many, a tender grief to others, and to all a regret that will end only with earthly existence, in the passing of Mrs. Roy D. Goodman, nee Miss Mary Ola Johnston. Therefore, we the members of the Mt. Olivet missionary society, of Concord circuit, do resolve:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in his unerring wisdom, has called from our midst our beloved sister and one of our most consecrated members, and whereas we would record and vitalize the memories of her gentle, dignified and lovable character and hold her in imperishable remembrance, therefore, be it resolved,

First, that her life was worthy of emulation, being marked by the unnumbered deeds of thoughtful attention for others, that radiated the blessed influence in home, community and church, her hospitality, gentleness, devotion to duty and to her church, with implicit faith in her Saviour.

Second, that we bow in humble submission to his will, and that we do extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives and affections, and pray heaven's richest blessings and consolation be given to them.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, also a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, and a page in the Mt. Olivet Missionary Society minutes be dedicated to her memory.

Mrs. W. N. Barnhardt,
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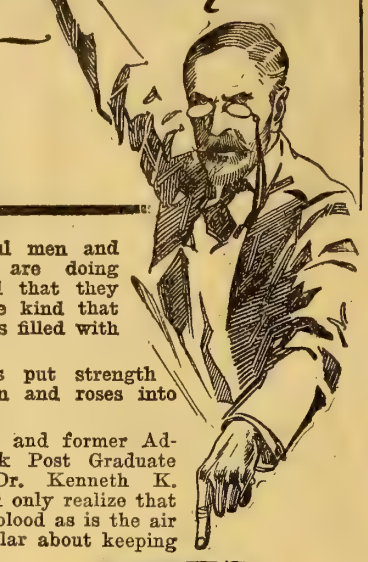
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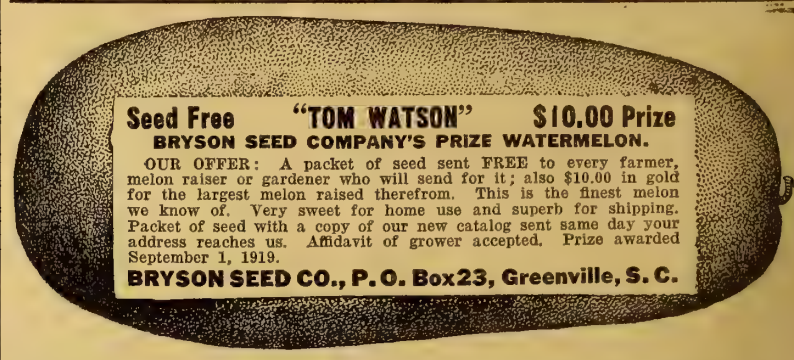
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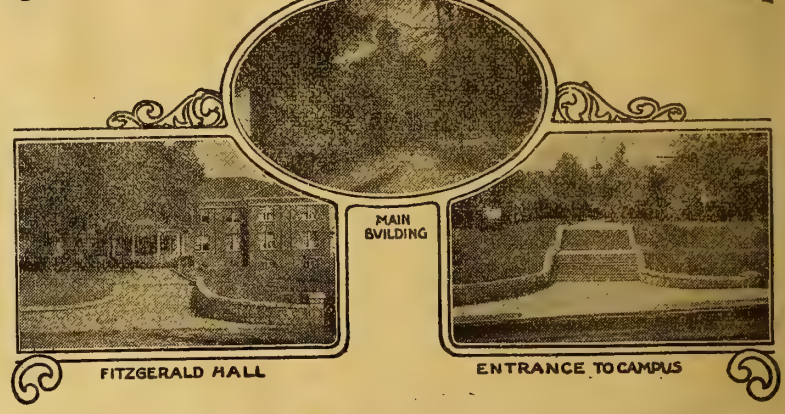
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The wind that helps you fly your kite,
The lovely blue that lines the sky,
The stars that sparkle in the night,
Are nicer things than you can buy.

So count them up, and use them well,
And watch for them with eager eyes;
The time for some a child can tell,
But others are a dear surprise.

The New Year holds these gifts all free.
Each day Old Time the lid unlocks
The treasures come to you and me
From out his wondrous treasure box.

—A. W. McCullough.

BINGO'S BIT

Bingo was not handsome; he was not a dog one would pick out as being good to look upon. No, that certainly was not the reason why John Kelly paused unseen by the roadside one beautiful spring morning to watch Bingo as he played with Mistress Marjoury among the daisies and buttercups under the shade of the newly leafed apple trees.

Marjory tied her doll's cap on Bingo; then she put a sweater over his head while Bingo patiently held up first one front paw, then the other, for Marjory to slip through the armholes. It was a green slip-over sweater, one which Marjory had knit herself. She placed a basket in his mouth saying, "Bingo, go get some food for my children, they are hungry."

John Kelly leaned over the fence to see what would happen. Off trotted Bingo, straight in the direction of the kitchen, up went one paw to scratch the door, which was opened from within. Then Bingo disappeared. In a minute he walked carefully from the kitchen, still carrying the basket; slowly he approached Marjory, who took the basket from his mouth while she said: "Good old fellow! Good Bingo! You shall have cooky!" From the basket Marjory took a paper napkin filled with fresh cookies and a bottle of cool milk. As she began to set the dolls' table she was startled by a voice saying: "Would Bingo care to enlist and go into training for his country? He seems a fine fellow! Just the kind we need to help win the war!"

Marjory looked hard at John Kelly, wondering who this strange man could be. Where had he come from? Could he, by any chance, be poking fun at her? Who ever heard of a dog going to war?

John Kelly swung his leg over the fence and sat down near Marjory, taking one of her dolls and setting it respectfully on his knee while he smoothed its glossy, golden curls. Marjory decided John Kelly was all right, that he was not laughing; so she asked politely, "Will you have a cup of tea?"

John Kelly replied: "I am hungry; I would enjoy one very much."

Marjory and Bingo never knew just how it happened, but quicker than I can tell every one was having a perfectly beautiful time. John Kelly sipped his milk from the tiny cup. Bingo passed the basket of cookies.

John Kelly and Marjory talked of dolls, of parties, of horses, of war, of everything. At length John Kelly repeated his strange question: "Would Bingo care to enlist? Would you approve of his going over to do his bit?"

"My brother, Dick, has gone over to fight, but how could Bingo go? How could Bingo help?"

Then John Kelly told Marjory he was looking for dogs like Bingo, dogs who would fetch and carry and do what they were taught to do quickly, without fussing. John Kelly said that Bingo already knew more than many people, for he obeyed without stopping to think why.

Marjory began to understand and when mother came out to see what all the talk was about she joined Marjory in giving her consent, for as Mrs. Mullen said, "I've let my boy go, I guess my little girl's not the one to keep her Bingo home if he can help win the war!"

So after some good-by hugs, some whispered secrets, some smiles, and some tears, behind the barn, Bingo walked forth from the old, white clinking gate. Just then the sun went behind a cloud and of a sudden the daisies and buttercups looked cold and very lonely. Mother asked Marjory to come in and help hull the first strawberries of the season. But for some reason Marjory did not sample one single strawberry as she dropped them one by one into the big glass dish.

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Without opening his eyes, brother Dick whispered: "Faithful friend—home again, old man! Home again!" Then, in his dream, the licking ceased and his cap—which he had somehow forgotten to take off when he went to bed—was gently lifted from his head. But Dick was so tired he kept right on sleeping.

And when he woke he wasn't at home! He was in a hospital tent just back of the firing line. A white-capped nurse was whispering: "We don't allow the Red Cross dogs in here but I can't seem to do a thing with this one! He won't move! Look at him! Ever since they followed him to find the owner of the cap which he brought back to camp, no one can make him mind! Up till now he has been our best helper. No dog has been more intelligent or tireless than Bingo; but there he sits now without eating or sleeping, just looking and looking at that soldier boy!"

"Bingo! Bingo!" echoed a sleepy, far-away voice.

A loud bark answered and before the nurse could stop him two muddy paws flopped on the spotless white cot bed and Bingo's head rested lovingly on brother Dick's good shoulder. When brother Dick opened his eyes he thought he must be very ill; he called for the head nurse but held Bingo close while he waited. When she came brother Dick said: "I thought I was over there in France fighting, but here's Bingo, my little sister's dog, and"—But Bingo interrupted again with three sharp barks! He looked straight into brother Dick's eyes, trying to explain how Marjory had whispered to him behind the barn at home to "Go find Dickie! Go find our Dickie."

No one seemed to know much about it and John Kelly was not there to tell, but after a while a much delayed letter came telling about the tea party, about John Kelly, and about Bingo's going.

At the same time Marjory sat under the apple trees reading a letter from brother Dick telling all about Bingo's bit, telling how he had really saved her brother's life; for only a few hours after the finding of the cap the Germans had taken the very place where brother Dick had been found.—Ethel Bowen White, in The Congregationalist and Advance.

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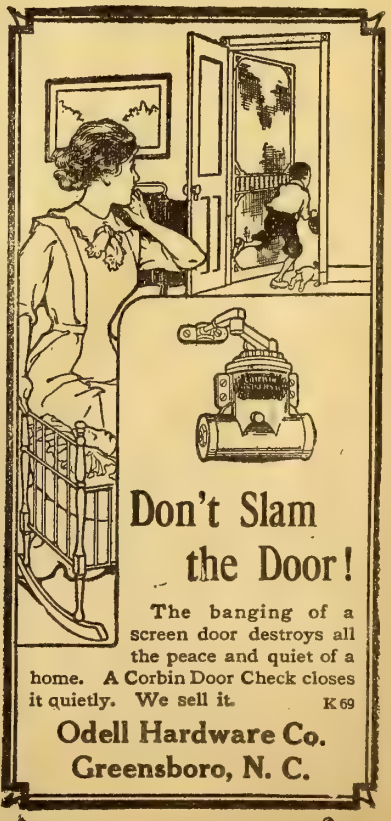
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Fifth Sunday Oeffrings

Fred C. Odell, Greensboro, West Market St. SS, $458.09; H. B. Jones, Charlotte, Tryon St. SS, $210.00; R. O. Gamble, Summerfield SS, $3.00; R. P. Brittain, Weaverville SS, $3.00; W. H. Speas, Winston-Salem, R. 7, New Hope SS, $5.85; Miss Ivah M. Bagby, Montezuma SS, $5.70; Mrs. Charles J. Taylor, Advance SS, $2.05; James T. Smith, Wentworth SS, $5.92; R. W. Shropshire, Mayodan SS, $1.11; L. A. Strupe, Tobaccoville, Antioch SS, $2.45; W. H. Mock, Winston-Salem, Southside SS, $2.00; Carmi Felker, Cleveland SS, $3.00; H. L. Meyers, Hickory, R. 1, Plateau SS, $1.35; Rev. E. J. Poe, Woodleaf SS, $1.58; Z. N. Anderson, Mocksville SS, $6.72; A. F. Ross, Norwood, R. 2, Cottonville SS, $2.77; N. L. Snuggs, Shankle, Fork SS, $2.66; S. A. Goforth, Kings Mountain, ElBethel SS, $3.00; E. D. Grubb, Greensboro, Walnut St SS, $9.25; N. A. Collins, Asheville, River View SS, $2.26; Rev. J. T. Ratledge, Catawba, Center SS, $2.10; Rev. K. W. York, Stony Point SS, $11.25; Miss Etta Heath, Matthews SS, $4.31; C. A. Dorton, Concord, R. 6, Harmony SS, $2.10; M. J. Lynch, Lincolnton, R. 6, Laboratory SS, $2.20; R. E. Bundy, Jamestown SS, $18.00; F H. Washburn, Charlotte, Hawthorne Lane SS, $11.00; Clyde E. Murray, Maiden SS, $4.08; R. S. Kyles, Troutman SS, $2.11; L. C. Kimbrell, Matthews, R. 7, Weddington SS, $2.76; Hubert Clark, Waxhaw, Union SS, $1.00; E. W. Hauser, Pfafftown, Daubs SS, $3.00; G B. Howard, Mt. Holly SS, $8.00; Jo A. Lilly, Norwood SS, $21.00; J. P. Morgan, Asheville, Haywood St SS, $4.44; G. H. Haigler, Hayesville SS, $5.00; H. L. King, Asheville, R. 1, Mt. Pleasant SS, $2.78; Samuel Turner, Monbo, Concord SS, $3.95; C. T. James, Greensboro, Carraway Memorial SS, $3.00; W. H. Horsley, Belmont SS, $5:67; J. W. Brady, Ramseur SS, $34.33; W. C. Massey, Trinity, Trinity SS, $7.30; C. H. M. Turlburt, Millers Creek SS, $5; J. B. Stimpson, Siloam, R. 2, Prospect SS, $1.60; E. A. Routh, Franklinville SS, $19.00; D. W. Alexander, Connelly Springs SS, $2.50; G. F. Hinshaw, Winston-Salem, West End SS, $8.89; Rev. J. A. J. Farrington, Randleman, Naomi SS, $5.00; Rev. J. A. J. Farrington, Randleman, St. Pauls SS, $4.05; L. E. Norman, Elk Park SS, $5.00; L. M. Rothrock, Gold Hill SS, $4.67; Edward W. Jordan, Jamestown, Oakdale SS, $13.09; M. M. Cudd, Fingerville, S. C., R. 1, Fingerville SS, $1.00; Rev. J. M. Barber, Moravian Falls, Beulah SS, $1.00; J. C. Thomas, Monroe, R. 3, Center SS, $2.03; Mrs. A. E. Yates, Asheboro, West Bend SS, $20.00; J. D. Pullin, Hendersonville SS, $17.00; L. P. Eckard, Denver, Mt. Pleasant SS, $2.00; C. S. Lee, Lawndale, Palm Tree SS, $6.00; B. F. Leonhardt, Lowell SS, $4.00; F. R. Howard, Sherrills Ford, Bethany SS, $1.18; H. A. Gill, Olin SS, $1.33; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Kernersville Mt. Vernon SS, $1.35; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Kernersville, Sedge Garden SS, $1.00; W. J. Mode, Rutherfordton SS, $4.81; Z. W. Wilkinson, Catawba, R. 2, Pisgah SS, $1.80; J. C. Curtis, Candler, Pleasant Hill SS, $2.15; T. R. Gray, Cullasaja, Salem SS, $2.42; S. O. Stimpson, Statesville, R. 7, Clarksbury SS, $1.61; Miss Annie B. Pearson, Greensboro, R. 5, Center SS, $2.97; Miss Willena Boring, Yadkinville SS, $2.60; J. C. Watkins, Poplar Hill SS, $1.65; E. L. Lowder, Norwood, R. 1, Cedar Grove SS, $3.33; J. C. McIntosh, Denver SS, $2.50; D. C. Miller, Salisbury, R. 4, Bethel, 67c; D. C. Flowers, Lenoir, R. 2, Cedar Valley SS, $1.75; Miss Minnie Sharpe, Hiddenite, R. 2, Rocky Springs SS, $2.25; E. C. Coe, Rockford, Stony Knoll SS, $1.00. Total, $1,040.02.

Enlargement of Home

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, $50.00; R. C. Taylor, Winston-Salem, Centenary church, $90.80; W. H. Horsley, Belmont church, $18.32; Mrs. W. A. Hayden, Spindale, $2.00; Alva Martin, Catawba, Hopewell SS, $16.70; Rev. T. S. Coble, Elk Park, $1.00; "Two Salisbury Friends," $2.00; total, $180.82. Previously reported, $562.04. Total, to date, $742.86.

Special Gifts

"A friend," Winston-Salem, $1.00; H. A. Dunham, Asheville, $10.00; Mrs. L. C. Eury, Gastonia, $4.00; J. T. Lambert, Moffitt, $5.00; W. F. Cox, Ramseur, Wesleyan class, $4.06. Total, $24.06. Previously reported, $411.61. Total to date, $435.67.

Ten Per Cent. Assessment

Rev. Geo. D. Herman, Mt. Airy, Central church, $150.00; N. B. Baldwin, Fletcher, Patty's Chapel, $10.00; Rev. R. H. Kennington, Charlotte, R. 1, Hickory Grove charge, $14.22; Rev. Geo. D. Herman, Mt. Airy, Central church, $15.00; Mrs. J. E. Divilbiss, Asheville, Bethel church, $37.40; Rev. J. M. Barber, Moravian Falls, Beulah church, $2.00; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Kernersville charge, $17.50; Rev. R. A. Taylor, Dallas charge, $17.70; Rev. Otho J. Jones, Weaverville station, $6.65; J. R. Felts, Treas., Charlotte, Trinity church, $59.05; Rev. B. Wilson, Mt. Pleasant church, $12.20; Rev. N. R. Richardson, Cooleemee charge, $42.56. Total, $384.28.

THE RELIGIOUS WORK OF THE Y. M C A LINKED WITH THE Churches

By Robert P. Wilder, Director Bureau of Relilous Work

When it seemed that America would enter the war, I asked Dr. Mott about our calling to gether a co-operating committee of church leaders to assist us in the religious work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He readily assented to this, and I corresponded with men like Dr. Robert E. Speer, President Clarence A. Barbour of Rochester Seminary, Presidetn W. Mackenzie of, Hartford Seminary and President Stevenson of Princeton Theological Seminary, asking if they would serve on such a committe in case we entered the war. They agreed, and as soon as we declared war the Co-operating Committee of the chuches met. In fact, they met before the War Council met, so eager were the leaders of the Association to emphasize the religious activities. They have been in diligent service ever since.

We have in each of the six military departments one man responsible for the religious work in that department. In addition, each camp has a religious work director, and each Y. M. C. A. hut a religious work secretary. Thus from headquarters we were able to function through the department religious work directors and the camp religous work directors down to the hut religous work secretaries. In order that we might have suitable men as religious work directors and secretaries, the War Work Council gave the Religious Work Bureau an opportunity to help in the selection of these religious workers. President Barbour has rendered invaluable service in securing some of the strongest men in our churches for these important positions.

Our Bureau also has a committee on the Religious services in the camps under the chairmanship of President Stevenson. This committee has selcted as speakers in the camps men who are evangelistic in aim, though not necessarily evangelistic in name. The services rendered by these speakers have been of untold value in presenting to the men in the camps the foundation of truths of Christianity, simply and effectively.

We have also stressed personal evangelism as well as public evengelism. Recently the director of Religious Work in one of the camps told me that he knew between six and seven thousand men, who had passed through the camp or were there at present, that had been led to faith in Christ through personal evangelism alone. Personal work has been stersse in other camps also. In connection with our public and personal evangelism, we have used the War Roll card which is as follows:

"I hereby pledge my allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and King, adn by God's help will fight His battles for the victory of His Kingdom."

We have instructed our secretaries to use this card in the larger meetings, but only in after-meetings when it had been carefully explained, or in persoal work. We have urged the secretaries to be conservative in the use of these cards. Last March only 54,000 had signed the War Roll, but we have now in our Bureau 301,000 cards signed by men in our army and navy. Our procedure is as follows: When a card reaches our office in New York, a letter is sent over my signature to the man who has signed it, urging him to join the church, if he has not done so already, and also to join a Bible class, and giving him a few practical suggestions with reference to the Christian life. The orginial card is sent to his nearest relative, and a copy to the pastor of the church nearest the man's home—a church belonging to the denomination for which the man has expressed a preference, with a request that the pastor visit the man's family and try and get them into fellowship with the church if they are not already church members. We also urge the pastor to write a few words of encouragement to the signer of the card. I wish you could read some of the hundreds of letters which have reached us from the mothers and wives of the men who have signed these cards, and some of the thousands of letters that have reached us from the boys themselves.

While there is no doubt a good deal of chaff with the wheat, yet we believe that this War Roll represents a great deal of wheat which is being garnered into the Kingdom.

Arrangements have been made in the camps for thetmen who have signed the War Roll to join the churches of their choice *in absentia*. If a man expresses a preference for the Methodist church he is examined by a Methodist chaplain or army pastor or Y. M. C. A. secretary who is ordained. In case the examiner is satisfied with the man's sincereity, he writes to that effect to his home pastor urging the pastor to admit to his church membership *in absentia*. Thousands of men have, in this way been brought into the fellowship of the church.

Our Bible study work also has been widely pushed. Four and half million New Testaments and other Scripture portions have been circulated among the men under the colors. We do not give away the Testaments except after a personal talk, and a desire has been expressed by the man to receive a copy. Plan pursued in some of the Southern camps has been as follows: To offer the men, when they first come into camp, a copy of a Gospel, if he wishes the whole New Testament he can receive that on returning the Gospel.

In one of the Northern camps, the fololwing method was used: "When the rookies came into the camp, the first night our C. M. C. A. secretary explained to them in the four-fold work of the association, and after stating the religious side of the work, the men were asked to come up at the close of the evening gathering to receive copies of the New Testament if they wished them. When a man asked for a New Testament, the secretary requested him to sign up the "Comrades with the Book," the pledge of which is as follows:

"My name here expresses my sincere purpose to carry and read this Book every day."

In several of the Southern camps, the men who have asked for these readings have each asked for two copies, one to send home and the other to keep in his own Testament i order that the home people might read daily the same portion he was reading. Every soldier is asked in the pamphlet to do three things daily in connection with the passage he is reading. 1. To put the thought of passage he is reading down in a few words, 2. The teaching, that is, what he can get from it to help in his own lght for character; and 3, A verse that he can meditate upon through the day. Once a week, these who are following this course come together to exchange their thoughts and teachings, thus it helps not only individual reading but also group study.

In addition, we have produced several courses in Bible study like "The Soldier's Spirit" by George Stewart, Jr., "Jesus as a Friend Knew Him," by Super-Urice; "About Jesus" by Bosworth, and "The Master's Way," by Bosworth-Lobingier.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Greensboro National Bank

AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1918

E. P. WHARTON, President. A. H. ALDRERMAN, Cashier.
NEIL ELLINGTON, Vice-President and Chairman of Board.
WALDO PORTER, Asst. Cashier.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	$894,835.60	Capital Stock	$100,00.00
Overdrafts	None	Surplus and Profits	36,581.56
Stocks, Bonds and other securities	258,002.45	National Bank Notes	100,000.00
Bank Bldg. and other Real Estate	89,196.59	Acceptances Executed for customers	16,000.00
Customers Liability for Acceptances Executed	16,000.00	Interest Collected and not Earned	5,701.57
Interest Earned not collected	389.98	Rediscounts	None
Cash and Due from Banks	432,806.28	Bills Payable	None
		Deposits, Ind. and Banks	1,432.947.77
	$1,691,230.90		$1,691.230.90

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District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
First Round

January

Spring Creek, Spring Creek 18-19
Leicester, Leicester 25-26
Chestnut Street, night 26

February

Weaverville Ct., Alexanders 1-2
Bethel, night 2
Asheville Ct., River View.....9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock (7:30) 9
Mills River, Horse Shoe 15-16
Hendersonville, night 16
Rosman Ct., Rosman.....22-23
Brevard, night 23

March

Mars Hill, Shiloh 1-2

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder, 508 North Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
First Round

January

Hawthorne Lane, 11 a. m. 19
Trinity, night 19
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m. 24
Tryon Street, 11 a. m. 26
Dilworth, night 26

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder 508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
First Round

January

Deep River, West Bend 18-19
Ashboro, 11 a. m. 19
Greensboro Circuit, Holt's Chapel 25-26
High Point, East End, night .. 26

February

Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m. 1-2
Reidsville, Main Street, night .. 2
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 9
Randleman, Naomi, night 9
Randolph Circuit, Fairview 15-16
High Point, Main Street, night .. 16

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Marion, N. C.—First Round.

Jan.

Cliffside Ct., Hopewell.....18-19
Henrietta & Caroleen, Henrietta, night..... 19
Broad River Ct., Tanner's Grove.25-26
Forest City Ct., Sunday, 3 p. m., Pleasant Grove 25-26

Feb.

Thermal City Ct., Thermal City.. 1-2
Mill Spring Ct., Lebanon..... 8-9
Euola Ct., Warlick Chapel..... 14
Connelly Spgs. Ct., Connelly Spgs.15-16
Marion Ct., Providence.....22-23

Mar.

Rutherfordton Ct., Rutherfordton 1-2

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

Yadkinville, Prospect 11-12
Leaksville, night, 18; 11 a. m..... 19
Draper, Draper, 3 p. m..... 19
Spray, night 19-20
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove.....25-26

Feb.

Rural Hall, Antioch..... 1-2
Madison—Stoneville, Madison.... 8-9
Danbury, Davis Chapel.....15-16
Ararat, Hunter's 22-23

Mar.

Dobson, Dobson 1-2

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, P. E., Jefferson, N. C.

Feb.

North Wilkes Mission.....22-23
North Wilkesboro, night.....22-23

Mar.

Wilkes Ct., Adley..... 1-2
Wilkesboro Sta., p. m..... 1-2

The district stewards will please meet at Jefferson December 31, 1918. A full attendance is desired.

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

South Fork, Vernon, 11 a.m.....18-19
Lincolnton, 7 p. m..... 19
East End, East End, 11 a.m..... 26
Franklin Ave., Franklin Ave, 7 p.m..... 26

Feb.

Gastonia, Main Street, 11 a.m.... 2
Gastonia, Eighth Ave., 7 p.m..... 2
Lowesville, Hill's Chapel 11 a.m. 8-9
Rock Spring, Denver, 3 p.m..... 9
Stanley, Stanley, 11 a.m.....15-16

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, presiding elder
Statesville, N. C.
First Round

January

Mooresville Ct., McKendree 11 a. m. 18-19
Mooresville, Mooresville, 7 p. m. 18-19
Taylorsville, Taylorsville, 11 a. m. 25-26
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3. p. m.25-26

February

Davidson-Huntersville 11 a. m. 1-2
Troutman, Wesley Chapel, 3 p. m. 1-2
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 1-2
Olin, Macedonia, 11 a. m. 8-9
Cool Springs, Providence, 3 p. m. 8-9

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
First Round

January

New London, New London 18-19
Gold Hill, night 19-20
Mt. Pleasant, Cold Spring 25-26
Epworth, night .....Jan. 26

February

Concord Circuit 1-2
Kerr Street, 11 a. m. 2
Westford at Harmony, night 2
Kannapolis Ct., Unity 8-9
Kannapolis Station 9
Salisbury Circuit 15-16
East Spencer, North Main 16
Albemarle Circuit 22
Salem 23
Albemarle, First St., night 23

March

Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Waynesville, N. C.
First Round in Part

January

Macon Ct., Pattons Chapel 13-14
Hayesville, Tusquittee 16
Ranger, Belview 18
Murphy Circuit Marble 19
Robbinsville, Robbinsville 21
Judson, Judson 22
Fines Creek, Pine Grove 25-26

February

Highlands, Highlands 1-2
Glenville, Glenville 2-3
Tuckaseegee 4

WINSTON DISTRICT

Second Round
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Centenary, January 19, 11 a. m.
Liberty street, January 19, night
West End, January 26, 11 a. m.
South Side, January 26, night.
Walkertown February 2, 11 a. m.
Burkhead, February 2, night.
Lexington station, February 9, 11 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, February 9, night, Mt. Pleasant, February 10. 11 a. m., Clemmons, February 10, 3 p. m.
Thomasville station, February 16, 11 a. m.
S. Thomasville, February 16, night.
Farmington circuit February 22-28. Quarterly conference at Ward's.
Mocksville station, March 1, night, March 2, 11 a. m.
West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.
Cooleemee, March 2, night.
Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.
Lexington circuit, March 11-16. Quarterly conference at Center.
Davidson circuit, March 17-23. Quarterly conference at Good Hope.
Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.
New Hope circuit, March 31, April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.
Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.
Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.
Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.
Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.
Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.
Advance circuit May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.

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TRIBUTE TO LIEUT. ROBERT H. RIGGS

When the United States declared war against Germany and called for volunteers to fight for the great principles of Democracy, the young men of Dobson, N. C. responded nobly to the call. Before the drafting machinery was in action several of them were in the training camps preparing for the mighty conflict. A braver set of boys never went from any community than were these.

Among the first to go was Robert H. Riggs, who was a member of the Methodist church at Dobson. Robert was a bright young man and a faithful steward in the church. He was always found on the side of the right and at his post of duty, no matter what others might do or say. The writer never knew him to do an unmanly act during six years of intimate acquaintance. Robert had an aged mother, three brothers and a host of friends who were anxiously awaiting his return home, but just before the conflict ended, and while the death blow was being dealt to the enemy, Robert gave his noble young life, as did so many others, on the battlefield of France. If he could have come back just for a little while to that dear old mother! But fate did not decree it so. As the poet has said—

"'Twere sweet indeed to close on'es eyes with those we cherish near,
And wafted upward by their sighs soar to some calmer sphere;
But whether on the scaffold high or in the battle's van
The fittest place where man can die is where he dies for man."

Robert gave his noble young life in the grandest cause for which man has ever fought. He did his part and did it well as the following letter from his commanding officer will show. We could not see him after the battle, but we can ever cherish him in fond memory, and thank God for a life so pure and a heart so brave!

"Another hand his sword shall wield,
Another hand the standard wave,
Till from the trumpet's mouth is pealed,
The blast of triumph o'er his grave."

The following letter will give some account of Robert's life after he left home:

Secteur Postal 1229, France,
October 28, 1918.

"Mrs. Ida L. Riggs,
Dobson, N. C.

My dear Mrs. Riggs:—

I must inform you of something that gives me the most profound regret—your son, second lieutenant Robert H. Riggs, Co. "C" 371st Infantry, has made the supreme sacrifice. He was shot through the left arm above the elbow by a piece of shell at about 5 o'clock during the afternoon of September 29th, 1918, while my battalion was being subjected to a terrific artillery barrage delivered upon us at point blank. This took place during our advance upon the town of Monthois, when we were at a point about 6500 meters due south of this town, in the meadow just north of Bussy farm and in the Champaign sector.

Robert was taken to the first aid station and had his wound dressed by Dr. Dovell, of this regiment, who told me that Robert would lose his arm, but there was no doubt about his recovery, due to his wonderfully fine spirit. He laughed and joked while his wound was being dressed, and among other things said that he had lost his arm, but it was all for France and that he was thankful for at least two things, one that he still had his right arm left with which to hug his sweetheart, and the other that he was positive of having personally accounted for at least one German before he was put out of the fight himself.

Robert and I attended the officers' training camp together, and he joined my battalion when the regiment was organized at Camp Jackson, S. C., on September 1, 1917, and was assigned to Company "A" and about the first of February, 1918, was transferred to company "C," where he served continuously thereafter.

Robert led an absolutely clean life, he had a most pleasant disposition, there was no more popular officer in the battalion than he, and he was highly conscientious in the performance of his duty. I had recommended him for promotion on three different occasions, and the only reason he was not promoted was the fact that there were no vacancies in the regiment. Personally, I have lost a very dear friend and comrade, and officially one of the best officers of my battalion.

The enlisted men of Company "C" and the officers of the entire regiment sympathize with you in your bereavement, but we think of your loss as we do of many others of the regiment—it has been well avenged and only with such sacrifices as this were we able to punish the enemy so severely. I wish that I might be able to tell you of the part my battalion played in what was perhaps the most important offensive of the World's War. Company "C" lost all of its officers.

You should feel proud in this sad hour that you were able to make such a fine offering to your country when it is engaged in so worthy a cause.

Robert died in a French military hospital in the beautiful little town of Auve on September 30th, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. I have visited his grave and it is number 349. I shall be pleased to furnish you any further information that it is possible for me to secure.

With the deepest sympathy in your bereavement, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Pate,
Major 371st Infantry, Comdg. 1st B'n."

Home address, 1718 Peachtree St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Robert H. Riggs was born December 22, 1894, and died September 30, 1918, aged 23 years, 9 months and 8 days.

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ROOSEVELT ON AMERICA'S DEBT TO THE METHODISTS

METHODISM in America entered on its period of rapid growth just about the time of Washington's first presidency. Its essential democracy, its fiery and restless energy of spirit, and the wide play that it gave to individual initiative, all tended to make it peculiarly congenial to a hardy and virile folk, democratic to the core, prizing individual independence above all earthly possessions, and engaged in the rough and stern work of conquering a continent. Methodism spread even among the old communities and the long-settled districts of the Atlantic tidewater, but its phenomenal growth was from these regions westward. The whole country is under a debt of gratitude to the Methodist circuit riders, the Methodist pioneer preachers, whose movement westward kept pace with the movement of the frontier, who shared all the hardships in the life of the frontiersman, while at the same time ministering to that frontiersman's spiritual needs, and seeing that his pressing material cares and the hard and grinding poverty of his life did not wholly extinguish the divine fire within his soul.—Theodore Roosevelt.

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Editorial

PROHIBITION BY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

On Thursday, January 16th, the constitutional amendment which does away with the beverage liquor traffic in the United States, was ratified by the thirty-sixth state, thus making prohibition a part of our organic law. In this we have secured a greater victory than that of November 11th, when the armistice was signed and the central powers surrendered all their armies and navies to the victorious allies.

The editor of this paper suffered bitter and relentless persecution in the year 1878 because of advanced views on the subject of prohibition, having joined hands with the best element of the community in a crusade against one or two dirty barrooms. These were the days in which he first began to grow a few editorial pin feathers. We recall very distinctly our prophecy at that time that we expected many who were then living and voting to see the day when liquor could not be lawfully manufactured or sold in the United States.

This prophecy is now fulfilled after forty years, the same length of time that Israel wandered in the wilderness. We thank God and take courage, for this event in our history gives the best assurance of the near approach of the day when "righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Jesus Christ in taking the world will first make it sober.

DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

For two weeks our conference has been aglow with the inspirational effect of these group meetings held in the interest of the Centenary. A full day, or day and night, in one of these meetings with such a program as was carried out is of inestimable value to the leaders and workers.

Rev. J. C. Hawk, one of our returned missionaries from China, has rendered great service throughout our conference, and Brother Courtney, our field secretary, is fitting in like a veteran.

The spirit of these meetings has been fine and there is really great hope now that when we reach the period for the great drive we shall give in response to the call of the world real "Methodist measure."

THREE MORE ON THE HONOR ROLL

Since our last issue three more of our pastors have made a clean sweep in the Advocate campaign—Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Leaksville, Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of Burkhead, Winston-Salem, and Rev. S. M. Needham, of McAdenville. On an allotment of ten, Brother Stamper secured thirty and renews his list. Brother Hiatt with an allotment of twelve secured fifteen and all his renewals. Brother Needham secured all his renewals and the allotment of ten. In his letter Brother Hiatt says: "In our church work one thing at a time and that done well is a rule that means success. Now is the time to put the Advocate in the homes of our people, as the great Centenary campaign is on and our people need information as to what we are going to do. If we fail to put the church paper in the homes of our people, it will not be because we haven't worked hard enough, but because we didn't start in time. It isn't any trouble to put the paper in a home after a visit, prayer and explaining the worth of the paper to the home and the individual."

Rev. L. B. Abernethy, of Dilworth, Charlotte, is running a drag net through his charge and writes that the work is easy.

Many others have made a fine start and the campaign is moving right along.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The great peace conference began its regular work on Saturday, January 18th. Mr. Clemenceau, the French premier, was very properly made chairman of the conference, France having borne the brunt of the suffering and devastation of war and the conference being held on French soil.

The first item for consideration is the proposed league of nations, which seems to be universally demanded in some form as the only safeguard against the recurrence of a world war. While all are not agreed as to just how this league is to be formed, there seems to be no division as to its necessity. One hopeful sign is the apparent fact that all nations are convinced that they cannot afford to see this peace conference adjourn till such a war as we have just witnessed is made forever impossible. It is even pathetic to note the eagerness of the nations remote from the scenes of this war to have some part in the settlement and with what unanimity they urge a peace settlement which can never be broken permanently.

This opens a great opportunity for the churches, holding as they do the great moral ideals of civilization. They should bring to bear all their power to secure for the world a righteous settlement of all questions of difference, for no settlement of differences among the nations can be permanent unless made in righteousness. In an article prepared for the religious press a prominent layman of Boston says:

"The most important thing in the world at this moment, therefore, is to see to it that there are made at the peace conference provisions that will insure a lasting peace. The doctrine of might lost in the war. It is the business of the church to help see to it that the doctrine of might loses also in all the human struggles of politics, trade and industry in the times of peace. And the first step in that direction is the setting up of international machinery that will make it less necessary, if not unnecessary, for nations in the future to trust in armies and alliances alone for protection."

One important service which all church people can render is to pray daily for the men who have been trusted with this great task. There never was a crisis which called louder to men and women of faith to pray earnestly that the result of this peace conference may be such a league of nations as will usher in the era of "peace on earth and good will among men."

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Just now in the social life of America there is one insistent note. It is the question of making the foreigner in our midst a real American. Hertofore, our government and all our industrial enterprises chiefly engaged in the empolyment of foreign labor, have been too careless about this matter. The result is that we have large communities either out of sympathy with, or openly hostile to, our institutions.

The best way to get these people Americanized is for the protestant church to get hold of them and get them interested in the church, not only as a religious institution, offering them solace and comfort and hope in a strange land, but offering them social opportunities which alone are calculated to make them take root in American social life. In almost tongues and come in contact with eyes having that "far away look" which indicate the need of friendship and warm associations without which one can hardly be expected to become a truly loyal and sympathetic citizen and helpful neighbor. In every one of our city charges and in many country charges there should now be a religious vigilance committee whose duty it would be to see that no foreigner be allowed to live in the community without feeling that he has a warm welcome to the church services. Getting these people identified in this way with the church would be the first step toward making of them good and loyal citizens and friends of our government.

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Apropos in this conection is the following sent out by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

An interesting feature of the Atlantic City meeting of the Executive Committee meeting of the Federal Council was the unexpected introduction of Dr. P. P. Claxton, Federal Commissioner of Education, who brought on behalf of the Government a request that the churches co-operate in Americanizing the immigrant.

Commissioner Claxton referred to the statement of his predecessor in office, Dr. W. T. Haris, that the public school used to Americanize all comers to our shores. "But," he said, "this is not true now. One of our immigrant races is almost entirely represented by men. Few of these bring their wives or children to America. The particular type of community life thus created can hardly absorb the spirit of America.

"We have a great educational task in Americanizing the 5,000,000 foreigners in our midst who do not speak the English language nor read or write the tongue that is current among us, by bringing them to know our country, its history, and its ideals.

"The Christian Church is the greatest agency that we have for Americanization. It holds up the spirit of unselfishness, of brotherhood, of love, that spirit which, incorporated into international dealings, would make the world safe for democracy. In all your efforts for social welfare do not forget these needy people. Two and one-half millions of them cannot read nor write in any language. The government has been holding conferences with representatives of many of the alien races in our midst. These people want our friendship.

"Secretary Lane has suggested that if for every person of foreign birth, who is not yet acquainted with our institutions, some real American would volunteer to be his big brother, our problem of Americanization might speedily be solved. Women could perform the same service for the foreign women and our children for their children. This carrying out of the part of true brothers and sisters would do more to Americanize them than any other conceivable method.

"The Church is the one organization to bring about this needed work. The Armenian who flees to our shores to escape persecution and worse than death, has a right to expect to find here true friendship. The task to which we are summoning Christian people is no mere slumming expedition. We must not assume a patronizing air, or our efforts will be worse than useless. The benefits are not to be one-sided. The real fulfilment of this task will make America richer in spiritual wealth and in the friendship of those who have come to us from foreign shores.

"And this is only a beginning; we do not know what the immigration of the future will be, but it will probably be in greater proportion than ever before, and this need for help-

ful contact with the newcomers will be an increasing one."

NOTE AND COMMENT

General Leonard Wood, the commanding officer at Camp Funston, has been transferred to the central military district, with headquarters in Chicago.

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The Fifth Loan Campaign for five billion dollars will be launched some time in April and will be known as the Victory liberty loan campaign. It will be a short-term issue, probably not more than five years, and the bonds will probably bear a higher interest rate than the previous issues.

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The Peace Convention held its first formal session in the old palace of Louis XIV at Versailles, near Paris, on last Saturday. Many intricate problems will have to be solved by this body, and in view of the manifold conflicting interests which are sure to arise it will require constant and lofty adherence to right and fairness in order to reach just conclusions. It is imperative that the delegates be guided by high principle, for the decisions reached will for a long time control in the affairs of nations. We were brought into the war with only a desire to aid in a righteous solution of world questions, and we pray that greed and selfish interests may be relegated to the rear and that the principles of the golden rule may control and guide in all the work. Rare qualities of statesmanship are needed to settle now for all time problems which have already cost the world millions in treasure and in human life.

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The Situation in Europe is chaotic. Russia is under bolshevic control and Berlin is in the throes of anarchy. The tide of revolution seems to be moving westward, and Mr. Wilson appealed to Congress to appropriate $100,000,000 to feed the hungry insurgents, as it was thought that food would restore order sooner than force could. The hungry mass is against the old order and, until hunger is satisfied, will hardly be submissive to any rule. The pendulum which has swung to the extreme of autocracy now goes to the extreme of lawlessness, and it will take time and experience to reach the normal conditions required for the establishment of order and genuine freedom, but it will come even if the way shall be strewn with human wreckage and general destruction. France found herself finally after the revolution of 1789, even if the cost was heavy; so shall Russia and Germany and every other state which has stood for oppression, but out of all the suffering let us hope that a better day may dawn upon these unfortunate lands.

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There Is No Work Comparable to That of conserving human character, and no service brings so large a measure of joy as to see our lobars bearing precious fruit. The Children's Aid Society of New York for many decades has wrested helpless childhood from moral death by placing abandoned children in comfortable Christian homes, and the record shows that thousands so rescued have developed into splendid men and women. John G. Brady, former governor of Alaska, who died the other day, was a waif picked up by this society and placed in a good home, where he was nurtured and trained for usefulness. This is genuine Christian work seeking to save that which was lost, and to have a hand in transforming the character of a lost soul is work which an angel might covet, but God has reserved this work for human hands and pours blessing into human hearts as men faithfully strive to labor thus under the direction of the Master. To be a worker with God in the development of a great character is the highest and holiest task which man can undertake.

Much Has Been Written about the new religion which the world would demand after the war, but it is hardly probable that any great change will take place in the foundation of faith. The fact is, with all our material progress we have never been able to improve on the teachings of Jesus. We boast of our latter day discoveries. Electric lights have displaced candles, automobiles have superseded the old stage coach, modern comforts and conveniences are a great improvement on the rude methods of long ago, but no system of thought, no code of morals, no standard of living ever suggested by man can approach the sermon on the mount or the gospel of love described by Paul in the 15th chapted of I Corinthians. The Savior spoke the last word and launched a perfect and complete system for the salvation of the world, and His plan is adapted to every age and every class and every mental grade of men. As long as men are sinners the same symptoms of heart corruption will be manifest, and the only remedy is by "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." Any innovation which may be suggested as being a better way to meet after war conditions can safely be cast aside, for the old gospel is always new enough to meet every condition under every circumstance, because the truth is the same yesterday, today and forever. Let us keep in the old paths, for only there may safety and complete security be found.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

The Sunday schools are to have a big part in the Centenary. The amount of money they are asked to raise is the least part of their obligation. Their greatest opportunity is educative, to so inform and inspire the boys and girls that they will be ready and willing to continue the great work which the Centenary begins. Twenty-five millions of the $35,000,000 start new enterprises. These new undertakings must be continued after the drive. Will our Sunday schools train the future church so that it will carry on regularly that which it now takes a "drive" to accomplish? This is our great privilege.

But about the money. Each Sunday school is expected to see to it that each one of its members, cradle roll and home department included, gives at least five cents per month, or sixty cents per year, to be sent to J. J. Stowe, Nashville Tenn., as a "special" on the Centenary. When it has done this it will be over the top. The Sunday schools in Southern Methodism are asked to give at least $3,500,000. If five cents per month is given by every scholar, our Sunday schools will give over $5,000,000, and that is what should really happen.

The schools of the Western North Carolina Conference must fall in line. Let there be found no slacking Methodist Sunday school in this great call. Brother superintendent, will you be a worthy captain in this campaign? Here are your duties:

1. Appoint a live missionary committee of three members.

2. Plan your program for the fourth Sunday in each month, so that the chairman of the missionary committee will have ample time for presenting an instructive missionary program.

3. See that the Workers' Council directs all money raised on Missionary Sunday as a special for missions.

4. Do your dead level best to get the offering up to at least five cents per member. Get you a blackboard and mark up the returns from the classses.

5. Get in touch with J. L. Neil, Nashville, Tenn., and arrange for your money to go to a particular missionary enterprise. Children like definiteness. Some specials can take as low as ten dollar contributions.

Monthly missionary programs will appear each month in the School Standard, the Magazine and the Adult Student. Use these or use others. Your school knows less than you think about our mission fields. Make your programs short and spicey. Put a small alarm clock in your pocket.

The pastor is to see that Missionary Sunday is observed. The Discipline requires it, his conscience demands it. The fourth Sunday must be Centenary Missionary Day. The regular Sunday school literature can be paid for in the other three Sundays easier than formerly in the four Sundays. Try and see. Children under twelve years of age will not be canvassed for individual contributions in the eight day drive, beginning April 27. All other church members will be given a chance to register in this, the greatest movement in the history of our church. Write J. L. Neil, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., for all supplies that a live missionary Sunday school needs, and you will get them free of charge. Do that today, don't wait till night.

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Miss Ivah M. Bagby, daughter of Rev. W. M. Bagby, is our live Sunday school superintendent at Montezuma, N. C., way up in the mountains. Her school flourishes while others around have suspended. She has our own people and many others in addition. She wants to supply the needs of these people and writes for some books for a Sunday school library. Won't you send her a good book or two for those bright boys and girls? What you put in Miss Bagby's hands will be handled well, just count on that. She is one of North Carolina's most efficient day school teachers, having acceptably filled the most exacting positions in our leading city schools. Methodist reader, help out this Methodist preacher's daughter as she works away in her evergreen Sunday school 3,000 feet nearer heaven than you.

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Sunday, the 12th of January, I walked in upon a very interesting Sunday school. Although a bad Sunday, 198 enthusiastic scholars were singing while a twelve year old boy was simply beating more music out of a piano than I thought could be boxed up. The pastor was leading and everybody was following. A new teacher training class with 16 young men and women was added to the school's assets, making the second one for the school, two 100 per cent. classes were announced for the day and every one seemed just filled with determination to make this the best year in Spring Garden's history. Brother Kirkpatrick stated that plans were formulating for a beautiful new church to be begun this year. Brother W. B. Hunt, a preacher's boy, is the energetic superintendent at Spring Garden.

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Superintendent Fred Odell, West Market, Greensboro, has broken all records. His cchool recently raised $637.70 for the Children's Home and welfare work in Greensboro, 70 per cent. going to the former and 30 per cent. to the latter. I am told that the success of the movement centers around his determination to make the thing go. He got out nice crisp "Good Cheer" checks, suitably worded, and gave each member of his school one, allowing him two weeks to work and fill in on the check what he wanted to give the fifth Sunday. Boys and girls were asked to give a day's work and they did it.

A group of fourteen intermediate boys, taught by Frank C. Boyles, brought in one round hundred dollars. When you go to working with boys and girls you may get ready to see things move. They don't know how to stand back and complain. Use some grey matter and think up something interesting, put some enthusiasm and Christianity in your call and the boys and girls will do the rest. Hurrah for Odell and his boys and girls.

CONTRIBUTIONS

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT AND EQUIPMENT

By S. B. Turrentine, D. D.

President Wilson, in his noted booklet entitled "When a Man Comes to Himself," relates the following interesting story of a merchant prince who was led to see that donations to permanent colleges are the highest productive investments:

"It was this fascination that had got hold upon the faculties of the man whom the world was afterward to know, not as a prince among merchants—for the world forgets merchant princes—but as a prince among benefactors; for beneficence breeds gratitude, gratitude admiration, admiration fame, and the world remembers its benefactors. Business, and business alone, interested him, or seemed to him worth while. The first time he was asked to subscribe money for a benevolent object he declined. Why should he subscribe? What affair would be set forward, what increase of efficiency would the money buy, what return would it bring in? Was good money to be simply given away, like water poured on a barren soil, to be sucked up and yield nothing? It was not until men who understood benevolence on its sensible, systematic, practical and really helpful side, explained to him as an investment, that his mind took hold of it and turned to it for satisfaction. He began to see that education was a thing of infinite usury; that money devoted to it would yield a singular increase to which there was no calculable end, an increase in perpetuity—increase of knowledge, and therefore of intelligence and efficiency, touching generation after generation with new impulses, adding to the sum total of the world's fitness for affairs—an invisible but intensely real spiritual usury beyond reckoning, because compounded in an unknown ratio from age to age. Henceforward beneficence was as interesting to him as business—was, indeed, a sort of sublimated business in which money moved new forces in a commerce which no man could bind or limit.

"He had come to himself—to the full realization of his powers, the true and clear perception of what it was his mind demanded for its satisfaction. His faculties were consciously stretched to their right measure, were at last exercised at their best. He felt the keen zest, not of success merely, but also of honor, and was raised to a sort of majesty among his fellow-men, who attended him in death like a dead sovereign. He had died dwarfed had he not broken the bonds of mere money-getting; would never have known himself had he not learned how to spend it; and ambition itself could not have showed him a srtaighter road to fame."

The lesson emphasized in this story is that no investment is more permanent and productive than a donation to an endowed college. Concerning such an institution the President was speaking.

It has well been said that Cardinal Wolsey's money spent upon his court soon disappeared, but that used for endowing Christ Church College has for four hundred years declared annual dividends in the form of highly educated leaders of the British empire, including John and Charles Wesley.

Such an investment is the transmutation of material assets into imperishable premiums wrought upon immortal minds and hearts.

This principle of investment applies to small as well as large donations. Rev. John Harvard's small gift of 260 volumes and 400 pounds contributed in 1638 is regarded as the prime example of stimulating multitudes of larger gifts which crown with glory Harvard University.

Necessity of the Church College

The church college is needed to promote the true ideals of culture for all systems of education. President Thompson, of the Ohio State University, says: "My conviction is that the church will be not only traitor to its own interests, but also recreant to its duty to the state, if it shall relinquish its emphasis upon these religious fundamentals. They were never more needed than now."

The startling statement has been made that only 27 per cent of the most eminent professors in American universities believe in God and that only 35 per cent of them believe in the immortality of the soul.

The church must be responsible for training its leadership. About 90 per cent of the college-trained ministers and missionaries are the products of the church college.

The Committee on Education at our last General Conference included in the report the following significant utterance: "The Christian college and the university alone can make the world safe for democracy and democracy safe for the world. The two great Methodisms are now very properly calling in the Centenary Movement for over a hundred million dollars for missions, but our mission boards would be powerless with this money unless our home training camps, colleges and universities, are enlarged and equipped for the development of an ever-growing stream of educated leaders."

Greensboro College for Women

Bishop Duncan earnestly advocated making old "G. F." College the stronghold for higher education of women in North Carolina Methodism, declaring that Greensboro is the logical place, being the geographical center of the state.

Being the oldest chartered college for women in the state, this institution has a noble history of heroic, sacrificial service in sending forth a multitude of cultured, consecrated women for worthy work.

Greensboro College for Women is permanent. Its net assets amount to about $450,000, including over $100,000 productive endowment; is owned by the two conferences of North Carolina Methodism, whose honor is pledged to its support, and it has a large body of alumnae whose loyal service is an esset of increasing value. Money invested in Greensboro College is safe. Four-fifths of all church colleges are reported to die for lack of endowment.

Our Urgent Needs

The first pressing need that should be met in behalf of Greensboro College is to complete the campaign, indorsed by both annual conferences, to raise $150,000, viz.: $50,000 for building and $100,000 for additional endowment fund. Soon after this official action had been taken our board of trustees recommended the raising of one-half million dollars for enlarged equipment and endowment.

In the meantime the new dormitory, Hudson Hall, was completed, costing $46,000. This dormitory was necessary to prevent turning away students from our college.

Equally urgent now is the completion of raising $100,000 on additional endowment to meet the growing demands of a modern high-grade college. The large increase in running expenses, including new standards in equipment and teaching force, renders the need of speedily completing this amount on endowment imperative.

Of the original indebtedness amounting to over $46,000, having accumulated before the present administration, there remains about $20,000, which stands in the way of progress and should be removed.

Other needs of the college are a conservatory of music, including commodious auditorium, costing about $75,000; a science building, costing about $50,000, and an infirmary, costing about $25,000.

Our last General Conference included in its correlated plan of campaigns the following enactment: "That the several local campaigns for schools and colleges now under way shall be completed without interference from any other campaign. However, it is very desirable that such campaigns be completed as speedily as possible."

The General Conference also enacted: "That at the beginning of the third year of the quadrennium the church-wide popular campaign for education should begin."

This last named campaign provides for raising $13,000,000 for our schools and colleges, including $450,000 for Greensboro College for Women, viz., $150,000 for buildings and $300,000 for endowment. This is, however, distinct from the educational campaign to raise $10,000,000 throughout the quadrennium for the two universities.

The Centenary Movement for Missions is also separate from any of the educational campaigns mentioned.

While the other educational forces, both denominational and state, are engaged in enlarging and strengthening their educational institutions, it is no time for North Carolina Methodism to permit anything to interfere with the successful completion of a campaign essential to the growing needs of a stronghold for the training of our leadership of Christian womanhood.

CENTENARY WILL GIVE TRUE PERSPECTIVE

By R. B. Eleazer

A report just issued from Washington estimates the direct cost of the war to all the nations involved up to May 1, 1918, at $175,000,000,000, and that by the end of the year the total will reach about two hundred billions. Of this amount, nearly three-fourths was expended for purely military and naval purposes, the balance for interest on debt and other indirect war expenses.

By contrast it is interesting, but distressing, to note that even in its most generous year the Christian world gave for foreign missions only about $25,000,000. The average annual war cost of fifty billions was just two thousand times as much. Assuming that the church has been giving for missions its maximum of $25,000,000 a year every year since the birth of Christ, the expense of one year of the great war just closed would exceed the entire amount..

The tragedy of this comparison is evident. It does not need to be commented upon. The one element of encouragement is that it indicates clearly what the church can do if it will. If Christendom can expend fifty billions a year in the destruction of life and property, it can not plead inability to supply every penny needed for such a comprehensive program of Christian missions as would speedily make over the world.

It cannot be that our people hate more ardently than they love; that they are more ready to destroy than to build up. It must be that they have never yet seen things in their right perspective. It is the business of the Centenary to show them the better way, to give them the true perspective, to set before them a goal worth more to the world than the winning of any war ever waged.

Will they respond? Who can doubt it?

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Prayer and the Centenary

Rev. John C. Hawk is saying in our Centenary cultural district group meetings that we will not be prepared for the second or third or any other step in our Centenary program unless we take the first step. Now, the first step is prayer. We shall not be prepared for the study of the great subject of stewardship unless we pray and get our people to pray; nor shall we be prepared for the financial organization and campaign unless we pray much. This has been and is being emphasized in our district group meetings, but we want the pastors who have not been able to get into these district meetings to join the rest of us in this part of the program. A great many people want to talk the money side of the Centenary. For the present let us stick to the subject of prayer and enlist all the people in intercession.

In the last week I have sent to Dr. Neblett about one hundred and fifty enrollments in the fellowship of intercession. To these persons will come very soon literature on the subject of intercession that will help them in their prayer life.

Prayer Specials

Have you read the leaflet "Prayer Specials," If you have not, get it and read it at your earliest opportunity. It is the story of a prayer special. After you have read this story take a prayer special yourself and get your church or Sunday school or missionary society to take a prayer special. The missionaries need our prayers more than they need our money.

Minute Men

Some Minute Men that I know of are making a good start in their work. Doubtless there are others, of whom I do not know, who are doing just as well. Mr. J. F. Spruill, district chairman for the Winston district, is on the job, I understand. Mr. J. H. Allen, of the Mount Airy district, is taking hold of the work vigorously. Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of the Greensboro district, will have that district astir with Minute Men in the near future, if I mistake not. Local men are just as active. Mr. R. L. Pope, of Thomasville, is making full proof of his calling. Mr. W. F. Strange, of Calvary, Charlotte, is reported as being very active.

District Group Meetings

High standards were set by Charlotte and Shelby districts for the group meetings, but there have been others that have measured well up to these, if they have not gone beyond in intensity of interest and depth of spiritual fervor. Several times we have been on the mountain tops. No one who was at Rural Hall in the closing moments of the Mount Airy district meeting can forget how manifest was the presence of the Spirit.

In the Statesville district the influenza compelled the change of time and place of one of the meetings scheduled. Instead of going to Lenoir, we met in Hickory. The second meeting for that district was held in Broad Street church. Most of the preachers and many laymen came together for the discussions. These preachers and laymen, under the leadership of their presiding elder, W. A. Newell, are determined to make the Centenary go in their district.

The Greensboro district group meeting was held in West Market Street church and was pronounced a success by those who attended. There was a good attendance and all who were present showed a determination to put the Greensboro district in the lead in this great movement. A resolution was passed pledging the district to 5,000 enrolled intercessors and a like number of pledged tithers.

Rev. John C. Hawk

Rev. John C. Hawk, of Chang Chow, China, has been present at all of our group meetings and has rendered invaluable service. He knows the Centenary program; he knows the needs of the fields, and, best of all, he knows the Lord. His coming into our midst has been a great benediction.

Preaching on the Centenary

Brother pastor, have you been preaching on the Centenary? One of our preachers writes that the day before he preached two sermons on the Centenary, and adds that he had not had such spiritual response in five years.

Salisbury District

On Tuesday, January 28th, there will be a district group meeting for the Salisbury district, held in Salisbury. The opening session will begin at 9:30 a. m. I have written Bishop Darlington to be with us and speak at the evening hour.

The following resolution was passed at the Mount Airy district group meeting:

Whereas, the world's evangelization is the great work of the church, and

Whereas, God has marvelously opened every field and broken down the barriers to the spread of the gospel,

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the Centenary Movement being made by united Methodism, and that we pledge ourselves to the performance of our part in this work.

Resolved, That we make a prayerful effort to enroll 100 per cent of our membership in the League of Intercession and in the Tithers' League.

UNITED METHODISM GOES TO EUROPE

"God's Liberty Loan is assured of success."

That was the message which Bishop James Atkins and Dr. W. W. Pinson carried to the meeting of Areal Secretaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Wallace Lodge, Yonkers, New York, December 18-20.

Bishop Atkins won the hearts of the whole gathering of laymen when he told them:

"We of the Southern Church are depending largely upon our laymen—in some places they are our only hope. The thing to do with Bishops in this campaign is to put them at the bottom of the whole business and make them rise with it."

"In the Centenary Methodism is an absolute unit, and this agreement upon one great plan has worked wonders for the Church," the Bishop said. "We are touching our greatest need—the need for larger spiritual resources. We have the power to save the world if we but put into the world the power and help of Jesus Christ."

Dr. Pinson was equally assured of the success of our great financial drive. He said:

"The first thing that impressed me about this centenary was its vastness. Now the thing that impresses me most is its vitality. We are finding people who think this thing can be done, not those who think that it can't. The other day a layman said to me, 'I should like to make a bet with you. I bet we make it forty millions instead of thirty-five:' "

The day has passed when each church can work by itself, Dr. Pinson believes. The war has so scrambled inter-religious relations that any denomination feels lonesome unless it is working for the common good.

As a practical example of the unity of effort in which our Centenary officials believe, Bishop Atkins and Dr. Pinson sailed for Europe December 21st in company with Dr. Frank Mason North, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Centenary Department of War Emergency and Reconstruction. In Europe this deputation will join Bishop W. R. Lambuth, of the Southern Church, and Bishop William F. Anderson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

General headquarters will probably be established in Paris. From these members of the deputations will visit the countries of Europe which need help in the work of reconstruction.

Careful surveys will be made so that the money raised by American Methodism may be expended most wisely and the two branches of the Church may co-operate without overlapping. —Ex.

A WONDERFULLY EFFICIENT CHURCH

The editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, in an account of his visit to Oklahoma in a recent number, gives account of a wonderfully efficient church located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We give this here with the hope that it may prove an inspiration to some of our Wealthy Western North Carolina churches that evidently need somehow to find themselves by a greater service to mankind. Some of our churches might make a little start in the direction of self-discovery by increasing the pastor's salary; but this will not avail beyond the point of a comfortable living for him and family. Churches representing wealth running far into the millions or even hundreds of thousands, cannot meet the mere demands of duty, to say nothing of privilege by paying great salaries or providing elegant houses of worship. But here is what the editor says:

Boston Avenue has built a new mission church on the west side of Tulsa at a cost of $27,000 and paid for it. They pay the entire salary of Dr. Klein, who is the President of Soochow University in China. This salary, amounting to $1750, is paid by one man. Boston Avenue pays one-half on Dr. Collyer's salary, amounting to $600. They support two day schools in China at a cost of $600. This church has a membership of 960, having had an increase of 187 last year. They pay a salary of $4200 to the pastor, $2400 to the assistant pastor, and $50 per month to their Secretary. They have an enthusiastic Epworth League of 130 members. We do not wonder that, having such a missionary spirit, this is a great church.

The Late Dr. A. D. Betts at the South Carolina Conference

By Rev. Samuel A. Weber

The late Brother Betts, "Father Betts," of North Carolina Methodism, was present at our conference, 1911, at Bennettsville. It is needless to say that he was welcome among us with Christian fraterity in the South Carolina spirit and style. A son and a grand-son as members of our body, both of whom had stood and now stand for high thinking and consecrated living, opened wide the door for father and grand-father. So he was at home at once. We frequently sat side by side and pleasantly conversed during the internals of conference business. Among other things, I said to him that, I was growing old, I felt incline to stop writing so often for the church press. "Oh! no," said he, "don't do that; if you only write short paragraphs of few sentences, it may do much good." In this he spoke out of his own experience as your readers will remember. How often did he "throw crumbs and scatter seed" in his long correspondence in the North Carolina Advocates—both of tehm. He made a short talk to the conference, when formally introduced to the body. He told, though anomymously, of his conversion while a student at the University of North Carolina, and mentioned Dr. Shipp, (then Prof. Shipp) as humanly instrumental in his salvation. It would be like Dr. Betts to make this article a short one.

Charleston, S. C.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Tillett, wife of Dean Tillett, of Vanderbilt University, fell on January 8th and fractured her hip.

—Rev. W. F. Womble, presiding elder of the Mount Airy District, made the Advocate office a pleasant call on Saturday. He was stopping between trains on his way to Leaksville and Spray.

—Rev. J. R. Walker reports that the students' subscription on Weaver Hall has been brought up from less than $200. to more than $1,000. It is wonderful to see the interest manifested by the student body. Nearly every student is a subscriber.

—We regret to learn that Prof. W. T. Usry, of Rutherford College, one of our most promising young ministers, is now confined to his bed and is in a very serious condition. The friends who read this note will not forget to pray for him and his family in their sore affliction.

—The following will be of interest to many Advocate readers: Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Alexander announce the marriage of their daughter Elma Christine to Mr. Robert Hoyle Cook, on September 3rd, 1918, Sylva, N. C. Miss Nichols is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Nichols, of Sylva, N. C., and Mr. Cook is a son of Rev. J. A. Cook, of the Methodist church, Sylva, N. C.

—Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Leaksville, made the Advocate office a pleasant visit on Wednesday of last week. He gave the editor another jar by reporting 30 new subscribers and the renewal of all old subscribers except five. His check amounted to $73.50. Leaksville is one of our smaller stations, but is loyal through and through. This is one of the charges that we expect to see a 100 per cent. charge on Advocate circulation.

—Dr. A. D. Betts, president of Paine College, announces that the college has succeeded in securing the 91 acres of land so much needed to enlarge their work. The campus and farm now include nearly 110 acres. This alone assures the institution a much larger future. Those who have made subscriptions to this fund will confer a great favor by advancing the payments as rapidly as possible. A good many of our pledges at Conference were made payable at any time during this winter or spring, but Dr. Betts says it would help them very much if these pledges could be paid during the present month, since the second payment on the land is due the second of next month.

—Many of our readers who are friends and relatives of Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Coltrane, of the North Carolina Conference, will sympathize with them in the great sorrow which has come to them in the death of their daughter, Mrs. Lina Ridenhour, wife of Mr. David Ridenhour, of Mount Gilead. Mrs. Ridenhour passed away at the family home in Mount Gilead on Monday, January 13th. She leaves a little six-months-old daughter.

—The many friends of Dr. C. W. Banner are delighted to learn that he is now on his way home from France, where he has been serving in the capacity of surgeon since last July. Dr. Banner is highly esteemed here, not only as a surgeon, but as a citizen, and we shall be glad to greet him again in the homeland.

—The pastors of our churches in Winston-Salem have planned a simultaneous revival campaign beginning April 6th. This we consider one of the most vital portions of the great Centenary campaign. It should greatly aid and certainly will not hinder the great drive for the Centenary pledges.

—We have learned with sincere sorrow of the death of Rev. W. K. Greer, which occurred at his home in Ashe county on January 16th. He had been in ill health for a year or more, but pneumonia was the immediate cause of his death. Brother Greer was a consecrated Christian and faithful local preacher on the Jefferson charge and will be greatly missed in his community.

—The Advocate shop force has been very much handicapped recently on account of sickness. The foreman has been confined to his bed with influenza for a week and is still quite ill. Our chief linotype operator had to submit to a serious surgical operation during the holidays and is just getting back to his place for light service. Others have suffered from deep colds, so it is a matter for thanksgiving that we have been able to get the paper out at all. All printing offices seem to be short of help.

—Rev. A. W. Plyler and his people at Centenary church, this city, are beginning the new year with a decidedly forward look. Already there has been a net increase of twenty in the membership, and they are planning for the great Culpeper meeting to begin on Sunday, March 26th. It is hoped our whole city may share the blessing of a great revival.

—The death of Dr. T. V. Goode, which occurred at his home at Rutherford College last week removes a good man, a loyal Methodist and a Christian physician whose life was freely given in service to his fellowmen. His death is generally deplored for he was loved by the people who will find it difficult to find another to fill the large place he occupied in the community life. Dr. Goode was a native of Cleveland county and his father, before him, was a physician. He leaves a wife and several children besides brothers and sisters, among whom are Rev. W. O. Goode and Rev. C. P. Goode, of our Conference. The Advocate extends warm sympathy to all the sorrowing friends.

—Rev. D. M. Litaker and family are delighted with their reception at Lincolnton. This is one of our old, conservative congregations with a new life and modern adjustment. On the Sunday before taking his departure Rev. W. F. Womble raised $760 to finish paying for the splendid site recently purchased for their new church. The parsonage was remodeled last year at a cost of about $1500, and the congregation started in the new year with advancing the pastor's salary to $2,000. It is expected that work will begin on the new church as soon as conditions become a little more settled.

—Rev. C. P. Goode, pastor of Thomasville circuit, begins his work with a very hopeful outlook. On the 16th inst. the old mortgage, standing on the parsonage since 1910, was paid off and things are moving nicely. Brother Goode assures us that the Advocate campaign is going right through—both new subscribers and renewals. The Thomasville circuit is a field of vast possibilities.

—Rev. W. A. Jenkins, who has been serving as chaplain for several months and recently stationed at Camp Hancock, Ga., left for the port of embarkation, Hoboken, N. J., on the 20th. He will have charge of the chaplain's work on one of the big transports probably till all the soldiers come home. Brother Jenkins says: I am delighted with the opportunity this work will give me. Have had a very successful work here. Since last July we have had more than two hundred conversions. There has been a splendid response to our work in every way, and I have never in my life enjoyed preaching more.

—Our readers will sympathize deeply with Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Terrell, of the Davidson charge, who have been so sorely bereaved during the last month, first by the death of their son-in-law, Mr. Russell, and little daughter, who passed away in two days of each other at their home in Granite Falls; then quickly following is the death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. O. Terrell, which occurred last week at the same place. All these were the victims of Spanish influenza. May God comfort these faithful servants in this dark hour.

—Rev. J. E. McSwain writes from Matthews telling the distressing news of the great loss sustained by Mrs. E. J. Heath, of that place, on Monday, January 13th, when at about 12:30 p. m. her splendid residence was totally destroyed by fire. Only a few of the furnishings were saved from two rooms on the first floor.

Wanted—Position as stenographer by settled lady; would prefer place with some orphanage, Christian school or other mission work; would also accept position as private secretary or lady's companion; will go anywhere. Address Stenographer, 627 Ashe St., Greensboro.

Another Sad Mission

Again we have been called to Granite Falls on a sad mission. This time to attend the burial of my son's wife, J. O. Terrell, whose home is in that town. His wife, Hattie, was the daughter of Dr. A. D. Jones, of Granite Falls. She was stricken with influenza one week after the death of my daughter's husband and little girl (of which notice has already been given) and lived less than one week. She was a good woman. We are sorely grieved at her loss. She leaves her husband and two little boys, one near six years old, and the other one not quite two. My son and the children are here at my home and will remain for awhile. I trust we may not soon be sadly afflicted again, but may the good Lord preserve the health of our loved ones.

We are starting out smoothly and hopefully in our year's work on the charge.

Fraternally, P. L. Terrell.

Progress at Clyde

We were more than glad to be returned here for another year. And if the people are not satisfied to have us they have a very poor way of showing their dissatisfaction. We have met with universal kindness. We have not had an organized pounding yet, but many practical expressions have come to the parsonage home, for which we are thankful.

Our circuit was cut in half by the last Conference, but that didn't disturb these saints. They have formed the habit of moving up, and so they just shouldered the part of the budget that had been carried by the churches taken off and started right on up the grade. That made the pastor and his family feel happy. But they were not satisfied with that. The first time the board of stewards got their heads together they proceeded to raise the salary to $1200. When Rev. E. O. Smithdeal came to the charge at the close of 1916 the six churches had paid the year before $662 on salary and $1,605 for all purposes. Last year the total amount raised was $3,030. Under his leadership the forward movement was started and there is no telling where it will stop.

With such a progressive and kind people to serve any man ought to be inspired to give the best that is in him. One of our New Year resolutions is to do that.

And that is not all. We have been literally

overwhelmed with kindness. Old Saint Nick, representing two of the best brothers any man ever had, came a little early and left an order for a Ford car, to be delivered as soon as the roads will permit its being brought across the mountains.

We are planning for the stewardship drive next month, and when the Centenary drive comes in April progressive Clyde will be on the Centenary map. To aid in this the officials have decided to issue a circuit bulletin at the end of each quarter. We already have a number of tithers and expect to materially increase the number.

But Clyde is only one charge in a progressive district. At the district stewards' meeting held at Sylva last month, the district budget was most enthusiastically accepted. As a mark of appreciation of our most efficient presiding elder the stewards raised his salary to $2200. A glance at the Conference Journal will show that he merited all the increase and more. And, my, what a good time we had that day! Those Sylva saints not only know how to build a church, and take care of their own pastor, but they know how to care for the visitors who come their way. We will all be glad to go back for the group meeting, January 22-23.

Robert E. Hunt.

Winston District

My dear Brethren of the Winston District:

I am hoping that the beautiful January weather we have been having has been seized by you as the opportunity to make sure of all the regular benevolent claims, thereby clearing the way for the simultaneous Centenary drive April 27-May 4. Brothers Ballard and Abernethy, at Davie and Lewisville, tell me of their success in this.

My church to church visitation with you on the second round will be largely in the interest of the Centenary in the Sunday schools. Let us earnestly carry out the plan of cultivation and organization for the Centenary—January, Intercession; February, Stewardship; March, Organization; April-May 4, Big Drive.

The Winston-Salem churches are to hold simultaneous revival services April 6-20. Let us have a four-minute talk at every church, Sunday school and preaching service by a layman from now till May 4th on the Centenary. The Centenary Advocate page each week contains valuable material for speakers.

J. F. Spruill, of Lexington, is district chairman and chairman for Davidson county and churches in the Winston district in Randolph and Montgomery. Rev. E. O. Cole is chairman for Davie and Rev. J. S. Hiatt for Forsyth counties.

The apportionment of the Centenary funds to the charges will be made at a district meeting to be held in Winston-Salem in March.

Frank Siler.

Coleridge Circuit

A few words from this border charge are due, and it is my pleasure to write them.

On our arrival at the depot at Ramseur, where I expected to find my horse and buggy awaiting us,—they had been shipped in advance—we were met by that prince of our loyal laymen, Brother R. L. Caveness, who accosted me with the question, "What do you propose to do?" I replied, "Hunt up my horse and buggy and be off for Coleridge." "They are at Coleridge now, as are all your household goods, and you can go over in my car." So in about thirty minutes we were at our new home, where some good sisters were in waiting with good fires and a nice dinner to give their cordial greeting and welcome a practical basis.

They had put down a nice matting on one floor and a set of new chairs, some window curtains and other needed articles. Since then a real handsome bookcase, some heaters and electric lights have come in, all of which we very highly appreciate.

There are five churches in the charge, all but one in good repair. The one at Coleridge is, perhaps, the most up-to-date and well-equipped in any village of like size in our conference, and used by as loyal a people as can be found. However, except at this one church our Sunday schools have not been able to rally their work to its normal condition since disorganized by the prevailing epidemic of influenza. This, we pray, may soon be over and work resumed in all lines. I feel sure I have a field of great possibilities, where I shall endeavor to do much of the best work of my life.

J. T. Stover.

CAMPAIGN CALLS

More Advocates

The headline expresses the need. Many years' service on the Committee on Books and Periodicals has made me fairly familiar with the struggle to maintain our Conference organ in a state of efficiency. For years we have been striving to reach the goal of one subscriber for each ten members of the church. This year we have pitched the campaign to attain this result. And when we have reached the allotment for the year we shall have just about half as many subscribers as we should have in the Conference.

I have looked over the assignments for the several pastoral charges in the Statesville District. It can and will be done. It is probable that we have almost enough official members who do not now subscribe to the Advocate to make up the quota in this district. How men can undertake to administer the affairs of a church of which they know nothing is still one of the unsolved mysteries.

I beg each pastor in the Statesville District to at once appoint the "Committee to Assist in Circulating Christian Literature," as the Discipline directs, and, with their aid, prosecute a continuous campaign until our quota is reached. An earnest effort is all that the Advocate asks. In these days when so many of our churches are closed on account of influenza is a good time to carry the campaign from house to house and the weekly visitation of the Advocate to our homes was never more needed than at this time.

W. A. Newell.

To Salisbury District

The Discipline directs that the second quarterly conference shall appoint a committee to assist the pastor in the circulation of our Christian literature. We are doing this in the first round, because the Advocate campaign is now open, and we want the service of this committee at once. So far, nearly all the quarterly conferences that have been held have elected the board of stewards as this committee. This is wise and all right. When the stewards become interested and put their energies to work for a movement they carry it to success.

I suggest that each pastor call a church conference in each of his churches, and have the church conference to elect this committee. I make this suggestion because the Advocate campaign is now open, and the first quarterly conference is several weeks off in some charges. If each charge can have an enthusiastic committee it will be a great help to the pastor. But it will not do, in any case, for the pastor to depend wholly on the committee and leave the work to them. Now is the time to make an irresistible drive for the Advocate. Don't stop with the allotted number of subscribers and renewals, but make a complete canvass, and get all you can.

We have more than one hundred and ten thousand members in our Conference. In this large membership I suppose there are at least twenty-five thousand families represented. We have the numbers and force sufficient to have the strongest paper that can be made.

There is no representative secular paper within the Salisbury district. The local secular papers seem very shy of rendering service to our church. We must depend on our own papers. Let the church paper be first in every family. Let your church conference elect an Advocate committee. If any one is squeamish about the letter of the law, the quarterly conference will confirm the action of the church conference. There is no limit to the number. Make your committee as large as you need, but not too large. Work for the Advocate for what it is already, and to make it all you want it to be.

J. C. Rowe.

Salisbury, N. C.

Mount Airy District

To the Pastors and People of the Mount Airy District:

Were it possible for me to bring to you a plan by which flour, sugar, shoes, or any other article of like nature could be purchased at the old price of five years ago, would you not appreciate it? And would you not avail yourselves of the opportunity of supplying your needs? There is a plan, an easy plan given, by which each family may secure at the old price an article which is as essential to any of our well regulated Methodist homes as any of the above mentioned articles are. That article is the North Carolina Christian Advocate. No Christian family can be without the church paper and not suffer loss. Therefore, suffer me to humbly, yet earnestly, exhort every pastor and official board in the Mount Airy District to get busy at once and see that all old Advocate subscriptions are renewed and that at least the allotted number of new subscriptions are secured as soon as possible, that our district may be the first one on the honor roll and at the same time do our people a great service.

Let us not neglect this important matter, but let us act, and act at once.

W. F. Womble.

How It Was Done

Rev. J. A. Sharpe, now serving his third year on the Lowesville charge, was one of the most successful pastors in the Advocate campaign of 1918. In a letter to the editor he says:

I am convinced that the one essential thing in securing new subscribers for the church paper is for the pastor of the individual charge, first of all, to learn to know the paper in its entirety. He should be able to show to the people that it is the medium through which the individual can keep in touch with the entire Conference, and thus learn what our church is really doing. In making my campaign last year I stressed the need of Christian literature in the home, the need of furnishing the children with the right kind of reading matter. I presented the Advocate from the pulpit, and followed up my presentation with a vigorous campaign at the church. When I failed to reach a man at the church I went into his home. Most of my subscriptions were taken in the church and on the church grounds. I found that it was a very easy matter to get new subscribers when the people found out what the church paper really was. Many people did not wait for me to come to them after I presented the paper to them and explained its different departments, but came to me and gave their subscriptions voluntarily. Show the people what the paper is, show them the need of the paper in the home. Show them that if they would be well informed church members they must read the church paper, and you will always win. In my campaign last year this worked with such wonderful success that it will push me to find material out of which to secure my allotment this year."

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

COMPENSATION

By Rev. Benjamin Copeland, D. D.

O Jesus, Saviour, Brother, Friend!
Lead us the way thy feet have trod;
And draw us closer to thy heart,
Son of the living, loving God!

Yea, closer, closer to thy heart
Of love and sympathy divine,
Relieving sorrow, want, and pain
With gentle kindliness like thine.

For ministry so blest, so full
Of peace and joy like that above
We ask no other recompense
Than richer measures of thy love.

For all we need is more of love
To seek and save the lone, the lost,
Whose hope of everlasting life
Thy precious death and passion cost.

Enough for us to follow thee,
Whate'er we know of earthly loss;
Enough to serve thy blessed will
And share the glory of thy cross.

CONFERENCE PLEDGE

We are sure our readers will be interested in the announcement that comes to us from our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock, that our Conference Pledge for 1918 has gone "over the top."

Total receipts for the year are $27,791.80, and more than $16,000 of this amount was contributed on pledge. Not only have the financial gains been most gratifying, but more than 10 per cent. increase has been made in organizations and membership, and in every department of the work there has been growth and development. With an epidemic of influenza prevailing throughout our Conference for several months of the year, we feel that this is a record of which we may justly be proud.

Our hearts go out in gratitude to Him who has been with our workers and prospered our work.

May this achievement be an inspiration for the new year and help us to plan for greater things for 1919.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Adult Society, West End, Winston—President, Mrs. M. D. Stockton; first vice-president, Mrs. G. H. Hastings; second vice-president, Mrs. E. W. Dixon; recording secretary, Mrs. O. C. Mitchell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. R. Crawford, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. B. M. Cahill; superintendent mission study, Mrs. H. W. Fouchee; superintendent social service, Mrs. B. M. Hitchcock; superintendent local work, Mrs. P. O. Leak; superintendent supplies, Mrs. A. M. Martin; agent Voice, Mrs. W. C. Womble.

Adult Society, Centenary, Greensboro—President, Mrs. T. A. Glascock; second vice-president, Mrs. Jno. Pleasants; recording secretary, Mrs. Robt. Rives; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. A. Long; treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Glasscock; local treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Schoonover; superintendent mission study, Mrs. N. J. Mason; superintendent social service, Mrs. E. A. Rives; superintendent supplies, Mrs. Jno. A. Hodgin.

Adult Society, Morven—President, Miss Mamie Walsh; vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Little; second vice-president, Mrs. M. H. Lowry; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. J. Dean; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Lowry; assistant secretary, Mrs. F. P. Pratt; Voice agent, Mrs. M. J. Dean.

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Adult Society, Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte—President, Mrs. W. L. Nicholson; first vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Thomas; second vice-president, Mrs. C. R. Scott; recording secretary, Mrs. C. E. Muse; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. C. Bunch; treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Goldie.

Adult Society, Taylorsville—President, Mrs. D. C. Henley; first vice-president, Mrs. J. Frank Clement; second vice-president, Mrs. Lou Coon; recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Edwards; corresponding secretary, Miss Esther Bolick; treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Zickler; superintendent social service, Mrs. H. D. Lindsay; agent for Voice, Mrs. D. C. Henley.

Adult Society, Biltmore—President, Mrs. D. S. Roberts; first vice-president, Mrs. I. E. Sumner; second vice-president, Mrs. F. A. Walton; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. H. Rea; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Bell; superintendent mission study, Mrs. Chas. Abernathy; superintendent social service, Mrs. M. L. Potts; agent Voice, Mrs. D. R. Proffitt.

Young People's Society, Pilot Mountain—President, Miss Cora Hyatt; first vice-president, Miss Alice Gordon; second vice-president, Miss Sadie Harrell; recording secretary, Miss Nannie Jordan; corresponding secretary, Miss Myrtle Harris; treasurer, Miss Mary Gordon; superintendent mission study, Miss Magdalen Faulk; superintendent social service, Miss Alice Gordon; leader, Mrs. J. A. Pell.

Junior Society, Biltmore—President, Frank Walton; first vice-president, Estelle Pressley; second vice-president, Margaret Lytle; secretary, Harold Rea; treasurer, Emma McMinn; su-22 perintendent mission study, Thelma Cauble; superintendent social service, Richard Rea.

COLORED WOMEN ORGANIZE A WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

It is doubtless well known among us that the remnant of the ex-slaves who, after the Civil War, clung to the old mother church, were by their own request, set apart into a separate body. The General Conference which gave them separate existence also ruled that all property in which they had worshiped as congregations should be deeded to them. These people though having an independent existence, have continued to look to the old church from which they came for aid and succor. This being the custom, a number of their leading women came to Miss Bennett and two of our missionary secretaries early last April, asking for help in plans which were being projected for a Connectional Missionary Society.

For years a band of these faithful colored women had been praying for an organization through which they might enter with other Christian women into the great task of World Redemption. They now felt that the hour had struck and the time had come to act. Accordingly, memorials were sent by them and by our own Woman's Missionary Council to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church asking for authorization to organize a Woman's Missionary Council.

This authorization was secured in May and by September plans were matured and the first meeting was held in the old Capers Chapel in Nashville, Tenn. There were present at this gathering thirty-six representatives from twenty-four Annual Conferences in nine different states. Officers were elected and departments for work organized under the following committees: Literature Committee, Deaconess Committee, Social Service Committee and Student Aid Committee.

It is the plan of the Council to make use of the Missionary Voice and the Young Christian Worker until such time as they shall be able to print their own publications. It is also interesting to note that they have elected an editor and are planning for their woman's page in the columns of the Index, which is the official organ of the C. M. E. Church. The editor, Miss Bell, is also the chairman of the Committee on Literature. She is a graduate of Lane College and a woman well prepared for her work. Rev. Sara Williams, a licensed preacher and a graduate of Paine College, is chairman of the Deaconess Committee.

It is their plan to give college preparation to young women desiring to enter the work of the deaconess through the work of the Student Aid Committee. This college work is to be preparatory to the preparation for deaconess work. They hope also to co-operate with the women of the M. E. Church, South, in the conduct of Bethlehem Houses, and to extend the work of the Community Clubs as begun by our Social Service Department.

Their main work now will be to push the organization, the aim being to have an Adult and a Children's Auxiliary in every local charge.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. A. McKenzie, is president of the N. Alabama Conference Woman's Missionary Society. She is an able woman and the fruits of her zeal were shown by the fact that six of the representatives present were from her conference. Some of the plans which were adopted by the Council wer those which had been successfully worked out in conference. The president of the Council, Dr. Mattie Coleman, is a graduate physician and the vice-president, Mrs. Helena H. Cobb, has the distinction of being the first colored woman to organize and conduct a successful girls' school.

The entire meeting was characterized by a spirit of deep earnestness and fervent prayer. The largeness of the task seemed ever present and with it came the consequent necessity of dependence upon God. Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Educational Secretary of our Woman's Missionary Council, was present at every meeting and aided in every plan. Others of the secretaries were present and assisted and the deep gratitude of the colored women for this help was touching indeed.

Another door of opportunity has opened for our missionary women wherever there is a C. M. E. church. The women of our auxiliaries should aid them in their organization in these local churches. The example of the Louisiana Conference women may well be followed. Mrs. Lorinda Foreman Green, who was elected organizer, was sent to Nashville through the aid of her white friends in that conference. If subscriptions to the Voice and the Young Christian Worker were sent to the office in Nashville with a request that copies be sent to these colored women, this would be a great aid.

The second meeting of the Women's Missionary Council of the C. M. E. Church will be held next year in Birmingham, Ala. Let us lend our aid in every possible way to this young organization. If it fails the fault will be ours in part, because they are depending upon us and to them this means a new era of development.

The following letter to the members of the Ladies' Aid Societies in our Southern Methodist Church, comes from Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, Centenary Secretary of the department of Woman's Work, and we ask a careful reading by all our women who are interested in this great Centenary movement:

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 1, 1918.

My dear Sisters:

Through your presiding elder I have learned that the Ladies' Aid Society is the only woman's organization in your church and that you are the president of that society. The Ladies' Aid Society is the oldest woman's organization in Southern Methodism and many pastors and local church needs have received from these societies greatest aid. The Centenary Commission recognizes what a great factor the Ladies' Aid Society is in the life of Southern Methodism, and is eager to secure their co-operation in the advancement of the church's great Centenary program.

As the Associate Centenary Secretary of the Woman's Department, it is my duty and my pleasure to seek to enlist every woman of Southern Methodism in the Centenary Movement. I can only do this through the aid of the leading women in our local churches, and I am coming now to seek the help of your Ladies' Aid members in getting this Centenary Movement upon the hearts of all the women of your church.

You have doubtless learned that the year 1919 marks one hundred years of missionary effort for the Methodist Church in North America, and that the Methodist churches of the U. S. A. and Canada desire to celebrate this one hundredth anniversary by a widespread effort to deepen the spiritual life of every Methodist, by calling them to a larger prayer-life to a fuller surrender of time and life and substance to the Great Giver of all things, and by large gifts in the next five years. The Southern Methodist church is asking for gifts amounting to $35,000,000, $7,000,000 a year for five years to come. I suppose that your pastor has already presented this movement to his congregation, and sought signers to the Centenary Intercession Cards which have been sent him. I trust that you are already enlisted in this church-wide league of Intercession, and that you have felt blessed in your own spiritual life thereby. I have asked your pastor to meet your Aid Society, and to present to you the Centenary and to bring a package of Intercession Cards that each member of your Society may be a signer, and that you shall have some of these cards and seek to obtain the signatures of all the women of your church. I want to ask also that you shall set apart a few minutes of each one of your Aid Society meetings, for a little talk on the Centenary Movement and special prayer for its success.

Will you not do two things for me? First, put my name and work on your prayer list, for I have great need of power from above in my Centenary service? Second, will you not write and tell me what your society has done to propagate the Centenary Movement, so I can send Centenary material and help you further in carrying forward the movement in your community? May God bless you and make you a blessing.

Your Centenary Secretary,

Mrs. M. L. Hargrove.

GIVE "SYRUP OF FIGS" TO CONSTIPATED CHILD

Delicious "Fruit Laxative" Can't Harm Tender Little Stomach, Liver and Bowels

Look at the tongue, mother. If coated, your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing at once. When peevish, cross, listless, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups.

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

GOD KNOWS BEST

"Whichever way the wind doth blow,
Some heart is glad to have it so;
Then blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best.

My little craft sails not alone;
A thousand fleets from every zone
Are out upon a thousand seas;
What blows for one a favorite breeze,
Might dash another, with the shock,
Of doom, upon some hidden rock.
And so I do not dare to pray
For winds to waft me on my way,
But leave it to a Higher Will
To stay or speed me, trusting still
That all is well, and sure that He
Who launched my bark, will sail with me
Through storm and calm, and will not fail
Whatever breezes may prevail
To land me every peril past,
Within His sheltering heaven at last.

Then whatsoever wind doth blow
My heart is glad to have it so;
And blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best."

—Caroline A. Mason.

A NEW LEAGUE CHAPTER AT STONEVILLE

Mrs. B. H. Wall has organized an Epworth League chapter at Stoneville and from reports sent in we know this chapter is doing some good work. We are glad to welcome this chapter into the Conference.

The officers of this chapter are: General superintendent, Mrs. B. H. Wall; president, Dan Fagg; vice-president, Neta Tinsly; recording secretary, Kathleen Price; treasurer, Julia Gerry.

HAWTHORNE LANE, CHARLOTTE, LEAGUE

A letter received from Miss Eloise Doxey, corresponding secretary of the Hawthorne Lane church Epworth League, tells the following interesting items about their progressive League. The following is a part of her letter:

We only started last September, and on account of many interruptions caused by quarantines and sickness, we have not done as much as we had hoped to do. We now have 61 members and all have signed the following pledge:

Pledge for Active Members

I will earnestly seek for myself, and do all I can to help others attain, the highest New Testament standard of experience and life. I will refrain from taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

I will, so far as possible, attend the devotional meetings of the chapter and the worship of the church, and will take some active part in them.

Name .....

Address .....

Our devotional meetings are well attended. On one stormy evening recently when every one was looking for a small attendance, we had thirty-five present. This shows the devotion of our members. The committee on program for devotional meetings spend one hour or more every week on planning for these meetings. As a consequence our meetings are bright and interesting from beginning to end.

We have a missionary meeting every month and have raised, since September, over $30 for missions. Besides this we have promised and will pay $25 for the African Special.

We have a social meeting on the first Friday night of every month. These meetings are carefully planned and everyone we have had has been voted a success.

Last Friday week (the 3rd) we had lots of fun. All those present were divided into two sections, the "reds" and the "whites." We had a number of contests. First, throwing empty paper bags, blown up, tied with red and white strings; second, the "reds" were given five red beans and the "whites" five white ones. The contest was to throw these into a tin bucket about six feet distant. The "reds" got 25 and the "whites" 23. Third, a marshmallow was tied in the middle of a string and a "red" and white" tried to see who could eat the string first. The one getting to the marshmallow first made 25 points.

The contest that was really the most fun was the seventh and last. The "reds" were seated in a row on one side and the "whites" on the other. A pillow case and pillow was given to the head of each row. The game was to take the pillow out of the case and put it back and give to the next one and so on to the end of each line. The "reds" won.

After a number of these contests refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

We had a very nice social time. All our socials close formally, with a song and prayer.

We have nearly all the committees provided for in the constitution and every member of the League is on some committee.

Mr. J. B. Ivey, who is in charge of the League, also attends all of these meetings. In fact, he is at the head of them, as he inspires and helps us in every way.

THE WINSTON-SALEM EPWORTH LEAGUE

Grace Chapter

Following a short devotional meeting the Grace Epworth League chapter will hold a business session this evening. Matters of importance will come before this meeting, therefore a full attendance is desired. All the young people of the church are cordially invited to become members of the League.

Centenary Chapter

The meeting of the Epworth League of Centenary Methodist church will be held tonight at 6:45 with Miss Irene Speer as leader. A splendid program has been planned and all members and those interested in League work are asked to be in attendance. Following is the program:

Hymn No. 4.
The Lord's prayer, all standing.
Reciting of hymn No. 482.
"Jesus Saviour Pilot Me"—Miss Helen Henley.
Psalm 103: Read responsively.
Announcements.
Hymn No. 1.
Talk by leader—Miss Irene Speer.
Sentence prayers.
Talk: "The High Standard."—Miss Nan Norfleet.
Hymn No. 283.
Talk: "The League's Opportunity"—Miss Evelyn Powell.
Solo: "My Lord and I"—Miss Mary Sue Henley.
Roll Call.
Hymn No. 52.
Collection.
Benediction.

Social Evening

The Epworth League of Grace M. E. Church will hold a social session at the church Tuesday evening, January 21. A splendid program has been prepared for the evening, including special music and an address by Rev. R. H. Daugherty, pastor of West End M. E. church. Following the address a social hour will be spent. All the young people of the community, regardless of whether they are members of the League or not, are invited to attend.—Daily Sentinel.

THE SPENCER CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

Another new organization for the Methodists is an Epworth League. The following are the officers chosen for the new year: President, Miss Jessie Young; first vice-president, Miss Ferrie Dorton; recording secretary, Miss Mary Hicks; corresponding secretary, Miss Carrie Gobbel; treasurer, Glenn Pennington; Epworth Era agent, Sterling Stoudemire; first department superintendent, devotional, Mrs. L. L. Perkins; second department superintendent, social, Miss Glysta Holt; third department superintendent, recreation, Mrs. O. C. Godfrey; fourth department superintendent, missionary, Temple Gobbel.—Exchange.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NOTES

The Virginia Conference raised $1,300,000 for church purposes last conference year.

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The Southern Christian Advocate has been moved from Anderson to Columbia, S. C. The change took place January 1.

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Rayne Memorial Church, according to the New Orleans Advocate, made a Christmas offering of $8,000 to cancel the debt on the parsonage, and the pastor, Dr. U. G. Foote, raised $1,000 extra to make improvements.

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Bishop Hoss has returned to Muscogee. Our readers will be glad to learn that he is in his usual health, the recent reports to the contrary being incorrect. This we learn through the Texas Christian Advocate.

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Bishop E. R. Hendrix expects to sail for Europe sometime during this month. He goes in the interest of the Centenary movement.

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Judge John S. Candler, of Atlanta, lectures to a Men's Bible Class of his church—Druid Hills, Atlanta, that frequently has as many as seventy-five members present.

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Mrs. H. M. Patton, Waverly, Mo., writes: "I fed two boxes of 'More Eggs' to my hens and broke the egg record. I got 1,500 eggs from 160 hens in exactly 21 days." You can do as well. In fact, any poultry raiser can easily double his profits by doubling the egg production of his hens. A scientific tonic has been discovered that revitalizes the flock and makes hens work all the time. The tonic is called "More Eggs." Give your hens a few cents' worth of "More Eggs," and you will be amazed and delighted with results. A dollar's worth of "More Eggs" will double this year's production of eggs, so if you wish to try this great profit maker write E. J. Reefer, poultry man, 6251 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., who will send you a season's supply of "More Eggs" Tonic for $1.00 (prepaid). So confident is Mr. Reefer of the results that a million dollar bank guarantees if you are not absolutely satisfied, your dollar will be returned on request and the "More Eggs" costs you nothing. Send a dollar today or ask Mr. Reefer for his free poultry book that tells the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.



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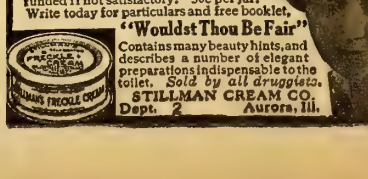
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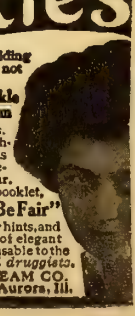
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From the Field

FROM JEFFERSON CIRCUIT

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Jefferson school is doing very fine work. We have more than forty boarding students a splendid faculty, and things are moving nicely. We take courage and go forward. Pray for us.

T. J. Houck.

TO THE CLASS OF THE SECOND YEAR

Let me suggest that you secure all the books of your Conference course and go through them carefully these winter nights. Later review them closely and come to the Summer School at Trinity College in June and take the lectures and pass all your work there.

Unless you do this, you will have to take the correspondence course and pass there. You have the choice of doing all your work with the correspondence school, or doing it at home between now and June, then attending the lectures at Trinity College and passing all your work there.

You do not have to do both, but you must do one or the other. Under the new law you cannot pass at Conference.

Write me freely about your studies. I am ready to be of any help possible.

Get a railroad half fare permit at once and use it when the Conference pays your way to Durham in June.

D. M. Litaker,
Chairman and Instructor in Summor School, Lincolnton, N. C.

A CORRECTION

We hereby call attention to an error which appeared in the Centenary matter in the issue of January 2nd. In a parargaph headed, "What Your Centenary Money Will Do" among the causes listed as beneficiaries of the Centenary campaign was the supplementing of the salaries of underpaid pastors and superannuates. This item should have read, "Supplement the Support of 2,500 Underpaid Pastors." The Superannuate Fund is not a part of the Centenary Program and is not included in the drive for $35 000,000.

The reecent General Conference authorized the launching of a campaign for $10,000,000 to be applied to the support of worn-out preachers. There is no appeal which should stir the heart strings and loosen the purse strings more effectually than this call for justice to the helpless heroes of the Cross who have devoted the best years of their lives to the cause of Christ. It is eminently right and proper that in their sunset days "they shall not want." A hearty response to the appeal of the Superannuate Endowment cause is urged throughout the church when the drive for this amount shall be made.

The Centenary movement has no better friends and loyal supporters than the superannuates all over our territory and the Superannuate Fund has no stronger advocate than the Centenary of Missions. The Methodist church is big enough and broad enough to stand behind both. May God's richest blessings rest upon the noble band of Methodist preachers, who, through their untiring effort and patient endeavor, have made possible such a celebration as the one which is now engaging the attention of the church.

Centenary of Missions,
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REV. J. E. GAY

A member of Central church, Albemarle, writing of the faithful service of Rev. J. E. Gay in that congregation, says: I think I can truthfully say from a personal standpoint, as well as voice the sentiment of the entire church, that no pastor has ever been sent us who has been more universally loved and appreciated than the Rev. J. E. Gay, not only by his own flock but by members of other denominations, and even by non-church members. For two years he has labored among us with untiring zeal, no doubt being oft times discouraged, but not a word of complaint was ever heard to fall from his lips. Instead, his every word and deed was clothed with charity. He is a close student and many of his sermons showed deep research. Brother Gay came to us with a message from God and he delivered it fearlessly. Though kind and gentle in demeanor, he failed not to tell men of their sins; then pleaded with them and pointed them to the higher and better life. During those dark days of last October when the terrible epidemic was passing over Albemarle, working havoc, and threatening the lives of almost the entire town, one quiet, unassuming figure might have been seen going from house to house praying for and ministering to the sick and afflicted; no home being too lowly and obscure for this godly man to pass unnoticed, not stopping to inquire if they were members of his own church: But he went in response to the question that was ever in his heart: "Am I my brother's keeper?" This good man is a big brother to all. We give Brother Gay and his most excellent family up with deep regret.

PASSING UNDER THE CLOUD

Brother and Sister P. L. Terrell, of the Davidson circuit, have had deep affliction recently in the death at Granite Falls of their son-in-law, Mr. Walter Russell, and his little daughter, Sue, also their daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Terrell.

Their host of friends, I feel sure, deeply sympathize with them and will make frequent mention of them at a throne of grace.

These faithful servants of God have for a long season borne comfort to many along the loyal itinerant way. This is a time when the tribulation comes near as they linger alone in the country parsonage. May the good Father most wonderfully sustain them.

Frank Siler.

CANTON CIRCUIT

Since we came to Bethel things have been coming to pass, or rather coming to stay—things from sausage to a two-horse load of wood. On the evening of December 19th, our good neighbors gave us an old time "pounding." Since that occasion individuals have kept up the good work. We wish to express our appreciation for all this. Then on January 9th the stewards met and voted an increase of $350.00 on salary.

Otherwise the future looks promising and all these good things come to us as a challenge to do our utmost. Pray for us.

The paper will be cared for. We are planning to have right to the $1.50 subscription rate.

F. O. Dryman.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church has received a cable from Dr. F. M. North, its Corresponding Secretary, dated Paris, January 6, which reads: "Safe arrival. All well." Dr. North was accompanied by Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, Executive Secretary of the Department of War Emergency and Reconstruction Work Abroad; Bishop James Atkins; Secretary Pinson, both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Dr. Edwin F. Frease, Superintendent of the North Africa Mission.



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Total: $183.16.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs. J. A. P. Wolff. Rural Hall SS, Birthday offerings, $7.19; Miss Ella May Connelly, Trinity SS, $6.25; Mrs. J. F. Ward Lexington, $3; John Chrisman Hanes, Pine Hall, $45; J. R. Johnson, Warrensville, $1.

Total: $22.44.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE HOME

Mrs. M. A. Irving. Stoneville, $5; D. F. Mast, Valle Crucis SS, $5.20.

TEN PER CENT ASSESSMENT

E. B. Claywell, Morganton Station, $62.30; Rev. M. F. Moores, Hendersonville Station, $30.

Total: $92.30.

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Mrs. F. S. Detter, Dallas, Ladies Aid Society, $2.00; Rev. H. F. Starr, Albemarle, Stony Hill SS, $1.80; Rev. H. F. Starr, Albemarle, Forest Schoolhouse SS, $4.20; W. H. Rees, Greensboro, West Market Baraca class, $40.00; W. H. Rees, Greensboro, special gift from a friend, $50.00; W. H. Rees, Greensboro, balance of West Market St. Christmas offering, $2.45. Total, $100.45.

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The Margaret Bess class, Cherryville SS, $5.00; B. B. Byrum, High Rock, $5.00; Mrs. M. A. Irving, Stoneville, $5.00; D. F. Mast, Valle Crucis, $5.20. Total, $20.20.

TEN PER CENT ASSESSMENT

Rev. D. R. Proffitt, Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant charge, $25.00; Z. N. Anderson, Mocksville station, $50.00; Rev. H. C. Byrum, Bessemer City, Bessemer charge, $50.00; Rev. J. T. Ratledge, Catawba Ct., $6.00; Rev. T. B. Johnson, Trinity, Randolph charge, $5.00; Rev. A. P. Ratledge, Gibsonville charge, $15.00; Rev. Lee A. Falls, Mooresville charge, $150.00; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Kernersville charge, $8.40; Rev. T. J. Houck, Jefferson charge, $16.00; Rev. H. C. Byrum, Bessemer charge, $60.00. Total, $385.40.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following named articles: From the Kernersville Branch of the Needlework Guild of America, through Miss Will Stockton, a box of garments; from the Dorcas Philathea class of Thomasville Main Street church, through Mrs. L. B. Thomas, teacher, a quilt.

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Signed,

Z. E. Barnhardt,
Jno. W. Moore,
W. B. Love.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Educational Association of the M. E. Church, South, authorized by the last General Conference and organized at Lake Junaluska in July, 1918, will hold its first regular session at Memphis, Tennessee, March 4, 5 and 6, 1919. All officially recognized educational institutions of the church, and all Annual Conference Boards of Education are entitled to representation and membership in the Association.

Information will be given later concerning program, hotel accommodations, etc.

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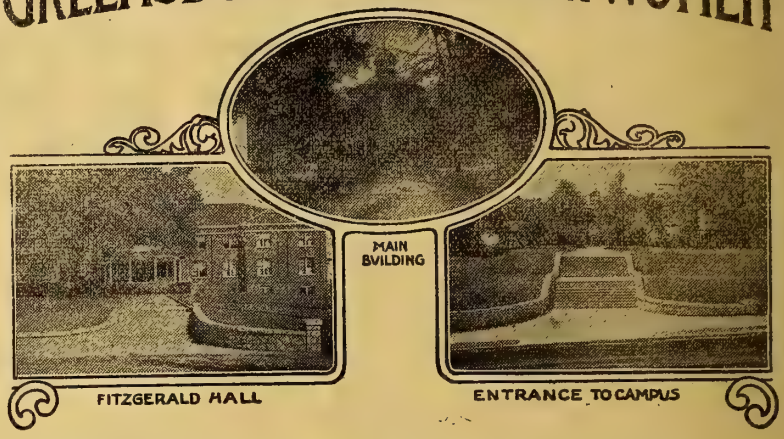
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"The hotel man could tell us," Billy replied.

"But, Billy," he said, "you can't go through life depending on some one else. You must know yourself."

"You're going to learn that this week. It's the last chance I'll give you."

"What are you going to do if I can't learn it?"

"I'm going to leave you home next Saturday. That's what I'm going to do."

It was Billy's turn to look grave. Saturday was a day he had been counting for weeks. Father was going to see the ball game at Stamford—his own college. And Billy never wanted anything so much as he wanted to go with him.

"You wouldn't let me stay home just for that?" asked Billy.

"I'd be ashamed to take a boy to college who couldn't remember a little thing like that. What do you suppose people would think?"

"They wouldn't know anything about it," suggested Billy.

"But I'd know. Now, young man, you have three days in which to make good. I'll take a walk around to the school next Friday and see if you know how much nine times nine amounts to."

"All right," agreed Billy. "Be sure to come for I'll surely know by that time."

There were a great many other things to learn that week, and Billy found Friday had arrived, with nine times nine still to be learned.

"But I can learn that in a minute," he said. "Nine times nine is—nine times nine is"—

He said it over and over to himself all morning. But the only time he got the right answer was when he looked in the book.

Books were put away at last, and the teacher began to give out questions. To Billy came the question:

"How much is nine times nine?"

"Seventy-one," answered Billy," feeling surely he was right.

Some one scraped his feet just then, and the teacher thought he had answered correctly.

"That's right, Billy, I'm glad," said Mr. Davidson.

But when Billy looked in his book, he found he had given the wrong answer. There was a lump in his throat, as he went up and told Mr. Davidson. But there was a bigger lump when he saw his father come in.

"I've lost the ball game," he thought. But his father came up and shook his hand. "Billy," he said, "I'm proud to learn that there is one very important thing that you do know. You know how to be truthful even at the risk of losing a ball game. Now you go master that multiplication while I talk with Mr. Davidson."

With his father's commendation still ringing in his ears, Billy went to work with a will, and came off conqueror.— Ida Alexander in the Sunbeam.

KITTY'S STRANGE FLOWERS

Kitty was so proud of her garden! Her father had it spaded up for her, but she herself had raked it over and over, and divided it into neat beds, with tiny paths between.

"What shall I plant in it?" was the next question.

Kitty's father was the Secretary of an Agricultural Bureau. She did not understand exactly what it was all about. She knew he had lots of little packets of seed in the pigeon-holes of his desk; and that he was always raising queer plants and flowers in his garden and greenhouse.

"Try mignanette, candytuft, and sweet alyssum," said he. "They are easy to raise. And you can put in a row of sweet peas, if you like, and a few scarlet runners. Here are all the seeds you need."

Kitty clapped her hands. The seeds rattled delightfully in the paper packets. She planted them all. Still she was not quite satisfied.

"Can I have just one more kind, papa?"

"O yes. Choose it yourself."

Kitty looked over the packages in the desk. Most of them had long, funny names.

"I guess I'll try these," she said, spelling out the hard words: Cuicus lanceolatus.

Her father smiled. "I wouldn't take that," he said. "You'll be sorry if you do."

"Hasn't it a pretty flower, papa?"

"Rather—some folks think so. But it won't look well in your garden, and it will hurt the other plants. Try something else.

But Kitty had made up her mind, and her father let her have her way. The whole bed had been planted, so she sprinkled in the strange seed here and there among the rest.

The plantlets came up, and thrived wonderfully—especially the odd kind that had gone in last. These strangers grew and grew, until they bade fair to crowd out the pretty delicate sprays of the mignonette, and everything else in the garden.

One day in early summer Kitty came to her father in tears.

"Papa, do come and look at my garden. Nothing will grow but the ugly old Cuicus, or whatever it is."

"Look at them closely, Kitty. Don't you recognize them? There's one, just outside the fence, full-grown."

"You don't mean, papa, that they're—just—common—thistles?"

Her father nodded. "We must pull them up, little girl. It will hurt a little, but nothing else will grow with them. They're like small, ugly faults that spoil the whole character. Come, I'll help you, darling."

Kitty now says there is one Golden Text she never will forget: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Sunday School Times.

MARBLES AND MANNERS

"I'm never going to own anything in partnership with Harvey again!" Jack's face was red, and his voice had an edge on it.

He had spoken to his older brother, Hugh, who was reading by the table, but suddenly a head bobbed over the window sill and another voice, also with an edge, answered him unexpectedly. "Why?" demanded Harvey.

Jack looked a little taken back. "Because you're too careless," he said. There's that blue marble, now—"

Harvey laughed, though his face was red. "And there's that green marble," he echoed, "that you lost, and the brown, nad the purple."

Jack's eyes flashed. "I haven't finished naming the ones you lost yet," he rejoined. "The striped, you remember, and the white, and maybe more."

Here Hugh yawned and put down his book. "You two seem to have lost lots more than marbles, I should say," he remarked. "Seems to me you've lost a good deal of your manners."

But the smaller boys did not reply. They were getting more and more exasperated with each other. Both faces were flushed and they were talking very loudly.

"So it's this way," Hugh put in again. "Jack lost the green marble and the brown, and the purple."

Harvy lost the white and the striped and the blue. That puts you even, anyway."

Harvey turned his back on Jack. "All right, then, we just won't own anything together any more. I guess I'll be as well off as you!"

"Not quite," Jack retorted. "You lost the three pre'tiest marbles, remember. I always did specially like that blue."

"Just as I always specially liked the green," said Harvey, bound to have the last word.

"Boys," mother called from the sitting-room, "won't one of you run upstairs and bring me my thimble?"

The two little brothers made a bolt for the stairs; they always liked to wait on mother. They reached her room at the same time, and two brown hands plunged together into her workbasket. The contents of the basket were soon topsy-turvy.

"Here it is!" exclaimed Jack, in triumph. Then a queer look came into his face. For there, nestling against the thimble, were three marbles, a green, a brown and a purple.

They hurried downstairs. "O, yes," said mother. "I intended to tell you about those marbles. The other day, while I was mending a certain coat pocket, I found them in the lining. They had slipped through the hole in the pocket."

Harvey looked up quickly. "Jack's coat," he said.

"No, yours," mother answered. "I'm just about to mend Jack's now."

Hugh turned away to hide a smile. Harvey looked sheepish; he tried to muster up the courage to glance at Jack, and when he did Jack was looking sheepish, too. Mother was reaching for his coat, but Jack stood still, turning redder and redder, and fumbling with the edge.

"I believe—" he said, "that is, I am almost sure—that marbles spilled into this lining, too. Slowly he pulled off the coat and shook it. Two marbles fell out—a striped and a white. "Well!" was all he could say. Both little boys looked ashamed.

"As for the beautiful blue marble," said Hugh, "that never was really lost to begin with. I've just remembered. When Jack traded bureaus with me he left it in the drawer, and it's been there ever since."

Mother smiled at the two abashed little brothers, but her eyes looked grieved. "Well, boys," she said, "now you have all six."

"But we feel pretty foolish," owned Jack. "I do, especially."

"I do, too," Harvey agreed. "Maybe manners would have been more important than marbles, anyway."

Mother said she thought so—and after that they generally were.—Southern Churchman.

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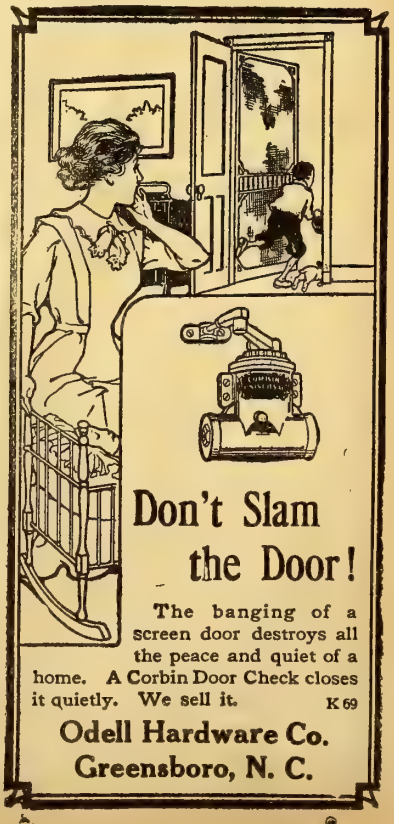
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Our Dead

THOMPSON—Lillie K. Lowdermilk was born March 24, 1890, at Morganton, North Carolina, where she spent the days of her virginity. Early in life she decided to become nurse and proceeded to equip herself by taking a course of training at Morganton Hospital. On the 23 of December, 1909, she became the happy bride of W. B. Thompson. For eight brief years the rays of life's sunshine had fallen pleasantly across their pathway, but on the 28th day of March, 1918, the dark clouds of sorrow hovered over them, when the death angel came to call their little son, James Hamilton, to the home above. As they looked from day to day to the great Burden Bearer for help they became submissive to his will and the pathway again became pleasant.

Brother Thompson, who had been sent by the Methodist Conference to the Mars Hill circuit, had just closed a most successful year's work and was entering upon the second year when he was taken with a severe attack of influenza. A few days later his sister, Miss Tura, was taken ill. Then Mrs. Thompson set herself bravely to the task of nursing them to perfect health again. She would sit up until the late hours of night to see that they got their medicines regularly. In addition to her cares at home she came daily, frequently carrying refreshments, to inquire about the welfare of the writer who was suffering from an attack of influenza. She indeed exemplified in her every day walk, the spirit of Christ. On the 7th inst., she was taken violently ill with influenza. Presently she developed pneumonia and it was soon evident that her days were numbered. Her sister, Miss Bertha Lowdermilk, was summoned to nurse her. Dr. John Baird was in constant attendance and used every practicable means to restore her to health, but all in vain for at five o'clock Saturday evening, December 14, 1918, she succumbed to death and her spirit was wafted into the paradise of God.

Mrs. Thompson leaves a heart-broken husband, three small children, three sisters, a brother and a host of friends to mourn her departure. She was a loving companion and mother, good neighbor and consecrated Christian.

Dear sister, thou hast left us;
We our loss do deeply feel,
But 'tis God that hath bereft us, ..
He can all our sorrows heal.

Hughey O. Miller.

STAFFORD—Fred Joseph Stafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stafford, was born October 29, 1893, called up higher November 23, 1918. He went to Camp Hancock, Ga., early in the summer for military training and on account of influenza he was hindered from crossing over to France On November 10th he sailed for England. While on the ship he was taken sick of measles. He landed in England November 17th, and was carried to the hospital and had almost recovered when pneumonia set in, which ran its course in two or three days. His nurse, being greatly impressed with his devotedness to his home, wrote a nice letter to his parents stating that his last words were of his mother and his home. His body now rests in England, where many brave soldiers sleep, but his soul is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Fred was a good young man, loved by all who knew him. He was perfectly devoted to his home; had a smile and cheerful word for his brother and sisters when they were discouraged. As proof of that better than words can express he wrote to them every day while in camp unless something interfered.

He joined the church at the age of thirteen and lived a consecrated life until death claimed him. He being the Sunday school superintendent and a steward in the church, was sadly missed when he was called to camp. His name will be honored in Eleazer church for ages to come. We know it is hard for parents to part with such a noble young man, yet they should rejoice that his life has been one of Christian service and that they have the hope of meeting him in heaven. May the Father's love and care protect and comfort those sorrowing hearts at home.

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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
First Round

January

Spring Creek, Spring Creek 18-19
Leicester, Leicester 25-26
Chestnut Street, night 26

February

Weaverville Ct., Alexanders 1-2
Bethel, night 2
Asheville Ct., River View.....9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock (7:30) 9
Mills River, Horse Shoe 15-16
Hendersonville, night 16
Rosman Ct., Rosman.....22-23
Brevard, night 23

March

Mars Hill, Shiloh 1-2

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder, 508 North Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
First Round

January

Hawthorne Lane, 11 a. m. 19
Trinity, night 19
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m. 24
Tryon Street, 11 a. m. 26
Dilworth, night 26

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
First Round

January

Deep River, West Bend 18-19
Ashboro, 11 a. m. 19
Greensboro Circuit, Holt's Chapel 25-26
High Point, East End, night .. 26

February

Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m. 1-2
Reidsville, Main Street, night .. 2
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 9
Randleman, Naomi, night 9
Randolph Circuit, Fairview 15-16
High Point, Main Street, night .. 16

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Marion, N. C.—First Round.

Jan.

Cliffside Ct., Hopewell.....18-19
Henrietta & Caroleen, Henrietta, night..... 19
Broad River Ct., Tanner's Grove.25-26
Forest City Ct., Sunday, 3 p. m., Pleasant Grove 25-26

Feb.

Thermal City Ct., Thermal City.. 1-2
Mill Spring Ct., Lebanon..... 8-9
Euola Ct., Warlick Chapel..... 14
Connelly Spgs. Ct., Connelly Spgs.15-16
Marion Ct., Providence.....22-23

Mar.

Rutherfordton Ct., Rutherfordton 1-2

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

Yadkinville, Prospect 11-12
Leaksville, night, 18; 11 a. m..... 19
Draper, Draper, 3 p. m..... 19
Spray, night 19-20
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove.....25-26

Feb.

Rural Hall, Antioch..... 1-2
Madison—Stoneville, Madison.... 8-9
Danbury, Davis Chapel.....15-16
Ararat, Hunter's 22-23

Mar.

Dobson, Dobson 1-2

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, P. E., Jefferson, N. C.

Feb.

North Wilkes Mission.....22-23
North Wilkesboro, night.....22-23

Mar.

Wilkes Ct., Adley..... 1-2
Wilkesboro Sta., p. m..... 1-2

The district stewards will please meet at Jefferson December 31, 1918. A full attendance is desired.

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
First Round

Jan.

South Fork, Vernon, 11 a.m.....18-19
Lincolnton, 7 p. m..... 19
East End, East End, 11 a.m..... 26
Franklin Ave., Franklin Ave, 7 p.m..... 26

Feb.

Gastonia, Main Street, 11 a.m.... 2
Gastonia, Eighth Ave., 7 p.m..... 2
Lowesville, Hill's Chapel 11 a.m. 8-9
Rock Spring, Denver, 3 p.m..... 9
Stanley, Stanley, 11 a.m.....15-16

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, presiding elder
Statesville, N. C.
First Round

January

Mooresville Ct., McKendree 11 a. m. 18-19
Mooresville, Mooresville, 7 p. m. 18-19
Taylorsville, Taylorsville, 11 a. m. 25-26
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3. p. m.25-26

February

Davidson-Huntersville 11 a. m. 1-2
Troutman, Wesley Chapel, 3 p. m. 1-2
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 1-2
Olin, Macedonia, 11 a. m. 8-9
Cool Springs, Providence, 3 p. m. 8-9

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
First Round

January

New London, New London 18-19
Gold Hill, night 19-20
Mt. Pleasant, Cold Spring 25-26
Epworth, night .....Jan. 26

February

Concord Circuit 1-2
Kerr Street, 11 a. m. 2
Westford at Harmony, night 2
Kannapolis Ct., Unity 8-9
Kannapolis Station 9
Salisbury Circuit 15-16
East Spencer, North Main 16
Albemarle Circuit 22
Salem 23
Albemarle, First St., night 23

March

Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Waynesville, N. C.
First Round in Part

January

Macon Ct., Pattons Chapel 13-14
Hayesville, Tusquittee 16
Ranger, Belview 18
Murphy Circuit Marble 19
Robbinsville, Robbinsville 21
Judson, Judson 22
Fines Creek, Pine Grove 25-26

February

Highlands, Highlands 1-2
Glenville, Glenville 2-3
Tuckaseegee 4

WINSTON DISTRICT

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Centenary, January 19, 11 a. m.
Liberty street, January 19, night
West End, January 26, 11 a. m.
South Side, January 26, night.
Walkertown February 2, 11 a. m.
Burkhead, February 2, night.
Lexington station, February 9, 11 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, February 9, night, Mt. Pleasant, February 10. 11 a. m., Clemmons, February 10, 3 p. m.
Thomasville station, February 16, 11 a. m.
S. Thomasville, February 16, night.
Farmington circuit February 22-28. Quarterly conference at Ward's.
Mocksville station, March 1, night, March 2, 11 a. m.
West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.
Cooleemee, March 2, night.
Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.
Lexington circuit, March 11-16. Quarterly conference at Center.
Davidson circuit, March 17-23. Quarterly conference at Good Hope.
Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.
New Hope circuit, March 31, April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.
Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.
Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.
Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.
Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.
Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.
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MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able, as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,
And hate myself for things I've done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself, as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will know
The kind of man I really am;
I don't want to dress up myself in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know;
I never can fool myself, and so,
Wahtever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

—Edgar A. Guest.

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Editorial

It is significant that the recent Baptist State Convention adopted strong resolutions condemning universal military training. These resolutions were passed without a dissenting vote and doubtless voice the sentiments of that great denomination in the state. Yet in an emergency such as we have just passed through the authorities can find as many patriots and good fighters among these Baptists as can be found among any people.

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The famous camp pastor order of the War department put the patriotism of American Protestants to the test. Under the circumstances our people bore themselves well. It would not be advisable, however, for Uncle Sam to undertake to put over such a scheme again, as most of those vitally affected by such a ruling have been heard from. At the recent State Convention of North Carolina Baptists a committee was appointed to carry their protest to the "President of the United States and to Congress." In their preamble they characterize the unjust discrimination in favor of Roman Catholics as "unjust, un-American and a grievous wrong in the eyes of all true Protestants and all lovers of American institutions." If the fagots are ever lighted in this country the Baptists will furnish material for the first bonfire.

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The state is doubly bereaved in the death of both the president and dean of our state university within less than three months of each other. Dr. Marvin Hendrix Stacey, who has been acting chairman of the faculty since the death of Dr. Edward Kidder Graham, in October, passed away at his home at Chapel Hill on Tuesday morning, January 21, a victim of influenza. He was forty-one years old and just entering what promised to be a great career as an educational leader in North Carolina. Dr. Stacey was the eldest son of Rev. L. E. Stacey of the Western North Carolina Conference. He was a man of remarkably bright intellectual gifts, withal a devoted Christian and member of the Methodist church. He was educated at the state university and took his post-graduate course at Cornell University. His career as a member of the faculty at Chapel Hill had been unusual and many regarded him as the logical man to succeed Dr. Graham as president of the university. He was just that type of man in educational work that the state could ill afford to lose at this time. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved family, especially for his father, who is now retired and living at Fallston, in Cleveland county.

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Too much freedom, or a liberty which amounts to license, is one of the defects of American government. Our government seems game at the art of investigating the devilment going on in open day light by foreigners, but when it comes to taking hold of these dirty nests and breaking them up we are helpless. Testifying before the Senate committee investigating German propaganda, Archibald Stevenson, of the military intelligence bureau, said representatives of the bolshevik movement already have organized soviets in the industrial centers of this country, and that their plans contemplate eventual seizure of the government. Mr. Stevenson also said evidence exists that Germans in the United States have begun a post-war propaganda with a view to exerting an influence which would make the peace terms imposed on Germany less onerous. Leaders of the bolshevik movement in this country, Mr. Stevenson testified, included John Reed, who, he said, was the consul general at New York of the Russian soviet government, and Albert Rhys Williams, of New York. Schools for the teaching of the bolshevik doctrine to children have been established by the local organizations, the witness said, and lecturers sent out.

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The vote for laity rights for women in the Southern Methodist church might as well be made unanimous. The vote has been 4,143 to 428; not a single conference has voted against it, but twelve have voted unanimously for it. The names of these follow: The Missouri, the Southwest Missouri, the Denver, the Illinois, the Pacific, the Los Angeles, the West Texas, the West Oklahoma, the South Brazil, the Central Texas, the Brazil and the Little Rock. This is 714 beyond the necessary three-fourths and indicates the approval of the measure with many votes to spare. All have voted now except the Baltimore, which will not meet till about April 1st.

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The fire waste of this country is enormous, and yet a great deal of our loss by fire is easily preventable. Insurance Commissioner Young calls attention to the fact that carbon tetra chloride is a better cleaner as well as safer to use than gasoline. It is non-inflammable and non-explosive, and 25 cents' worth will last a year for ordinary purposes. If this is so, why should life be endangered, to say nothing of the risk of loss by fire, from the use of gasoline?

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A pathetic reminder of the brilliant prospects of a great career suddenly cut short comes to our desk in the report of Dr. Marvin H. Stacey, of the state university. This reached us on the day of the funeral. One paragraph, referring to the mission of the university, says: "Its affairs are conducted with the single-minded purpose of having it completely perform for the whole state those high and essential functions peculiar to the university of a great democratic state. It is striving to be adequate to this difficult task, with all possible economy, but in no half-hearted, partial or partisan manner. To succeed it needs, in addition to the sympathetic encouragement that has been generously accorded to it during the last year, the intelligent, steady and practical support that can come only from a true understanding of the problems that inhere in its healthy growth as an institution truly representative of the best aims and aspirations of the state."

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Correspondents of secular papers writing from France say that the rate of mortality at base hospital 43, which is the unit organized by the school of medicine of Emory University, is the lowest of any American military hospital overseas. The Emory school of medicine is one of the best in the South, and this report will surprise no one who knows the able medical faculty at Atlanta.

"HAVE FAITH IN GOD"

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Thus the apostle (Heb. 11:6) speaks the last word on the subject of prayer. By this must all our petitions be tested. It may be, and doubtless is, true that many of us have prayed more and oftener and even longer at a time than we were wont to during the past month, because we have been living under a sort of new covenant. The league of prayer in the Centenary has been leading us more and more to get a true perspective and appraisement of the whole situation, and as a result we see more than ever before the world's great need and the magnitude of the task which is before us. So we begin to raise questions as to our ability to meet the demands of the situation.

Let us not forget that it was in the midst of tasks which seemed too great for them that our Lord challenged His disciples with these words: "Have faith in God." After all, the final solution of all our problems is in these words of the Master. This is the end of our quest even in the realm of mystery. So it is well enough that in our ritual for the reception of the young minister into the traveling connection he should be confronted with the question, "Have you faith in Christ?" The significance of this question has been discovered by most of us in after years, when the hard facts of experience have gradually led us to discover in prayer more than a mere theory, and in the answer to prayer something far better and more vital than a mere ethical effect. Some of us who are now older in the ministry know without any doubt why the bishop asked us the question, "Have you faith in Christ?" and then somehow seemed to pause a little longer as if waiting for the question to "soak in."

The editor of the Advocate is trying to keep up in a way with this Centenary program. His heart is in it and he stands today with a multitude who, like Israel, have followed their leader to the border of the Red Sea and are waiting now to see if another step can be taken. We have been praying and God has led us out. No use now to think of turning back; but how shall we go forward? There is a time when even prayer may be suspended and when petition should give place to action, and this is in reality the test of our faith. "The Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." The time had come for action, and simultaneous with action, which was the visible evidence of faith in God, there came the power of God.

In this campaign of stewardship upon which we now enter our only hope is the power of God. The Red Sea was no more a hindrance to the people of Israel in their journey than is selfishness a hindrance to the church of God in its effort to give the gospel to the world in this generation. The same hand that smote the first born of Egypt, that rolled back the waters of the Red Sea, that smote the rock in the wilderness, must smite the selfishness and greed of this generation, even now in the year 1919, if the church is to go over at once, as it should, and possess the land. This is the day of our opportunity. Have we faith in God?

GLIMPSES

The cry of "heathen at our own doors" is usually nothing but camouflage. The man whose heart does not respond to the call of the pagan world will soon find the heathen at his door, if not inside his house.

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Religion is first being what God wants us to be in order that we may go where God wants us to go and do what He wants us to do. We can neither go nor do without being.

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Efficiency demands that we do our very best, but it does not demand, but rather forbids, attempting to do more than our strength or ability will permit us to do well.—Christian Guardian.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Associated Press Report is that of all the American soldiers captured by the enemy during the great war only a single one now remains in Germany and he is at Stuttgart too ill to be removed at present.

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From the Latest Statistics we learn that, despite the fact that the American people have invested twenty-two billion dollars in Liberty bonds since we entered the war, the banking resources of the United States today are seven times greater than in 1890 and three times more than all the balance of the world in 1890. The bank deposits of this country now reach in round figures twenty-five billion dollars.

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Forty-two States Have Ratified the prohibition amendment, and it is now thought that the New York legislature will fall into line, as the assembly has already by a vote of 81 to 66 indorsed it and the indications are that the senate will likewise approve it. Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are the only other states which have failed so far to act in the matter.

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After Long and Spirited Discussion the federal senate put through the house relief bill by a vote of 53 to 18, providing for an appropriation of $100,000,000, as requested by President Wilson, for famine relief in Europe and the near east. The measure passed by a non-partisan vote, though the opposition consisted of fifteen republicans and three democrats. It is estimated that fully 400,000 German civilians have died from either malnutrition or lack of food in the past two years.

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Major General C. C. Williams, chief of ordnance, stated before the house military committee last week that the department now has 3,700,000 rifles, 2,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition and enough artillery supplies for 48 divisions for six months, and it is the purpose of the War Department to prevent the country from going back to the unprepared state which existed prior to the war. This material will be kept and a million dollar appropriation is asked for to bring back from France thousands of tons of ammunition left over after the war.

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The State Legislature has gotten down to business and there is no lack of bills for the multiplication of laws and the repeal and change of existing acts. One bill proposes that in civil actions judges be empowered to receive as the verdict of a jury the agreed findings of ten of the twelve jurors. The question of woman suffrage, the abolishing of capital punishment, a constitutional amendment taxing incomes, and a substantial bond issue for the improvement of public roads are some of the matters that have brought out discussion. A special committee was appointed to attend the funeral of Dean Stacey of the university.

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The American Troops Are Being Returned home as fast as the transports can carry them, and within the next sixty days there will remain abroad only that part of our army that is needed to aid in the restoration of order in the conquered territory. It is reported from the Navy Department that by February the American naval force in European waters will have been reduced from 70,000 when the armistice was signed, to hardly more than 3,000 men. Enlisted men are being discharged from both the army and navy as rapidly as is consistent with the public good, but it has been ordered that no man be discharged from the army against his desire until such time as he can obtain employment in civil life.

THE CAMPAIGN MOVING

Our Honor Roll

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W. M. Robbins

All Done With Ease

Without a single exception they say it was done with ease. Brother Sprinkle secured thirty-five new subscriptions and eleven renewals, the result of a one-minute talk and two or three hours' convass in company with the chairman of the Board of Stewards. All renewals guaranteed. We have never had such a campaign to this date. We believe now that the 10,000 are assured. Look out for next week!

Germany Under the Draft of the newly proposed constituiton is divided into several federated republics and the constitution provides for a centralized form of popular government. Universal suffrage for all persons, male and female, over twenty years of age; equal rights to all and the abolishment of all special privileges of rank or birth; school advantages for all alike, and absolute freedom of worship, are also guaranteed. The legislative department will consist of two houses, one chosen by the popular vote and the other chosen by the various states, somewhat as our federal senate formerly was. It is hoped that the German people may find themselves, and out of a bitter experience establish a free government based on justice and high moral ideals.

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The Peace Conference is hardly more than organized and the final peace terms will probably not be ready to sign before next June. There is so much confusion and turmoil among the conquered peoples and so many conflicting interests and complicated questions to be threshed out by the allied forces that we may be prepared to wait for some months yet for final conclusions. The conference is composed of picked men, trained in statecraft and of sane judgment, representative men of all the great powers, and we should await with patience the findings of this august body. The work should not be hastily done, for it will be work that shall abide and influence mankind for generations to come. New boundaries will have to be made for Germany and huge indemnities required for the devastated communities of Belgium and France, order will have to be established in Russia and a just disposition made of the Dardanelles and that fertile country that has been so long under the dominion of the Turks. The utterances of President Wilson are heard and respected by the world, and his presence in Paris has aided greatly in harmonizing differences and smoothing out difficulties that might have been embarrassing to governments which have stood together during these years of conflict. These are momentous times in which we live. The chaotic conditions in so many parts of the earth are alarming, and it will require the united effort of the world's spiritual forces to direct in right paths not only the disappointed and defeated peoples, but also the vast multitudes who have been encouraged and buoyed up by the victories of war.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. M. B. Clegg is making a fine beginning in his charge at Connelly Springs. Things are said to be looking up on the charge, and we feel assured Brother Clegg will give them fine service.

—We regret to learn that Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Central church, Asheville, has been somewhat indisposed. We are glad, however, that he is much improved and making the best of the situation while his church is closed on account of the outbreak of influenza.

—We sympathize deeply with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Abernethy, of Lenoir, in their great sorrow. On Friday, the 17th instant, their daughter Irene, aged about eighteen years, passed away after a few days' illness of influenza. May the God of all comfort be near them.

—It will be of interest to our readers to know that the American Bison Society has just recently shipped six head of buffalo—three males and three females—to Hominy, Buncombe county, N. C., as a start in stocking the Pisgah national forest with these animals. The bison left New Hampshire January 15. We serve notice on Brother Postell to be ready at any time to take to the tall timbers.

—Last Sunday the pastors of Greensboro exchanged pulpits by consent without notifying preacher or congregation in advance. Of course each pastor received notice in time to get to his place. Somebody said we had "scrambled eggs." However, if each did his part as well as did the Rev. Mr. Schenk, of the Lutheran church, at West Market, nothing suffered and the cause of genuine fraternity was advanced.

—The Trinity Chronicle of January 16th says: "Miss Nina Troy, a missionary recently returned from Hu Chow, China, was the guest of Miss Martha Buchanan, dean of women, and the boarding girls in Alspaugh Hall for several days last week. Miss Troy came to Trinity in the interest of the Centenary movement, and particularly to stimulate enthusiasm in the celebration to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in June."

—The addition to College Inn, at Lake Junaluska is now nearing completion. This will increase the capacity to three times what it was before. It will also be of interest to our readers to learn that plans are on foot to take care of the situation next year, even without the Junaluska Inn, which was burned last year. However, the inn will ultimately be restored.

—Many readers of the Advocate will be grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. J. D. McCall, of Charlotte, which occurred at her home in that city on last Sunday night. Her death was caused by pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Mrs. McCall is survived by her husband, Mr. J. D. McCall, a prominent attorney, and five children. She was a sister of Mrs. J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, and Miss Sallie Nooe, of Charlotte, also of Dr. John F. Nooe, of Boerne, Texas. She was a devoted and useful member of Tryon Street church and will be greatly missed in church circles. The Advocate joins in expressions of sincere sympathy for the bereaved ones.

—Methodists and friends throughout the state were shocked last week by the news that Littleton Female College was burned on Wednesday morning. The fire was discovered about 2 a. m. and had made such headway that nothing could be saved except the lives of the students and a few of their belongings. The loss, it is said, will exceed $50,000. We have not learned the amount of insurance carried. Brother J. M. Rhodes, one of the purest and most loyal men among us, has put his whole life work into this institution and there is naturally much sympathy felt for him personally, as the financial loss falls mainly upon him. We trust the friends of education will rally to him and that he may be able to rise up and build again.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CONSOLATION

By Mabel Stamper

My soul was plunged in deep despair
And all foreboding evils came;
It seemed that all the world had turned,
My every kindly act had spurned,
And all was dark.
I fretted, groped in darkness; care
Came whispering, "Lost—and who's to blame?"
And shrouded in a cloak of gloom
My soul was shut—nor was there room
For joy. But hark!

A voice came pleading through the night,
To soothe my weary, aching heart;
The voice that stills the ocean wild,
As mother soothes her fearing child,
Said, "Peace, be still!"
Then, through the darkness came a light
That shattered evil's piercing dart;
And, soothed by His unfailing word,
I humbly prayed, "Help me, O Lord,
To do Thy will.'

IS THE PLAN OF APPORTIONMENT FAIR TO ALL?

By L. T. Cordell

For a number of years I have observed the apportionments of the benevolent funds of the church to the pastoral charges for collection, and I have been convinced that the plan usually followed is neither equitable nor scriptural.

The Bible plan is that one should pay or give in proportion to his wealth. The government raises its taxes on this basis. Neither the numerical strength or the salaries assessed or paid can be a fair basis for all. One hundred members in one charge may be worth ten, twenty-five or fifty times as much as the same number in another charge.

Some of the weaker charges are under necessity for paying a larger proportionate amount to the salary, because the weaker charge nearly always needs the better service. The rule is men do not pay in proportion to their wealth. The poorer members of the church pay more liberally. I took note of this in the case of two men a number of years ago. One of those men was worth $100,000, the other was worth $5,000. The first paid $100 per year to the support of the church, the other paid $25. Now, it can be seen that the man worth $5,000 paid five times as much in proportion as the other. I have seen things on this order many times since.

Now, let us compare the apportionment of benevolences among four churches in Charlotte for the present year. Take Tryon Street and Trinity. Both paid the same amount of salary last year. The minutes show 1,206 members for Tryon Street and 811 for Trinity. This year Tryon Street is assessed $2.01 per member for benevolences, while Trinity is assessed $2.84 per member. Brevard Street, with 464 members, is assessed $1.93 per member, while Dillworth, with 316 members, is assessed $2.58 per member. Now, it is clear that Trinity is asked to pay 83 cents more per member than Tryon Street, simply because she pays an equal amount of salary., and that Brevard Street is asked to pay only 8 cents less per member than Tryon Street, while Tryon Street has the best people in social, business and professional life and will average $10 to $1 in wealth as compared with Brevard Street, whose members are nearly all wage-earners. Dillworth, with a similar membership, is assessed 57 cents more per member than Tryon Street.

Now, any one who knows the relative wealth of these charges can see that the apportionment is not equitable as to ability.

I do not think it should be made a rule that every charge should be assessed to pay an amount equal to a certain per cent of its salary. Benevolences should be apportioned on the basis of financial ability. That is on the principle of Christian stewardship. To follow every advance of salary with a corresponding increase for benevolences is not for the best in every case. The plan of distribution is an easy and convenient way of disposing of the matter, but it is manifestly unfair. Every one who knows me will testify that I endeavor to lead and educate my people to the Bible standard of giving or paying to the church. If our people should tithe their incomes, none of the assessments would be in the way, for we would go far beyond any of them, but the weakly charges should be assessed in proportion to their wealth.

The last year I was on the Waynesville district we had a large increase of benevolences because the year before salaries had advanced. I knew something of the relative strength of the charges. The amount of benevolences was about 50 per cent of the salaries. I placed the charges in three classes as to ability. To one class I gave 40 per cent, to a second 50 per cent and to the third 60 per cent, and apportioned on this plan. I submitted the plan with my reasons to the district stewards and my apportionment was adopted; and I am convinced that something like that should be done in every district.

I am saying these things because no one else has said them, and I feel they should be said.

THE CENTENARY AND THE DROUTH-STRICKEN CONFERENCES

By O. E. Goddard

Three of our conferences in Texas—the West Texas, Central and Northwest—as well as the New Mexico and the West Oklahoma, suffered from an unprecedented drouth. Generous persons in Texas and elsewhere helped to raise a fund that would sustain the pastors in these drouth-stricken regions till the meeting of the several conferences. A most serious question was whether these men could be kept in these fields till another crop could be made. Many preachers of other denominations had to abandon the fields. Appeal after appeal came to the home department of the Board of Missions for relief. The Board of Missions had no funds for that purpose and could not appropriate any.

After much thought and prayer this plan was adopted: The presiding elders and bishops in this territory were asked to calculate how much would be absolutely necessary to maintain these pastors till time for another crop. It aggregated more than $35,000. The Centenary Commission recommended to the Board of Missions that they advance to the drouth-stricken conferences the amounts severally required by them, and when the time comes to return to the several annual conferences 10 per cent of their real centenary offerings, that this amount which the drouth-stricken conferences had received be deducted from the amount due them from the centenary. The Board of Missions agreed, and the pastors are being kept in the field by this emergency fund. If it had not been for the anticipated centenary fund this plan could not have been worked. There would have been no legal plan by which the Board of Missions could have met the emergency.

Every Southern Methodist who appreciates the fact that we are keeping our pastors there to minister to these in their distress should thank God for the Centenary Movement. Every one whose pastor has been kept there by this fund will surely be grateful to the centenary. This is but one of the ten thousand good things the centenary will do.

A MUSTARD SEED FOR THE KINGDOM

By H. A. Boaz

"And He said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

"It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

"But when it is sown it groweth up and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it"—St. Mark 4:30-32.

Thus does the Saviour impress upon us two things—the importance of the kingdom of God and our power, through small beginnings, to build it.

Man found many generations ago that the bees will work for him if he will provide them a home. He builds a hive; the swarm is attracted to it, and shortly it is filled with a rich store of honey. So does the kingdom of God begin in a community. Given a dwelling place—a church edifice in which it may gather, organize and work—and the membership soon swells.

Have you ever seen an unused church? Do you recall a building dedicated to the service of God that lacked a congregation? Somehow, when the meeting place is provided the worshipers assemble.

From the smallest beginnings these congregations grow, like the mustard seed, into ever-increasing strength. As years go by the parent church founds its missions. They, in turn, become vigorous trees of the faith, that put forth their branches; and the parent church and its offshoots contribute steadily year by year to a board of church extension that is for ever carrying the gospel into untended fields.

It is a glorious work, this extension of the kingdom of God. To give back to the Father who has blessed you some part of His gifts that will make His other children better men and women—isn't that an ideal worth patient effort and sacrifice? Would not you like to plant the mustard seed that is to become "greater than all herbs"—whose mighty branches shall shelter God's creatures in the generations still to come?

That privilege—that pleasure—may be yours. There are many ways to compass it; just as there are all sorts and conditions of men. The Board of Church Extension could tell you the way that would best meet your circumstances if it knew them; but, lacking that intimate knowledge of your affairs, it addresses this particular appeal to the man or woman—or man and woman—with accumulated means.

Such people frequently come to a time when life's obligations have been met and they have a competence for the support of their old age. That competence may be invested in a business, a farm, in houses and lots, or in stocks and bonds. They rely upon the income that it brings for their support. There is no one who has an absolute claim upon it when they are gone.

For such people the Board of Church Extension has created its annuity bonds. These sterling securities, with at least twice their value in real estate behind them, and with the solemn pledge of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to assure their punctual payment, are offered in amounts to suit the purchaser.

Each bond guarantees to the owner a fixed income as long as he or she may live; or, in the case of husband and wife, as long as either of

them may live. The size of the income varies with the amount of the bond and the age of the owner; but it is always more than can be realized from other bonds of like sterling worth. Thus the future income of the man or woman —or man and woman—owning the bond is absolutely assured.

So much for the material interest of the owner. But what of the further and greater work which the money that he pays for the bond is to do?

It will go to work immediately, and its task will be to build churches and parsonages. The congregation of the first church it helps to build will repay it as they grow stronger, and then it will go to another church that needs a meeting place; and that beneficent process will go on while God's world exists, and our farthest vision may not reach, nor our finite minds calculate, the endless good that bit of capital will do.

As God has prospered you, remember God. Build, with at least a part of what He has given you, a lasting memorial to His name. You can leave no more fitting monument behind you. You can lay up no more lasting treasure in heaven.

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IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

Paper read by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson at the memorial service of West Market Street Woman's Missionary Society January 13, 1919.

"Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

As we pause for a little time amidst the busy round of life to pay our tirbute of love to our sisters who have gone before to that bright world above, where saints immortal dwell in ineffable bliss, we would not come in gloom and despair, for we have the blessed assurance that, though their mortal bodies have returned to the bosom of Mother Earth in accordance with divine purpose, their bright spirits now rest in peace with God, who gave them.

While we shall miss the pleasant association which was ours for a time, and our hearts are filled with tender regret that they no longer walk beside us in the path of service, yet we bring only our loving thoughts of them to cluster about their memory, as loving hands would place wreaths of immortelles upon the sod beneath which dear ones sleep—flowers prophetic of that glorious immortality upon which they have entered.

Seldom has a society been bereft in so brief a time of so many of its loyal, devoted members as we have lost during the year 1918. Had we upon our walls a banner on whose fair, white surface a star of blue represented each member of this society, there would have been at the beginning of the year a galaxy of 210. Ere the chime of the bells that "ring out the old and ring in the new" vibrated upon the wintry air, following the beautiful custom that has been adopted in honor of our heroes who made their supreme sacrefice upon the battlefields of France, we should behold through our tears six golden stars shedding a mild radiance in the place of the blue that stood for the names of our six promoted comrades.

Two of these, Mrs. J. A. Odell and Mrs. J. R. Pearce, were charter members of this society, which was organized forty years ago next month, and from the day that they gave their names and allegiance to this great cause of missions to the day of their exchange of the earthly for the heavenly home they were faithful to its purposes and liberal to its objects. They were ever interested in its growth and development, and rejoiced to see its expansion from a small financial beginning of only $118.90 in its infancy to its present budget of $1,800.

In 1888 Mrs. Odell was made a life member, but did not cease to keep up the annual dues, in addition to her liberal contributions to the special funds for enlarging the work of the society. Her social position and means gave her unusual opportunities for helpfulness, and with characteristic discrimination she passed by the frivolous and vapid pursuits to do those things that were truly worth while. Hence her chief devotion outside the home, which was peculiarly dear to her, was for her church and its various organizations, including its affiliated schools. Having a high appreciation of the advantages of education, she took special interest in aiding young people to fit themselves for life.

Who of us who for so many years were associated with that gentle, quiet personality of Mrs. J. R. Pearce can forget the impression which she left upon all that she was one who lived close to the Master and drew from daily companionship with Him in the secret place the strength she so much needed for the task devolving upon her in rearing a large family? Yet despite the numerous duties claiming her time and strength in the home, she was a most faithful attendant upon the services of the sanctuary and true to every obligation to her church. Until failing health compelled her to give up active duties her attendance upon the meetings of the missionary society was regular and constant, and its work was ever dear to her heart. Truly may it be said of her:

"A noble type of good,
Heroic womanhood."

Another, Mrs. Ellen Makepeace Curtis, may almost be counted a charter member, for she joined this society in 1881, immediately after moving with her husband and family to this city, where for a number of years their active participation in all the work of this church was a potent factor in its development, and especially in that of the Sunday school, in which Mr. Curtis was an earnest worker. Mrs. Curtis was a faithful and devoted member of the society until, after the death of her husband, she temporarily removed to another community. During her absence her activities were given to other societies with which she was associated, and on her return to this city in 1906 she renewed her membership in this society, for she had never lost interest in this branch of Christian work. Although her home duties, in the care of two motherless granddaughters, and later her failing health, prevented her being a regular attendant at the meetings of the society, she kept her name upon its roll and gladly gave to the support of the work of the society, feeling it a privilege to be counted among those who labor in the Master's vineyard.

On our honor roll in 1886 appears the name of Mrs. Julia Thomas, and from that time until the day that she passed to her reward she desired to be enrolled among the associates of her early womanhood, and although some years ago she removed to Florida to make her home with the family of her only son, she continued for years to make a yearly contribution to missions through this society. A few months ago, in age and feebleness of body, she returned to her home town to spend her last days among the scenes and the friends of her youth. Today she sleeps peacefully in the midst of loved ones gone before, and to us who knew her in the years agone the memory of her gentle, modest womanhood, coupled with her pure, sterling character, is a "sweet savor of ointment poured forth."

Mrs. John K. Wheeler gave to the society in 1890 not only her name, but her unwavering, loyal allegiance for twenty-eight years. During most of that period her delicacy of health kept her from active participation in public lines of work, and during her last months among us she knew the trial of suffering, which was patiently borne until she heard the Master whisper, "It is enough, come up higher." It was in her home and in the circle of her intimate friends that Mrs. Wheeler's true worth was best known and appreciated. Of her it may have been truly said, in the poet's words,

"Her fairest virtues fly from public sight;
Domestic worth still shuns to strong a light."

There joined our sisterhood in 1906 one who, though coming to us as a stranger from another state, soon endeared herself to us by her genial nature, her gentle, womanly graces, and the readiness and heartiness with which she entered into all our plans of work. Mrs. M. W. Stearn was endowed with a kindly, sympathetic nature, and in private life, as in her public service, she delighted to minister to the needy and to lift the burden from anxious hearts in so far as sympathetic words and material aid could afford relief. These qualities of heart fitted her peculiarly for the service she so faithfully rendered as a member of our social service committee and superintendent of supplies. Her response to every appeal for help was limited only by the means of relief available, and no call was too feeble to stir her heart to action. Most aptly may be applied to her these words describing one ever ready to stretch forth the helping hand:

"She doeth little kindnesses
That most leave undone or despise,
For naught that sets one heart at ease
And giveth happiness or peace
Is low esteemed in her eyes."

As we think of these dear ones to whom we bid farewell for a little time to be reunited upon the farther shore, when they and we shall "awake in His likeness," it seems that they have only gone to their long sleep,

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

WITH OTHER EDITORS

It requires no prophet to see that a pastor's success this year is going to be measured largely by how he succeeds with the Centenary movement in his charge, and it does not matter whether this charge is a city station or a remote mission in the woods. The thought and energy of the church at this time is being turned to a worthy celebration of this hundredth anniversary of organized Methodist missions in America. This is true not only in our branch of Methodism, but it applies with equal force to all branches of American Methodism. As well get it clear now that the Centenary must be put over the top, and the pastor is the man who must have the general oversight in his charge, however many leaders may be appointed.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The world worships its heroes. Its favored sons are demigods, made of different clay from ordinary men, and worthy of all homage which it is possible to pay. But the very spirit which breeds hero worship is apt to produce indifference to and even contempt for those who are but "common men." As to the hero worship we have little to say, as it seems "bred in the bone"; but we do plead for the true Christian attitude toward the rank and file of the world's workers. The day is coming when the ordinary man will no longer be paid merely a starvation wage, when his children will not be barred by their poverty from reaping the advantages of our highest schools, when his home will have more luxuries, he himself more leisure, his contribution to the world's work will be no longer despised, and the church and the world will recognize upon his brow the stamp of the divine. We have traveled a long way since the United States republic was born, and we are traveling still, and not slowly, toward the coronation of labor and the elevation of the common man.—Christian Guardian.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Many friends have learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Joseph Mitchell Vaughn, which occurred at her home at Madison last week. Mrs. Vaughn was the mother of Mr. R. G. Vaughn, president of the American Exchange National Bank, of this city, and had many friends among Advocate readers.

—Among the candidates for the United States district judgeship of the western district we notice the names of E. E. Raper, of Lexington, and W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, two mighty clever Methodists and either one of whom would fill this important office with efficiency and honor to the state.

—We see it stated that the South Carolina Conference last year paid everything in full, assessments and salaries, too. Better still, it is claimed that every charge in that conference, missions, circuits and stations, all paid in full. If so, this is the first case on record in the history of the Southern Methodist church.

—Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, of Pleasant Garden, we regret to learn, have been shut in for a few days with influenza. We are glad to learn, however, that neither one has been seriously ill and they are expected to be entirely well in a few days. Brother O. V. Woosley, Sunday School Field Secretary, filled the appointments at Bethlehem and Pleasant Garden Sunday.

—The hospital committee of the Western North Carolina Conference held a meeting in this city on Monday. The following members of the committee were present: C. M. Pickens, chairman; E. L. Bain, secretary-treasurer; W. A. Lambeth, R. G. Tuttle, R. M. Courtney and A. R. Lazenby. While this movement of our conference has been held up on account of the war and conditions resulting therefrom, it is by no means dead, and the public may rest assured that the enterprise will go forward in due time.

—The Greensboro City Baraca-Philathea Union met at Grace Methodist Protestant church in this city last week and made plans for the state convention which is to meet here in April. A mass meeting composed of representatives from all local Baraca-Philathea classes will be held in the city on February 7th. Mrs. N. Buckner, of Asheville, secretary of the state union, and others are expected to make addresses.

—Many of our readers will learn with interest of the marriage of Rev. R. C. Craven, of the North Carolina Conference, to Miss Emma Jones Hunter. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's brother in New York city on Wednesday, January 22. Rev. and Mrs. Craven will live in Oxford, where he is pastor of the Methodist church. Mrs. Craven was formerly a teacher in the Rocky Mount schools.

—We learn through President Hinshaw that Rutherford College has added another strong man to the teaching force of that institution. Prof. R. E. Lovin, of Cold Springs, an ordained minister and a college man, comes as teacher of Latin. This gives the college five active male teachers and two assistants. Two of the faculty, Profs. Starnes and Reep, are on leave of absence while serving in the army. They are expected to be discharged soon.

Wanted—Position as stenographer by settled lady; would prefer place with some orphanage, Christian school or other mission work; would also accept position as private secretary or lady's companion; will go anywhere. Address Stenographer, 627 Ashe St., Greensboro.

"The Mired Wheel"

If there is a "mired wheel" in North Carolina Methodism at the present time it is the hospital proposition. For nearly seven years the question of a Methodist hospital in the state has been agitated to some extent, with no visible results. All honor to other denominations, private individuals and corporations, that are building and running hospitals. But why should the Methodists not take a part in this great work? We are making some headway in the orphanage work and the superannuate endowment fund, notwithstanding some of our leaders thought we could do nothing in these lines when they were first agitated. Building, equipping and running a Methodist mission hospital in North Carolina will not hinder but help all other interests of the church.

Could the hospital proposition be made one of the special objectives of the Centenary missionary movement? What more fitting and enduring monument could we erect in commemorating the one hundredth anniverary of American Methodist missions than building a hospital with a training school for nurses?

With suitable leadership this "mired wheel" can be made to roll on as well as the orphanage and superannuate cause.

Lenoir, N. C. John M. Price.

What Is Our Membership?

"Figures don't lie." This old saw is utterly discredited when it comes to studying the statistics of the Western North Carolina Conference. Errors occur in our reports—I do not fix the responsibility for them—which are misleading, distorting the real figures until they become an approximate falsehood.

Last year, we were supposed to have made a gain in membership of only 1,258. In my opinion, this increase is far too small. I give one concrete case of error: At the 1917 conference held in Asheville, Carmel church, then being served by our Wentworth pastor in the Greensboro district, was transferred to the Draper charge in the Mount Airy district. There were about two hundred and twenty-five members involved. At our last conference in Charlotte, the Wentworth pastor properly reported a loss of 225 members on account of the exchange, but for some reason the Draper charge did not report their reception. Thus we are charged with a clear loss of so many members, whereas, they are far from being lost. I can personally testify to the fact that our Carmel members are very much alive and vigorous enough to swell our total membership materially. This is one case; there may be others. J. H. Barnhardt.

CAMPAIGN CALLS

Asheville District

The ratio of the number of subscribers to the whole membership on the Ashevile district is less than that in any other, save the Winston. Certainly this is no just measure of our appreciation of a worthy and useful methodist agency. The church paper is indispensable to our work. Imagine our condition if we had no such medium of communication. Other things being equal, the home with an Advocate, is a more powerful Methodist agency than the home without it. A certain steward rode ten miles to a quarterly conference, and was a week too soon. He didn't take the Advocate.

Sincerely,

W. H. Willis.

Marion District

A suggestion to the preachers of the Marion district:

I trust that every preacher will do his very best to secure his allotted number to the Advocate at once. This will help every phase of your work.

And also, let us try to secure all of our benevolences just as early as we can, either in cash or by subscriptions.

I am suggesting that we do this, that at the supreme moment, we may all turn our entire energies to the Centenary interest. "It must go." To this end let us pray that every interest may prosper and succeed.

Parker Holmes.

Greensboro District

Brethren! Let us do first things first by putting the Advocate right now into the homes of our people. Soon the great Centenary drive will absorb our time and effort completely for a while. During this period of pause is the most favorable time of the whole year for us to enroll our people in the Advocate family.

Secure new subscribers. The apportionment is in the hands of pastors. Look after renewals. This is just as important as the other. Remember the proposition of the Board of Publication to send the paper for $1.50 a year to all new subscribers and renewals in a given charge, provided the requisite number of new subscribers is secured and all old subscribers renew; and provided further, that the subscriptions are all in and paid for by the first of April. If an old one drops out, get an extra new one in his place. This will count the equivalent of a renewal.

The total number of new subscribers asked from the Greensboro district is very conservative. We have the folks and the paper should be going into their homes. The question is how to get the two together. My conviction is that there is a way to do it. If every pastor will regard this campaign of sufficient importance to take hold of it vigorously, the trick is turned. Use whatever plan suits best. I suggest that wherever quarterly conferences have not yet been held, or where committees have not been appointed, pastors appoint their own assistants if needed, so that the work may be done without delay. A subsequent quarterly conference can endorse your committee. But do not dismiss the matter with the appointment of a committee. See that the work is done.

Our district must go out this year or suffer the rproach of failure at the home base. My personal opinion based upon several years of experience in working for the Advocate, is that even one day of persistent and faithful effort on the part of every pastor and his assistants would result in securing every new subscriber and renewal we are asked to get. We cannot do a more fruitful day's work. Let us go to it and see whether ye editor is strong enough to withstand a sure enough shock.

J. H. Barnhardt.

Charlotte District

It appears to me altogether unnecessary to mention the reason why we should secure the allotment (317) of new subscribers to the Advocate in the Charlotte district, and equally unnecessary to consume time and space to prove that the reasons are good and worthy.

It is true a good proposition presents itself occasionally where local conditions make it practically impossible to put it over in toto, but fortunately this exception does not applly to the Advocate campaign.

We have recorded in the Charlotte district 738 members of the quarterly conference, and reported in the Conference Minutes 839 sub-

scribers to the Advocate. It is evident from these figures that a considerable number of the official members are not subscribers. There are very few instances in our church where it is even expedient to place a man in official position who does not take his church paper. He cannot have church intelligence unless he takes the church paper and reads it.

Every Methodist home needs the Advocate, and the need is great, whether the head of the house reads it or not. Making no claim as to whether I have been worth much or little to the church, I know full well that the church paper coming into our farm home continuously from my infancy, had much to do in forming my character and giving me an understanding of my church, my duty to my church and to my fellowmen, which I could not have without it.

It requires work to secure new subscribers and renewals, but it is work worth while. Brethren let's go over the top with the Charlotte district right away and have that much good work behind us.

The paper is worth the price ($2) all right. I cannot see how it is published for less, but the people have a chance now for a short time to get it for $1.50 and to renew at the same price. Where the committees have not been appointed to assist the pastor appoint them at once—most of them have been appointed in the first quarterly conference.

The work so splendidly outlined for us by the Centenary committee is vastly important and I trust no pastor or laymen (I mean women too) will fail to give this movement special prayer and careful study during the next two months, but the Advocate campaign will not interfere with the Centenary; it will greatly help.

H. K. Boyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Three hundred miles west of Greensboro, beyond the Blue Ridge, across the Balsam mountains, and even further away than the Nantahalas is found a most active member of the Western North Carolina conference, who at the last annual conference was placed on the Sunday school board. From observations gathered from a recent visit to this charge his presiding elder made no mistake when he nominated Rev. M. T. Smathers, Andrews, N. C., for this responsible position. He desires and gets the best from what is to be obtained. His horse, dog, poultry and stock in general are the best in town. Of course, the new parsonage, recently built by him, is one of the best houses in the town, suitably located and completed with all modern conveniences. Such a man ought to be leading the Sunday school forces. He has kindly consented to favor us with his picture and some facts relating to his life.

Marcus Turner Smathers, son of Dr. H. A. Smathers, a local preacher in our church, one of twenty-one children, was born July 29, 1880. Being one among many he early learned to know the lesson of give and take. He was educated near home, in the Haywood county schools and at Rutherford college, where so many fellows have earned their way into promise. In 1906, he was happily married to Miss Fannie Link, Hickory, N. C., which union is blessed with four interesting children, all of whom are doing well in school.

Brother Smathers has served the Swannanoa, Hickory and Alexander circuits, together with Forest Hill, Burnsville and Andrews stations. On each charge he either built a church or, save one, finished paying for one recently built. Sent from a prospective salary of $1,200 he went to Burnsville, where the year before the pastor received $249 from the local church, he in two years built a good parsonage and a most



REV. M. T. SMATHERS, Andrews, N. C.

attractive and commodious church plant, during the two years he was there. When he left the last payment on the $20,000 building projects had been met by the 140 loyal members there. Last year a new parsonage was built at Andrews and this year there is a plan working for a better church for his live congregation. Brother Smather's ten years of ministry have been blessed with some 350 accessions to the church.

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Recently a presiding elder asked about the prospects for boosting the Centenary in the Sunday schools where the superintendent was opposed to the great movement. He had been out on the district and had found some indisposition to assume the missionary challenge. There is no hope for that Sunday school to do much so long as the superintendent is an obstructionist, but I believe we have no superintendents who will be obstructionists after having the information concerning the Centenary movement. A few Minute Men, together with the good work of the pastor, will open our eyes and make us see new visions. There ought to be a pointed three minute talk by a Minute Man at every Sunday school held between now and the great drive. Let some of the young people do some of the instructing. Furnish them with the Centenary Bulletin and they will get us out some interstting facts. Our Sunday schools need live missionary information and then they will give live missionary inspiration.

Let's have some women superintendents. You can count on them always. They know how to work with young life and they know better how to respond to the Macedonian cry. I have recently been surprised to learn of the great work the women have been doing in their quiet way, they having given more for missions last year than was raised through the conference missionary collections. The women have done more than prepare dinners for men to eat; they have given of their limited time and means in a way that should make many of us men ashamed of ourselves. You would be surprised to know how many tithers there are in the Woman's Missionary society of our conference. Read the Department of Woman's Work in the Advocate. Mrs. Harris puts mighty little dull material in there. The pastor who fails to aid the district Woman's Aid secretary in promoting societies is denying his charge an opportunity to see some real missionary activity.

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Last summer while at Lake Junaluska, attending the Sunday School Training School, I noticed Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson taking the courses and standing the examinations just like the rest of us. She thought there was yet something for her to learn and she studied. This week brings the news from Nashville that two Teacher Training classes have recently been organized at Greensboro College for Women with Mrs. Robertson teaching them. Now isn't that fine? Think of the good those young ladies will do as they go from such a fountain of inspiration. The deplorable lack of trained teachers in our conference must some day be remedied. Mrs. Robertson sets our schools a good example.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Asheville District

The Asheville District Centenary Group meeting had been called off on account of the influenza conditions in Asheville. But the Asheville district presiding elder believes where there is a will there is a way. So he has arranged the following schedule for himself and the Missionary Secretary: Black Mountain, Thursday, January 30, 7:30 p. m.; Biltmore, Friday the 31, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and 6:30 p. m.; Alexanders, Saturday, February 1, 11 a. m.; Montmorenci, Sunday, February 2, 11 a. m.; Marshall, February 2, 6:30 p. m.; Hot Springs, Monday, February 3, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Hendersonville, Tuesday, February 4, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Group Meetings Held

On Monday night and Tuesday, the 20 and 21, the preachers and laity of the Marion district gathered at Morganton for a Centenary district group meeting. Everything that could be done for the success of the meeting was done by the people of the local church.

On Wednesday night and Thursday, the 22 and 23, the Waynesville district group meeting was in session. Again it might be said that the local preparation was excellent. We met in the new church in Sylva. In the basement of the church a sumptuous dinner was served by the ladies of the church. The attendance was good, and the interest fine. Waynesville district will put the Centenary program on in full or indications are misleading.

The Sunday School and the Centenary

Prof. O. V. Woosley has been with us in the district group meetings and has been presenting the part of the Sunday school in the Centenary. If you have heard Prof. Woosley you know the large place taken in the Centenary movement by the Sunday school, and if you have not heard him, I hope you will soon.

The following from Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, may help us to keep straight the relation of the Sunday school and the Centenary.

"The General Sunday School Board will not be responsible for the raising of any fixed amount, but it will be expected to co-operate through all its agencies in securing subscriptions from schools, departments and classes to the Centenary fund. It is understood that the Sunday school will not ask for Centenary subscriptions during the period of the Eight Day Drive, April 27 to May 4. It is further understood that no school shall, prior to the close of the Eight Day Drive, assume an allotment in excess of a total of five cents a month per member in addition to budget Special, or Specials, it is now carrying."

A Place for You

In the Centenary program there is a place for every man, woman and child in Methodism. Some have already found their places and are at work. Have you gotten into action yet?

Literature

Pastors desiring literature to use in their congregations or individuals desiring to inform themselves on the Centenary movement, can get leaflets etc. by writing The Missionary Centenary, Box 218, Nashville, Tenn.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

HONOR ROLL OF THE JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following societies are on the honor roll for the splendid work done during the year 1918:

Asheville district—Biltmore, Central, Chestnut Street, Haywood Street, Hendersonville and Weaverville.

Charlotte district—Marshville, Monroe, Trinity, Wadesboro and Harrison.

Greensboro district—High Point, Reidsville, Spring Garden and West Market Street.

Salisbury district—Albemarle, Central church (Concord), New London, Norwood, First church (Salisbury), Spencer and Kannapolis.

Shelby district—Gastonia.

Statesville district—Newton and Statesville.

Waynesville district—Bryson City, Canton, Cullowhee and Franklin.

Winston district—Burkhead, Centenary, Thomasville, Mocksville and Walkertown.

We are sure that many more of our societies would have appeared on this honor roll had it not been for the influenza epidemic, which prevented so many societies from even holding the regular meetings during the last quarter of the year, and of course it was almost impossible to get our mission study classes organized as usual. However, as we have started in the new year we hope to see our societies putting forth extra efforts along every line of the work and at the close of the year to see every society on the honor roll. Let us in every way make this the banner year in the children's work.

AMY B. HACKNEY,
Conf. Second Vice-President.

NINA TROY MISSIONARY CIRCLE

Through Miss Lucille Pettit, of Greensboro, we hear of the organization of the "Nina Troy Missionary Circle of the Junior Division" of West Market Street church. The girls constituting the membership of this circle are very enthusiastic and start out with prospects of growth in membership and interest. We congratulate them upon their name, and trust that the life of this consecrated young missionary may be an inspiration to them to good works. With Mrs. C. C. Hinkle as their leader, we predict success for them. Following are the officers:

President, Ruth White; first vice-president, Mildred Sanger; second vice-president, Katheryn Mann; recording secretary, Pauline Pettit; corresponding secretary, Lucille Pettit; treasurer, Lucy Mae White; superintendent mission study, Maude Gisent; superintendent social service, Lois Harden.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

The district secretary of the Shelby district, Mrs. B. T. Morris, sends us the announcement of two new organizations at West End church, Gastonia—an adult and a young people's. We welcome these new societies and wish for them the greatest success in their missionary work. Officers of the adult society are: President, Mrs. J. W. Eury; first vice-president, Mrs. D. F. Short; second vice-president, Miss Mattie Turner; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. F. Thomas; recording secretary, Miss Delia Smith; mission study superintendent, Mrs. T. A. Little; superintendent social service, Miss M. Turner; superintendent supplies, Mrs. R. H. Plyler.

Young People's Society, West End, Gastonia; President, Miss Ollie Little; first vice-president, Miss Rosa Stacy; second vice-president, Miss Emma Little; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss Lucy Cannon; recording secretary, Miss Minnie Green; mission study superintendent, Miss Ethel Lovelace; superintendent social service, Miss Nell McArver; superintendent supplies, Miss Cora McArver.

MRS. FANNIE BYNUM

Central church, Concord, mourns the loss of one of the oldest, most faithful and most consecrated members of the Woman's Missionary Society in the death of Mrs. Fannie Bynum, which occurred at the home of her nephew, Mr. R. A. Brower, on Sunday morning, January 19, 1919. Moving to Concord in 1895, she identified herself at once with the missionary society, and nothing but sickness ever prevented her attendance upon the meetings. She was a consecrated Christian, unselfish, loyal, devout, one of the saints whose life was a benediction to those who knew and loved her. "Aunt Fannie" was nearing her eightieth birthday and hers was a life well spent. We shall miss her, but we feel heaven is dearer because she is there and with her loved ones is watching and waiting for us. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. J. B. SPARGER

We, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, N. C., are stricken with grief because of the passing away of a beloved member, Mrs. J. B. Sparger, and we desire by this tribute to show our appreciation of her noble life. Of her it might truly be said the circle of her friends is as wide as the circle of her acquaintance. "None knew her but to love her." She was a strong, able guide and leader. Her work was always effective in the achievement of high ideals; her utterances always inspiring and clear.

She was a woman of independent thought, built on broad lines, with her face ever toward the rising sun. Because of her devotion and faithfulness to her work and because of her unusual mental endowments, as well as the sincerity of her religious life, her going away leaves a vacancy that will long be felt.

The influence of her pure and gentle life, showing always the grace and dignity of a positive Christian character, will long abide in the hearts of the people of Mount Airy. Life to us all is better and friendship has a deeper, sweeter meaning because she lived here among us.

Sacred ties are broken, and we would assure the members of her family, her devoted husband and children, her aged father, sisters and brothers, that their sorrow is ours, and that, with them, we will ever cherish her precious memory.

"I cannot say and I will not say
That she is dead—she is just away.
With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since she lingers there."

MRS. VANCE PRICE,
MRS. T. P. JIMISON,
MRS. PARTRIDGE,
MRS. C. C. CREVELING.

ATTENTION, METHODISTS

What Are You Doing for the Centenary?

As loyal American citizens you responded to every call of the government.

You sewed and knitted.

You conserved food and fuel.

You bought War stamps and Liberty bonds.

You gave your daughters as Red Cross nurses and your sons to shed their blood for the sacred cause of liberty, but

What are you doing for the Centenary?

As loyal Methodists, have you enrolled in the "Fellowship of Intercession," pledging yourself to pray for world-wide redemption?

As loyal Methodists have you enlisted in the "Methodist million" acknowledging God's ownership?

As loyal Methodists, are you preparing to take part in the big drive April 27-May 4?

Let us have no slackers.

It is the duty of every Methodist to "carry on" if the world shall be won for Christ.

Remember the Centenary.

The Missionary Centenary is the largest vision, the greatest challenge and the finest opportunity of the Methodist church since the days of Wesley, and perhaps the greatest forward movement of the church since the days of the apostles. Raising $35,000,000 in five years ought to be a small task for our church. This is only between $12 and $15 for each member. All the treasure and resources of earth belong to God, and we are His stewards to render to Him as His cause demands.

W. A. CADE.

Southern Methodists who have responded so generously to the war needs of the past four years will not fail to heed the call of the Centenary.

The Centenary World Program, based on a careful survey of our mission fields, proposes to send out to Africa, Brazil, China, Korea and Mexico in the next five years twenty-seven medical missionaries and thirty-seven nurses, besides opening several new hospitals, dispensaries and medical schools and better equipping those already in operation. It is an inspiring effort to combat disease among some 40,000,000 people who are largely or wholly without medical advantages, and thereby introduce to them the great Healer of Souls.

The whole five-year Centenary program for Africa involves the expenditure of $380,000, which the Epworth Leagues have pledged themselves to raise.

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Educate the Negro for safe citizenship.

Combat illiteracy in mountain sections.

Provide church buildings for every needy congregation.

Supplement support of 2,500 underpaid pastors.

Reclaim the outcast and improve industrial conditions.

Give the gospel message to the non-Christian world.

Equip and send abroad 300 new missionaries.

Train a great native force for Christian leadership.

Establish scores of schools and hospitals in benighted mission lands.

Reconstruct war-ravaged countries of Europe.

THEY'S A KETCH IN IT

Dr. Harvey Reeves Calkins was one day explaining to a group of church officers God's financial plan of weekly giving on a tithing basis. Turning to a shrewd farmer, he asked if he had made the matter clear. The man replied, "They's a ketch in it."

"Why, my brother, I intended to make it very plain," said the speaker.

"Oh, it's plain enough," replied the farmer, "but they's a ketch in it, all the same, for I can see if we adopt that plan we'll be paying out more money than we intend to give."—Missionary Voice.

SOCIETIES ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. D. M. Cave writes most interestingly of a recent installation service held by the Woman's Missionary Society of Dilworth church, Charlotte, N. C.. With a membership of 37, this society has had a most successful year, and one of the resolutions for the new year is to get every member of the congregation interested in the society. Officers chosen for the year are: President, Miss Cornie White, 406 East Boulevard; first vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Robinson, 1907 Cleveland avenue; second vice-president, Mrs. S. A. Hunter, 208 Rensslar avenue; recording secretary, Mrs. C. M. Creswell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. M. Cave, 1908 Avondale avenue; treasurer, Mrs. P. F. Carter, 202 Kingston avenue; superintendent mission study, Mrs. W. W. Helms, 1907 Cleveland avenue; superintendent social service and supplies, Mrs. W. M. D. McCall, 1515 S. Boulevard; agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. W. G. Thompson.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity, N. C., has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. W. C. Massey; first vice-president, Miss Effie White; second vice-president, Mrs. W. F. Ellis; recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss Josie Mendenhall; superintendent mission study and agent for Voice, Mrs. J. L. Phillips.

Officers were elected as follows in the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of West End Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.: President, Mrs. T. B. Apperson, 622 Summit street; first vice-president, Mrs. B. S. Womble, 607 Summit street; second vice-president, Miss Della Dodson, 633 Summit street; corresponding secretary, Miss Ada Snow; recording secretary, Miss Lucy Hanes; missionary treasurer, Miss Sadie Walker, 607 Clover street; local treasurer, Miss Nannie Dodson; superintendent social service, Miss Lillian Hitchcock, 814 W. Fifth street; superintendent mission study, Miss Willie Griffin, 814 W. Fifth street; superintendent supplies, Mrs. Norman Stockton, 1149 W. Fourth street; press reporter, Mrs. W. B. Owen; agent Missionary Voice, Miss Lewis Dull.

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Woman's Society of Franklin: President, Mrs. T. W. Porter; first vice-president and superintendent mission study, Mrs. L. B. Hayes; second vice-president, Mrs. G. A. Jones; recording secretary, Mrs. J. A. Porter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Hames; treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Hobart; superintendent social service, Mrs. F. L. Siler.

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

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FROM THE HAYWOOD STREET EPWORTH LEAGUE

Some one has said they thought all of the Epworth Leagues in western North Carolina dead. I would just like to say that I do not agree with that assertion. I don't think they are, and I am quite sure that the Haywood Street League is not by any means dead, but that it is very much alive.

It is very true that we have all been very hard hit by the influenza epidemic, and have had to labor under many disadvantages, but be that as it may, our League did not die. Although we had no services for six long weeks, yet our body of workers were busy all the time, relieving the sick and distressed the best they could. During that time there were 264 calls made on the sick, and $103.25 given for charity. All of our departments were busy doing the pastors work, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and clothing those that needed it, and the Master said, "In as such as you did it unto one of the least of these my children, you did it unto me."

Since our churches have been opened, we have been working just like clock work, and now our League is getting back again to normal, and we expect by God's help to do more in the year of 1919 than we did before. Our meetings have all been helpful, and inspiring and the one especially on Sunday night, January 12, it was a great success in every way. It was Epworth Era Flag night. It was to have been in charge of our Era agent, Miss Bessie Hearinger, but as she has left town, the meeting was led by our president, Mr. Chas. D. Stowe. The program was carried out almost to the letter, before an audience of about 75 people. The talks were splendid, interesting and helpful. We have added five more subscriptions to our club, making 25 copies taken by our League.

I would like to say also that neither is our Asheville League Union dead. We are having our meetings every month now, and much good seems to be accomplished from these meetings. We have laborers who are full of the Holy Spirit, and seem to strive for the motto, "All for Christ." At our last meeting, Mr. J. J. Nichols, our former president, led the devotional meetings, and gave us a good talk on New Year's resolutions, which I am sure we all enjoyed, and will try for the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus, during the year 1919.

Maggie Rector,
Secretary Haywood Street Epworth League

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT SOCIAL BY EPWORTH LEAGUE

Several hundred people, young and old, were present last night at Grace Methodist church for the first public social given by the Epworth League chapter of that church.

An interesting program, prepared under the direction of Miss Helen Agee, leader of the department of recreation and culture, was rendered. The choir added greatly to the service by the rendition of several beautiful anthems

Two splendid addresses wer delivered, first by Rev. R. H. Daughe-ty, pastor of West End church, and the second by Mr. J. J. Enloe, a former assistant secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., now in "Y" service at Camp Sevier, Greenville.

Mr. A. W. Cline, president of the chapter, presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers.

Misses Lucile Nichols and Lucile Yingling delighted the audience with recitations, as did Miss Lydia Yingling with a piano solo. Mr. W. L. Swaim was especially enjoyed.

Rev. Mr. Daughetry, the first speaker, delivered a helpful message on the subject, "Manhood." The Scriptural verse on which the subject was based was "show thyself a man," First Kings 2:2. The address in part was as follows:

"I can't conceive of a time when this exhortation would be more in place than when the world is issuing many calls for real men. The young man of this day who has wasted his time and his energies, will begin now to see the cost. He may see many open doors but he finds himself unqualified to enter any of them. He may feel the need of his country, hear the call to service and desire to answer, but his lack of quality will shut him out.

"To some young men disability to answer the call to service comes through heredity—to many more it comes through self-acquired disability, probably by willful and actual violation of nature's laws. Cigarettes, drink, etc., cost many young men lifelong honor.

"Some one has said that these are days when heroes are born and cowards are shown up. This is not only true with reference to war service, but to the church and public life in general. Men who show themselves heroes now have been such all the while.

"This is the day when any young American can show himself a man, provided he has the man in him. No sort of opportunity will catch men who have made up thier minds to take life easy. The young fellow that is foot loose and has been stumbling about at everything, claiming that he is being held down by lack of chance, has his day now. If he doesn't get a start to do something worth while he is doomed to eternal failure.

"Young men may hold places of honor, but unless they beautify and give force to their work with Christian character they will amount to but little in the end. The world's greatest men have been the world's greatest Christian characters. The greater the work in which one is engaged the more important it is that he back it up with Christian character.

"The Christian church stands as an institution to aid men and women in developing their inherent qualities of worth, and not as a hot-house in which we are nurtured and protected like so many tender plants for others.

"Religion must be put into practice. Right here in Winston-Salem are the hungry, thirsty, strangers and prisoners. The opportunity for service is ever before the church.

"Until recently the young people of the church were not recognized as a separate and distinct part of the church forces. I suppose they were formerly regarded as being too frivolous and too immature for such service. The church knew not the asset it had in the young people. We are now advancing along these lines. The pastor has come to depend strongly on his young people.

"In every Methodist community there is a great field of service for the Epworth League. In order for the league to live and be a power it must be a working body. If the Epworth League wants that larger life and greater power, let it launch out into the field of community service and do something for people who are in need."

Mr. Enloe spoke interestingly of his experiences in Y. M. C A. work at Camp Sevier. He told many interesting incidents that happened among the colored soldiers with whom he worked for several months.

Mr. Enloe urged the church to work along the same lines of thoroughness required of the soldier in camp. He urged the church to prepare for the return of the soldiers, who are coming home with a new vision of life.

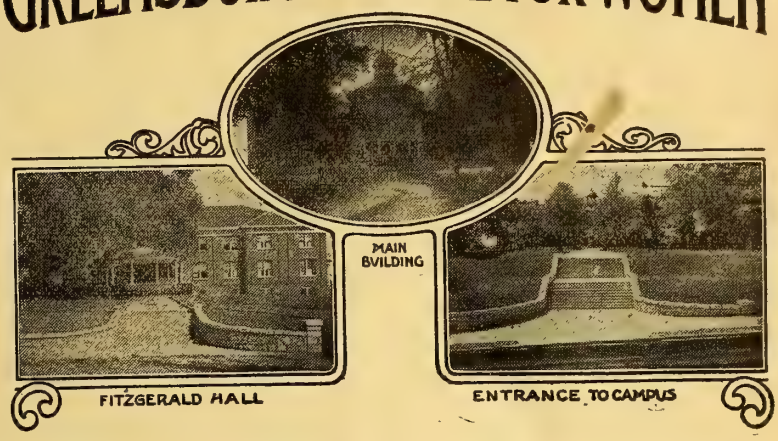
The church was described as the sergeant who always leads the soldiers into battle. The time has come, declared the speaker, when the church must be a real community center—not open only one day each week, but every day.

Rev. Dr. Frank Siler, presiding elder of the Winston district, was a visitor at the meeting. He read the opening Scripture lession, which was followed by prayer by Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of Burkhead church, who was also a visitor.

Rev. Mr. Hiatt, a former pastor of Grace church, at the request of the president of the league, invited the audience to the basement of the church, where refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Agee and her committee.

During the social hour the guests were entertained at games, directed by Mr. Enloe, Miss Julia Wollschlager and others.—Winston Journal.

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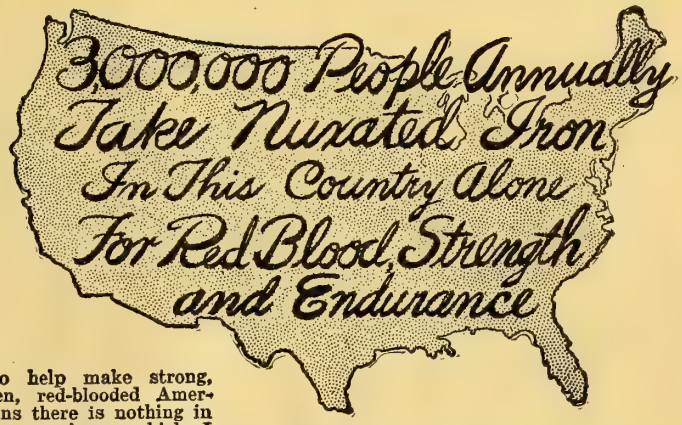
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From the Field

CENTENARY GROUP MEETING AT RURAL HALL

Having been designated by the committee on resolutions at the above named meeting of the Mount Airy district, I am giving this brief account to your readers.

The attendance was in no sense disapointing. In fact, it was rather gratifying. All the pastors were present save four. Of these one was prevented by sickness, another by a funeral, another attended a like meeting of the Greensboro district and was on this ground excused". Therefore, every pastor in the district was accounted for but one. The lay representation was fully up to the average in other districts.

Rev. J. C. Hawks' address on China was a great deliverance and showed unusual familiarity with this mighty republic of the East.

The Centenary as it relates itself to the Sunday school, Epworth League, the pastor or the laymen and the womens' work was discussed respectively by O. V. Woosley, J. Frank Armstrong, Geo. D. Hermon, Prof. J. H. Allen and Mrs. O. D. Woltz. Rev. R. M. Courtney and Rev. J. C. Hawk were invaluable leaders in the discussion of the League of Intercession and stewardship. Presiding Elder Womble, also contributed much to the interest and success of the meeting. If any reader wants to know what we of the Mount Airy district think of the Centenary Movement, he may read the resolutions printed in the Centenary column this week.

J. Frank Armstrong.

MOORESVILLE CIRCUIT

On the fourth day of December, my time-honored friend, Brother L. M. Edwards, of Triplett church, came to Stony Point in his car to take the preacher and his family to their new quarters. We arrived at the parsonage in Mooresville about noon, where we found a number of both brethren and sisters, who gave us such a warm welcome as we will not forget soon. Indeed, the lines have fallen to us in a pleasant place.

Fair View has been taken off of the charge, so that we now have just four churches. This loyal board of stewards made a raise of thirty per cent and so made the salary $1,200.

I had preached but three Sundays and had just entered upon the Christmas festivities, when six of us went down with the "flu." We had a serious time, but the good Lord brought us all on foot again. The good people of Triplett called a prayer meeting that we might recover, and it seemed from that hour, that there was a change.

Brother Falls of the station ministered to us and he and Brother Jones filled my appointments. Indeed these people were very good to us.

For a month I could not visit the sick of my charge, nor bury the dead.

Death has claimed five of our flock. Espie Plyler, of Centenary church, fell on the battle field of France, November 1. He was a noble Christian young man.

Brother William Sherrill, one of the aged members of McKendree, passed to his reward and Brother Falls held the funeral and they laid him to rest. He was faithful, true and loyal. The family will know where to find him.

On January 7, Brother R. A. Deaton, who was a member of Triplett church, passed to his reward and Brother Falls held the funeral services. He was a quiet man, but faihtful to God and the church. He was in his sixty-ninth year. He joined the presbyterian church when a boy, but later connected himself with the Methodist church.

Then on January 14, the soul of sister Emma Jane Freeze, wife of William L. Freeze, took its flight to the home of the good Next day, Brother Ratledge, the former pastor, held the service. I had met her once and found that she was one of the leading members of McKendree church.

On January 21, I was called to join Brother Ratledge in holding the funeral of Brother Loice Thompson, the youngest son of Brother and Sister Thomas Thompson, of Mckendree. He died at Camp Jackson, January 18. From his loyalty to the church and faith in God, those who knew him best were satisfied of his eternal safety

While this presents a gloomy picture of our charge as we have begun the year, yet we see better things and brighter days ahead.

The charge seems to be well organized and the committees ready to do their work.

The Advocate campaign must not be neglected and we must be ready for the Centenary drive.

A splendid year with these noble people is expected, and in fact, has begun.

Respectfully,
E. N. Crowder.

Mooresville, N. C.

FRANKLIN AVENUE, GASTONIA

This charge consists, of Franklin Avenue, West End and Tates Chapel. I am here now through the kindness of all parties concerned, who made it possible for Brother McCain to remain at Weddington and for me to remain here. I was anxious to remain here for the express purpose of buying a home for a parsonage. I had been praying and working to this end for two years, but the right proposition was not hit upon until the third of November, 1918 when we took an option on a house and lot, for sixty days. Before conference, I did not have time to take the subscription to raise the money.

Thanksgiving I was taken quite ill and for two weeks I was unable to work at all, but God moved in the hearts of the people, both the members and the friends, and by the time the option was out we had $2,900 subscribed; and $1,800 of it paid in cash and war stamps, and $250 in liberty bonds. We have had lights and water put in. Also, we have built a barn. We moved into the parsonage on the seventh day of January, and we are now enjoying it. We praise God for the way in which the people responded to this opportunity for securing a home for their pastor

Since we moved into the parsonage, the Franklin Avenue congregation gave us a very fine and substantial pounding. We are very thankful for this expression of their kindness to us. We praise the Lord for leading them to do so; and by His help, we shall show our appreciation for these good things.

The collection from this charge for the Armenian and Syrian relief fund amounted to $85.

The West End congregation is raising money to beautify the inside of their church, by calcimining, restaining and putting in a new carpet. Tate's Chapel will be recovered in the near future. Franklin Avenue is planning for some folding doors, which will add two nice Sunday school rooms.

The Advocate campaign has been announced and begun.

The Centenary has been presented and will be kept before the people according to the prescribed plan.

We are praying for a double attendance in Sunday school and church services; and for at least two hundred conversions and one hundred accessions, and for all assessments, including our parsonage debt and our share of the Centenary fund to be paid in full; and for our allotment to the Advocate to be secured; and for every one of our members to be a witness for Christ, at home and abroad. We ask all readers to join us in prayer to this end.

Sincerely,
E. P. Stabler, pastor.

MURPHY CIRCUIT

On the night of the 11, we heard a little noise in the wind, which caused just a little uneasiness, but only for a short while. We heard the voice of one of the stewards over on the other hill calling the pastor, and wanted to know if he and his wife could get down off that hill. I told him I thought we were able if necessary. Then he wanted to know if I knew the marriage ceremony, and wanted me to come in haste as the parties were in a hurry to get away. We went over to Brother Roger's and, indeed, it looked like a wedding company. The table, instead of being filled with prepared food, was loaded with boxes, basket bags, jars and cans, all filled with good things, such as gladden the hearts of a little circuit rider and his wife. After the table was examined and a speech or two by the stewards, I made my announcements for the following Sunday, then we gathered around the organ and had some good old time singing. In all, we had a very profitable gathering. After which a number of the crowd accompanied us to the parsonage, each carrying about all he could lug. In the moon light it looked like Santa Clause coming from the market.

The good women of the charge persuaded Santa Clause to start a poultry yard at the parsonage, which is now all furnished.

Last, but not least, a surprising raise in the salary. Brethren, pray for us that we may be able to carry the message of salvation to these people.

A. A. Godfrey.

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Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation r prevention of disease.

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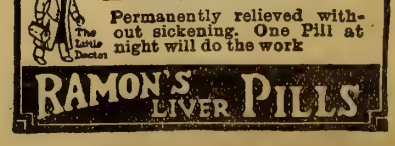
Eat Less Meat if Kidneys Feel Like Lead or Bladder Bothers You—Meat Forms Uric Acid

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

FIFTH-SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Rev. W. S. Cherry, Lilesville SS, $2; A. M. Gabriel, Mooresville, R. 5, Vanderburg SS, $1.70; P. V. Cobb, Alexis, New Hope SS, $5.80.

Total: $9.50.

SPECIAL GIFTS

M. Kate I. Hayes, Knightdale, $10; H. A. Dunham, Asheville, $10.

Total: $20.

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"A Friend," High Point, $5; M. F. Kirby, Treas, Main street church, Gastonia, $38.44; Mrs. J. B. Gray, Cullasaja, $5.

Total: $48.44.

TEN PER CENT ASSESSMENT

Rev. J. S. Hyatt, Winston-Salem, Burkhead church, $100; Rev. M. W. Mann, Winston-Salem, Hanes church, $25; Mrs. E. W. Russell, Fort Mill, S. C., Harrison church, $15; Rev. W. S. Cherry, Lilesville charge, $1.50; S. T. Coburn, Salisbury, S. Main street church, $50.

Total: $191.50.

PRODUCTION AND THE MOB SPIRIT

East St. Louis, Ill.—The inadequate production of East St. Louis plants caused a government investigation last winter by several experts. They reported the basal difficulty as instability of character, caused by living conditions which were morally and economically far below par. As a war measure the government, with full local co-operation, undertook the correction of the conditions which were so undermining character and effeciency. The industries and citizens subscribed $200,000 for a three-year program of community betterment, the most comprehensive yet planned in America.

The War Department sent a staff of experts last fall, and appointed a committee of fifty citizens, representing both sexes, all religions, both political parties, capital and labor, and white and colored. The twenty subcommittees include those on Iaw Enforcement, Patriotism and Thrift, Education, Recreation Housing Industrial Welfare, Sanitation, Neighborhood Work, etc. Both sexes of both races are repreesnted on a committee on Racial Problems; but all the committees plan for the welfare of the whole community on a common human basis.

One community centre has already been erected and three more are to go up in the spring. An appropriation provides for co-operation with the Urban League for Improving Conditions among Negroes, a national organization composed of Northern and Southern whites and blacks which is at work in a number of Southern cities with substantial local white co-operation. Work is carried on among Negro, as among white, boys; colored women, like the white ones, are taught home economics and management; and night schools for colored pupils are opening. All this is being done under common auspices by way of serving the common interests of an entire community.

It may sound like a Sunday morning sermon; but it is really Uncle Sam going after efficiency in production. He must have it; and he thinks he can't get it out of conditions which foster greed, injustice, or mob violence. East St. Louis expects its experiment in stabilizing character to pan out in production both of wealth and of human happiness, among all classes and races.

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NEWS NOTES

The Federal Council of Churches of America average as a new year's present to the French Protestant Federation 350,000 francs. The Council is planning to assist actively in the re-establishment of Protestantism in France and Belgium.

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Fifteen thousand persons, mostly women and children, lose their lives by fire every year in the United States and $250,000,000 worth of property is annually destroyed.

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Mrs. Geo. T. Winston, wife of Dr. Geo. T. Winston, former president of the State University, died at the Mission Hospital in Asheville on Wednesday of last week.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AND THE NEGRO

Atlanta, Ga.—The Southern Presbyterian Women's Home Mission Board has for several years held an annual Institute for colored women in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to train leaders in Christian and social work. Some of the courses—in the Bible, sanitation, home management, community work, etc.—are given by prominent white women from various states, some by trained colored women. The attendance this fall was from eleven states. So successful has the Institute been that the church women are hoping for a wider educational work, and land for it has already been offered at several points. Their Sunday school work is also spreading. They have long led the white women of the South in teaching classes in colored Sunday schools—a form of Christian work in which the first Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, a Presbyterian girl, engaged during the years preceding her marriage.

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The number of refugees, according to the latest report of the relief agents in the different fields, is given as follows: In Asia Minor-Armenians, 350,000; Greeks, 800,000. In the Caucasus, 300,000. In Syria, Syrians, 1,250,000; Armenians, 50,000. In Damascus, Palestine, Egypt and Persia, 1,200,000. Of this total of 3,950,000, practically one million are now within reach of the distributing forces of the American Committee. Of the number immediately accessible 400,000 are orphaned children, and these must have help not merely for their present necessities, but the money is needed to provide orphan homes at certain centers.

America, of all the world nations, is best able to give the money needed for the saving of these destitute peoples, and if the American people fail them they will die by hundreds of thousands

The American committee says:

"In the near East today it is estimated that 3,950,000 Christian people, Armenians, Syrians and Greeks are perishing from hunger and disease while the big nations of the world rejoice in victory. It would seem that peace has come at last to all but those who deserve it most, the harried peoples of the Ottoman Empire. France and Belgium, England and America, all hold hearts seared by the loss of loved ones, but the cross of heroism helps to sooth their pain.

"The charred ruins and barren fields of France are horrible indeed, but she knows the glory of the victory won. Vast sums of money, and millions of willing hands are already at work repairing the ravages of war on all the battle fronts of Europe.

"Shall the little peoples of Asia Minor, these wretched victims of torture and deportation, be allowed to starve on the day of victory? The land is scourged by famine and no government aid is available. In 1915, when the barbarous massacres and deportations threatened to wipe out the entire christian population of the near East, America came forward and her dollars saved these martyrs of faith from complete annihilation.

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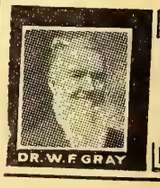
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—Christian Observer.

GETTING UP

During the year John had been mixed up with all the fun—it seemed as though good times bobbed up before him at every turn. It was very hard for him to turn down a chance for a gay lark. The teacher had spoken to him several times about his grades, but the fun kept coming his way, and he put off the thought of the final examinations from week to week. Of course he had no intention of failing. In some way he would get through—he always had. Things would come out all right. Meanwhile he was having a jolly time.

The last few weeks of the year he began to realize how things were going. He told the boys he would have to cut out the play and "knuckle down" to study, and he did; but it was too late; he failed!

The professors shook their heads. They were very sorry. John was good natured, lively and well meaning, and they liked him; nevertheless, he had been a great worry to them. Teachers do not object to pupils having good times if their studies do not suffer neglect.

All this was gall to John, but the worst was to come. He must face his father. He suddenly wakened to the fact that he really thought a great deal of his big-hearted, generous, patient father. John had not thought much about it before, but now that he had so disappointed him his eyes were opened; he knew now that his father's opinion meant something to him.

"I've heard, John," said his father as John came into the house, "you've failed." His voice held no impatience or reproof.

John was surprised; he had expected reproof. He knew he deserved it. "I—I'm sorry," he said.

"Yes, I'm sorry, too. But there's something worse. I shall be much more sorry if it stays a failure. Once in a while we fall down, but we don't have to stay down. Stay down or get up; you are the one to decide that. I'm not out of patience; I'm not scolding; I'm just sorry. I failed at different times myself. I have faith in you. I don't believe you are going to let this failure stay a failure. And now you must think of the future. What would you like to do next year?"

John looked straight into his father's eyes. "I'd like to try to get up. I'll take the year over," he said, squaring himself on both feet.

It was hard, but he did, and at the end of the next year he faced his father with a big smile. He had not stayed a failure.—Anne Porter Johnson.

HOW THEY MADE UP

It was hot and muggy, a very trying day. Even the grown-ups had found it hard to keep sweet and pleasant, so one could not be greatly surprised that Bobby and Betty had given up the effort soon after breakfast, and things had steadily gone from bad to worse. The climax came when Bobby insisted on playing railroad and having a terrible wreck in which Arabella Sophia and Gertrude May, Betty's best beloved dolls, must suffer. "I just will not play any such thing, Bobby Martin. You can be smashed up yourself if you want, but I am not going to have them, so now!" declared Betty very decidedly, gathering her family in her arms and going on the piazza, where mother was sewing.

"You're a mean, selfish thing, and I won't play with you any more," retorted Bobby.

"Girls are no good, anyway. I wish I'd had a brother instead, then I could have had some fun."

"Girls are lots better'n boys," responded Betty promptly, determined not to be outdone. "I never would have gone and had a brother if I could have helped it. I think they're just horrid."

"Children," said mother very gravely, "that is enough. I did not think my dear little boy and girl could possibly say such dreadful things to each other. You must not play together any more, not speak to each other until you have apologized for talking so."

"What of us has got to do the 'pologizing?" asked Bobby.

"Both of you," answered mother.

"I think Bobby was the worst, so he ought to 'pologize first, oughtn't he?" asked Betty. But mother made no reply to this query.

At first Bobby made a great show of enjoying himself playing smash-up alone, and Betty talked and luaghed with her dolls at a great rate; but before long they both gave up the struggle.

Bobby sat on the steps and wondered if the morning would ever come to an end.

Betty betook herself to the hammock with Arabella and Gertrude, but for some unexplainable reason she found them very tiresome company, and she, too, thought it was the longest morning she had ever known.

"I—wish I had let Bobby have his old smash-up," she said to herself.

If she could only have known it, Bobby was deciding within himself that it was very much more lonesome without Betty than he thought it would be.

"She's awful good for a girl," he thought, "and—I don't really b'liebe—I'd want to swap her for a brother, after all—he might want to boss me."

He glanced furtively over at Betty and was almost sure that there were tears in her eyes. Being a boy, he could not relieve his feelings by crying, of course, but there was a big lump in his throat; he wished he had not spoken as he had.

"It is sort of mean in me to make her speak first. Father says boys must always be very courteous and thoughtful of their little sisters if they want to be gentlemanly. I'm—glad he didn't hear me."

"My head aches ever so hard, mother," said Betty, plaintively, and Bobby was sure now of the tears. His heart gave a distressing thump. What if Betty should be sick? Five, ten minutes dragged slowly by, then Bobby jumped up and ran to the hammock where Berry was curled up among the pillows.

"Shut your eyes tight," he said.

Betty obeyed promptly, and Bobby bent down and kissed her.

Instantly Betty sprang up and threw her arms around his neck.

"I didn't mean what I said, not one single word," she sobbed.

"And I didn't, either," answered Bobby. "Have we 'pologized, mother, and can we play now?"

Mother smiled a little as she kissed them both. "Promise me first that the next time you get angry you will stop and count ten very slowly before you speak."

"All right, we will try to remember, only I don't believe we will get angry again right off," said Bobby.

"You can have a perfectly dreadful smash-up if you want, Bobby," said Betty as they went off hand in hand. "I don't care if Arabella and Gertrude are scared to death." —Kate S. Gates, in Zion's Herald.

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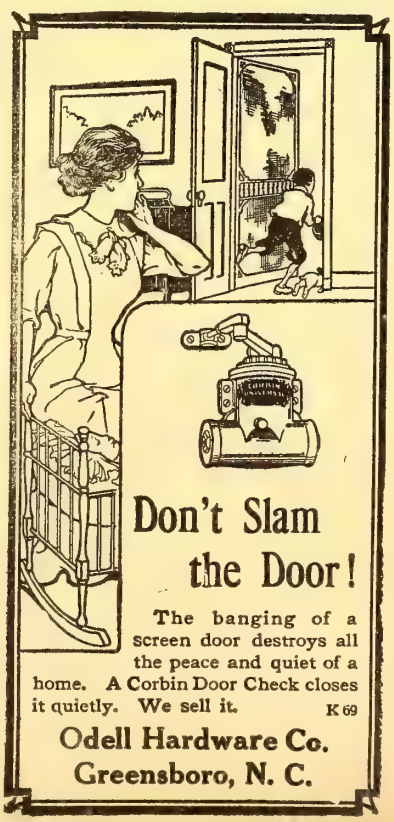
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Brother Starnes had been a faithful member of the Methodist church for 45 years. He was happily converted at old Prospect campground under the ministry of the late Rev. T. H. Edwards. He never doubted his conversion, neither did any one else who knew his life. He carried the evidence with him and within him. How often and how fervently in his public prayers have we heard him thank God for the blessed witness of the Spirit! Truly it may be said of him that "he walked with God." He lived in constant companionship with Christ. He was not ashamed to own Him anywhere. He loved to testify for his Lord, and we have seen almost whole congregations in tears as a result of his prayers and burning testimony. No man in our community ever shed forth a holier influence than did Brother Starnes. The people loved him and believed that he had the religion he professed. Many people around his home and church shall be able to rise up at the judgment and call him blessed because they were led to Christ through his efforts.

All preachers, and especially Methodist preachers, found a welcome in his home. He loved his pastors and stood by them and prayed for them. A year or so ago his pastor was about to leave home to assist a brother pastor in revival services. He asked Brother Starnes to pray for him. Quick as a flash came the reply, "Why, Brother Osborne, I pray for you every day." He early erected a family altar and never let the fires go out. His children tell me that they never heard him pray in the home when he failed to pray for his pastor.

Brother Starnes had been in failing health for some time and his almost sudden departure was not unexpected. He died as he had lived, in the full triumph of the Christian faith. As the end was approaching he turned to his faithful daughter, Miss Julia, who had tenderly cared for him both day and night, and said, "Don't weep for me; you will all know where to find me." May God comfort the bereaved ones and encourage them to continue to walk in the pathway of their father.

M. A. Osborne, P. C.

SMITH.—Mrs. Hannah Adaline Smith died December 27, 1918, at the home of her son, Dillon C. Smith, near Reidsville, N. C. She was born December 11, 1838. Thus she was a few days over eighty years old when her call came to join the loved ones beyond the river. She was married November 3, 1858, to Benjamin Harrison Smith, who died twenty-four years ago. To this union were born thirteen children, thirty-nine grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren. Her surviving children are Mrs. W. E. French, Mrs. J. W. Moore, B. C., L. T., A. G. and D. C. Smith of Rockingham county, and M. B. Smith of Burlington, N. C. She was a sister to Mrs. John Willie Smith of Greensboro, N. C. Sister Smith gave her heart and life to the Lord in early childhood and united with the Methodist church at Lowe's, and has been a faithful and consistent member ever since. In her departure truly a "mother in Israel" has been called home. She was a good, pure and true woman, true and faithful to her children and loyal to her Master. She was highly respected by all who knew her. She was dearly loved and will be affectionately remembered by all her children and grandchildren. Her good example will be handed down as a spiritual benediction in the hearts and lives of all her kindred. No doubt she has a resting place in the Father's house of many mansions.

F. L. TOWNSEND, Pastor.

CANNON—Mrs. J. T. Cannon (nee Miss Essie Puckett) was born in Long Creek township, Mecklenburg county, March 4, 1885 and passed peacefully to rest January 2, 1919, about five in the afternoon. Sister Cannon was married April 11, 1906, and leaves a husband and two childre. She was converted and joined the Methodist church when eleven years of age, and has lived a devoted Christian life to the end. For about three years she has been a sufferer from the dread tuberculosis, and in the early months of the summer went to the state sanitorium near Aberdeen for treatment, but returned to Charlotte about a week before the end, with the desire to be with her family a short while before death came.

As a member of Dilworth church, she was loyal and faithful and met the end without fear. The last request of her life was made to her husband just a few moments before passing away, and it was that he read to her the Bible. When asked what he should read she replied: "Read the one hundred and third Psalm." It would be impossible to find a stronger faith than that which could stand in the very hour of death and say, "Bless the Lord, O, my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name." The hours of suffering and thought of separation were forgotten as she thought of God's benefits and mercies.

Her body was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery on Saturday, Jan. 4. May the comfort of the Holy Spirit abide with the family.

L. B. Abernethy.

KING—Mrs. J. B. King (nee Miss Mollie Dew) was born in King William county, Virginia, March 14, 1876. She was the daughter of William T. Dew and Mariah Russell Dew. She was married to J B. King November 29, 1915. In early childhood she was converted and united with the Methodist church at West Point. All through her life she has been a consistent Christian and at the time of death was a member in Winston-Salem.

Sister King came to Charlotte in August, 1917, and passed to rest at 7:30 on the evening of January 3, at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Hardin, on Worthington Avenue. For several years she had been a patient sufferer, looking for the end of this earthly life at any time.

Her body was laid to rest in Oaklawn cemetery, Charlotte, funeral services being held by the writer. She leaves a husband and a little son, Vance King; a brother, J. E. Dew, at Portsmouth, Va., and a sister, Mrs. E. B. Hardin.

She died in the faith and rests from her suffering. May God's comforting grace be given the bereaved ones.

L. B. Abernethy.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In the providence of God Fannie Fincher, a devoted member of our school, has been removed from our midst to the home on high, and desiring to give some expression of our appreciation, we, the members of the Clyde Sunday school of the M. E. Church, South, have adopted the following resolutions:

First, that we have suffered a great loss in the going of our friend; but, while her taking has caused many heart pangs, we will not complain, because we are confident that our loss is more than overbalanced by her gain.

Second, that we see in the life she lived among us many qualities that we deem altogether worthy of emulation by us.

Third, That she needs no monument to help us remember her.

Fourth, That we will pray that comforting grace may be granted to her sorrowing loved ones.

Fifth, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our Sunday school record, and that a copy be sent to the Advocate for publication.

Mrs. R. E. Hunt,
Mrs. Sara Cathey,
Miss Fannie Robinson,
Committee.

PERDEW.—Sister Louisa Perdew was born September 16, 1851, and died, almost suddenly December 12, 1918, aged sixty-seven years, two months and twenty-six days. Her body was laid to rest in the Goshen cemetery at Stokesdale, burial services being conducted by Rev. G. W. Williams, assisted by the pastor. Sister Perdew joined the Methodist church at Goshen when only about sixteen years of age, and during her long life was always a faithful member. She always found special delight in attending all the services of her church when possible to do so. She loved all of God's people and especially her pastor. She never failed to "lay by in store" as God had prospered her for the support of her pastor, and when he came it was always ready. In the day of her death she had a small amount on hand for this purpose. For many years she was a regular subscriber to the Christian Advocate. Her subscription never expired and at her death she was paid one year in advance. May God speed the day when the church shall have a larger number of members who are as faithful as Sister Perdew! She was not rish in this world's goods, but she was rich in spiritual things. Every day found her at the post of duty doing cheerful service for the Master. "The humblest service rendered here

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The widow's cheerful mites,
Are worthier in the eye of heaven
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Sister Perdew leaves a husband, eight children and more than fifty grandchildren, besides a great number of friends to mourn their loss. May God comfort and bless them all. May they all be constrained to follow in the footsteps of this good mother and be prepared to meet her in that heavenly home.

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First Round

	February
Weaverville Ct., Alexanders	1-2
Bethel, night	2
Asheville Ct., River View	9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock (7:30)	[illegible]
Mills River, Horse Shoe	15-1[illegible]
Hendersonville, night	1[illegible]
Rosman Ct., Rosman	22-23
Brevard, night	2
	March
Mars Hill, Shiloh	1[illegible]

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon street
Charlotte, N. C.

Second Round

	January
Spencer Memorial, 11 a. m.	26
Seversville, night	26
	February
Brevard street, 11 a. m.	2
Thrift, night	2
Hickory Grove, 11 a. m.	9
Tryon Street, night	9
Weddington, Union, 11 a. m.	15-16
Waxhaw, Mineral Spring, 2:30 p. m.	16
North Monroe, night	16
Chadwick, Moores, 11 a. m.	23
Belmont, night	23

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

First Round

	February
Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m.	1-2
Reidsville, Main Street, night	2
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m.	9
Randleman, Naomi, night	9
Randolph Circuit, Fairview	15-16
High Point, Main Street, night	16

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Marion, N. C.—First Round.

	Feb.
Thermal City Ct., Thermal City	1-2
Mill Spring Ct., Lebanon	8-9
Euola Ct., Warlick Chapel	14
Connelly Spgs. Ct., Connelly Spgs.	15-16
Marion Ct., Providence	22-23
	Mar.
Rutherfordton Ct., Rutherfordton	1-2

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

First Round

	Feb.
Rural Hall, Antioch	1-2
Madison—Stoneville, Madison	8-9
Danbury, Davis Chapel	15-16
Ararat, Hunter's	22-23
	Mar.
Dobson, Dobson	1-2

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, P. E., Jefferson, N. C.

	Feb.
North Wilkes Mission	22-23
North Wilkesboro, night	22-23
	Mar.
Wilkes Ct., Adley	1-2
Wilkesboro Sta., p. m.	1-2

The district stewards will please meet at Jefferson December 31, 1918. A full attendance is desired.

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder

First Round

	Feb.
Gastonia, Main Street, 11 a.m.	2
Gastonia, Eighth Ave., 7 p.m.	2
Lowesville, Hill's Chapel 11 a.m.	8-9
Rock Spring, Denver, 3 p.m.	9
Stanley, Stanley, 11 a.m.	15-16

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, presiding elder
Statesville, N. C.

First Round

	February
Davidson-Huntersville 11 a. m.	1-2
Troutman, Wesley Chapel, 3 p. m.	1-2
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m.	1-2
Olin, Macedonia, 11 a. m.	8-9
Cool Springs, Providence, 3 p. m.	8-9

SALISBURY DISTRICT

[illegible] C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

First Round

	February
Concord Circuit	1-2
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	2
Westford at Harmony, night	2
Kannapolis Ct., Unity	8-9
Kannapolis Station	9
Salisbury Circuit	15-16
East Spencer, North Main	16
Albemarle Circuit	22
Salem	23
Albemarle, First St., night	23
	March
Bethel and Loves, Bethel	1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Waynesville, N. C.

First Round in Part

	February
Highlands, Highlands	1-2
Glenville, Glenville	2-3
Tuckaseegee	4

WINSTON DISTRICT

Second Round

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Burkhead, February 2, night.

Lexington station, February 9, 11 a. m.

Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, February 9, night, Mt. Pleasant, February 10. 11 a. m., Clemmons, February 10, 3 p. m.

Thomasville station, February 16, 11 a. m.

S. Thomasville, February 16, night.

Mocksville station, March 1, night, March 2, 11 a. m.

West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.

Cooleemee, March 2, night.

Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.

Lexington circuit, March 11-16. Quarterly conference at Center.

Davidson circuit, March 17-23. Quarterly conference at Good Hope.

Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.

New Hope circuit, March 31, April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.

Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.

Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.

Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.

Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.

Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.

Advance circuit May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.

Farmington circuit, May 19-25. Quarterly conference at Ward's.

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Methodists, we are facing the lessons of a century. A hundred years of Missionary history speak to us. We stand on the mountain peaks of time. Looking back, our hearts beat high with thanksgiving. Looking forward, our pulses thrill with the vision of opportunity.

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The Mills of God

"The mills of God grind slowly,
But they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting,
With exactness grinds He all."

NEVER in all this world's history was there a more startling and convincing illustration of this old truth than what we are beholding today. If ever the hand of God appeared in human history it is surely revealed in what is going on under our very eyes. If ever the sovereignty of God was revealed in the great events which mark the commencement of the supreme epochs of human history it stands revealed today. If ever the working of the Spirit of God was manifest in the molding of the spirit of the nations it is surely manifest in the movement that has lined up nearly every nation of prominence in the civilized world upon the side of human freedom and democracy. And if ever the jugments of God were abroad in the earth to chastise iniquity and rebuke oppression, to cast down the proud and exalt the humble, they are surely abroad during these fateful days in a manner unparalleled in the history of our race.—Christian Guardian.

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Editorial

The Christian Guardian, official organ of Canadian Methodism, in a recent number gives a very accurate British conception of the value of the German idea of a peace of justice in the following:

"Prince Lichnowsky, formerly German ambassador to Britain, has been giving his opinion upon a peace of justice, and he declares most emphatically that it is not a British peace, nor a peace which robs Germany of any territory which she requires geographically and economically. And Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, the former chancellor, declares that a peace of justice can only be founded upon an agreement which assures to all states, great and small, those rights which are consequent upon mutual recognition and respect. One cannot help but wonder what these very men would have said and done if Germany had won the war. Justice then, we fear, would have meant something very much different. And we can not help recalling the stories that Peter Wright, of the British Seamen's Union, is telling wherever he goes of German savagery and German cruelty, savagery so great that, according to Mr. Wright, both the British and American medical societies have gone on record that they will boycott the Hun forever. If Germany could only cover her crimes, if she could only blot out the indelible records of the past four years, things might be different; but the peace conference is meeting in Versailles, and there is no member of it but has knowledge of the unspeakable crimes against humanity which Germany deliberately committed and gloried in, and the red-handed murderer of women and children, caught in the act, might appeal for justice with better grace than the German nation. And yet she will get justice! Yes, she will get justice! But she will not appreciate the boon."

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Germany must be allowed a chance for reconstruction only. Anything more than an opportunity to reconstruct her system of government from the ground up and develop a new order of things by strengthening the few good things that remain would only thaw out the dormant viper and start it again on an expedition of rapine and ruin. We doubt if bolshevism, with all its red flag horrors, is a greater menace to the peace of the world than the suspended animation of Prussianism, which may be allowed to get by this peace conference with sufficient life remaining to give it another fighting chance within a few years. We do not believe it is yet apparent that the great mass of the German people are at all repentant or that they are ready to bring forth "fruits meet for repentance." Let William Hohenzollern and all those who aided and abetted him in bringing this reign of terror upon the nations be brought to account and put where they cannot repeat the tragedy. Then let the people of America and all the rest of the world sit at the feet of other and better teachers than the rationalists in German universities.

CENTENARY MUSINGS

Has prayer sharpened the appetite? If not, pray on, for this is the objective.

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No one can enter fully into this program of stewardship who has not followed the program of intercession.

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He who enters fully into the fellowship of intercession will discover long before April 27th that the main objective was men and women rather than money. If these fail, the great drive will fail.

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There is the possibility of getting money by some novel expedient without touching and breaking up the fountains of the great deep in the soul of the church, but the process can never be repeated and the last state is worse than the first. We want a Centenary that will open the "streams in the desert," so that where we now have barrenness and desolation there shall be "grass with reeds and rushes." It will be poor business to get $35,000,000 and leave a scene of desolation in the wake of our effort.

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The tithe as a minimum is a very good basis upon which to reckon as to personal obligation in the matter of stewardship. The real foundation of all our obligation is in the fact that we and all we possess belong to God. The Old Testament furnishes the great proof text as to stewardship: "The earth is the Lords' and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."

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The person whose income is actually less than absolutely necessary expenses deserves consideration, but we have no patience with the skinflint whose income is vastly more than necessary expenses, and yet who tries to drive a hard and fast bargain with the Lord by contributing one-tenth—no more and no less. Some are still under obligation to attest the matter of personal salvation, like Zacchaeus, by saying, "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor." When all shall have become tithers we will have touched but the border of the garment of stewardship. What the kingdom of God needs and must have is the tithe, plus the residue, and in this way even they that have riches shall find a way of entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Thus rich men will find how they can be a blessing to the world and save themselves from the peril of wealth.

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Mr. Wesley's rule is hard to improve upon. Discussing this question of a man's relation to his material possessions, the question of stewardship, he said: "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." He was himself a good exemplar of his teaching. In advanced years he never changed his style of living, notwithstanding that, through increased income from his literary work, he might have lived in luxury. Thus continuing to practice the frugal habits of his early life, he had large sums to give, and would have been ashamed to have it said that he was a strict tither. So, while we advocate the tithe as a splendid example of system in giving, let us not destroy the great doctrine of steawrdship in handling the means which God has intrusted to us, and which in many instances may call for many times the tithe.

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If one's heart and head are right, there will be no trouble about his money. We say head as well as heart because one must not only understand the grace of giving or of glorifying God and doing all possible good with his means, but he must have some intelligent appreciation of where to place his beneficence. Some people are innocently foolish in the bestowal of their gifts. Thinking to serve God, they bestow gifts where there is little likelihood of getting good results. As a rule, therefore, it is well to follow the leadership of the church in this matter. If, like the Macedonian Christians, we first give our own selves to Christ and to the church, we shall not likely go astray.

A MISTAKE IN LEGISLATION

So far as we have observed there is almost universal disapproval of the act recently passed by our legislature modifying the act of two years ago by which distilling was made a felony with a minimum penalty of not less than one year in the state prison. This act was passed at the instance of Harry Stubbs of Martin, who seems to be the special custodian of the liquor interests in the state.

The new law makes the first offense only a misdemeanor and the second a felony. Why a legislature, apparently so nearly unanimous on the question of ratification, should turn around and loosen up the penalty on those who violate the law is beyond our comprehension. This is the time, if any change is made, to put the screws still tighter on offenders, and the woods will be full of blockaders until they are shown that blockading is the last station before ruin in the career of every one who ventures into the business.

It is very evident that Mr. Stubbs has played a fine hand for the blockaders in this, and that the aim is to so discredit prohibition as to create, if possible, a reversion of sentiment. The hope of the liquor interests in this country now, and the only hope, is that by filling the woods with blockaders they will be able to make it appear that prohibition is ineffective and that the government is impotent in the presence of an evil which it strives in vain to destroy.

We most heartily indorse the following from the editor of the Statesville Landmark, who has won the worthy distinction of being sane and safe in his utterances:

"It is the rule to be more lenient with first offenders in court, and the rule is a proper one. But there are exceptions which make this leniency impracticable, and the Landmark doubts the wisdom of modifying the penalty as to distilling. The man who sets up a plant to manufacture liquor, no matter if he resides in the most remote mountain cove and is unlettered, knows as well as any judge in the state that he is violating the law, and he knows the penalty. The plea of ignorance in such cases is absolutely absurd to anybody who knows the blockader. When he sets up to manufacture booze he deliberately sets about to violate the law, knowingly and wilfully, and when he is convicted the first time it may be his first appearance in court, but he may be an old offender. It is absurd to make a milder offense for a man like that.

"There will be mitigating circumstances in some cases, of course. Not all offenders may deserve a year in state prison on first conviction. But with governors ever ready to grant pardons relief could be found there. It is surprising, in view of the magnitude of the blockade liquor industry, soon to be increased as a result of stricter regulations, that a legislature which mustered so few votes against the prohibition amendment would modify the none too severe penalty against the manufacture of liquor. It is probably done on the theory, now so prominent in our laws, that, while many things should be forbidden, those who disregard the injunctions should be beaten with few stripes."

BLUE RIDGE BREEZES

This is the title of a volume just from the press by Rev. J. M. Rowland, of the Virginia Conference, and one of our most popular contributors. Those who have become accustomed to reading the very entertaining articles by Mr. Rowland from time to time appearing

in our columns will want this book. It is written in the author's own inimitable style and will grip the reader from the beginning.

The book is intended to show the native mountaineer as he is, and, knowing something of this inimitable type of the real denizen of the Appalachians, we are prepared to say that Mr. Rowland has succeeded in giving a pen sketch which is true to the original.

We are not going to attempt to pass upon the merits of this volume as a contribution to the great mass of literature on the subject of the "Mountain White," but will say that those who buy the book and read it, which they will do if they make the purchase, will get value received.

Send $1.25 to Rev. J. M. Rowland, 122 W. 31st street, Norfolk, Va., and you will receive a copy by mail.

THE CONFERENCE CENTENARY COMMITTEE

We are requested to announce that the Conference Centenary Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet in Salisbury on Thursday, February 6th, at 3 p. m. The meeting will be held at the Empire Hotel. The following compose this committee: C. H. Ireland, L. B. Rogers, James A. Gray, Lee S. Overman, E. A. Cole, C. A. Wood, G. T. Rowe, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, H. K. Boyer, J. F. Kirk.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Studets of the State Normal and Industrial College in Greensboro have petitioned the legislature to change the name of that institution to the North Carolina College for Women. The new name would clearly define the nature of the school, whereas its present name does not.

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The Southern Farmer who has to raise cotton with high-priced labor and materials feels that thirty cents is a moderate price for the staple, and the drop from thirty to twenty-five cents a pound in January is somewhat discouraging, for in these times, when the purchasing power of a dollar is so small, a shrinkage of one-sixth in the value of the South's greatest product means a great deal to all our people. It means a loss of little less than four hundred million dollars to Southern farmers. The indications are that with a lifted embargo and a heavy reduction in ocean freight rates the cotton price will rally, and with this prospect in view the farmers are selling cotton only in emergency cases.

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The Proclamation has been made by Frank L. Polk, acting secretary of state, that forty-four states have ratified the proposed constitutional amendment providing for national prohibition, and that, as by law provided, prohibition will be in force throughout our borders a year hence. Truly we have entered upon a new epoch in our history, for the liquor traffic has been outlawed and the time will soon arrive when we and our children will look back with amazement to a time when such a traffic was tolerated and legalized. Since prohibition has come to us the Cuban congress is considering the adoption of like means to rid the island of the whiskey menace, and we pray they may not be so long at the task as we have been.

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The Brave Boys are coming home from war. A glad welcome awaits them every one, but some will never come back, for they sleep beneath the soil of Flanders, and in the springtime the lilies will spring up to decorate the ground above them. But those who died and those who live, all alike, deserve a nation's gratitude for the heroic work they did in defense of liberty. We cannot do too much for these brave lads, and we all want to do all we can to show our appreciation of what they have done for us. It is proposed that North Carolina erect a state memorial hall in Raleigh as a monument to the soldiers living and dead. In various communities plans are proposed for suitable memorials. Sometimes it is a monument or a statue, but Cleveland county citizens are seriously considering a Cleveland Memorial Hospital to cost $50,000, to be paid for by the county in bonds and then levy an annual tax for maintenance. Such a memorial building would not only honor the soldier boys, bue be a blessing also to afflicted humanity. This is a wise plan and we hope to see it materialize.

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The House Immigration Committee has agreed unanimously to report the bill to prohibit immigration for four years after the war, excepting only Cuba, Mexico and Canada. Chairman Burnett will ask for a special rule to permit early consideration of the measure, as it is necessary that it be rushed to a speedy passage in order to prevent a great flood of immigration to this country from Europe as soon as peace is signed, to compete in the labor market with our own people, and also to keep out the hordes saturated with anarchy who would come to spread bolshevic propaganda. The door has stood too wide open and the mighty stream of immigration to this country has taxed our capacity to assimilate the mass, and if nothing shall be done to put on the brakes serious results may follow. It is our duty to preserve our individuality as a nation and develop all new comers into full-fledged Americans. They should be taught our language and the suppression of foreign language newspapers and the banishment from our public schools of any foreign language text books (except the dead languages, Greek and Latin) would greatly facilitate the work. Great masses of our foreign-born population, with foreign language books and newspapers, have no incentive to learn our language and ways, and thus never become 100 per cent Americans.

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We Have Always Been Sticklers for law, and law is meaningless without penalty. There are some crimes which "from the time whence the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" have demanded the life of the criminal as the penalty. Among these is murder. In North Carolina arson, burglary, first-degree murder and rape are capital offenses. A bill has been introduced in Raleigh to abolish the death penalty altogether; but finally it was proposed to eliminate only arson and burglary from the list of capital crimes. Several years ago Tennessee abolished capital punishment and after a season of trial has finally by a practically unanimous vote of the legislature restored the law as it formerly stood. We deplore the fact that a law so severe is necessary, but society has not yet reached that stage in progress when it can afford to expose itself to the perils of the criminal class, which even under existing law is so hard to restrain from violence and murder. It seems hard for law to require the life as penalty for crime, but we should not forget that the lives of the innocent and helpless slain must be vindicated, even at the cost of the life of the criminal.

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The Legislature is Considering Bills which provide for the revaluation of property and for a state budget system. Property valuation is generally far below actual worth, whereas if it was estimated for taxation at or around what it would bring at fair sale the record of the state's wealth would show to better advantage and a lower tax rate could be laid. The British government long ago adopted the budget system, which has proved wise and economical, for under that plan the legislative appropriations committee largely controls the expenditures and keeps appropriations within the limits of the state's resources. The wonder is that our federal and state governments have not already adopted it. A new road law has been proposed, the roads to be maintained by a tax on automobiles of 75 cents per horsepower, which it is estimated will yield a full million dollars annually and which will be supplemented by an additional million from the federal treasury. The automobile owners are generally favorable to the measure, and the expenditure of two millions annually for road improvement will soon conquer the distance between remote communities. Senator Brown, of Columbus, has introduced a bill providing for a constitutional convention provided the people at the next regular election approve of the measure. The claim is made that the present constitution, adopted in 1868 and amended in 1875, is not adapted to twentieth century requirements, and that a convention of the people could formulate a new constitution to the great advantage of the citizenship. Improvements could be made, but the people are naturally conservative about changing the organic law and will be slow to act unless the necessity for it is clearly demonstrated.

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A Measure of Material Prosperity never before enjoyed by any nation has come to the American people during the years since 1914. America has been the storehouse to which the world looked for supplies, and the volume of our foreign trade for the calendar year just closed was over nine billion dollars, while the balance of trade for the years 1917 and 1918 was three billion dollars, which was more than that of the forty years preceding the war. At the same time our domestic trade has been correspondingly large and the demand for labor greater than ever before. Our banking resources exceed forty billion dollars, and our loans to other nations are over ten billions more. The withdrawal of 3,000,000 engaged in industrial activities to camps, the employment besides of vast multitudes in shipyards, munition plants and other enterprises incident to the war reduced greatly the supply of farm labor and proportionately raised the price of farm products, this increase being so great that the cost of living grew to the point where the wages of labor became greater than was ever known. The suspension of hostilities will change all this, for since war has ceased the mass of those engaged in war work will return to civilian pursuits and become competitors in the market with those who had such great advantage in war times.

ANTOHER QUESTION ANSWERED

If we are not careful we will allow all our time and good weather to get by while we hesitate and ask questions. Several of the brethren want to know if they must secure renewals for those who are not due for renewal till after April 1st. Answer—Either collect them in advance or guarantee to secure them as they fall due. Again we warn everybody that there are already a good many due for renewal who will have to be cut off if not attended to soon. We are straining a point and waiting awhile, but we cannot wait long. Brother Subscriber, if your pastor is not looking after the Advocate, ask him to do so and fall in and help him so you can get the $1.50 rate. While our reports to date are fine, the great majority of our pastors have not yet been heard from, and we have no way of telling whether they are at work or not. Let the subscribers who want to take advantage of our special offer bestir themselves and get right behind the pastors and help. Now, all together!

CONTRIBUTIONS

VASHTI HOME AND SCHOOL

To provide for a single homeless girl Vashti was opened fifteen years ago. It now enrolls more than a hundred girls annually and it has already been a refuge for six times that number. More than a thousand others have been rejected for lack of accommodation.

A single extreme case of a dependent girl will illustrate the nature and value of the work and its possibilities.

Lucy McGowan was born in a cabin near a landing on one of our inland rivers. Her home was a brothel and a grogshop kept by her mother for the accommodation chiefly of raftsmen who piloted logs from upstream to sawmills in the large cities below. When Lucy reached the age of eleven she began to be obstinate to her drunken mother. Some girls are obstinate against right, but she was obstinate against wrong-doing. As punishment against continued disobedience the price of a white slave was put on her head and she was shipped for the big city down the river. The agent who had her in charge, however, became too drunk en route to deliver the goods. The girl was rescued, her story excited sympathy, and she was provided for by new found friends, who placed her in Vashti, where she entered the primary grade at the age of thirteen.

She proved to be a good girl, especially after her conversion, and when she had reached our age limit of eighteen she had finished the grammar school, was skillful in housework, a good seamstress and very proficient in fancy work and basketry.

She enjoyed outdoor games such as tennis, basketball and folk plays. She was fond of music and especially interested in missions. She fondly cherished the thought and hope of her mother's redemption and a home reconciliation, but her mother's death prevented.

About the time of her graduation a hospital called for a competent girl to take nurse's training, and Lucy was recommended. That was eight years ago. About the time the recent war opened another Vashti girl going to the same hospital wrote back asking if Miss Lucy McGowan was not once a Vashti girl. She stated that Miss McGowan was considered one of the very finest professional nurses in the South, that she had continued her studies in Northern hospitals, had recently post-graduated from a New York institution and now was with the Red Cross service in France.

In equipment Vashti represents a small investment. In service a simple estimate will show it to be a million dollar institution. It has enrolled and trained six hundred unprotected girls. Two-thirds, or four hundred, of these would likely otherwise have become fallen women, and a fallen woman is estimated to cost her community, directly or indirectly, $5,000 per year on the average. Four hundred times $5,000 make $2,000,000, an annual saving to society each year from a monetary standpoint.

It should be a source of inspiration and gratification to every Methodist to know that through the Centenary of Missions this work for dependent girls will be made even more efficient. By our gifts to the Centenary we may extend the hand of compassion to the unprotected and friendless ones who might otherwise become a menace to society.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OVERSEAS

Details of the educational program for the A. E. F. designed to teach the fighters to be anything from architect to bandmaster, together with the division of the work, have been made public following the conference of 200 Y. M. C. A. educational workers in Paris. E. C. Carter, chief secretary in charge of overseas work, outlined the work which the Y. M. C. A. must do for the American forces. He divided the fields in which the work will be done into several classes. The army of occupation in Germany has first claim, he said, emphasizing the fact that the Y. M. C. A. must send its best workers to the men on the Rhine. Another important area was the training section, where for the next three months at least conditions should be fairly well settled and where it will be possible to do more intensive work. In the leave areas, he said, the welfare of soldiers on furlough would be of great importance and the Y. M. C. A. would be called upon to serve many thousands of men.

The great ports of Brest, St. Nazairo and Bordeaux are important educational centers, and auditoriums are being erected where from 1,500 to 3,000 men can be gathered at one time. These men are in the ports anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks, but they are to be started homeward with recollections of splendid educational and religious lectures fresh in their minds.

The fifth area would be on the transports going back home, where the soldiers would be well taken care of during their trips, lasting from seven to fifteen days, and where the "Y" must excel in the service given the soldiers.

Mr. Carter emphasized that the last area to be considered was in foreign countries where the work so well begun among foreign soldiers in France must be continued. The Y. M. C. A. has been serving Russians and Poles and British, and this work must go on. "Y" secretaries have already been sent into Portugal with the troops returning to that country. Mr. Carter said it was generally known that China had sent more than 100,000 laborers to France, but not so well known that about forty Christian Chinese had been serving these men as Y. M. C. A. workers in the great labor camps. India also had furnished the British with two million soldiers, and the great work among these men must be continued.

The educatioual work now rests with the personnel of the Y. M. C. A. Text books have been prepared in special editions at low price, and the American Library Association is arranging to put a carefully chosen list of reference books into 1,500 "Y" huts.

The schools in the huts are to correspond to the school systems at home. The War Department has prepared a list of over 45,000 possible teachers who are already in the army.

The French and British universities have been most cordial in opening their doors to men in the American army who are fitted to take up their studies in the colleges, and part of the work of the Y. M. C. A. will be to look into the credentials of the soldiers and select those advanced enough to enter the big schools of those countries. It may be necessary to put American instructors into the French universities to teach the Americans who do not speak French.

YE SHALL BE MY WITNESSES

During his brief stay in China Bishop Stuntz emphasized the need for a multiplying church. After three-quarters of a century of effort the bishop declared that we have a right to expect that our Christian community shall grow by multiplication, rather than by the slow processes of addition.

Beyond question the bishop is right. We have every right to expect great ingatherings into the household of faith. The meagre additions that we report at our Annual Conferences do not begin to represent the results that should come from the work being done. What is the trouble?

It is not possible to lay a finger on any one thing and say, "All the trouble lies here. Remedy this and all will be well." Those who have worked here most faithfully know how many are the forces which are holding back the Chinese from seeking Christ in large numbers.

It is, however, possible to point out at least one point of weakness. It lies in the absence of personal testimony. We have failed, we are failing, to recognize in personal testimony a simple and sure approach to the human heart. We are blind to the history of the past and the needs of the present. And that blindness shows in our congregations.

All the great ingatherings of Christian history have come as the result of multiplied testimony to the saving power of the Lord Jesus. The apostle John gives the secret of the first century of Christian advance when he says that he was dealing with "that which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled." It was the personal experience of Luther and his followers that freed northern Europe from the mediation of priests. It was the personal experience of hundreds of humble men and women that made early Methodism the salvation of Britain. The whole secret of the power of our church during those giant days was wrapped up in the class leader's question, "My brother, what has the Lord done for you?"

The same thing is still true. The mightiest regenerating force in the city of New York today is a little mission that owed its origin to the testimony of a river thief who had no message save that he had been born again by the grace of God. Night after night in the hidden building down under the Brooklyn Bridge men are being regenerated, and there has not been a formal sermon preached in that place since it was opened! Nothing is allowed but personal testimony. But seemingly that is all that is needed.

Unfortunately we are trying to win China on that basis. We are trying to do the job by hammering home doctrine. Our term for preaching is "explaining doctrine." And the graduates of our theological seminaries, those with less education whom we put in our pulpits, even the Bible women, think that they are doing all that can be done when they more or less brilliantly expound a system of doctrine.

For that, after all, would be the Christ-method. He said, "Ye shall be my witnesses." And a witness is of value only as he testifies to an experience that is first-hand.—China Christian Advocate.

There is no denying the fact that there are many calls for money in these times. Not only do the preacher and church papers call for money as outright gifts, but the secular papers call for money to be invested in many ways, some of which yields poorer returns than gifts do. Every call for money has at its source either a need or a greed. Simple people are imposed upon and made to believe that every cry of greed is a cry of need. "A fool and his money are soon parted." But what shall we say of people who indiscriminately condemn all cries for money as cries of greed? Who close their hearts and their purses to all calls because, forsooth, there are some impostors in the world. They may imagine themselves wise, but the issue of life will reveal to those prudent ones that they were greater simpletons than those who gave all their money away indiscriminately.—Methodist Protestant Herald.

WHAT WOULD JOHN WESLEY SAY?



ATTENTION METHODISTS!

What Are You Doing for the Centenary?

As loyal American citizens you responded to every call of the government.

You sewed and knitted.

You conserved food and fuel.

You bought War Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

You gave your daughters as Red Cross nurses and your sons to shed their blood for the sacred cause of Liberty, but

What Are You Doing for the Centenary?

As loyal Methodists have you enrolled in the "Fellowship of Intercession," pledging yourself to pray for world-wide redemption?

As loyal Methodists have you enlisted in the "Methodist Million" acknowledging God's ownership?

As loyal Methodists are you preparing to do your part in the big drive April 27-May 4?

LET US HAVE NO SLACKERS

It is the duty of every Methodist to "carry on" if the world shall be won for Christ.

REMEMBER THE CENTENARY

For literature and other information address Missionary Centenary, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, spent a few hours in the city on Friday. He was returning from a trip to New York. He speaks in very hopeful terms of the prospects of increased attendance at the college.

—Rev. George C. Levering, former pastor of the Ashboro Street Friends Church, this city, passed away at Guilford College last week after a brief illness. His health had been declining for some time.

—We regret to learn that Mrs. Hipps, wife of Rev. J. P. Hipps, has been ill with influenza; also two of the children, one having developed pneumonia. We sincerely trust to hear the good news of their recovery soon.

—The Lenoir Topic says: "Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Comann, of Milton, W. Va., were called to Lenoir last week by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Gwyn H. Lenoir, who was suffering with an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Lenoir is now rapidly recovering."

—We regret to learn that there have been a number of cases of influenza in the family of Rev. E. J. Poe, of the Woodleaf circuit. Mrs. Poe and two children at home and their daughter Mary at Davenport College have all been sick, but are now better, we are glad to learn.

—Mr. E. A. Cole, one of the most active Methodists and public spirited citizens of Charlotte, has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city to succeed another prominent Methodist, Mr. Paul C. Whitlock, who resigned on account of pressing business interests.

—Lieut. Robert M. Price, who for some time has been military instructor in the University of New Hampshire, has been elected teacher of mathematics in the Monroe high school. He is a graduate of Trinity College, a promising local preacher and son of Rev. John M. Price of our conference.

—The Salisbury district group meeting held in First Church, Salisbury, last week was a very interesting occasion. There was a good attendance and the interest was heightened by the rather unexpected appearance of Bishop Darlington at the meeting. The bishop preached a strong sermon in the evening.

Revs. J. C. Wooten and A. D. Wilcox, of the North Carolina Conference, were visitors in the city on Thursday of last week. They were stopping over on their return from Charlotte, where they attended the meeting of the Centenary Commission of this episcopal district. We were glad to greet them in the Advocate office.

—The friends of Dr. J. W. Long, who was at the head of base hospital unit No. 65 in France, with the rank of major, arrived in the city last week and spent a few days with his family and friends. He is still on duty, but the people of Greensboro, without exception, are anxious to see him return to his surgical practice in this community.

—Rev. J. W. Ingle calls attention to the fact that Murphy station gets no credit in the minutes for any contribution to the Children's Home, whereas the charge paid this as well as all other claims in full. Brother Ingle reports the work of the new conference year as moving nicely.

—In a recent issue we referred to Rev. N. R. Richardson as beginning the work of his second year on the Cooleemee charge. We should have said the third year, as he is now well into the work of the third year. He says there are no meatless days being observed at the Cooleemee parsonage, as their people keep them well supplied, free of charge, and are showing them every token of kindness and appreciation.

—Rev. J. W. Kennedy sends a good report from the Maysville charge and says the work is progressing nicely. He says the Mayworth church is taking on new life and the Lowell people are loyal through and through and working as never before. South Point and Ebenezer are both starting well and much is expected from the Minute Men now on the charge, and they are responding.

—Our ministerial circle in Greensboro is glad to welcome Rev. A. P. Tyer and family, of the North Carolina Conference, who recently came to live in our midst. They are living on the corner of Wainman street and Fisher avenue. Brother Tyer has been in somewhat feeble health for a while and took the superannuate relation at the last annual conference. He and his family have many friends in the bounds of our conference, he having served several years in this conference.

—Many friends among our readers will be grieved to learn that Mrs. Annie M. Bower, widow of the late Hon. W. H. Bower, of Lenoir, passed away at her home in that place on Saturday morning, January 25th. Mrs. Bower was a woman of superb Christian character, cultured and refined, and was greatly loved by all who knew her. She was a native of Pennsylvania and was married to Hon. W. H. Bower November 28, 1893. One son, Mr. David M. Bower, survives.

—A service was held in Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, last Sunday in memory of Dr. James W. Squires, one of the stewards of Hawthorne Lane, who recently died in France. Dr. Squires was a Christian physician who served his country well in a foreign hospital corps and died of pneumonia after the armistice was signed. At the memorial service Dr. I. W. Faison, a brother physician, was the chief speaker, followed by appropriate expressions of love and appreciation by E. A. Cole and J. B. Ivey, of the official board, and by Dr. T. F. Marr, his pastor.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Woosley, of the Greensboro circuit, are in receipt of a copy of an official citation for bravery on the part of their son, Lieut. John B. Woosley, a former member of the faculty of Guilford College. It reads as follows: "During the attack of November 9 to 11th he repeatedly went through the enemy artillery barrage along the Metz-Verdun road and its vicinity, establishing advanced dumps for ammunition, rations and lines of communication for his company. By his dash and efficiency the company train was kept well in hand and always ready to perform the necessary functions it was called upon to perform."

—Last Sunday was communion day at West Market Street Church, this city. It is no exaggeration to say that these communion days are great occasions in the best sense. In the first place, this is one of the largest bodies of worshipers to be seen anywhere in North Carolina. The great auditorium, estimated to seat some 1,200 or 1,500 people, is usually packed on ordinary occasions, and we doubt if there can be found a body of more devoted and earnest worshipers. These features are especially marked on communion days. There must have been one thousand communicants last Sunday, apparently all present joining in the service. It was good to be there. Who can estimate the power of such a church in any community? Dr. Bain led the service in a way to edify and uplift, there being, instead of the sermon, a simple appropriate reading with fitting remarks. One of the most encouraging features of the service was the large number of bright and promising boys and girls at the communion, also many young men and young women. In all that vast throng it is understood that there are very few devotees of the card table and ball room, thanks to intelligent and earnest leadership in organized work continued through many years. We are hoping and praying that this great church may be able to project itself upon the community more and more as a great evangelical power. It can be said to the credit of this great body of Christians that they have built themselves up not by preying upon other congregations, but by legitimate methods of religious training and evangelism.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Please let me say to the brethren who have sent me messages of condolence on the passing of my son Marvin that I appreciate fully, most heartily, their kind thoughts as I sit under the shadow of a great sorrow. Had it been revealed, as between myself and son, that one of us must needs go, I should have been constrained to say, let me go. I loved him more than I knew, and I should have thought it a great privilege to have the opportunity during his last hours of telling him how much I loved him, noble fellow to me that he was. I shall see him no more here, but I hope to see him over there. Has not God given such abundant assurances and is not sufficient grace available to enable us to contemplate with joy the time when we shall be called to enter the great beyond? I covet this for myself and all the brethren. L. E. Stacy.

FOREST CITY

A word from Forest City might be of interest to some. On arriving here with our family after conference we were unable to get into the parsonage for a few days on account of Brother Albright's children having the influenza, but the good people here threw wide their doors and gave us royal entertainment until we could get into the parsonage, and they have continued to show many material kindnesses since. The stewards have decided to make the pastor's salary for another year $1,500. Now, if we can minister unto them in spiritual things as they are ministering to us in temporal things we shell be satisfied, but nothing less than this can satisfy us. We are praying God to make this one of the best years in our life. We have never been among a kinder people anywhere, and our prayer to God is that each one may be just as full of spiritual life as they are of human kindness. We have been hindered some by the influenza, but we are getting reorganized again. We are going to try to push the Centenary movement, and also hope to do our full share for the Advocate. Brother Holmes was with us and preached two good sermons at our first quarterly conference.

W. L. Dawson.

IT OUGHT TO BE KNOWN

One year ago the Franklin congregation was looking upon a $15,000 pile of ashes surrounded by black, broken walls, the visible remains of a beautiful church built by the sacrificing labor and prayers of the pastor and his people.

The church had been completed only a few months and some of the costly furnishings had to be paid for after they had been destroyed by the fire. But the flames did not consume the faith of the people—the invisible church. And if ever a congregation recovered more quickly from so grave a disaster I have seen no record of it. In less than a week $7,000 was subscribed by the same men who had borne the heavy financial burden of the first building. This amount has been added to until today a better, costlier church under roof and rapidly nearing completion stands hard by the old ruins of a year ago.

The present pastor had nothing to do with the past work and he can say what he pleases in praise of it. It stands as a monument to the genius of Brother Daugherty and the fine loyalty of one of the best people I have ever known—a people who have given every token of their esteem for their new pastor, from heavy poundings to good natured proddings.

We purpose by His help to keep step with a generally reviving church. The Children's Home has been paid, salaries are in advance, the Advocate is being cared for, and the great Centenary is beginning to fasten upon our hearts. There is no loss of morale here. Here live some of the finest laymen I have ever met. They never whimper; they simply carry on. L. B. Hayes.

NOTES FROM WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

The district group meeting at Sylva was pronounced a decided success. In spite of the influenza and other embareassments, 18 of the 24 pastors were present, and a number of our faithful laymen. Brother Courtney, Conference Misionary secretary, and Brother Hawk, form the Centenary staff, were present, bringing much information, followed by inspiration. The good Methodists of Sylva gave royal entertainment to all members of the meeting.

Our people are showing their appreciation of the work of their pastors and the high cost of living, by making liberal advances in salaries on many of our charges. About $4,000 has already been assessed above last year, and several charges yet to hear from. Eleven charges are now paying pastors $1,000 and over, and others are expected to join this class.

Sam P. Maulden and E. D. Ballard appointed to the Highlands and the Fines Creek charges in the Waynesville district, have abandoned their appointments. Sickness and other things being alleged as reasons. Both of these are good charges, offer-

ing fine opportunities for constructive work. They offer about the same salary, $750 each. Fines Creek has a comfortable parsonage.

I must have at the earliest possible moment two good men for these appointments. J. H. WEST.

Waynesville, N. C.

ASHEVILLE NOTES

Asheville churches have been cut down to one service each Sabbath by the health authorities. No other services at all are allowed. This cut out entirely our Centenary district meeting in January, and crippled us a bit in this big enterprise. But our aggressive presiding elder, Brother Willis, made plans with Brother Courtney to hold three group meetings in the district. The first was held on Friday, January 22, at Biltmore, embracing Buncomble county and one charge besides. All the preachers were present except Brother Postelle, who was influenced by the Spanish influenza to stay away. Several laymen added interest to the occasion, and the woman's work as related to the Centenary, was represtned by Mrs. H. A. Dunham. Brother Courtney presented the Centenary program clearly and fervently.

A practical problem was sprung by Brother Carpenter, who asked how we are to relate the subscriptions to the Centenary with our regular conference collections: "Shall they be combined into a single budget, or shall they be kept strictly separate?" Brother Courtney advised that it was the purpose of the leaders in the Centenary to keep them separate. But some of us contended that it is all right to combine the two into a single budget, provided however, that you raise the whole thing. But if you fail, the regular conference collections must be paid first, on the principle that you must be just before you can be generous.

Rev. E. K. McLarty presented the following resolutions which were heartily adopted by the group meeting: "As representatives of Buncombe county Methodism, be it resolved, First, That we heartily endorse the great Centenary program: Second, That we will gladly accept any apportionment that may be awarded to us: And, Third, That, We as members of this group meeting will endeavor to enlist all our people in this worthy movement."

O. P. ADER, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

I am glad to be permitted to present to the readers of the Advocate this week the likeness of our pastor at Brevard. I find satisfaction in thinking of Brother Poovey as "The children's friend." He knows how to interest them, he puts personality into devices. I want to tell you some time soon how a contest of his own contrivance is working. Recently a letter from him contained this suggestive sentence: "I am having the time of my life in my Sunday school work and in my sermons to the children." I want you to know such a pastor as well as possible.

W. Edgar Poovey, native of Catawba county, was educated at Lenoir, Rutherford and Emory and Henry colleges, graduating from the latter in 1906 with first honors in oratory and debating. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference at Mt. Airy. During the last quadrennium he was president of the Epworth League Board and was last conference, transferred to the Sunday School Board, where he ought to be. The conference minutes shows a Sunday school enrollment at Brevard far ahead of the church membership. A Teacher-Training class of twenty-two members, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, director, has been organized. A unique contest inaugurated January 1, designed to double the Sunday school enrollment, run the attendance to a high average and net a neat Centenary offering has already brought about a fifty per cent gain.

Brother Poovey has no trobule getting children to stay for the preaching service. He plans something for them. For three years one Sunday in each month has been devoted to a special message to the children, illustrated with crayon, chemicals or anything that will serve the cause. This service holds the children and also a great number attend the other services. Numbers of children have joined the church. Of course each year of the four at Brevard has witnessed an increase in salary for the pastor.

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The Wesley Bible classes of the Western North Carolina Conference propose to have a big meeting at Lake Junaluska, August 7-9. Wesley Bible classes ought to be as "thick as hops" in our conference. All classes numbering pupils above twelve years of age, should organize under the general name of Wesley Bible Class. Let that be the surname and then add to it an appropriate given name.

Then how fine it will be to send delegates to Junaluska where all sorts of good things of help in putting over a live class will be considered. The Federation will consider our own problem. Much time will be set apart for get-to-gether meetings, discussions and informal intercourse. Then, too, there must be mountain climbing, boating and lots of fun in general. A great Methodist family will want to work hard and then have time t play hard. Begin to arrange first to get a live class and then to send a delegate to Junaluska to help the class keep alive. Mr. J. M. Holland, Gastonia, N. C., is acting president of our federation. He is a live teacher of young women and he gets things done. Meet with him at Junaluska, the most beautiful place in the country.

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Superintendent, E. R. Bucher, Trinity, Charlotte, writes that his school has gained fifty new scholars since the first of the year. A new Teacher-Training class has been started and another is getting up steam. The pastor is giving the school much of his time and his school is on the go. Of course it is, how could it stand still with such a live engineer and fireman on that engine there?

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The School Standard ought to be in the hands of our Sunday school teachers. Our schools would do well to order a number each month for the use of their teachers. The week-day school teacher does not think of trying to teach without a professional magazine. The School Standard is just such a magazine for the Sunday school teacher. Pokey, listless teachers will not want it, but ambitions and consecrated Sunday school workers will demand it. Write Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn., for a sample copy. The School Standard is published for Northern and Southern Methodists alike. Its readers will get the best from the leaders of both churches. It comes at 75 cents the year in single copies, 70 cents in clubs of five or more to one address.

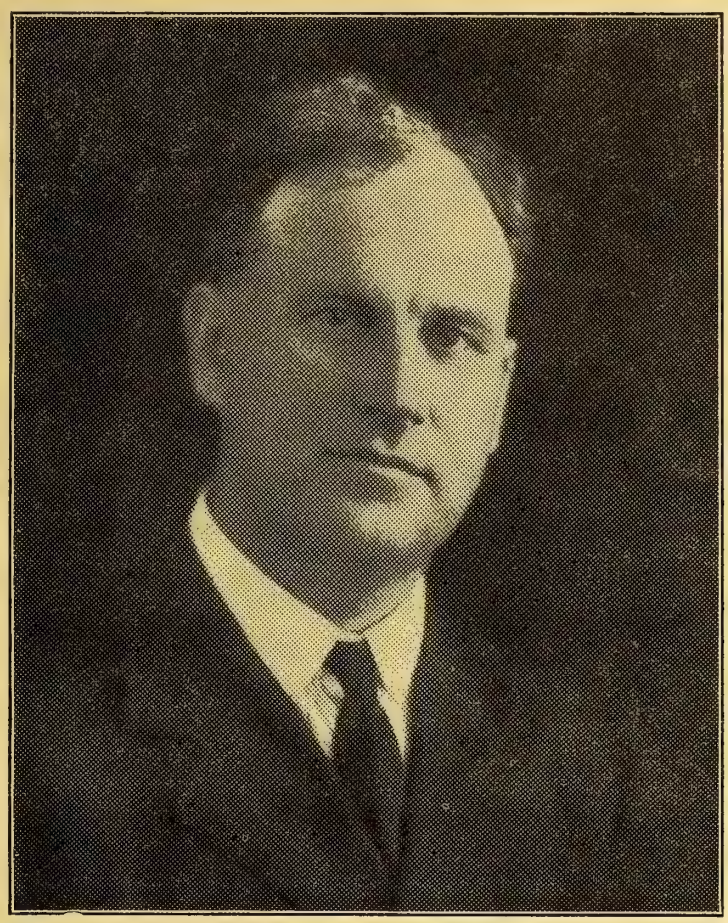
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Each week I want to give you a few lines from A. L. Dietrick's sense box. These lines will come under the heading: "Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting."

"God made stone—man shapes statues out of it. God made childhood—it's up to us teachers an' parents to shape it into manhood an' womanhood that's beautiful."

"You can't do anything in last Sunday, an' what you can do in this one's getting less e-ry minute. But you can do a heap in next Sunday—if you begin gettin' ready now."

"Us teachers is makin' tracks for our scholars to walk in so we'd better not walk too close to dangerous places ourselves."



REV. W. E. POOVEY, BREVARD, N. C.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in the chapel of the Church Extension building, Louisville, Kentucky, beginning Thursday morning, May the 15, at 9:30 o'clock.

H. A. BOAZ, Secretary.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Our Centenary leaders are urging every one of us to enlist in the Fellowship of Intercession and to pray because the world conditions and the grave responsibilties that rest upon us demand it. But for the privilege and power of prayer, the conditions in the world are such as to overwhelm us and plunge us into dispair. And the only recourse we as Christians have to save us from defeat and failure in our God given task is prayer.

It is because Christians pray that it is said of them that they are the people whose characteristic is to do the impossible.

The plans for the campaign of cultivation in intercession and stewardship have been given out in the district group meetings to the pastors and the leaders in the church. This work of cultivation should be going on with constantly increasing intensity in every charge in the conference. Brthren, how goes this important work in your part of the vineyard?

The organization for the Centenary financial campaign is beginning to take shape. Mr. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, one of our most enthusiastic and loyal laymen has been appointed conference director. District directors will be appointed very soon, and these with the presiding elders, and others will meet in a conference council on February 13. Bishop Darlington will be present at this meeting.

Many are asking about the items to be included in the Centenary fund; several are asking if money used in building churches and parsonages may be included. To all these I want to say that there is being published, an official statement on this point. I hope to have the official statement for the Centenary column in the Advocate at an early date. In the meantime, let us all be considering how much, and not how little we can devote to the cause of extending the Kingdom. And in all our Centenary work, wether it be along the line of cultivation, or in organization for the financial campaign, may we not keep Jesus Christ, our Lord in the central place?

Jones—I'm surpprised that you haven't found your dog yet. Why don't you advertise?

Brown—What's the use? The dog can't read.

What a man is depends largely on what he does when he has nothing to do.—Youth's Companion.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Western North Carolina conference will be held at High Point, in Wesley Memorial church, March 11-14.

It is earnestly desired that all the auxiliaries have representatives present, for the inspiration of these meetings means much to all who attend.

The entertainment committee at High Point asks that the names of all delegates be sent to Mrs O. E. Kearns, chairman of the committee, High Point, N. C., and a further request is made that these names be sent in by February 15, so that all arrangements may be made in good time.

It is no small matter to plan entertainment for a meeting with as many representatives as our conference sends, and we hope our auxiliaries will heed the request of the committee and get the names in at once. Elect your delegate right away and see that her name is sent to Mrs. Kearns.

Mrs. Hume R. Steele

It will be a pleasing announcement to our readers to know that Mrs. H. R. Steele, educational secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council will be with us at our annual meeting in High Point. Mrs. Steele has been present at several meetings in the past and it is always a genuine pleasure to have her as a visitor, in fact, we almost feel as if she were "one of us." Her pleasing personality, her deep consecration, her extensive knowledge of everything missionary makes her most valuable at a meeting of this kind and we feel fortunate to have her come to us as a representative of the Centenary Movement.

Bishop Darlington

Another announcement of another prominent visitor scheduled for our annual meeting, that will be received with gratification, is the announcement that Bishop Darlington will preach the opening sermon on Tuesday evening, March 11. The one of our new bishops, he has already ingratiated himself into the hearts of the people throughout our conference and being the presiding bishop at our recent conference in Charlotte. We shall be very fortunate to have him with us to bring to us a message that will inspire, hearten and strengthen for our future work.

Representatives at Annual Meeting

Forecasting the inquiry as to who is to go as delegates to the annual meeting, we quote from the standing Rule adopted at our conference at the last meeting and recorded in the minutes on page sixty.

"The delegates (to the conference) shall consist of executive officers, district secretaries, presidents of adult societies, or their appointees, and one elected adult delegate, one representative from the young people's society and the second vice-president representing the children's work.

Miss Hackney, conference second vice-president, together with all who are interested in the work of the children, is rejoicing over the fact that the report for 1918, shows that the children "went over the top" on their pledge, paying more than the $1400 asked for. That they have done a good work is also shown by the large number of societies that were entitlled to a place on the "honor roll for 1918," thirty-four having reached the coveted goal. We present, at Miss Hackney's request, the standard of excellence showing what is necessary to obtain the number credits entitling a society to a place of honor and we hope each of the children's societies may do their best to have a place on the honor roll for 1919.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Junior Divison

Standard of Excellence

	Credits
10 per cent increase in membership	10
Average attendanc at each meeting of one-half the membership	10
Regular monthly offering by each member	10
Pledge paid in full	10
Each Mission study class	10
One subscriber to Young Christian Worker for every three members	10
Week of Prayer observed	10
Daily Bible study pledged by 50 per cent of membership	10
Promotion exercise from Baby Division to Junior Division	10
Promotion exercise from Junior Division to Young People's Society	10

At the close of the year the Auxiliary second vice-president will sum up the credits. If eighty or more points are made, a report of this must be made to the conference second vice-president, who will furnish for the first year an honor roll certificate. For each of the three succeeding years that the society makes the necessary number or credits the conference second vice-president will supply seals to be attached to this certificate.

The foregoing is a copy of the new Junior Standard of Execellence cards, which we have just received today, and very soon one will be sent to each junior society in the conference.

I feel sure every second vice-president will note with much interest the changes that have been made, and these changes mean that we ar going to have to work harder in our societies if we attain this honor roll.

Amy B. Hackney,
Conference Second Vice-President.

BARACA-PHILATHEA HERALD

We congratulate Mrs. N. Buckner, editor of the Baraca Philathea Herald, on her recent issue, "a Hospital number." Containing as it does, cuts of the United States hospitals at Azalea, Kenilworth and Waynesville; commanding officers of each of these hospitals, together with interesting reading matter relative to the work of these two organizations, Baracas and Philatheas, it is a most creditable and interesting issue We quote the following editorial:

Appreciation

"We are making this a Hospital number. It is impossible to print all the expressions of appreciation on the part of the men and officers at the wonderful home-like Christmas that Baracas, Philatheas and friends in North Carolina made possible for them. This was a tremendous opportunity to do good and met with instant generous response from every section of the state and from many states.

Jesus taught the principls of the new Christianity through material ministrations, and it is largely through material ministrations in the Baraca-Philathea movement that the beauty and attractiveness of the new Christianity which Jesus taught, is so clearly shown and the opportunity given for impression upon hearts made impressionable by these material ministrations.

The Herald extends thanks and sincerest appreciation for the generosity which made it possible to give so much joy and pleasure to so many boys away from home and loved ones during Christmas, 1918.

Baraca-Philathea has no reason for existence except to increase Bible study, Sunday school and church attendance and to train efficient workers in Sunday schools and churches.

Woman's Society, Hendersonville, N. C.—President, Mrs. C. Few; first vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Durfee; second vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Byers; recording secretary, Miss Ella McLain; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. F. Bland; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Brooks; superintendent mission study, Mrs. J. Mack Rhodes; superintendent supplies, Mrs. M. R. Allen; Voice agent, Mrs. W. H. Justus.

Woman's Missionary Society of Calvary Methodist church, Charlotte—President, Mrs. E. O. Hart, South Boulevard; first vice-president, Mrs. S. Fite; second vice-president, Miss Lottie Bixby, South Church street; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Templeton ave.; assistant treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Shuman, South Boulevard; corresponding and recording secretary, Mrs. A. R. Surratt, 616 South Chursh street; study and publcity, Mrs. U. F. Holmes; Mrs. James Shuman, agent of Voice; Mrs. A Surrat, corresponding secretary.

Officers adult society, Main street, Gastonia—President, Mrs. T. E. Summerow; first vice-president, Mrs. W. B. Morris; second vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Atkins; recording secretary, Miss Lowry Shuford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. B. Babington; treasurer, Mrs. C W. Spencer; assistant treasuer, Mrs. J. K. Dixon; mission study, Mrs. Geo. W. Wilson; superintendent supplies, Mrs. R. D. Atkins; superintendent social service, Mrs. J. M. Sloan; Voice agent, Mrs. W. C. Davis.

Officers for West Market Street Methodist church—President, Miss Elizabeth Smith; first vice-president and agent for "oYung Christian Worker," Miss Wylanta McKay; treasurer, Miss Jessie May Young; recording secretary, Miss Mabel Alderman; superintendent social service and supplies, Miss Elizabeth Andrews; corresponding secretary, Mabel Wyche.

The Woman's Missionary Society, Reidsville—President, Mrs. A. Wilkinson; first vice-president, Mrs. Will Ballard; second-vicepresident, Mrs. Sue Womack; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. D. Wath; recording secretary, Mrs. D. R. Allen; treasurer. Mrs. R. Newell; superintendent mission study, Mrs. Lucy Trotter; superintendent social service, Mrs. Wil Walker; superintendent supplies, Mrs. G. M. Trent; agent for "Voice, Mrs. J. S. Turner.

RETROSPECT—PROSPECT

When coming to the close of the year the wide-awake business man does two things. He looks back over the year that is past and then forward into the year that is to come. He wants to see what he has done that succeeded and wherein he failed. He takes an inventory of what he has and then makes his plans for the future. These plans are based upon his successes and failures and the means at his command.

This is just the course that ought to be pursued by every Christian. In doing it he ought to consider himself as an individual and as a part of a whole.

As an individual, I ought to go back over the year and examine my experiences, my actions, even my thoughts. This should be done in order to see whether they have been in accord with God's will. God has given me many rich blessings, both temporal and spiritual. Have I recognized them as the gift of His love? Have I used them in accordance with my duty to Him and my fellowman?

God has called me to many duties. Have I answered the call faithfully and thankfully? Have I gone to my duties with a song in my heart or with a feeling of resentment? How many times have I failed to do my duty?

There were many opportunities which God gave me for serving Him. He permitted me to read His word, to learn His will, to pray t Him, to thank Him for blessings received and to ask for blessings needed. He gave me the privilege of having Him as my traveling campanion all along life's journey. He promised to meet with me whenever I went to His house to worship Him. He gave me many opportunities of serving Him with my means and He gave me many opportunities for serving Him by doing good to my fellowman.

Now, what I ought to find out as I look back over the year is, have I used these blessings and opportunities?

As a member of the church, God granted me many blessings and privileges. It is a great honor to be a member of the household of faith, to be an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. It means a great honor to be a co-worker with the Savior for the salvation of the world and be permitted for the heavenly reward.

God has highly favored me in giving me a home in this Christian land and in making me a citizen of the best country in the world. In these trying times, He has given me the privilege of serving my country and humanity in many ways.

Have I been faithful to all these trusts that have been committeed to my care? One of the things for which I am thankful—this question does not have to be answered to my fellowman, but to God. If I am willing to hear Him, He is willing to tell me wherein I have succeeded and failed—no matter how great my success I have no ground for conceit or pride. In all humility ,I should praise God for what He has done for me.

Now as I enter upon another year, let me see what I can do. The future is all hidden from human eyes. But this does not prevent me from planning for days to come.

I shall determine that I will be faithful in all things as He shows me His will. I shall try to perfrom all the duties as He calls me. I shall determine that in my private and public worship I will be regular and earnest. I shall do all in my power to win others for Christ, and to build up His kingdom by my prayers, my gifts, my time, my labors. I shall do all in my power for the good of my fellowman, especially the wounded soldier, for my church and for my country. I shall determine in all things to do better than I did during the past year, to avoid its errors and to improve upon its success.

The only way as I see it, is to place myself unreservedly into God's hands that he may use me as He sees best.—Mrs. E. A. Huggins, in Baraca-Philathea Helead.

Annual Meeting of W. M. S. of W. N. C. Conference

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference will convene in High Point March 11-14. The auxiliaries are earnestly requested to elect their delegates at once and send names promptly to Mrs. Oscar Kearns, High Point, N. C.

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Pres.
Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Cor. Sec.

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

9. Hymn, "The White and Gold."
(Tune: "Red, White, and Blue.")

Our League is an army advancing
To war against the hosts of sin;
Wherever the sunlight is glancing
The battle for Christ we will win.
We're soldiers enlisted forever;
In his service our names are enrolled.
Our banners wave for vict'ry ever,
Our colors are the white and the gold.

Chorus

When borne by the white and the gold,
When borne by the white and the gold,
Our banners wave for vict'ry, ever,
When borne by the white and the gold.

We are treading the way of salvation,
With righteousness our armors shine;
The bugle calls from every nation,
New volunteers fall into line.
We'll weary in the conflict never,
In summer's heat or winter's cold;
Our banners wave for vict'ry ever
When borne by the white and the gold.

Our Captain leads on before us;
Trusting in him we'll onward go.
With love's great ensign waving o'er us,
We'll bravely march to meet the foe.
Our League stands for mighty endeavor,
Our soldiers are loyal and bold,
Our banners wave for vict'ry ever
When borne by the white and the gold.

—Maude B. Little.

A PRAYER

As our hearts turn to Thee, O God, in gratitude for all the blessings Thou hast given us, we would not forget to thank Thee for the privilege of being a part in the great centenary movement. We would ask Thee to awaken the hearts of each Epworth Leaguer and grant that each may in the true cincerity of purpose be willing to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

THE SPRING GARDEN LEAGUE OF GREENSBORO

The Spring Garden Street League is taking hold of the Centenary with vigor and earnestness. Last Sunday night they used as a subject "What is the Centenary?"

The first Wednesday night in February they are to occupy the prayer meeting hour with a missionary debate. The query is, "Resolved, that the home land offers a better field for the investment of a life than the foreign field does. The affirmative will be supported by Charles Hunt and D. S. Oakly; the negative by Carl Lewis and Sarah Hunt.

The debate in March will be upon this question: "Resolved, that the success of the Centenary movement is more important than the winning of prohibition." This is also expected to occupy a prayer meeting hour. We feel that a monthly missionary debate will help the "usual" prayer meeting and be a blessing to the league as well.

Should like to know what other leaguers are doing for the Centenary. Do other leaguers conduct debates? If so, sbhould like for them to report the questions they discuss.

Reporter.

AFRICA AT HOME

What about Africa at home? Ultimately the evangelization of the Dark Continent will have to be effected by the dark-skinned race. From the Negro churches to America must come the missionaries to the Negroes in Africa. From our own Epworth Leagues have gone out our choice young men and women, and others must go. But there must follow and accompany them others from the Negro churches. Also there is a population of 13,000,000 Negroes in our own land, who, though not without the gospel, are sadly lacking many of the things needful, especially Christian education, by which they are to be fitted for leadership in the homeland as well as for missionary work abroad. To serve these ends our church maintains a college at Augusta, Ga., out of which have already come some of the most useful Negro leaders in the South. For those who have seen and heard John W. Gilbert no other argument for Paine College is necessary. But Paine College must have additional buildings and endowment in order to meet her opportunity. The need is imperative; the alternative is that Paine sink to the grade of a secondary school. The Centenary Commission has asked that the Epworth Leagues accept as their home mission task the building program of Paine College, which requires that they raise $100,000 additional during the five years of the Centenary celebration. This will build a boys' dormitory at $50,000, an auditorium at $20,000, a library at $10,000, a gymnasium at $10,000 and an industrial building at $10,000.

The League's Task

The task of the League, then, in the Centenary is to raise a grand total of $380,000 in five years, or $76,000 every year, which includes the present African budget of $80,000, the additional Centenary asking for Africa of $200,000, and the $100,000 for the Paine College building program.

To raise $380,000 in five years for missions may seem to be an impossible task if estimated in the light of what we have been giving, but it seems large only because what we have been doing is small. The entire amount can be raised if every Leaguer will contribute on an average of $2.71 during the five years, or a little over 54 cents a member each year. This includes the Juniors and Intermediates. Of course none of us is to limit his or her giving to the average. Many can give far more than that; a few cannot give so much.

"We watch the stream as it flows down the channel which has been cut, and the water moves on to fill the channel. There is nothing which appears more careless than a stream. Our influence flows out so unconsciously to others that the protest heard today as in the days of old is 'Am I my brother's keeper?' Often we forget as we pass through the crowds in our busy life that, although we have not met many of the men, yet our lives are leaving a mark upon them.

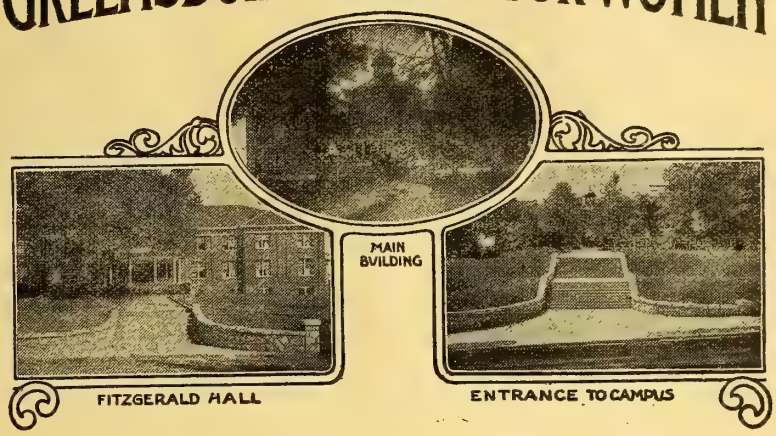
"The stream moves quietly. Even though it flows deep and strong, there is a quietness about it. Our influence for good or evil flows on as the silent flow of a river. Of course it is hard for young men to see the effect evil companions are having upon them, for it is this quiet, gradual power changing their thoughts. They can notice nothing being changed externally. They look about the same. But their very thoughts are being changed. Let us never forget that 'no man liveth to himself.'

"Some streams bring life and blessings wherever they flow. May your influence be consecrated so that as your life flows into the lives of others it may bring life and blessings to all! Let us consecrate our influence for our Master's use."

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From the Field

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY TO BE POSTPONED

It has been definitely determined by the Centenary Commission that the great Centenary drive shall begin on the fourth Sunday in April, the day designated by the General Conference as Sunday School Day, and that it shall continue through the first Sunday in May. The executive committee of the General Sunday School Board has, therefore, decided that it will be best for this year to postpone the observance of Sunday School Day until the third Sunday in May. I trust that all our Sunday schools will adopt this recommendation.

E. B. Chappell.

FOR WEAVER HALL

The students now at Rutherford College have lately brought their subscription list for Weaver Hall from $131.25 to $1,235. This represents twenty-six charges.

Hickory has lately added $407 to the former $1,250, making $1,657.

Connelly Springs-Rutherford College now has a list for Weaver Hall amounting to $1,251.62.

J. R. Walker.

SYRIAN-ARMENIAN RELIEF

Dr. J. Y. Joyner has named February 22, Washington's birthday, as the time to launch the campaign in North Carolina for raising $200,000 as the part allotted to this state for the relief of the suffering Syrian and Armenian children. There are four million people in these stricken countries, a majority of whom are women and children, who will starve to death unless aid is sent them from other countries. A benevolent society is undertaking to raise $30,000,000, $2,000,000 of which is to be raised in this country, and $200,000 is the amount apportioned this state.

At a meeting of the executive committee, of which Dr. Joyner is chairman, I was asked to act as representative of the several denominations in the state. I hope that every Sunday school and every church, if possible, will take a collection for this most worthy object Sunday, February 23. All contributions should be sent to Mr. Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh, who is treasurer of the fund, and who has arranged to transmit all funds by wire, so that they may be immediately available. I trust all our Sunday schools and, so far as it can be done, our churches, will heed this call and help these starving people.

Livingston Johnson.

Raleigh, N. C.

NEWS NOTES

About $300,000,000 will be spent by railroads this year for extensions and improvements, and $200,000,000 for new cars and locomotives, according to preliminary plans of the railroad administration, announced by Director General Hines.

John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, Va., has been nominated by President Wilson to be comptroller of the currency.

Textile men from all over the country have made a determined fight within the past few days to change the revenue bill, but with no avail.

Information has been received to the effect that Mexico and Cuba have resumed diplomatic relations. Esequiel Garcia has been appointed Cuban minister to Mexico and General Jara, Mexican minister to Cuba.

New York became the fortyfourth state to ratify the federal prohibition amendment when the senate, by a vote of 27 to 24, concurred in the McNab ratifying resolution, which was adopted by the assembly last week.

A third fire occurred at the Caswell Training School, Kinston, Tuesday, January 28th. The fire was started by boys in a dormitory. The fire did small damage, although four persons, comprising a Negro family, were inpured by an engine going to the fire.

Nearly $5,000 worth of wearing apparel was recovered last Tuesday when Cicero Cheek, a Negro, was arrested at Newport News, Va. Cheek confessed that most of the goods had been stolen from North Carolina cities and sent there for safe keeping. It is believed that a big thievery plot has been unearthed.

Whereas prior to the war exports of dyestuffs from the United States never exceeded in value $500,000, the total value of dyestuffs exported from this country in the fiscal year 1918 was $17,000,000. This is a decided gain as against $12,000,000 in 1917, $5,000,000 in 1916 and $1,000,000 in 1915 and less than $500,000 in 1914, the year preceding the war.

The Liberty Shipbuilding Company has begun pouring concrete for the third concrete vessel ever constructed in the United States.

Dr. Brown Ayres, president of the University of Tennessee, died at Knoxville, Tenn., last week.

The good news has been sent out from the Washington postal department that after July 1st the war tax will be removed from first-class mail matter and postage will resume the old rate of one cent for cards and two cents for letters.

Dr. H. W. Chase, professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina, has been elected chairman of the faculty, succeeding Dean Marvin H. Stacy.

Prince Max, of Baden, the former German imperial chancellor, will be nominated by the German social democrats and the German democrats as their candidate for the presidency of the German republic, according to a Berlin dispatch printed in the Neues Journal of Vienna.

It is now stated that President Wilson will return to the United Staets about February 15, and that it will likely be necessary for him to recross the Atlantic in the early spring.

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UNCLE BILLY AT THE WORKERS' COUNCIL MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"Now, Sister Jenkins, you and me's been members of this here Sunday school considerable many years, and we most generally agrees 'bout things; but I ain't going to say 'amen' to that remark of your'n, meanin' the one where you said we didn't need to organize any Weslay classes 'cause we've too much organization in the school a'ready. No, sir—I mean, no, ma'am—jest can't say 'amen to it. The' ain't a bit too much organization in our Sunday school, though I persume there's some organization layin' 'round loose not bein' used, jest like I've got a lot of things organized out to my farm that ain't doin' much a good deal of the time. I recollect the wood-sawin' outfit I organized for preparin' firewood; it ain't used much durin' the summer time. Likewise the plowin' outfits I organize; the's lots of the time the yain't workin' much at their job. Fact is, Sister Jenkins, I 'spect your kitchen's got lots of organization in it thet you know is mighty good and useful, but that don't work all thetime. The's another p'int, too: You don't use one kind of outfit to do all kinds of jobs with, and a outfit in your kitchen or on my farm's jest what a organization is to a Sunday school, and we have to have diff'rent ones to do diff'rent things. But I don't believe in riggin' up wood-sawin' outfits when the's no firewood to be sawed, nor fixin' up butter-making outfits when the' ain't no cream to be churned Howsomever, I see something to be did here that it strikes me a organized class is nedeed to do, an' I therefore make a motion, Mr. Superintendent, that our Bible class be instructed to organize and enroll as a Wesley class, and tackle the job of buildin' a two-room addition on behind the church house 'specially for Miss Annie's infant class, so's she can make the two classes out of it she's wanted to for so long. I b'lieve she calls 'em a beginners' and a primary class. Yes, sir; I make that motion right now, and I'll give the first five dollars to help the class do the job."

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However, as she had leased the place for a year and the Friskies were raising a family in the chestnuts, and as she would not wish to hurt the feelings of the willow people by moving anyway, she decided to remain and make the best of things.

The doctor advised her to take a ride every day on the sunbeam that arrived in the afternoon—not to go all the ninety million miles that it traveled, but just a few hundreds of miles and back again. He also suggested that the sweetest bird of the fields should be invited to become her guest and to cheer her with sweet music.

When the news went abroad through Birdland, the greatest excitement followed. The birds were all on tiptoe preening their feathers and practicing their songs.

As it was a queen to be entertained, the king bird claimed that it was his right to be the one chosen for the honor; and, although all the birds knew he really couldn't sing a note, his reputation for fighting was such that no one dared to contradict him. So he plunged into the brook for a nice bath, then he flew up into a tree and put his best black and white suit into spick-span order, and off he went to the queen. When he tried to sing, however, his sharp, shrill twitters made the queen's attendants laugh. But the queen said: "My good king bird, we value you very highly, for you drive away the crows and the hawks, and we know you are a brave fighter, so won't you be contented to help us by protecting us?"

And so the king bird was dismissed.

"She wants to be amused," said the blue jay, "and I'm the one to do it." And he flew to an oak near the queen's house, where he screamed and squawked until she noticed him. Then such a performance! He bobbed and bowed and danced and screamed until the poor queen shut her eyes and put her hands over her ears as she cried out: "Oh, do send that dreadful bird away!"

"It's singing she wants," said the tanager, "and beauty at the same time. I'l please her, I'm sure."

"What a beautiful bird you are!" exclaimed the queen as the brilliant scarlet flashed in the tree. She listened to the song for a little while, but soon tired of it. "It seems to me you're off the key, birdie," she said. "You'd better practice up a little more."

The next day the queen heard the song, "See here, pretty bird, see here." She looked out and saw an oriole, all in bright yellow and black. Truly that was a glimpse of living sunshine in the grove. The queen was pleased, the doctor was pleased and the oriole was invited to stay.

The next morning, however, while the queen was enjoying her last little nap, what should she hear but the voice of the oriole grown snappy and saucy. "See here, fellows, see here. She's still asleep, she's still asleep."

Now, even a kind queen and a sad queen couldn't stand that. Mr. Oriole was ordered away in a hurry and advised to learn better manners.

Now, all this attention on the part of the birds had taken up the queen's mind, and she was already feeling much better.

One day, as she was returning on the sunbeam ride, she loitered a little in the open field over a clump of berry bushes. Suddenly she heard the sweetest song: "Sweet, sweet, sweet, sweety-weety-weety-weety-weety,weet, tweet."

She looked carefully, but could not see the singers. The next day messengers were sent out to hunt for them, and they came back bringing two little plain birds with no pretension to beauty or style.

"Sing? Of course we'll sing. We always sing, all day long and nearly all the year long. But we never thought for a minute that a queen would care for the songs of little every-day song sparrows."

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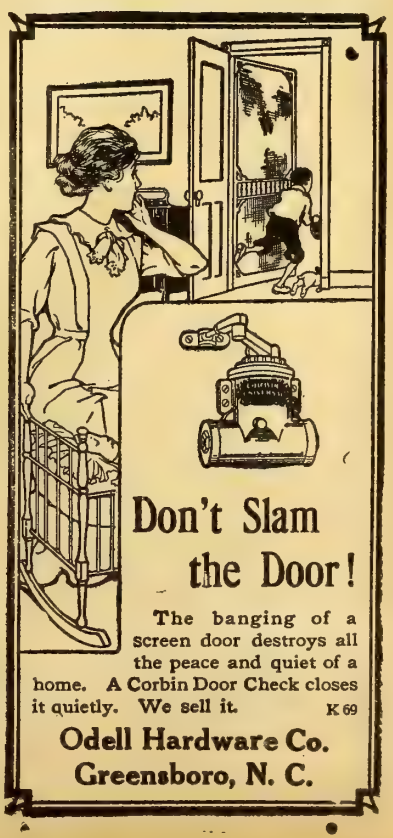
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Our Dead

LONON.—Dollie Elizabeth Lonon, wife of J. B. Lonon, was born in the county of McDowell, near the foothills of the Blue Ri'ge Mountains, on August the 3, 1877. She died in the same county, and near the same place, November the 3, 1918. She was therefore, forty-one years, three months and twenty-one days of age at her death.

About twenty-three years ago, Mrs. Lonon was married to Mr. J. B. Lonon, of McDowell county. Soon after their marriage they built them a beautiful little home in the North Catawba valley, now Linville Station on the C. C. & O. rail road. Here Mrs. Lonon lived, loved and was loved till God spoke from Heaven and said, "it is enough, come up higher."

Sister Lonon leaves a husband, one sone and one grandson, with many relatives, neighbors and friends to mourn their loss. Her body encased in a beautiful black casket, was laid to rest in Concord cemetery.

The large number of people, assembled on the morning of December 1, together with the pall of sadness that hangs over the community, testify to the esteem in which she was held in the community. She was loved by all in the community and was in love with every one.

Mrs. Lonon was an invalid for sixteen years of her married life. For seven years she suffered with that malady, known as Pellagra. In all of her afflictions, she bore it as becometh a child of God, which she was. In all of my exeprience I have not seen greater patience nor greater faith in God.

She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, her membership being at Concord church, within the bounds of Spruce Pine charge. She loved her church and her pastor. Her home was the home of her pastor. Even after she took her bed, she wanted to care for her pastor.

It was my pleasure to be her pastor for two years prior to her decease. Most of these two years, Sister Lonon was in bed, but often I would call to see her. I am glad I knew her. She loved her Lord and loved to talk about His kingdom here on earth. She was devoted to her husband and son, and often would tell me that she was ready to go home in God, but if it was His good will, she would like to linger for a little while in order to be near her husband and son. Her last request to them was for them to serve God.

Everything that loving hands could do was done for Sister Lonon. Husband and son seldom left her bed during her last illness. Sister Lonon was a devoted wife and mother and all will miss her.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." May He who doeth all things well, comfort and guide those who mourn her death.

JAS. P. MORRIS.

WILSON.—George Franklin Wilson, youngest son of Frances and Franklin Wilson, was born in Cleveland county, near Belwood, N. C., January 3, 1887, and died, January 6, 1919, aged 32 years and three days. He was married to Rachel Dixon, January, 1908. Of this union four children were borned, Paris, Madge, Thomas and George, Jr. Brother Wilson's companion preceeded him to the "Glory World" about six months ago. He professed faith in Christ during the ministry here of Rev. J. E. Woosley and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Kadesh at the tender age of twelve. Later he was elected to the office of steward, in which communion and in which capacity he served well until God called him to the church triumphant. He leaves four sweet children, father, mother, two brothers, two sisters and many friends to mourn their loss. Brother Wilson was one of God's noble servants. His life was short, but he accomplished more than a great many men who live to be much older than he was.

He liveth long who liveth well,
All other life is short and vain.
He liveth longest who can tell
Of living most for Heavenly gain.

While his health was good, he was at his place every Sunday. He appreciated the privileges of the Sanctuary. He was a man who loved to hear the word preached, and he was the preachers friend.

His health began to fail him in 1917, but at one time last year, it seemed as if he would regain it. His condition was encouraging, but the death of his companon was more than he could stand. He never recovered from the shock. I was at the bedside of Brother Wilson a great many times, and I always found him pleaasnt and cheerful. Just before I left for conference last November, we talked at length about Heaven and being prepared for that journey from whence no traveler returns. He said he hated to leave his children, his loved ones and his many friends, but he was resigned to Gods will, and was ready to go. He said that he knew his time here was not long, that he would soon be with Rachel. A few days before his death he became somewhat confused about his spiritual condition, but it was only a temporary confusion. I often read the Word to him, and prayed with him. I shall never forget our talks, they will follow me until I have the privilege of talking with him again. I shall never forget the farewell hand shake. I was in to see him just a few days before he left us. The grasp of that hand can never be forgotten, I can almost feel his hand now. He died with the blessed assurance that he was a child of God, a servant of Christ. On Monday morning, about six o'clock, January 6, his spirit left his body and went home to God who gave it.

Brother Wilson will be greatly missed at his church. He was a man of fine mind and was well educated, and kept up and abreast with the progress of the times. He was a leader, a diligent and unceasing worekr. Happy is the church that has young men like him.

On Tuesday morning, January 7, his funeral was conducted by his pastor, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. L. E. Stacy, and his body was laid to rest in Kadesh cemetery. His funeral was attended with the honors of the Junior Order American Mechanics. May the God of comfort sustain the bereaved ones.

Servant of God well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the vict'ry won.
Enter thy master's joy.

DWIGHT W. BROWN, pastor.

KING.—Miss Myrtle King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. King, of Hickory Grove, passed to her heavenly home on January 18, 1919.

Though her body was racked with pain, she bore her suffering with gentle patience and fortitude. In the passing of such a bright, happy, pure and noble Christian girl, the Hickory Grove Methodist church, of which she was a most zealous member, and the community to which she gave of her cheerful disposition, have experienced a great loss. And while our hearts are torn and left bleeding, we know our loss is her glorious and eternal gain. We have the full assurance that she will enjoy the glories of the celestial life in all its fullness.

Myrtle was a favorite with all who knew her, because of her sweet disposition. She always had a kind word for every one. How her death did shock us. Snatched away almost in her prime, and while our hearts are burdened with sorrow, we cannot murmur for a single time, for we know that her life just beginning to bloom in this world will open in its full beauty and splendor in the other world where the brightness of eternity's sun will but add radiance to its glory.

This beautiful Christian girl, possessed of sterling traits of character, is mourned not only by a father, mother, three brothers and two sisters, but by a host of loving friends.

Tis true she left us here to mourn, and never shall to us return. Oh, the loss; how can we spare her! One like her, where can we find? The love we all did bear her, wise, faithful, true and kind. But then if we are but faithful to the end, we will meet her as she stands on that shinning shore, arrayed in all her beauty, grace and glory to greet us with a long and loving welcome to the courts of endless life.

BY A FRIEND.

KETCHIE.—Death has invaded the ranks of Brevard street membership and has taken one of the best members. Quite remarkable that of the many, perhaps half the membership who have had the influenza, this is the only one who has fallen so far.

Mrs. Lillie K. Ketchie, was born, August 31, 1874, and fell asleep in Jesus, January 14, 1919, age 44 years, 4 months and 14 days.

Called in the prime of life, her beautiful spirit released from the body departed to be with God and wait in the bright home of the good for the coming of loved ones behind. Mrs. Ketchie will be missed most in the home where she was loved devotedly. She leaves a husband and five children, two sons and three daughters.

She will be missed in her church where she was ever faithful, filling her place at services and in the Woman's Societies.

Earth is poorer, but heaven is brighter by her giving. The suviving loved ones know where to find her.

L. T. CORDELL.

BOYD.—James Blain Boyd died at his home at Ararat, Va., January 18, 1919, at the age of 35 years.

He was a member of the Methodist Epscopal Church, South, and was faithful until the end. He leaves a wife and five children. May God's richest blessing rest upon the bereaved family and friends.

His death was due to pneumonia, following influenza.

GEO. W. CLAY, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS BY HAWTHORNE LANE STEWARDS

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has, in His infinite wisdom, removed from this life, our esteemed brother and fellow-worker, Captain James W. Squires: and

Whereas, The intimate relation held by him during his short life with the members of this board, and his high sense of patriotism and his sacrifices in behalf of his country, make it fitting we record our apreciation of him: therefore

Resolved: That the faithulness to duty in service, both of church and country, and the wisdom and ability which he exercised in aid of this church and work of this board, by counsel, service and funds, will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved: That the removal of such a man leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all, and will prove a grieveous loss to this church and community.

Resolved: That with deep sympathy with the afflicted family and relatives of the deceased, we express our earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for the highest good o all; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, copies sent to the bereaved family, and that they be submitted for publication to our church paper and the daily press of Charlotte.

A. J. HAGOOD, Chairman,
E. H. BELL,
T. D. PAYNE,
F. H. WASHBURN.
Committee.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Mrs. Hattie Terrell is the second member of our Ladie's Aid Society to be called to her reward beyond the great Divide.

It is with much sadness we give her up. We shall miss her, but not for long, for it is only "yet a little while," and we will meet her again around the great White Throne.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has taken her from us, our faithful, loyal and much loved member; we resolve:

First, To submit without questions to the wisdom of Him who knows best, for we know for our good, he chastises.

Second, That in her going, we have lost a good member of our society, the example of an ideal mother and a good wife. May we imitate those good qualities of hers that are truly worth while.

Third, That we extend to the sad husband, two little boys and relatives, our deepest sympathy and pray that their lives will be the better to meet her in that "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our society records, a copy sent to the husband and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

MRS. A. D. ABERNETHY,
MRS. FLORENCE RUSSEL.
MRS. LULU HICKMAN.
Committee

IN MEMORIAM

Cynthia Alfatine Regan Fouts was born in Davidson county, February 22, 1831, and departed this life January 5, 1919, aged 87 years, 10 months and 14 days. She was a member of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church and strong in the faith of a saviour's love, saying the only thing that caused her to wish to remain longer was to be with her children and friends, and more especially one grandson who is now in France. She was not a person to form large numbers of acquaintances and friends, but those whom she did, she held very dear. Mrs. Fouts being very fond of reading and especially the Bible and Christian Advocate, some months ago, she found on the cover of the Christian Advocate a motto written to Dr. Frank Crane, entitled, "Mother," which she laid away, saying to the son with whom she made her home, "I am going to keep it as it so identically represents me and you." Following is the poem:

"She is my mother, said the young man, but I call her my baby. She is eighty years old. Old people are very much like babies, and we ought to love them, 'for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' I have an idea life evens up things. When I was young and helpless she took care of me, now I am taking care of her. I am paying my debt. She never left me alone when I was an infant; now I do not leave her alone. She was patient with me then; Now I am patient with her; she fed me; now I feed her. I clothe and keep her. She sacrificed her young life for me. I am glad of every chance I have to sacrifice for her. She loved me when I was ignorant, awkward, needing constant care, and all because I was hers; born of her body and part of her soul; now every feebleness and trait of childhood in her endears her to me, for no other reason except she is my mother. By so much as she is a tax on my time, attention and money, I love her. She shall not triumph over me in the day of judgment, for my tenderness shall equal hers. She watched with me until I grew up; I shall watch with her until she steps into Heaven."

She is the last of a family of twelve children and was the daughter of Gilliam and Susan Regan. She was married to Nicholas Fouts, January 22, 1860. To this union was born two children, John Wesley and David Webster Fouts. She leaves two sons, their wives and eleven grandchildren to mourn their loss, but their loss is her eternal gain.

J. W. AND D. W. FOUTS.

DEATH OF DR. T. V. GOODE

Dr. T. V. Goode, of Rutherford College, died on Sunday morning, January 12, at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Goode's health failed about two years ago, but he had been able to practice medicine to some extent until a few months ago. He was born in October, 1863.

Before coming to Rutherford College, Dr. Goode practiced medicine at Cherryville. For the past fourteen years he has practiced medicine at Rutherford College. At both Cherryvile and Rutherford Colege, Dr. Goode was a beloved physician. His devotion to his profession is illustrated by the fact that two hours before his death he thought that he was prescribing for a patient. In both Cherryville and Rutherford College, he was a consecrated member of the Methodist church. Dr. Goode's whole life has been one of unselfish Christian service. For years he has been one of the best stewards in the Methodist church at Rutherford College.

Dr. Goode's great contribution to North Carolina is his leading part in making the Rutherford College of today. He and Mr. J. E. Coulter gave the original twenty acres of the present campus. His interest in the college continued till the day of his death. For years he has been one of the most aggressive trustees. He was the physician and friend of the students. The faculty and students of the college adopted suitable resolutions and suspended all regular work for the day.

Dr. Goode is survived by his wife and eleven children. Two of the sons are in France: R. L. Goode, U. S. N.; Harry Goode, U. S. A. The other children are: Dr. Vance Goode, Morganton; Mrs. William McDowell, Morganton; Mrs. Ned Hallyburton, Asheville; and the following children at home: Annie Belle, Ruby, George, Hal, Janie and Thelma. He is survived by seven brothers and one sister. The Reverend C. P. Goode, Thomasville; the Reverend W. O. Goode, Hickory, R. C. Goode, Lincolnton, U. S. Goode, Charlotte; Mrs. Plato Miller, Lincolnton; M. E. Goode and H. C. Goode, Macon, Ga.; Ab Goode, Texarkana, Texas.

The funeral service was held at the home, conducted by the Reverend M. B. Clegg, the pastor, assisted by President M. T. Hinshaw and Professor J. R. Walker. The interment was in the Rutherford College village cemetery.

THEODORE W. HAGER.

JOHN W. SNYDER

The angel of death having visited and removed on December 29, 1918, one of the beloved and honored members of our church and a faithful and loyal member of our board of stewards, we desire to give expression of the love and high esteem in which our co-worker and brother, John W. Snyder, who was practically a charter member of our church, was held, not only by his immediate family and relatives, but the entire community in which he had resided since birth. Therefore be it

Resolved, first, That while the members of the board of stewards, and others who were so long associated wihh him in the activities looking to the advancement of all the church interests, especially in the salvation of men and women, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, yet we, in that true spirit of love and obedience to the Master, wish to give expression of our appreciation of the life of Brother Snyder, which, in the truest sense, was an inspiration to those who labored with him for so many years in the cause which he loved and espoused early in life.

Resolved, second, That not only the members of the board of stewards, but the entire membership of Burkhead Methodist Episcopal Church recognized in Brother Snyder a true Christian soldier and one who daily walked close with God. He was a man who lived his religion and practiced it. His loyalty to his church and his activity in her behalf were frequently commented upon by those associated with him on the board. In Bro. Snyder his associates, in not only the church, but in all organizations with which he enlisted his service, was readily recognized a man of God—one who moved without ostentation, yet one whose true honesty of purpose gave encouragement to all with whom he came in contact.

Resolved, third, That while, from an earthy sense, we keenly feel the loss of Brother Snyder, who labored so long with us, yet the sweet, inspiring thought comes to us that in his life he gave to us many beautiful examples worthy of emulation.

Resolved, fourth, That to the bereaved wife, children and other relatives, we extend the hand of condolence, yet we feel convinced that in their loss, eternal gain has come to the husband and father, whose memory we shall ever cherish, for he was a true follower of the Christ he loved and served.

Resolved, fith, That a copy of these heart-felt expressions of love and admiration for Brother Snyder be spread upon the minutes of our board and a copy be presented to the family.

J. O. WHITE,
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A GOOD TIME TO ENTER RUTHERFORD

A good time to enter Rutherford to do the second half of the year's work is Monday, February 10. The first half year's work is to be completed on Saturday, February 8. Rutherford is adding one-fifth every week to the regular schedule. The plan is to finish the year's work about the middle of May.

TWO ASSEMBLIES TO BE HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA NEXT YEAR

At the recent divisional meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Asheville, this state, it was decided to hold two yearly assemblies of the Epworth League in North Carolina each year, lasting from five to seven days each, the assembly for western North Carolina to be held at Lake Junaluska. The North Carolina assembly will be held at Louisburg College, Louisburg.

It was announced that the League is planning to take a prominent part in the raising of the $35,000,000 in the Centenary movement. The organization of the conference was perfected here yesterday by the election of Prof. Garfield Evans, of Sutherland, Fla., as chairman, and Rev. Ralph E. Noller, of Nashville, Tenn., as secretary.

HOW DO YOU HOE?

Say, how do you hoe your row, young chap?
Say, how do you hoe your row?
Do you hoe it fair,
Do you hoe it square,
Do you hoe it the best you know?
Do you cut the weeds, as you ought to do,
And leave what's worth while there
The harvest you'll garner depends on you;
Are you working on the square?

Are you killing the noxious weeds, young chap?
Are you making it straight and clean?
Are you going straight,
At a hustling gait,
Are you scattering all that's mean?
Do you laugh and sing and whistle shrill,
And dance a step or two,
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District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
First Round

February
Asheville Ct., River View.....9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock (7:30) 9
Mills River, Horse Shoe 15-16
Hendersonville, night 16
Rosman Ct., Rosman.....22-23
Brevard, night 23

March
Mars Hill, Shiloh .....

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

February
Hickory Grove, 11 a. m. 9
Tryon Street, night 9
Weddington, Union, 11 a. m. 15-16
Waxhaw, Mineral Spring, 2:30 p. m. 16
North Monroe, night 16
Chadwick, Moores, 11 a. m. 23
Belmont, night 23

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
First Round

February
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 9
Randleman, Naomi, night 9
Randolph Circuit, Fairview 15-16
High Point, Main Street, night .. 16

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Marion, N. C.—First Round.

Feb.
Mill Spring Ct., Lebanon..... 8-9
Euola Ct., Warlick Chapel..... 14
Connelly Spgs. Ct., Connelly Spgs.15-16
Marion Ct., Providence.....22-23

Mar.
Rutherfordton Ct., Rutherfordton 1-2

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
First Round

Feb.
Madison—Stoneville, Madison.... 8-9
Danoury, Davis Chapel.....15-16
Ararat, Hunter's 22-23

Mar.
Dobson, Dobson 1-2

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, P. E., Jefferson, N. C.

Feb.
North Wilkes Mission.....22-23
North Wilkesboro, night.....22-23

Mar.
Wilkes Ct., Adley..... 1-2
Wilkesboro Sta., p. m..... 1-2

The district stewards will please meet at Jefferson December 31, 1918. A full attendance is desired.

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
First Round

Feb.
Lowesville, Hill's Chapel 11 a.m. 8-9
Rock Spring, Denver, 3 p.m..... 9
Stanley, Stanley, 11 a.m.....15-16

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

February
Hickory circuit, Fairgrove, 11 a. a. 22-23
Hickory, First, Hickory, 7 p. m. 22-23

March
Race street St. Johns 11 a. m. .. 1-2
Statesville circuit, Bethlehem, 3 p. 1-2
[illegible] Street, Broad Street, 7 p. 1-2
North Lenoir, Mt. Hermon, 11 a. m. 8-9
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Valmead, 3 p. m. 8-9
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m ..15-16
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, 7 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir 11 a. m. ..22-23
Lenoir circuit Littlejohns, 3 p. m. 22-23
Catawba circuit, Hopewell 11 a. m. 29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 7 p. m. 29-30

April
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m. 6-7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m. 6-7
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 6-7
Newton, Newton, 11 a. m. 13-14
Maiden, Mays church, 3 p. m. ..13-14

SALISBURY DISTRICT
C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
First Round

February
Annapolis Ct., Unity 8-9
Annapolis Station 9
Salisbury Circuit 15-16
East Spencer, North Main 16
Albemarle Circuit 22
Salem 23
Albemarle, First St., night 23

March
Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

January
Waynesville Station 26

February
Canton Station 2
Sylva Station, 11 a. m. 9
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, night 9
Haywood, Mt. Zion 15-16
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Thomasville station, February 16, 11 a. m.

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Mocksville station, March 1, night, March 2, 11 a. m.

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Lexington circuit, March 11-16. Quarterly conference at Center.

Davidson circuit, March 17-23. Quarterly conference at Good Hope.

Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.

New Hope circuit, March 31, April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.

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WHEN I GO HOME

A little while and then the summer day,
When I go home.
'Tis lonesome winter now, but 'twill be May
When I go home.
Beyond the gloom of moor and fen I see
The welcome warm of those who wait for me.

Work ceases not in sunshine or in shower
Till I go home.
But in the stillness of the twilight hour
I dream of home.
And when the night wind moans across the wold
I feel nor dread of dark nor chill of cold.

All will be well and all be happiness
When I go home.
The wanderings all o'er and loneliness
When I go home.
There will be light at eventide for me—
The light that never was on land or sea.

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THE CALL TO SERVICE

This call is intimately associated with the ministry of intercession. One cannot linger long at the mercy seat till the impulse of his heart finds expression in the words of Saul, stricken by the way, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, not only in the final judgment, but in the matter of conscientious service in our relation to the men with whom we come in contact during this life. We must serve our generation by the will of God, and we shall not be able to quiet the conscience while we attempt to make a mere holiday of life. On the other hand, if we even take life more seriously and attempt to be religious we shall find that the aim of it all is not attained by merely subjective goodness. We must get beyond this stage, or the light that is in us must finally go out.

The prophet Isaiah (Isa. 6:1-8) must have been accustomed to frequent heart searching, and no doubt the conduct of the king who had just died and the degeneracy so widely prevalent had laid unusual burdens upon his mind and heart. So we find him in God's house with an open vision before him, which, after revealing the infinite holiness of God, shows him his moral depravity and the uncleanness of his lips, and causes him to cry out for purification. Doubtless he was the best man of his time, but in the light of the divine presence he could make no plea of righteousness; could only see himself as a man of unclean lips dwelling in the midst of a people of unclean lips. All this came to him because his eyes had seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

To every man there must first be a vision of God. Somewhere along the way of life it must be recorded that God met him. The whole course of life ever afterward is changed, old programs are abandoned and a new one inaugurated. The vision of God is immediately succeeded by the vision of self, and this by the glad consciousness of a new nature and the passion for service. Here it is that one hears the "voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" The eager response then comes, "Here am I; send me."

Surely in this period of intercession many have already felt the fires burning and have heard the voice calling to service. We shall be very much disappointed if there are not many in whom God will reveal Himself and who, like Isaiah, will emerge from the vision exclaiming, "Here am I, send me." Some will fall by the wayside under the blinding light of the eternal world, and will cry with Saul, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

We believe in the divine call to service in the ministry, and there never was a time in the history of the church when this power needed more to be invoked nor when it could be more reasonably expected. Let those already in the ranks pray for a new commission, and let the whole church pray for a great company of volunteers ready to go forward as new doors open for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord.

INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES

This is the figure used by our Lord to give emphasis to intensive methods of propagating His kingdom. The Saviour anticipated the wants of timid and wayward multitudes whose salvation could be compassed only by aggressive evangelism. Luke 14:23 sounds the bugle note of victory even while the church tarries to discuss its problems. The fact is, there is but one great problem, that is sin, and hesitation is the bane of present-day methods of dealing with it. Difficulties grow apace before a people who have lost the inspiration of a triumphant faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

The glory of primitive Methodism was its intense earnestness in the matter of individual salvation. The message of the preacher was one of warning to the sinner coupled with the promise of eternal life through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. But the work did not stop with the message. There was, following the message, labor with the individual—personal effort to induce surrender to Christ on the spot. So much was this the case that Methodists were often subjected to criticism for attempting to drag men into the kingdom of God. The result was that many who, though convicted of sin, were stubborn and loth to yield, were yet persuaded to try, and, like the poor paralytic, came to Jesus, "borne of four."

It will be indeed glorious if the Centenary should furnish the occasion of a great awakening among the Methodists. And why should it not? It is time for such an awakening. It is a matter of deep concern whether the tame and insipid methods of gospel work at the present time will not carry the whole church to its sepulcher of death. Not only are sinners to be saved by aggressive methods but by these alone can the church maintain that militant attitude which is necessary to save from spiritual stagnation and death. Many a church today making a fair show for itself in every other respect, is adding nothing to the roster of the kingdom, while wickedness and vice are making closer invasions day by day. Their crime is that of inactivity—a want of aggressiveness—a failure to obey the King's command to go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.

The gospel method anticipates the salvation of the unwilling—the saving of those who are disinclined to hear and heed the call. This is the explanation of the enduement of supernatural power. The saving gospel was to be manifested as the wisdom of God and the power of God. As on the day of pentecost, so in all the ages to come there was to be in the awakened church such manifestations of power as would bring multitudes of the indifferent world to cry, What must we do to be saved? Such scenes have never occurred, and cannot be expected to occur where the church is not panoplied with that aggressive spirit which makes her as "fair as the moon, as clear as the sun, and as terrible as an army with banners."

"Let Zion's watchmen all awake,
And take the alarm they give."

"THE KIND OF PASTOR SHE WANTED"

Dr. Byron H. Stauffer, is one of the most interesting and edifying contributors to the Christian Guardian. Somehow there is something unusually incisive about his style and one feels after reading his article that he has said just the right thing. He goes at his subject very much as Dr. J. H. Jowett is accustomed to and convinces you of his spiritual insight by a peculiar fervency of utterance. In a recent issue of the Guardian Dr. Stauffer, under the above head, gives a very fine analysis of pastoral duties, if we should not say the pastor's privilege of service, and punctures completely that old saw about what the soldiers are going to do to the church when they come back from the war. Along with many others he is evidently growing weary of the assertion that the returning soldier will demand a new church. But here is what he says:

"She was one of a committee of three who came to consult with me regarding a preacher for their pretty California town. The chairman said what they needed was a mixer, a man who could referee a baseball game, run in and out of the billiard rooms, tell the fellows on the hotel porch a "new one"—in short, be a hail-fellow-well-met. The other man thought they should have a financier, one who could dig up his own salary. The little woman finally remarked that she hadn't thought financing and ball-playing so important, and she didn't imagine that they stood a chance of getting a great orator. "But I did hope we could find an earnest man," she said; "one who really regards his work as shepherd of the flock in a more serious way than most of the preachers I have met since I left my girlhood home."

I have thought of her phrase a good deal. "An earnest man," A State Christian Endeavor secretary said that in three years' journeyings among churches and parsonages he could not recall having witnessed faimly prayer in preachers' homes more than once. He was a careful sort of man, else I should have challenged his awful statement. An earnest man! Wanted, a man who never forgets for an instant that he is an ambassador for Jesus Christ.

I met Father Minehan on a Niagara boat one summer afternoon. He was going over to spend the night with one of his laymen who had a cottage at Niagara-on-the-Lake. He said he had four families over there, and thought he would avail himself of the opportunity of saying Mass in the early morning for their benefit. It was not required, of course; it was only that he regarded his work seriously. An earnest man! Campbell Morgan stayed with a Toronto man, who afterwards said, "I wouldn't have missed it for the world. His presence has re-established the family altar in our home. He made the ten minutes of reading and prayer a wonderful occasion."

Not long ago I had in my congregation for two Sabbaths a notable pastor on his vacation. The second Sunday I asked him to take the prayer. I had never before known exactly the secret of that man's success; I know now. Oh, the wonderful power he had in prayer! He talked to his Father as one who knew the throne of grace. That prayer was as important to him as my sermon was to me. An earnest man!

Have you read the "Life of Henry Drummond," by George Adam Smith? How on fire with a zeal for souls Drummond was! In every letter he wrote to friends this flame leaped up. "I give you the beautiful text I got this morning," he tells a correspondent. "It is, 'Now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side.'" He never landed in a town without launching a movement for the uplift of its young men. Never a night was spent in a home without touching the spiritual life of its inmates. When I note how much of work for the Master was crowded into those forty-six years—I am ashamed to think how much time we fritter away. An earnest man!

I was blessed by reading Newman Hall's autobiography. Down to the evening twilight of that long life the pastor of Surrey Chapel toiled. But his work was performed with zest. Wherever he went during the week he had the cure of souls in constant view.

Now that the war is ended, let us look to the task that confronts the Church. Let us not deceive ourselves by imagining that we

have an intrinsically new brand of work, brother preacher. We are still to comfort, exhort and teach. Our mission is to lead men to the Saviour, win the little ones to a righteous and helpful career, soften the pillow of dying saints. I have heard it said so often of late that there must be a new sort of Church, that the returning soldier will not put up with the old methods or the old doctrines. Let there be no confusion from these misleading assertions. The army camps will disappear, the men will put off their uniforms and return to their homes, scattering over the land. There will be no new brand of church designed for them, for nowhere will there be a rendezvous for such gatherings. The old Church will serve them; the old doctrines will be preached; the old Ten Commandments will be in force; the old privilege of coming to the Redeemer will be proclaimed. The need everywhere will be preachers who know that their Redeemer liveth, men who have been saved from their sins and who therefore can point the people to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Never before has there been such a demand for an earnest ministry. Oh, for a pulpit of convictions, positive and burning!

NOTE AND COMMENT

Connecticut Is the Only State that has so far declined to ratify the prohibition amendment. The house favored it, but the senate opposed. All the other states except Pennsylvania and New Jersey have now passed on the question and Connecticut only has held out against its adoption.

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The Potash Beds of Germany, from which they mined vast quantities for export and for which America was their best customer, are located in Alsace, one of the provinces now restored to the relation it sustained to France prior to its seizure by Germany in 1871.

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The Peace Conference has honored Secretary of State Lansing with the chairmanship of a committee to investigate the causes of the war and who are the parties responsible for the carnage and bloodshed resulting therefrom. We feel sure the matter will be probed to the bottom and the world can accept without question the report which Mr. Lansing shall make.

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The Bill Proposing a State Marshal for the enforcement of the prohibition law which was introduced and championed by Representative Mull, of Cleveland, was defeated by a decisive vote last week. We regret this and believe it will be seen at an early day that our legislators have made a great mistake again in failing to make provision for effective penalties and a strong organization for enforcement of this law. The blockader will surely give us much trouble.

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The Strike of Workers in the Seattle, Wash., shipyards because of the refusal of the government to increase the wages of unskilled laborers last week to $7 a day resulted in a sympathetic strike by other workers in that section, which made a situation so serious that federal troops were ordered out to maintain order, and it is feared as these lines are written that martial law may have to be declared. The I. W. W. influence in the west has been blighting and the unreasonable demands made on the government and forced resistance to governmental authority make the proceedings all the more ominous, but law must be maintained and federal authority respected.

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Last Summer, when war was raging and the problem of feeding the world was so acute, the government guaranteed to the wheat growers $2.25 a bushel for the 1919 wheat crop. This was, of course, done to stimulate farmers to raise a bumper crop, and the forecast is for a billion and a quarter bushels. Since peace has come wheat has declined in price and Australian farmers are furnishing wheat to the world at $1.25 per bushel. American wheat at $2.25 can't compete, therefore, in the world markets with Australia, and the government will have to make up the loss to our wheat growers by reimbursing them at the rate of a dollar a bushel, which will amount to a billion and a quarter dollars if the crop reaches the volume indicated by the present forecast.

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We Have Heard for many years the demand for a state-wide dog law, but the legislatures have come and gone without heeding the cry, but the present legislature gives promise to enact a dog law with teeth to it, wherein a general tax of one and two dollars will be levied on all dogs and the owners made responsible for all damage dogs may do to sheep or other property. This measure has been adopted by the house and it seems that it will go through the senate without much resistance. The free range of the dog has added greatly to the injury of sheep husbandry, and it is claimed that the proposed dog law will eliminate the vicious dogs and thus encourage and promote the sheep industry in the state, and at the same time bring a considerable dog tax into the treasury. If all the worthless dogs were disposed of and the amount expended for their upkeep invested in hogs, the state would have a surplus of bacon and be independent of distant smoke houses.

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Brigadier General Robert D. Johnston, of the Confederate army, died at the home of his son at Winchester, Va., last week, eighty-three years old. General Johnston volunteered into the service in 1861 as a private and came out in 1865 a brigadier general. He distinguished himself in the contest against Sheridan in the Valley of Virginia in defending the town of Winchester, whither he had returned in old age to die. After the civil war General Johnston settled in Charlotte for the practice of law, and after twenty-five years' residence there removed to Alabama, where he prospered in law and in business. He was a native of Lincoln county, which furnished three noted commanders to the Confederate army, viz.: Major General Stephen Dodson Ramseur, who was killed at Spottsylvania in 1863; Major General Robert F. Hoke, whom General Lee regarded as a great military strategist, and Brigadier General Robert D. Johnston, above referred to. He was a high-minded, God-fearing citizen, who wrought well in his day, leaving to the world the rich legacy of a good name.

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The Consecrated laborer in an out-of-the-way place too often underestimates his influence, and the consecrated sufferer forgets that unconscious influence is sometimes most effective. Our afflicted and much beloved brother, Rev. H. L. Atkins, may not be able to preach much from the pulpit, but his godly influence is all the same felt in the church in southwest Texas. We are taking the liberty of publishing part of a private letter written to Brother Atkins by Rev. J. H. Groseclose, for four years the presiding elder of the San Antonio district: "I appreciate more than I can say your brotherliness and devotion to the church and helpfulness to myself and the pastors who have served you during the past quadrennium. You may think that because of your enforced seclusion your influence is not being felt and that your life is not counting in the building of the kingdom; this, however, is far from the fact. You have been a great inspiration to me and my visits with you and association in your home as an official of the church have given me a stronger grip on myself and on the Lord, and I am putting it mildly when I say that I will be a better man and, I trust, a greater man for having known you."

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Dr. Kemp Plummer Battle died at Chapel Hill last week. His career covered a long stretch of years, for he was eighty-seven years old when the end came. From early manhood he occupied a position of prominence, being a delegate from Wake to the constitutional convention of 1861, and one of the signers of the secession ordinance. His death removes the last member of that convention, which was an exceptionally able body of men. In 1866 he was state treasurer and in 1876 was made president of the state university, which position he held for twenty years, when he resigned to accept the chair of history, which he occupied to the end of his life. Dr. Battle was a born gentleman, a well furnished lawyer, an educational leader, a high-minded and patriotic citizen, and, above all, a devout Christian, and his death removes one of the state's most distinguished and useful men, and his fine influence over three generations of university students is beyond estimating. His advice to his boys was: "Never drink alcohol or other drug in any form; select the business you like best and work hard to be thorough in it; cultivate good manners and tact; be dependable and always faithful to every duty; be courteous to opponents as well as friends; aim at high Christian character." Dr. Battle was a prominent layman in the Episcopal Church, and the body was carried to Raleigh for burial.

CAMPAIGN REPORT BY DISTRICTS

We have decided for awhile to report results in our Advocate campaign by districts, and defer the detailed report till a later date. The following report shows the number of new subscribers received from each district up to and including February 11th:

Asheville	81
Charlotte	107½
Greensboro	119½
Mount Airy	110½
Marion	48
North Wilkesboro	4
Shelby	132
Salisbury	47
Statesville	77
Waynesville	29
Winston	85
Total from districts	845½
Miscellaneous	8
	848½

Our Roll of Honor

The following have secured the full allotment of new subscribers and guarantees the renewal lists. In several instances the renewals have already been sent in:

J. O. Ervin, W. E. Poovy, E. K. McLarty, L. B. Abernethy, E. Myers, Jno. W. Moore, H. C. Sprinkle, A. C. Gibbs, T. V. Crouse, G. A. Stamper, O. P. Routh, J. J. Eads, M. B. Clegg, R. F. Mock, D. P. Waters, N. C. Williams, D. W. Brown, S. M. Needham, J. F. Moser, C. A. Wood, E. M. Avett, G. W. Vick, C. P. Goode, R. M. Hoyle, J. T. Ratledge, W. B. Davis, John Cline, R. E. Hunt, J. S. Hiatt, N. R. Richardson, W. M. Robbins, J. C. Harmon, W. L. Hutchins.

Several of these deserve special mention, but all have done so well wo do not feel that we should even seem to make invidious distinctions. In several instances the paper is in every home.

CONTRIBUTIONS

BLUE RIDGE BREEZES

By Loy D. Thompson

This is the title of a new volume from the pen of Rev. J. M. Rowland, formerly of our conference, but now of the Virginia Conference and stationed as pastor of Park Place Church, Norfolk, Va. Three or four years ago the author wrote a book entitled "A Pilgrimage to Palestine." This volume contained the graphic story of his travels through Europe and the Holy Land. The present volume portrays certain types of character found in the mountains of western North Carolina. Those who have been reading the North Carolina Christian Advocate for the past ten years are conversant with the striking style of the author.

He writes with enthusiasm and charm. He has a vigirous, trenchant style. His words fairly flow with emotion at times, and have dramatic power and incisiveness. His sentences have what we are wont to designate "punch" and "pep." He is not embarrassed by any restraining embargoes and inhibitions in the matter of choosing words to convey the thought he has in mind. He turns himself loose, "blazing paths where highways never ran."

The author has produced a book that has the fine quality of being entertaining. They tell us that the quality of a novel is to be tested by the laws of value. The laws of value are three—the law of the true, the law of the good, and the law of the beautiful. It is not my purpose to discuss this book from the standpoint of these laws. This volume is to read and to enjoy, to give you the chance to let your heart warm itself by the side of the great hearts from the great hills of God. It is life that throbs through these pages, simple life, sturdy life, unconventional life, lived in close touch with the hills. The mountain man is here. He is very much in evidence. If you are not acquainted with him, you should buy this book and read it and then you will be prepared for a trip to the mountains. If you are so fortunate as to know this type of the mountain man, you will be the more eager to read this volume.

I think Mr. Rowland goes on the supposition that it is perfectly all right and proper for a man to laugh and laugh heartily. I am almost persuaded that he deems it a man's religious duty to laugh, so persistent is he in saying the laughable thing and drawing the humorous picture. I heard George Stuart say on one occasion that he was satisfied that it is just as religious to laugh at times as to cry. He said he was sure that God meant for us to laugh, or he would not have put the laugh in us, and that he thought the Lord must have laughed himself at least three times—when he made the monkey, when he made the parrot, and (pointing to his audience) when he made some of his auditors. If the author calls upon you to break a precident and smile, do not criticise him. He is doing it for your good. After the day's work and worry, its stress and strain, its push and pull are over, pick up this book and smile and cry a little. You will feel better. Along with its fun and fury and fuss it has its wholesome religious advice and homespun philosophy. You can get the book from Rev. J. M. Rowland, Norfolk, Va. Price, $1.25.

AN IMPORTANT DRIVE

By Mrs. C. W. Turpin,

Supt. Religious Press, Missionary Centenary

There is no more important part of the great Centenary Movement than that which aims to enroll the membership of the church in the Fellowship of Intercession. Much good has already been done along that line, and our pastors are preparing to complete that part of the task during the month.

No better plan can be devised than the "every member" campaign. In fact, it is the only adequate way to reach the entire membership of the church. Some presiding elders and pastors are already planning to do it that way. Dr. J. T. Curry, presiding elder of the San Marcos district of the West Texas Conference, tells how they are doing it in a letter to Rev. S. A. Neblett, secretary of the Department of Spiritual Resources. He says:

"All the pastors of my district are new men except four. I find that little has been done in having the 'Fellowship of Intercession' cards signed by our members. This is true generally in our conference. We mean to address ourselves in a large, worthy way on the San Marcos district. Our plan is as follows: On the first Sunday in January, after suitable service and explanation in the Sunday school and at the 11 o'clock service, every member present will be requested to sign this card. Then, in the afternoon committees previously appointed and instructed will go out two by two and see in person every member of the church not at Sunday school or at the 11 o'clock church service. In this way we expect every member in every church on the San Marcos district to have an opportunity to sign the 'Fellowship of Intercession' card."

Such a plan carried out throughout the church by February 23 will be a long stride toward the success of all the objectives of the Centenary. "When two million Southern Methodists go from their knees to any task it shall be done."

SHALL WARS CEASE?

By N. R. Richardson

All inspired prophecy of some future event contained in the Bible must be fulfilled. It is certain that up until now the prophecy by Isaiah, second chapter, fourth verse, has not been fulfilled. As men who lived in past ages interpreted the transpiring of predicted events as fulfillment, so are men in this age to interpret a great outstanding providence as the fulfillment of scriptural predictions like Isaiah 2:4.

At some time in the world's history this prophecy that wars shall cease must be fulfilled. Why may it not now be in process of fulfillment? Circumstances indicate that it may be, and I believe is. Since the great seer uttered the prophecy this is the first great world war, and in the results or final settlement every nation on the globe is deeply concerned. The life of no nation will go untouched, more or less, by the decisions of the greatest diplomatic or peace congress that ever assembled.

No event in history ever stirred the world as the whole race of man is moved today. All nations are now concentrating thought and desire on liberty, righteousness and universal justice as the great aim and object of the world peace conference in Paris.

The very terms of the prophecy that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" are under consideration at this time in Paris, with the main point, of forming a league of nations to prevent war, tentatively agreed to. While details are to be worked out, mighty changes are taking place.

No ordinary occurrence could operate to the fulfillment of this prophecy, which contains so much for the good of mankind. Just as the cruel, selfish, murderous bigotry of the Jewish rulers in crucifying our Savior was fulfillment of what had been foretold, the slaying of the Lamb of God for the redemption of the world, so may the cruel ambitions, inhuman atrociousness of German, Turkish and ascociate leaders be the means by which God, in His overruling providence, shall bring to pass this long-standing promise to end war for all time on the earth. All things seem to converge toward this glorious end. Who can say to the contrary?

OBJECTS FOR PRAYER—AN INTERPRETATION

By Rev. S. A. Neblett, Secretary

A superficial acquaintance with the Fellowship of Intercession might lead one to infer that this department of the Centenary had been set up for the purpose of enabling the church to attain unto a certain financial goal; that prayer was to be made a means and $35,000,000 an end. A cursory reading of the "Objects for Prayer," printed on the obverse side of the Fellowship of Intercession enrollment blank, may have created the impression in some minds that prayer in connection with the Centenary is a mere bridge to carry it across. No impression could be more erroneous. Now that tens of thousands have enrolled in the prayer army, the great white host in the van of the Centenary, we may well take time to analyze the objects for which they are asked to pray.

Let it be understood at the outset that the statement of these objects is not intended to be a comprehensive detailed program for a life of prayer. It only suggests some specific objects and general lines related to the Centenary that intercessors will do well to follow. Yet we find even in this specific and limited statement the germ of an ideal and of a spiritual purpose which, if expanded and allowed to grow and develop, will revolutionize the prayer life of the average Methodist.

The first suggested object for prayer is "that all the leaders of the campaign may be chosen of God and empowered for service." The emphasis is not merely on the campaign. From the beginning it has been stated and emphatically reiterated that the first goal of the Centenary is the enrichment through prayer of the spiritual life of the church. That ideal is dominant in the campaign. Prayer for the leaders is prayer for the leaders of the entire church—bishops, presiding elders, preachers in charge, lay leaders (directors, minute men), officers and leaders in the Sunday school, the Epworth League, the Woman's Missionary Society, for they are all leaders in the Centenary campaign. Prayer is to be offered that they may be chosen of God and empowered for service, not merely intoxicated for a momentary outburst of activity. When the Spirit empowers a man for service He does an organic work that is not merely to furnish power for an eight-day campaign, but for the entire outreach of the life. If two million Methodists pray this prayer, what a magnificent leadership will be raised up for the coming years!

The second object for prayer is "that the plans may be inaugurated and carried through in obedience to the will of God." This is a petition for the success of Centenary plans, but, of more importance still, it is the laying of the Centenary and its plans before God, and the Christlike submission of the petition and the intercessor to the Divine direction. What is more needed in the church today than a return to that spirit and the practice by the entire church of waiting upon God? We need to universalize among us the Jericho and ante-Pentecostal plan of obeying the Divine will in detail, even when it involves tarrying longer than human reason would indicate as necessary.

We are asked to pray, in the third place, "that the financial appeal may be made in a spirit and the money secured by methods that will enrich the life of the church and inspire it with new faith and courage." Here again we see that the chief concern is not for the money to be secured, but that the financial drive may prove a means of grace to the church, that it may so enrich our life and enlarge our vision that we may have faith and courage to address ourselves as a church to the obedience of the great commission.

Lastly, we are to pray "that the Centenary campaign may mark a turning point in the history of Methodism and usher in a new era of spiritual conquest." Surely language could not be clearer in expressing the desire of our hearts for a new Spirit-filled, Divinely led Methodism, concerned with spiritual contests and conquests at home and abroad, in which every one of us is to have a part. We cannot sincerely, earnestly and habitually pray this prayer without ourselves experiencing a growth in grace, and at the same time lifting our beloved Methodism to a higher spiritual level, where the extraordinary and difficult of today shall become the usual and easy tasks of tomorrow. Let us pray along these lines, and we shall come to realize from experience their far-reaching spiritual and abiding nature.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Interest holds a big place in our lives. It is the mainspring of our activity, religious, secular or othrewise. Last week I attended a Wednesday night prayer meeting service that had been given over to an Epworth League debate on the question, "Resolved, That the home land offers more opportunities to a life for Christian service than the foreign fields." An audience that almost taxed the capacity of the main auditorium of the church was present to hear the splendid arguments of the four young speakers, young Christians, who had gone into their subject with diligence and care. The debate was instructive and profitable, and the people went home with much missionary information.

The pastor had general direction of the service, and the spirit of worship prevailed all through the evening. It was a satisfaction to see the young debaters using their Bibles as they quoted Scripture to substantiate a contention. Would it sur-

prise you to note that the affirmative got a two to one decision from the judges? This debate was held at Spring Garden Church, Greensboro, where they have a live, systematized Sunday school, with two teacher training classes, several organized classes and departmental aids. Such a situation will support a League of more than a name.

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There are many opportunities for Christian work here at home. Recently I heard a live pastor regretting the fact that there was no one to take charge of a needy Sunday school just outside of one of our growing young cities where two strong Methodist church point their spires skyward. No one was willing to go out to that needy chapel each Sunday afternoon to lead a lot of young people toward a better life. The school died for want of a leader, when there was a town nearby numbering many leaders.

Mr. T. C. Hoyle, a busy lawyer of Greensboro, one of West Market's loyal members, finds time each Sunday to go out to a suburban church and superintend a growing school there. He is transforming a loafing crowd into a regular church-going organization. A splendid new church, with Sunday school rooms attached, is a visible result of such work as Brother Hoyle and the editor of the Advocate have been gladly doing at this point, separate and apart from the support given to their own church. There are many situations near at hand, Sunday school worker. Are you willing to be of service?

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Our Wesley Bible class headquarters at Nashville reports the enrollment within the past few days of the "Women's Friendly class," under adult certificate No. 7310, from First Church, Lincolnton. Mrs. T. B. Williams is the teacher and Mrs. Ella Carpenter the president. They have as their motto, "Love, serve." You can count on that class. It will be busy with good work all the way from clothing the orphan to the building of the proposed new church at Lincolnton. The Wesley classes heartily welcome "The Friendly Women."

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Mr. Superintendent, have you appointed that live missionary committee to arrange for your monthly missionary programs? It is to be composed of three of your livest workers. At least two of the three ought to be women. Be sure to get at this matter at once. The program as given in the Teacher's Magazine and the School Standard this month is entitled "Getting Acquainted With a Neighbor." You may add to or subtract from the suggested program, but be sure to give the program in an attractive way. Give the program before the classes assemble. It will serve to bring in your tardy scholars and at the same time give your classes a boost for their giving to the Centenary.

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The list of Sunday school "specials" will soon be out, and just as soon as it comes along I will want you to know about the askings from our fields of missionary activity. This list would have been out earlier but for the great amount of time it takes to hear from all our widely scattered fields. Let your schools and classes begin to consider what fields would most likely appeal to them, and also the amount each will be willing to contribute to some particular cause. All you will have to do will be to present in an intelligent manner the askings; the boys and girls will do the rest. Our boys and girls are missionary in sentiment, and all they need is a proper field for the cultivation of this God-given disposition to give.

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Dr. Charles D. Bulla, our connectional corresponding secretary, writes that his office will give much help in putting over our great Wesley Bible Class Federation at Junaluska August 7-9. This means that we will have a glorious time of profit and value. Your Wesley classes will want to be represented there. Beautiful scenery, fine accommodations and positive Christian leadership will make this meeting exceedingly worth while. Think of the inspiration to be gained from a body of Wesley Bible class enthusiasts.

Say, does your school have a Wesley Bible class? Get in line; you are next.

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A recent visit to the Reidsville congregation proved to be very interesting to the Sunday school man. Things are looking good there. Both pastor and people are pleased with what each has, and a spirit of buoyancy and co-operation naturally prevails. Brother Sprinkle says he found it very easy to get the 53 new subscribers to the Advocate that were recently secured.

A large group of the Sunday school workers there decided to at once do the following things: Make a systematic campaign for new Sunday school scholars; organize all classes in the intermediate, senior, young people's and adult departments into hustling Wesley Bible classes; pledge a Sunday school special for the Centenary, and adopt the graded lessons in the beginners' and primary departments. These, with other accomplishments already attained, put the Reidsville school on the right side of the page.

Superintendent R. B. Chance takes no chances with his directions. He puts things before the eye. In addition to blackboard illustrations he has the face of a big clock up before the school. The hands on this clock point to the month's goad for missionary contributions, and they are moved just as the money comes in. The whole school is interested in keeping the clock running on time. Instead of twelve hours named, he names the twelve months. It's a good idea to put before the eyes of your school what you are about. "An ounce of illustration is worth a poung of explanation."

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Rev. M. T. Smathers wishes to have corrected a statement occurring in these columns relative to the complete payment of a church debt at Burnsville during his pastorate there. He wishes Rev. A. C. Swafford, his successor, to have the credit for raising the balance on the $20,000 building enterprises at Yancey's county seat. The work was big enough for both pastors and each of the 140 members to have a big slice of credit. It is well enough to keep history straight.

Brother Smathers adds a footnote on this wise: "Our board of stewards have adopted tithing as the financial system for the Andrews charge."

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Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

By A. L. Dietrich

"When us teachers gets well acquainted with the right aim for our teachin' we won't have much trouble fi'ndin out how to do it."

"If all folks was to quit havin' babies the' wouldn't be any use of buildin' church houses an' school houses, an'—an'—jails. Seems to me if we made our church houses an' school houses fitter for babies we wouldn't need the jails."

"Most folks agrees with Solomon about trainin' a child in the way he should go, et cetery. But, my! how they do differ 'bout what th' right way is."

CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the most attractive and beautiful pieces of work as yet gotten out in the interest of the Centenary is the missionary world map, which the Department of Missionary Education is sending to all pastors and superintendents. This map is a work of art. It measures 28 by 42 inches and is printed in colors. It shows all the stations occupied by our church at the present time, gives eleven attractive missionary scenes illustrating the work done in these fields, and contains clear-cut photographs of our resident bishops for the quadrennium. A copy of the missionary world map will be sent to all the pastors and superintendents in the connection. See that the Department of Education has your correct address, for your church and Sunday school cannot afford to be without this map.

Monthly Program

The monthly missionary program will be published during the entire year in the Sunday School Magazine and the Sunday School Standard. These programs are merely suggestive and should be worked out to meet local conditions.

Helpful Material

Each church and Sunday school should subscribe for the World Outlook, the Missionary Voice and the School Standard. These will be of invaluable assistance in the preparation of the program. Write to the Centenary Service Department, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn., for a copy of the Centenary Survey and all the Centenary charts.

Pledge Card

A beautifully engraved pledge card has been prepared and will be mailed during the first week in February to each pastor and superintendent in our church. Sign this card and return to the Department of Missionary Education, 310 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Centenary One Hundred Per Cent

All schools taking their full allotment of five cents a month per pupil enrolled will be awarded a beautiful Sunday school "Centenary One Hundred Per Cent" certificate. See to it that your school is one hundred per cent strong.

Specials

It will be impossible to get the list of specials to the schools before the first of March, possibly later. All money raised on your pledge will be credited to any special or specials you may take after they have been assigned.

AFRICANS SKILLFUL IN IRON WORK

By John A. Stockwell, Wembo Niama, Africa

In iron work the native Congo blacksmiths show great proficiency, and although the iron is miner by natives, who, so far as we know, have had no contact with the outside world for ages, the methods employed in smelting the ore are said by competent observers to differ in no essential from those used at the great iron works in our own country. They also mine copper, and these two are the only metals I have ever found them making use of. All their tools and ornaments are made of one or both of these. Sometimes they combine them with great skill.

The native forge is a very peculiar contrivance, being made of clay, with four holes or pockets, like small bowls, about six inches in diameter, together with suitable valves and connectng pipes. Over this is stretched an antelope skin, with a stick about the size of a broom handle tied to it in the center of each of these pockets. When the workman's helpers—usually one for each stick—work these up and down the air is forced out through a long tube of clay to a fire of charcoal. The only tongs for holding the iron are pieces of wood that have been split and fastened together with a crude hinge. The anvil is more than likely to be a coupling pin from a railroad several hundred miles distant, while the hammer is a piece of round iron without a handle. The workman grasps this in the middle, his arm really forming the handle of his hammer. Yet with this very crude outfit he can turn out work that would tax the ability of some of the best workmen in America.

Among the plans of the Centenary for our Congo mission is that of establishing an industrial and agricultural school and three workshops for the purpose of helping these capable people to lay the foundations of Christian civilization. This plan, of course, is but secondary to the evangelistic work, the building of fifty-odd churches, the training and sending out of fifty native evangelists and the establishment of a Bible school and a printing press. It is, however, of great importance as furnishing the needed economic basis for the development of the higher standards of life that Christianity sets. The whole five-year Centenary program for the Congo involves the expenditure of $228,750, of which the Epworth Leagues have pledged themselves to raise the greater part.

One reason why God does not use some people is because they are not willing for Him to use their money.

HINDRANCES

These are the things that hinder a mighty work of God in the individual man: Present sin; unconfessed and unrectified past sin; an unforgiving spirit; fear of surrendering unreservedly to the will of God; pride; unbelief. Which of them is the hindrance in your case? Be in earnest; find out the hindrance, and ask God to take it away.—R. A. Torrey.

A stranger entered a Russian publisher's office. He took a manuscript from his pocket and asked to have it published. The publisher looked at the man—he was an old man and poorly clad—and said: "No, it's no use looking at your sketch. I really cannot be bothered. We have hundreds of such things on hand." The visitor picked up his manuscript, saying that he must have been under a misapprehension, as the public liked what he wrote. "The public likes what you write?" said the publisher. "Who are you? What is your name?"

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—It has been announced that Billy Sunday, the famous evangelist, will speak in the Municipal Theater in Greensboro on Monday evening, February 17th.

—Rev. J. P. Rodgers, agent of the Western North Carolina Conference superannuate endowment fund, spent the first Sunday in Reidsville and presented the cause to the congregation at Main Street Church.

—Mr. Melville P| Troy, son of the late Rev. R. P. Troy, was on a brief vnsit to his sisters and other relatives in this city last week. Mr. Troy resides in London, England. Miss Nina Troy, of our China mission, is a sister.

—Charles Hackney, son of Mr. George L. Hackney, of Lexington, has received an honorable discharge from military service and will return to Trinity College, where he was a student before enlisting.

—Lenoir has had quite a serious time with the influenza epidemic. The Topic says that, with the exception of the morning services for the past months, the usual church activities have been suspended since October. We are glad to learn that the situation is now much improved and that the disease seems to have spent itself.

—The Taylorsville correspondent of the Statesville Landmark says: "Rev. J. M. Terrell, a missionary to Brazil, who is visiting in the home of Rev. J. J. Edwards, filled the pulpit of the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Rev. J. O. Umberger, of Concord, a brother of Mrs. J. J. Ewdards, also spent Sunday here.

—The congregation of our Centenary Church, this city, is planning extensive improvements on their house of worship. They have one of the most attractive churches architecturally in the city, but they want it to look still more inviting and will spend about $1,000 in retouching, renovating, etc. Rev. A. W. Plyler, the pastor, is growing upon the people, as has been his habit in other charges.

—Mr. R. L. Vernon, a well known railroad man and former ticket agent at Greensboro, died at his home in Chralotte on Thursday night of last week. Mr. Vernon had for a number of years been district passenger agent for the Southern railway, with headquarters in Charlotte. He was a man much loved and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a devoted Christian and loyal member of the Baptist church. His body was brought to Greensboro and buried in Greene Hill cemetery.

—Rev. William Watts Davidson, a Presbyterian minister, son of the late Mr. Berry Davidson, of Gibsonville, died last week at a local hospital. Mr. Davidson had spent most of his ministerial career in New England and in the state of Indiana. He was a man of scholarly attainments, having graduated from Yale with the Ph. D. degree. He was a brother of Mrs. Ogburn, wife of Rev. T. J. Ogburn, of the Western North Carolina Conference and pastor of our church at Kernersville.

—Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Hilliard, of Asheville, were visitors in the city for a few days last week, and Brother Hilliard preached at West Market Street Church on Sunday morning. He was pastor of West Market for four years and it was during his term that the present great house of worship was begun. His old friends were delighted to have him in the pulpit again. We regret missing his call at the Advocate office.

—The friends of Prof. D. C. Johnson, for many years principal of Trinity High School, at old Trinity, in Randolph county, will regret to learn that his health seems compppletely broken and that he is now confined to his room altogether, having given up his work entirely. We learn this through a letter from his pastor, Rev. T. B. Johnson. We sincerely hope that Prof. Johnson may yet be restored to health.

—Our people in Cherryville were shocked last week by the almost sudden death of Mrs. Harrelson, wife of Rev. J. F. Harrelson, which occurred after only about three days' illness, Rev. J. F. Moser, her pastor, writes: "She was a woman of excellent Christian character. She lived a beautiful life and died a triumphant death." The funeral was conducted on Sunday, February 2d, a great crowd being in attendance. The Advocate joins in expressions of sympathy for the bereaved husband and relatives.

—The pastor and congregation of Spring Garden Street Church, this city, are agitating the question of a new and greatly enlarged church building. The congregation, and especially the Sunday school, has grown rapidly in recent years, and we know of no more urgent need in our conference than the early completion of this enterprise. The church is situated near the State Normal College and in a rapidly growing section of the city, and there is good reason why the appeal for aid should meet a hearty response from Methodists throughout the state.

—Our readers will be gratified to learn that the outbreak of influenza which for awhile threatened to be quite serious among the students of Davenport College has entirely subsided and things are moving along on regular schedule. While there were many cases, President Craven and his coworkers seem to have handled the situation with great skill, as not a single case of pneumonia developed and all have been back at work for some time. It is a remarkable fact that not a single case had occurred at Davenport until after the return of students from the holiday visit to their homes.

—The friends of education in North Carolina, and especially our Methodist friends, will be gratified at the announcement that the spring term of Greensboro College for Women opens with 300 students enrolled, this being the largest enrollment in the history of the college. It is also announced that Mr. Robert N. Page, late representative in Congress from the seventh district, will deliver the literary address at the approaching commencement, June 4th. It has already been announced that Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., will preach the baccalaureate sermon in West Market Street Church on Sunday, June 1.

—Commenting on the work of several members of the North Carolina legislature, now in session at Raleigh, the Charlotte Observer some days ago made the following pleasing reference to one of the leading Methodist laymen of the Salisbury district: "Another new man, one of the quieter sort, but who has planted himself in a position of influence by reason of the confidence that is placed in the soundness of his judgment, is Senator James F. Shinn, of Stanly, who has not heretofore figured in the Observer's assessment. Shinn is one of the men other members of the senate are disposed to call into conference when opinion worth while on any matter under discussion may be wanted."

—Rev. C. A. Long, of our Brazil mission, was a delightful visitor at the Advocate office on Monday morning. Brother Long and family arrived in New York with the party returning with Bishop John M. Moore, on February 1st. They came direct to Randleman, where they have been visiting the relatives of Mrs. Long for a few days. Brother Long preached at Randleman on Sunday morning and came over to Greensboro and preached at Centenary Church, this city, on Sunday night. They will leave for their former home in Oklahoma this week. Mrs. Long is the daughter of Rev. D. V. York, formerly of this state, but now of Oklahoma. The journey has been a rather tedious one, the party having embarked at Rio de Janeiro on Christmas day.

AN EXPLANATION

My attention has been called to the fact that my recent article in the Advocate on "What Is Our Membership?" may have been misleading at one point. In speaking of the report of the Draper charge for last year, attention was directed in my note to the fact that the membership of Carmel church, which had the year before been transferred to Draper, was not included in the report, and therefore the membership of this church was not counted in the conference total. I find, however, that, although not included in the column "received by certificate and otherwise," Brother Allison did include them in his total membership for the year. Therefore, we did not suffer a loss at that point, and I gladly correct the error, as others may have reached the same conclusion. In 1917 Draper reported a membership of 96. Last year the charge had a net gain in membership of 110, which, added to the 96 of the previous year, would have made a total of 206. However, Brother Allison gave a total of 417, including the Carmel membership in his total. The fact that no mention in the proper column of the Carmel members having been received would naturally lead one to suppose they had been omitted. His conclusions are correct. The process of arriving at them is faulty; hence the mistake. J. H. Barnhardt.

THE ADVOCATE OVER THE TOP

To be spread by a superannuate, my table is well and bountifully furnished every day, but better some days than others. So of the Advocate—always excellent and elevating; but last week our church paper was filled by the best of these eventful times and thrilled us with longing to see pastors put themselves and the Advocate in all our Methodist homes. And to do this is their chief work, next to soul winning, this centenary year.

Caroleen. S. M. Davis.

THE ADVOCATE CAMPAIGN

The Advocate should go into every Methodist home. This is the conclusion of all those who know the value of the religious paper in the family. Those who do not take the paper are not supposed to have an adequate conception of its worth. Therefore, the first requisite in the camapign is the public and private presentation of the merits of the church paper. A sermon should be preached on Christian literature from every pulpit. In this, as in almost everything else in connection with our church work, the pastor is the logical man to lead the movement. I do not mean that he must do all the work, but he must help do it or have it done.

I think it was wise that the General Conference provided for the appointment of a committee by the quarterly conference to assist the pastor in the circulation of Christian literature. I believe it would be the part of wisdom for every pastor to appoint at once his official board to compose this committee, and ask the succeeding quarterly conference to confirm the appointment, with the understanding that if any member of this committee does not and will not take his church paper the pastor will be free to bring complaint against such official delinquent at the quarterly conference next following. If all the officials in our conference will take the church paper every district will go "over the top" on its allotment. I do not now speak with exact information, but I feel sure this is not an extravagant statement. Then if the pastor and his committee will make out a list of all the families in the charge where the paper does not go, and devote four hours to an intelligent, persistent canvass of these homes, I feel confident that 5,000 new subscribers will be secured, which will be double the number Brother Blair is asking for. What an asset this would be in all our church work, and especially in our magnificent Centenary drive. The preachers of the Waynesville district are dependable and can be trusted to look diligently after the interests of the Advocate. J. H. West.

STONY POINT

It has been no less than three years since I have asked for a little space in the Advocate and I am sure you will not say no if I ask for only a few lines' space now, that I may tell, too, of the good fortune that is mine.

We left the good people of Catawba, than whom there are no better, after a few years' sojourn with them, on December 4, 1918, and on the same day and within two hours arrived at Stony Point with all our belongings. We found the parsonage well warmed and the table loaded with good things for the newcomers. After the meal and a chat with the new family that had come into the parsonage all left, and of course we started for a look over the parsonage, the two little girls peering into every nook and corner. We found we had a very good seven-room house in which to live.

The next day the people began to drop in, some bringing one thing and some another, and some to pay their first quarter's dues on the salary, and thus it went on until Monday night, December 22, at which time the door bell rang and when we opened the door we were informed that the crowd, and it was a crowd, wished to go to the dining

room, and to it they did go, but when they left and we began another inspection we found that we were none the worse for their coming. I cannot enumerate the things that were left, but there are at this writing on the side table some of those packages that have not yet been opened, but will be when in the order of events their turn comes.

In short, we have found it to be pleasant and feel that we are among good people. We have a good high school and, I believe, as good teachers as any high school in the state. The principal, Prof. Miller, is as fine a young man as I ever saw and is doing extra fine work.

The church buildings in the charge are all good. Our first quarterly conference was held at Stony Point and all the churches were represented, and to our utter surprise the conference voted unanimously to make the salary $1,500, which is an advance over last year of $450. We appreciate this and shall do our best to serve them so that they will not regret having provided liberally for us. We are praying and planning for a revival in every church on the charge. Pray for us, brethren.

A. G. Loftin, P. C.

MATTHEWS CHARGE

After a full four years on the Lewisville circuit our lot has fallen among another good people.

Boarding the train at Winston-Salem on December 3, we arrived at Matthews on the evening of the same day. We were met at the depot by representatives of the official board and conducted to the nice, large parsonage, where we were greeted by a number of ladies and other members, who extended to us a cordial welcome. After meeting these thoughtful ones we were invited to a well prepared supper. Then and there a hungry preacher, his wife and children were at home and felt ourselves among a host of loyal Methodists who know how to treat a preacher and his family.

On account of the "flu" we have had to call in a few services since Christmas, but now I have made one round and find all the churches looking forward to a great year.

Our services at Indian Trail the second Sunday were well attended. Nowhere in the conference is there a more loyal people than at this point.

The service at Bethel was not very largely attended on account of the epidemic.

Our service last Sunday at Matthews was a decided success. A large congregation was present at the 11 o'clock hour.

One among the many indications of progress on this work is that the board of stewards met and unanimously decided to raise the pastors' salary to $1,100, which is $100 over last year.

The pastor and family feel much indebted to these good people for the many ways in which they have and are now expressing their kindness to us.

J. E. McSwain, P. C.

NOTES FROM THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT

The first round of quarterly conferences in the Statesville district has been made under very great difficulties. Added to the usual hindrances of the season, we have had a continued epidemic of influenza throughout our territory. It is still prevalent in many places. Many of our churches have been closed since October, and congregations everywhere have been small and a few sneezes were sufficient to make them restless and uneasy. So we have been meeting in churches, school-houses, private homes, by the roadside—just wherever a few of the brethren could be got together and kept together long enough to transact the business of the conference.

The above paragraph might lead some to think that our people are unduly afraid of the disease, but such is not the case. In most places the health authorities made large meetings unlawful, and a due regard for the rights of others has made our people anxious to help in any way to stamp out the epidemic.

All our preachers have proven themselves valiant soldiers of the cross. Brave in the face of danger, tireless in their ministrations, constant in their activities, sympathetic and helpful in grief-filled homes, they have been enabled to lead our people to new heights of service. I have never known pastors and people so closely drawn together in the bonds of love and devotion as they are at this time.

Adequate support for the pastorate has been stressed this quarter and the response by the official boards of the several charges has been truly gratifying. The increase last year was in the neighborhood of $3,800 and this is followed by an even larger increase this year.

Some of the churches were not represented on the first round and the figures given are subject to revision upward when they have been given an opportunity to make their estimate. So far the following increases have been made: Alexander, $300; Catawba, $200; Cool Springs, $500; Davidson, $100; Dudley Shoals, $110; Granite Falls, $200; Hickory, First Church, $200; Hickory circuit, $125; Lenoir, First Church, $400; Lenoir circuit, $100; Maiden, $350; Mooresville,——; Mooresville circuit, $320; Newton, $150; North Lenoir, $150; Olin, $300; Rhodhiss, $100; South Lenoir-Whitnel, $200; Race Street, $400; Statesville circuit, $218; Stony Point, $460; Troutman, $260.

Only five of our charges now pay the pastor less than $1,000 and with the missionary appropriation only two pastors will receive less than that aomunt. Nine of the charges will pay $1,500 or more.

Another point which has been stressed this quarter is, proper insurance for all our property in the district. Many thousands of dollars worth of insurace has been written on the churches and parsonages and we hope to see every building we own adequately insured.

All over the district the faithful workers have been busy with carpenter tools and paint brushes. Window glass has been in great demand and we now have few broken panes anywhere.

The Advocate campaign is coming on apace, and we shall soon have our quota.

And now we are ready for the great Centenary campaign. The sentiment is good. Our folks are praying for the cause and the only expressions we hear breathe the assurance of certain success.

Brother A. M. West, of Hickory will be our district director and those who know him feel assured that the right man has been chosen for this great task.

DUDLEY SHOALS CHARGE

On December 21 we arrived at Dudley Shoals and have been warmly welcomed by the good people of this charge. We were met at Granite Falls and brought out to Dudley, where we spent the night with one of our good members and his family. We were made to feel that we were with old friends from the start, and this feeling grows as we come to know our people better.

It will be remembered that this has been a charge only one year, consequently they had no parsonage last year; but upon our arrival we found that a splendid parsonage had been provided and nicely furnished. These people know how to make their pastor feel comfortable. Our material wants are being well cared for. We have an excellent people to serve.

We have been around to all of our churches, but the "flu" prevented the people from attending very well in some places. Our Sunday schools are seriously broken into by the "flu," but the situation seems to be some better.

We find a large number of Advocate readers here, but we want to place it in as nearly every home as possible this year. We want to get into the home of every resident member as early as possible and as often as possible. By the help of the Lord we want to start the revival fires to burning on every altar and keep them burning to strengthen the saint and save the sinner. We have great hopes for a good year. Pray for us.

B. C. Reavis.

Granite Falls, N. C.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

The Conference Centenary Commission

The Conference Centenary Commission met in Salisbury Thursday, February 6th. Mr. Charles H. Ireland was elected chairman and Rev. Charles A. Wood was elected secretary. The conference Centenary allotment was apportioned to the districts as follows:

Asheville, $159,950; Charlotte, $223,300; Greensboro, $184,450; Marion, $134,575; North Wilkesboro, $64,750; Salisbury, $184,100; Shelby, $172,025; Statesville, $194,250; Waynesville, $120,750; Winston, $195,125; Mount Airy, $116,725; total, $1,750,000.

Allotments to Charges

The allotments to the charges will be made by the district centenary committees. It is hoped that this will be done by the various district committees at the earliest possible date.

Quotas and Credits

Dr. W. B. Beauchamp has sent out an official statement on quotas and credits. This answers a great many questions that are being asked. This statement follows:

"When a local church receives its quota of the Centenary askings it is privileged to credit toward its quota five times its 1918 contribution to budgets included in the entire Centenary budget. These budgets in general are home, foreign and conference missions, church extension, missionary money raised by the Womans' Missionary Society, missionary specials in church and in Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues.

"In other words, if the Centenary askings of a given church is $100,000,000 and the 1918 contributions of that church to home, foreign and conference missions, church extension, money for home and foreign missions raised by the Woman's Missionary Society, missionary specials in churches and Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues were $5,000, that church is privileged, if it desires, to credit five times $5,000, or $25,000, toward the $100,000 askings, leaving a balance of $75,000 as the Centenary quota of that church; provided, however, any special which will not run for the five years of the Centenary period cannot be multiplied by five.

"It is understood that each church has this privilege. However, the Centenary Commission wishes to urge most earnestly that each local church waive this privilege and accept the entire askings without making any credits against the total amount.

"It is hoped thus to make the whole spirit of giving to the Centenary that of generous and enthusiastic outpouring of funds. If each church will accept its quota in a spirit of enthusiasm and with a real desire to give to the very limit, the whole spirit of the Centenary will be that of generosity and whole-hearted interest. If, on the other hand, churches accept their quota in a spirit of seeking to find every possible credit to apply toward the quota, and thus reduce the amount of money it must give, the whole spirit of the Centenary will be negative and the result to be attained will be seriously limited.

"Heartened by the initiative of many churches throughout the denomination in waiving their possible credits, we appeal in faith and hope to the entire denomination to accept its quota in full and plunge into the task of raising its full askings with enthusiasm and a real desire to raise a fund that is adequate to meet the needs of the extension of Christ's kingdom.

"Our fear is that unless the local church catches this whole-hearted spirit of generosity and enthusiasm, the individual members in the church will also fail to catch the spirit and will give to the Centenary grudgingly and penuriously of their time, interest and money. The success of the Centenary in each church and in the heart of each individual must be measured in terms of the spirit. Therefore, we appeal to each local church and each individual member of the church to spread, from the very beginning, the contagious spirit of generosity to raise even more than is asked.

"By the most generous giving, and sometimes sacrificial giving, only can we raise so large a fund, and through this spirit only can the church experience the joy and stimulus of the whole Centenary program.

"At the close of the eight-day drive if a church finds it has not been able to raise its apportionment, it can then add all of its credits to its report. We urge, however, that no church apply its credits except in case of such necessity.

Let us not raise the question how little do we have to give; let us rather sound the challenge, how much can we give?

"W. B. Beauchamp, Director General.

The Conference Council

The Conference Council will convene at the Empire Hotel in Salisbury at 1 p. m. Thursday, February 13th. It is very important that every member of this council be present. The members are as follows: The conference campaign director, Mr. E. A. Cole; the conference missionary secretary, the members of the Conference Centenary Commission, the presiding elders and the district campaign directors. To these will be explained the organization and plans for financial campaign in the Centenary movement. Bishop Darlington is expecting to be present at our Conference Council.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

THE CALL

By Mrs. Lina Covington Harrell

Clear and firm comes the call to man;
Echoes resound from ever yland;
None should forfeit the glorious right
To pray, to give, to go in His might.
Elysian day! 'Tis thy herald we hear,
Nor shall we desist till thy noontide appear.
Awake, men, women! Your faith renew,
Ring out the challenge strong and true,
"Yet shall the world for God be won."

TRIBUTE TO MRS. FANNIE G. BYNUM

By Mrs. J. E. Smoot

On Sunday morning, January 9, 1919, at the home of her nephew, Mr. R. A. Brower, Concord, N. C., the earthly life of Mrs. Fannie Guthrie Bynum closed as gently and sweetly as she had lived, and her spirit returned to God, who gave it.

In the passing of this consecrated Christian Central Methodist Church and the Woman's Missionary Society have sustained a distinct loss, for "Aunt Fannie," as she was affectionately called by her many friends, was a loyal and devoted member of both.

Though so modest and unassuming, her bright and cheerful presence was always an inspiration to the younger workers in the society. Next to her church work she loved the Red Cross work, and although a "shut-in" and quite feeble, she knitted more than thirty pairs of socks for our soldier boys.

The influence of such a godly life cannot die. She will be sadly missed, but we should rejoice when we realize the frail earthly body is now free from all pain and sorrow in the great beyond with many loved ones gone before.

The following lines from Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem "Beyond" seem especially appropriate to such a noble life:

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country, Beyond;
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.

So close it lies that when my sight is clear
I think I almost see the gleaming strand;
I know I feel those who have gone from here
Come near enough sometimes to touch my hand.

I cannot make it seem a day to dread
When from this earth I shall journey out
To that still dearer country of the dead
And join the lost ones, so long dereamed about.

And so for me there is nothing of death,
And so the grave has lost its victory;
It is but crossing, with abated breath
And white, set face, a little strip of sea.

THE MISSIONARY VOICE

We want to congratulate the editors of the Missionary Voice on the enlarged edition of this splendid magazine, which appeared with the January issue. We feel sure that this magazine, with its increase of reading matter, will mean a great deal to our auxiliaries. The editors are "hoping and expecting to be able to present a magazine which will adequately represent its splendid missionary constituency and give the pulse of the great missionary interests of Southern Methodism and of the world."

May their every hope be fully realized. It is gratifying to note the large number of subscriptions and renewals in December—nearly 20,000, and at that rate the goal of 100,000 subscribers will soon be reached. In our conference, according to reports, there are only about 1,300 subscribers. Let us double this number during 1919.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Did you read the notice in last week's issue of the annual meeting which is to be held at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, March 11 to 14? Have you elected your delegate and sent name to Mrs. O. E. Kearns, chairman of entertainment committee? If not, be sure to attend to this at the February meeting. Those good women at High Point want to have every one pleasantly located during the meeting, and we can help them so much by being prompt in sending the names of our delegates. We predict a great meeting at High Point and want a full representation from our auxiliaries. Let us remember to pray daily for God's presence and His blessing upon the meeting.

MISS BLANCHE HOWELL

The many friends of Miss Blanche Howell, one of our own western North Carolina girls, from Brazil, will be glad to know that she is to be with us at High Point. Her presence will be an inspiration and she will add greatly to the program for those days, as she brings to us news of her work with our South American neighbors. Miss Howell has been in Brazil seventeen years doing a most faithful and efficient work. She has recently been appointed to People's Central Institute in Rio de Janeiro for evangelistic work.

VOTE ON LAITY RIGHTS

Interest in the vote on the granting of laity rights to women in the Southern Methodist Church has been widespread, sympathetic and generous. The vote for laity rights was 4,071, which was 708 more than necessary to carry the measure. In eleven conferences the vote was unanimous in favor of the amendment. In four conferences the minority vote was one for each conference. In the three conferences of Missouri only one member raised his voice against, while 253 swelled the current "for." All told, the triumph was a splendid one and reflects credit on the intelligence and fairness of the conference members and, may we say, on the dignified and forceful method of propaganda used by the committee of women in charge. —Voice.

We congratulate Mrs. Wilson, district secretary, of Greensboro, on the adoption of prayer specials by a number of societies on her district. We trust that this movement may grow until not only every society in Greensboro district, but in the entire conference, may be enrolled in the League of Intercession.

PRAYER SPECIALS

In accordance with the Centenary program and the idea of promoting prayer the first step in this program, the following organizations in Greensboro district have adopted prayer specials for the year:

1. Young Woman's Missionary Society, Wesley Memorial, High Point, Brother John C. Hawk's work in Changchow, China.

2. Jamestown Adult Missionary Society, work at Nakatsu, Japan, carried on by Brother J. W. Frank and wife.

3. Mission Study Class, Wesley Memorial Church, Nakatsu, Japan.

4. The Evening Circle of Young Woman's Missionary Society, Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, Moka Garden embroidery mission work done by Miss Frances Burkhead in Soochow, China.

It might be interesting to many to know that Mrs. Frank, at Nakatsu, Japan, is a sister of Mrs. F. P. Ingram, our conference mission study superintendent.

Mrs. J. V. Wilson,
High Point. District Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Adult Auxiliary, Chestnut Street Church, Asheville, N. C.: President, Mrs. F. J. Bates; first vice-president, Mrs. James Mathis; second vice-president, Mrs. James Gray; recording secretary, Mrs. C. N. Malone; corresponding secretary, Mrs. O. J. Chandler; treasurer, Miss Fannie Alexander; superintendent mission study, Mrs. J. H. Cathey; superintendent social service, Miss Posephine Guffin; agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. W. M. Hackney.

Adult Society, Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.: President, Mrs. J. G. Sterling, 1602 Patterson avenue; first vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Shelton, Sixth street; second vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Futrell, Fourteenth street; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Houchins, 1339 N. Liberty street; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. O. White, 950 Liberty street; superintendent mission study, Mrs. F. A. Stitt, 1112 Patteson avenue; superintendent social service, Mrs. G. M. Morris, 959 Liberty street; superintendent supplies, Mrs. J. W. Snyder, 1719 N. Liberty street.

Adult Society, Clyde, N. C.: President, Mrs. R. E. Hunt; first vice-president, Mrs. G. M. Fish; second vice-president, Mrs. W. P. Fincher; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. P. Fincher; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Terrell; superintendent mission study, Miss Sara Cathey; superintendent social service and supplies, Mrs. Neta Brooks; agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. T. H. Haynes.

Young People's Society, Newton, N. C.: President, Miss Maynelle Setzer; first vice-president, Miss Lillian Caldwell; second vice-president, Miss Isabel Caldwell; recording and corresponding secretary, Miss Belle Gaither; treasurer, Mr. Alex Warlick; superintendent mission study, Miss Elizabeth Mebane.

RAINBOWS AND STEWARDSHIP

When the old Hebrew saw a rainbow arching the sky his only explanation was that God hung it there, and because it was beautiful it must perforce mean that God wishes man well. That was the way this ancient explained everything; to him snakes, weeds, toil, modesty, victory, defeat, breezes and mists gathering on the mountain top all had the same meaning—God. If phenomena were beneficent it meant God's goodness; if it were unpleasant, then it meant sin. This manner of looking at things was always a part of the Hebrew psychology, and so this people imparted to the human race the religious principles which now dominate the world.

Here is the sole and sufficient explanation of the peculiar religious genius of the Hebrew. He had God in his life, world, and history as no other people ever had, for the simple reason that he ignored every operating force except God. He took no account of secondary causes, but he went from the effect direct to the ultimate. If it were a rainbow or the zephyrs bending the tree tops, it was all the same to him—God! There was nothing superficial in this attitude, but, on the contrary, it was fundamental; the superficiality is on the part of those who rest in secondary meanings.

We do not follow the course which the Hebrew adopted, for we place between a given effect and the ultimate cause a long line of intermediate causes. But if we push behind them one by one we will be driven to the position which the primitive assumed at the outset—God. And the more we follow this process in our thinking the more intense does our religious genius become. When an American sees a rainbow he does not say "God." He says, "rain, sunbeams, laws of refraction, reflection, properties inherent in light which give to objects particualr appearance to the eye." But when the American says these things he knows in his heart that they are all secondary explanations, even more misunderstood than the rainbow itself. Rain! Sunbeams! Laws of refraction! Explain these the same as one explains the rainbow by them; and then in the same way define the terms one uses in the explanations. Soon we will be driven to the position of the ancient, and in the presence of unfathomable mysteries we will cry out: "It is God, source of all, maker of all, owner of all, Lord of all!"

Let us try this method in relation to property, and thus seek an explanation of all the wealth we hold. Jacob deceived his brother and robbed his father-in-law, but his fundamental nature asserted itself when he explained the source of his ill-gotten gain: "Behold, the Lord has given me much cattle!" Now, what of the wealth which Christians hold? Whence came it? It came from factory, lands or the skill of hand and head. But these are secondary, for back of the factory are raw materials, back of the soil are sunshine and rain, back of skill are life and health. All of these are likewise intermediate, because they are governed by certain laws; these laws are formulated statements of how men have seen things act; and still further on lies the question, "Why do they act that way?" The man who exercises the least degree of religious genius, or who, in its absence, employs a bit of common sense, will find that the dollar in his pocket issues from the same source from which the rainbow comes. It is the property of God.

Herein lies the foundation of the doctrine of Christian stewardship. It is inwrought in the very nature of things, and while men may refuse to act upon its implications they can no more deny its truth than they can refuse to believe that God hangs the rainbow in the sky. As well might one argue that rain, sunshine and what we wnow as a "law" are ultimates and in themselves represent final reality, as to insist that he is the owner, ultimately, of the estate he administers. And few people, certainly none with any spark of spiritual appreciation, would care to defend the former position. Indeed, no Christian man, perhaps, would risk o defense of the latter assumption, but there are millions who constantly live as if it were true. And is it not quite as reprehensible, or more so, to live upon the basis of a falsehood as to formula e one in theory? Certainly the man does not truly represent Christ who with his lips admits the doctrine of stewardship and then proceeds to order his actions as if there were no such thing. If men believe in rainbows as a sign of God in the world, they should at least be tithers.

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THE PRAY—CALM

"No day is well spent that is spent without a still moment." In a certain large high school for young women an old-time requirement was that every girl should spend at least twenty minutes a day in absolute quiet. Some the students rather rebelled at this break in the day's activities and spent the little period i doing fancywork, in repairing their clothes, or in reading sensational stories. Others accepted the plan, relaxed into easy attitudes, and let themselves meditate on the best things they heard during the day, or they turned to their Bibles for spiritual refreshments.

Of the first group described, most are now nervous, over-busy, anxious women, even those who are well provided with worldly wealth. Of the other group, many are quiet, happy, accomplishing, inspiring women.

The habit of being calm in the midst of duties is a masterful habit. It keeps the soul above too much dust and friction and gives time for mental poise and spiritual refreshment.—Selected.

Alone With God

"I noticed," says Robert Collyer, speaking of a summer spent in a retired spot on the English coast, "that once in a while ther would come a day when the waters would leap into white foam n their strife with the great, calm cliffs, and then a day when the blue waters would melt into the sky full of innocent dimples, which made you feel as if the tides were laughing with content. But this was what I noticed besides; that in in the clear waters restored the full sun, while in the unresting waters you saw only broken lights. There was shinning on the edges, but not in the deeps, a stormful grandeur, but no mirror of the quiet heaven. If our hearts are to see God as he is, we must be alone with him in stillness and contemplation.

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1916. eRv. T. E. Reeve, Lubefu Pacific
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1916. Hough D. White M.D. In France. Central, Texas
1916. Miss Etha Mills, Lubefu, ..Va.
1916. Miss Etta Lee Woosley, Membo-Niama, West Texas
1916. Miss Kathron Wilson, Wembo- Niama. North Texas.

LEAVING UNDONE

By James A. Burrow, D.D.

The "inasmuch as ye did it not" of Holy Writ should wake people up. They are too prone to feel that if the commandments are not fractured all is well. It is a mistake. Something more than negative morality is demanded by divine law and by human law. Leaving things undone will pave the way to quick failure in the merely human world.

Suppose the face is not washed, and the head is not combed and the teeth are not brushed, and the beds are not made up, and the dishes are not washed, and the floors are not swept? Horrors! The results are unthinkable. Well, is the character's upkeep of less moment than personal tidiness or the orderliness of a house. Judge ye.

A city fire department can easily defeat the whole purpose of its existence by leaving unanswered a call. A school teacher may be placid and docile and light-hearted, but patrons expect far more than that. eLssons are to be taught, discipline enforced, and intellectual independence stimulated. An officer of the law has something to do besides botton up his uniform and swagger on his beat. Everywhere positive action is demanded.

The man who wrapped his talent in a napkin and hid it away was accounted a wicked and slothful servant. Eli was condemned because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not. The priest and the Levite who passed a wounded man by on the other side were not to be mentioned in the same breath with the good Samaritan who did something for the man in trouble. The final judgment is to be a time of eye-opening to many who never saw the Master sick or hungry or naked or in prison down here on this earth. "Inasmuch as ye did it not" will sound like a sob of fate to them in that time of revelation.

Our young people understand quite well that blakeness of mind is a recitation room at school is altogether due to lack of study. Not getting the lesson piles up the humiliation. It is the same in the lessons of Christian service. A boy who belongs to the church must not let his hands stay folded. A girl who has joined the Epworth League must be expert in something more than eating chocolates and playing tiddledywinks. Many a preacher has failed in the pastorate because he left so many things undone. Many a young Christian, whose heart was pure and whose hands were clean has made little or no progress in Christian usefullness because so much was never done.

General Perishing's Aremican army in France, set the world on fire with its achievements. Khaki uniform and good guns and plenty of "chow" were only incidental to that other thing which started Geramny to a realization of inevitable defeat. Armies that stand and look on only are not less humiliating than Christia men and women who stand and look on only. The fight for this worlds' redemption needs real soldiers of the Cross who go bravely into the trenches of human sin and assault the enemy there.

What are you doing, Epworth Leaguer? What are you doing to make the gospel go? What are doing to add to your own development in grace and service? Or, to stick more strictly to the subject, what are you leaving undone in your Christian life? The Book unread? the place of secret prayer unvisited? the means of grace the opportunities which crowd upon you unseized. What are you leaving unthought of, uncared for?

We are all more or less condemned. We have geen guilty of omission as well as commission. We have been leaving things undone. Well, what are we going to do about it? The remedy is in beginning at once the picking up of those little neglects and transforming them from negative handicaps to positive assests. There will be tonic in victory, inspiration in coming out of the trenches and going "over the top." We can do it if we will.



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From the Field

DR. T. V. GOODE, SR.

The death of Dr. T. V. Goode, Sr., of Rutherford College, on January 12, 1919, marked the passing of one of the most prominent and active Methodists in that community and one of the staunchest supporters of all that is distinctly religious. He was a man of strong Christian character and lived the gospel he professed to believe. He was his own severest critic. He was often almost uncharitable toward himself, belittling his own virtues and magnifying what he regarded as his weaknesses and shortcomings. He was in deed and in truth a humble Christian, never boasting of spiritual attainments, yet he lived such a life as to command the highest respect and utmost confidence of his fellow Christians.

As a physician he had no high opinion of his own skill and wisdom, yet he was very successful in the treatment of patients committed to his care, and his diagnosis of some of the most peculiar and difficult cases was confirmed by some of the best physicians and surgeons of our state.

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He carried his religion into the practice of his profession, invoking the blessing of God upon his efforts to minister to suffering humanity.

In the passing of Dr| Goode the church at Rutherford College has lost one of its most active and loyal members. He had been a steward for many years and was never too busy to look after the interest of his church. He was a strong believer in the support of the church and tried to impress this belief on the minds and hearts of his fellow members, both publicly and privately.

He was a lifelong- reader of the Advocate and urged others to take and read it. At the regular services of his church he would sometimes ask permission to talk, and when he spoke he did not mince words in advocating the support of the ministry and the taking of the church paper, as all will testify who ever heard him. His utterances were always simple and unassuming, but powerful and convincing.

Dr. Goode for a number of years had been a trustee of Rutherford College, and in his death this school lost one of its closest friends. He thought, he planned, he prayed, he gave in his support of this great institution.

But now he has gone from us and we will sorely miss him. The poorest and the humblest, as well as the more fortunate, regarded him as a friend, and all alike join his relatives in their sorrow and mourn our common loss. He was a man with a well furnished mind, good judgment and a sympathetic heart. This made him a valuable and safe counsellor. The pastor of the church and the president of the college delighted to consult him about their work and obtain his Godly advice.

Dr. Goode's health completely broke down months before the final end, and he passed all this time in clear consciousness of the fact that the end was rapidly appr aching. His personal comprehension of his condition no doubt militated against his recovery. He often told the writer that his case was beyond medical skill. However, his faith in God's mercy never wavered and his trust in Christ remained unshaken. As he approached the end of his earthly pilgrimage he exemplified the assertion of the wise man: "The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

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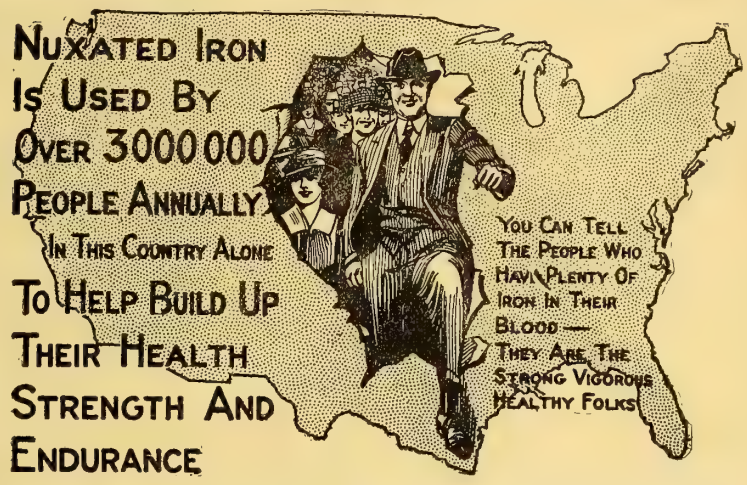
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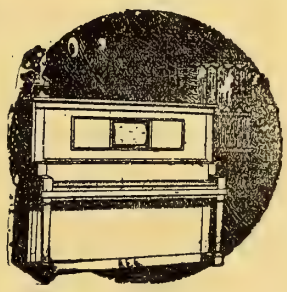
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WHO SENT IT?

Now, who could have sent it here,
That great, big valentine?
The writing is perfectly clear,
And so you can see it is mine.

Yet how am I ever to guess?
I'd give a nickel to know!
But it's surely a puzzle—unless,
Well, of course, it may have been
Joe! Harriet Sutherland.

A ST. VALENTINE PARTY

Who would like to give a St. Valentine party?" asked mother.

"I should," cried Winifred.

"I should," cried Virginia.

Stanley looked doubtful. "I don't care much for parties," he grumbled.

"Why, Stanley!" exclaimed Winifred.

"Well, I don't," said Stanley.

"I'm afraid we can't have the party, then," said mother, "for I had counted on Stanley's help; but if he doesn't like parties, why——"

"Oh, Stanley, please say you'll help," pleaded Winifred.

"What shall I have to do?" asked Stanley.

"You will have to take the part of a postman," answered mother; "collect the mail and——"

"Shall I wear a uniform?" demanded Stanley.

"Oh, yes," answered mother, with a smile.

"Then I'd just as soon help," said Stanley.

"Good! Now we can have the party," cried Virginia, the youngest of them all.

"Run to the kitchen and see how many empty cereal boxes you can find," said mother.

In a few minutes back came the children with six empty boxes.

"Katie has been saving them ever since you asked her to," said Winifred.

"Were you thinking of the party when you told her?" asked Virginia.

"Yes," said mother, smiling. "Now I shall expect you all to help with the mail boxes. We will cover them with this green paper, for real mail boxes are always green or red. Get the paste, please, Winnie; and Stanley get your jackknife. Is it sharp?"

"Yes," answered Stanley, who was now as much interested as his two little sisters.

"The tops of the boxes lift up, so that the mail can be put in all right; but we must make a place for the postman to get it out," said mother, "and here is where Stanley and his knife will be a help. Now, Stanley, cut the box across the bottom of the front and up each side about four inches. There, that will do. Now, while you cut the rest, Winnie and Genie and I will cover them."

"Don't they look pretty?" said Winifred, when the six boxes, all covered, stood in a row.

"Oh, they're not done yet," said mother, as she brought out a roll of gilt paper. "You see, I have a great many capital letters traced out on this gilt paper. Please get your scissors, all of you, and help me cut them out."

As fast as the children cut the letters from the paper their mother pasted them on the letter boxes, until every box had this label on it: "Cupid's Mail."

"How do you like them now?" asked mother.

"Much better," answered the children.

"Now for Stanley's uniform," said mother. "Winnie's school bag will do for a mail sack; but he must have a cap and and a bow and arrow, and he should have wings, too, since he is Cupid's postman."

"There's my old bow and arrow up in the attic," said Stanley, starting for the stairs.

"The very thing," said mother. "Now, let me see if I cannot make a pair of wings from this white cardboard."

After the wings had been made—and Winnie declared that they looked like "real ones"—mother began to make a cap.

First, she made a band of cardboard to fit Stanley's head, then the top piece, with four tabs left on the edge of it to turn down and glue to the inside edge of the band. She made the vizor, too, with tabs, and glued it to the front of the band. The children cut smaller capital letters than those they had used on the letter boxes from the gilt paper, and their mother put "Cupid's Mail" on the cap.

"Now," said mother, "invite your little friends to the party, and ask each one to bring a valentine to send through Cupid's post office."

"Where are we going to put the boxes?" asked Winifred.

"One on the post by the side of the front gate, one on the front door, one on the back door, and the others on trees in the garden; but we must place them so that they will make a long route for the postman and fun for the guests," said mother.

And fun it was! While Cupid's postman was collecting mail from the box at the front door some one would steal out of the back door and mail a lot of valentines; and when the postman was at the back door the boys and girls would flock out of the front door with their hands full of valentines and run from one letter box to another, and curry back to the house before they were caught. And then, right in the midst of the fun, the real postman came down the street, and seeing Cupid's mail box at the gate, filled it almost full.

Every one said that it was the best St. Valentine party they had ever attended, with the most fun and the most valentines.—Gertrude Winham Fielder.

TO A BOY

Whatever the place you fill,
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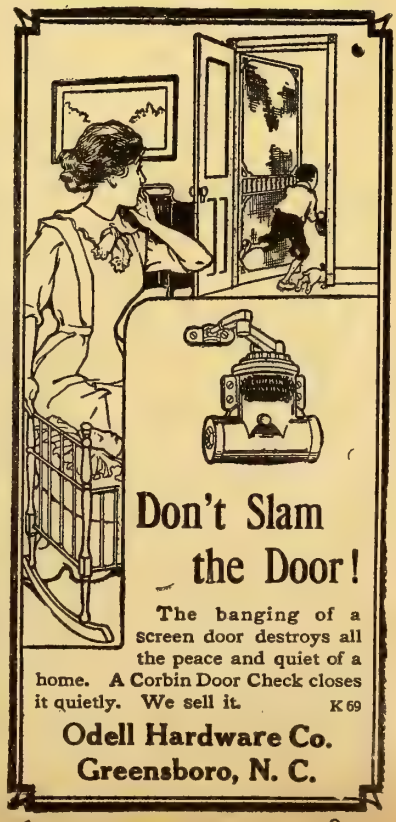
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Our Dead

MICKEY—John Arthur Mickey was born, September 14, 1894, and was drafted, June 1917, and was accepted by the examining board and sent into the camp. When leaving home, Arthur told his Father, Mother, brothers and sister, if they did not meet on eath any more, to meet him in heaven. Arthur professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 15 years at Mount Pleasant, and lived a faithful and loyal Christian until the day he was killed in France, October 10. May God's blessing rest upon the bereaved family, and may His grace lead and comfort them until they meet again where there is no more war, but eternal peace and happiness with the Lord through eternal ages.

J. C. Mock.

TATE—Millard F. Tate was born, July 6, 1848, died in Marion, N. C., November 16, 1918, living seventy years, four months and ten days. In 1866, he professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Snow Hill Church, in Burke county and lived an active and consistent member till death. He was an active steward, and always attended the quarterly conferences when it was possible, was regular at the church services and enjoyed listening to his pastor preach. He was true to his pastor and church and took a delight in looking after the welfare of his church and preacher.

His home was like an oaris in the desert to which this writer often resorted for rest and recreation.

He was a useful farmer, and lived in a beautiful home on Muddy Creek until last year his health failed. He and daughter moved to Marion in January. In 1873 he married Miss Olive R. Brown, of McDowell county. To them were born five children, John M., Carrie O., Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. Ben Conley, Mrs. Wade Hennessee, all of whom, with one brother, S. P. Tate, survive. The funeral service was conducted by this writer from the residence, in Marion, at 9 o'clock, November 18, assisted by the following: Revs. Parker Holmes, J. C. Stacy, Ray Shelton and W. C. Martin, of Marion, after which the body was carried to the family burrying ground on Muddy Creek and deposited by the side of his wife, who preceeded him three years ago to await the general resurrection. Our loss is heaven's gain.

He has gone the way of all the earth, let us be strong therefore, and show ourselves men.

Joseph Fry.

BRANDT—James Frederick Brandt, little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brandt, was born, February 10, 1918, and died January 9, 1919. The death of this dear child was very sad. He was lying in his little bed laughing and playing. The older members of the home went for just a few minutes into another part of the house, and while out of the room one of the other children lighted a paper and in the same way, the bed in which the child was lying, caught fire and little Frederick was so badly burned that death followed in a few hours. He was a very sweet and lovable child, and in his tragic death, the parents, hearts are sorely stricken. We know it is well with the child, but we also know the meaning of the terrible loss to these parents, and in this time of their great sorrow, we point them to the loving Heavenly Father who careth for them, and whose love never faileth. Little Frederick is safe in the arms of Jesus and as one of God's bright jewels in the "House of many Mansions" he will shine forevermore.

He leaves a father, mother and three brothers, all of Spencer, N. C. May the Holy comforter come to them now and bring His wonderful message of God's peace and His ever abiding love.

E. E. Williamson.

GLASGOW—Mrs. Ellen Cora Glasgow, died December 31, 1918. She was sixty-two years, five months and eighteen days old. She was reared in Halifax county, and was a daughter of George and Margarette Smith. When a young woman, she was happily married to C. F. Glasgow, of the same county in which she was raised. To this happy union was given eight children, seven of whom are still living, Mrs. H. C. Anderson and Maggie Glasgow, of Cornelius, N. C., Mrs. Hugh Young, of Spencer, N. C. and Mrs. Eva Corbett, of Abbeyville, S. C., A. J. and O. S. Glasgow, of Winston-Salem, N. C., Jesse Glasgow in France, and Walter, who preceeded his mother to God's great beyond some years ago. Sister Glasgow joiend the Methodist church early in life and remained a true member of the same church until death claimed her. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, true to her home life and a good neighbor in her community. We are moved to feel that our loss means her eternal gain. May God's comforting grace be the happy possession of the relatives and dear ones who are left on the shores of tiem.

W. Baxter Davis.

McDOWELL.—John L. McDowell was born in Macon county March 9, 1844, and died December 15, 1918. He was married in 1875 to Amanda D. Norton, who survives him.

Brother McDowell early united with the M. E. Church, South, and has been a life-long and faithful member. He loved his church and his fellowman with a simple yet sublime love. He served his state four years during the '60's, following the great chief of the South. Speaking to the writer one day concerning the military genius of Marshal Foch, he said, "In many ways he reminds me of old Bob Lee." I thought no higher tribute could come from an old Confederate soldier than this. While the ideals of the old South were very dear to him he was not lacking in progressiveness. A true patriot, a devout Christian and an ideal citizen—he was all this.

He is survived by the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Ed Hopper, of Dillard, Ga., and Mrs. Raleigh Norton, of Raburn Gap, Ga., and five sons, W. M. McDowell, of Asheville; George McDowell, of Macon, Ga.; Harly McDowell, of Otto, N. C., and Thomas and James, of Tryphosa, N. C. All of these have our sympathy and prayers.

God has called him home, 'tis our loss, not his—nor is he lost to us for shall we not meet again?

"The grave itself is but a covered bridge,
Leading from light to light through a brief darkness."

J. E. Womack.

Franklin, N. C.

HAWKINS—Sarah Anne Frances Payne was born December 10th, 1853, and died January 15th, 1919. She was married to Joel L. Hawkins November 17th, 1875. To this union there were born eleven children—six sons and five daughters. Of the sons five are iving. The daughters are living. She leaves 24 grandchildren. In early life she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church, in which communion she remained until her death.

It was the more pathetic in that she was in the home of her daughter, nursing her with the Spanish influenza. Also that she was stricken with paralysis and died before she could reach her home. She leaves an aged, kind, but afflicted husband. She was esteemed a good woman. She was kind and attentive to the sick people of her community, and a regular attendant upon divine worship.

It was my part to lay her remains to rest in Delta church yard amid a large concourse of loved ones and friends. May God's peace and comfort rest upon the afflicted husband as well as all of her bereaved loved ones.

Joseph J. Eads, pastor.

VUNCANNON—Mrs. Bessie Vuncannon was born September 24, 1890 and departed this life November 20, 1918. In early youth she made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Banner Elk. She was married to Fred W. Vuncannon October 30, 1907. To mourn their loss she leaves a husband, five children, two brothers, one sister and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Jennings, of Banner Elk. She was a faithful, devoted Christian, taking special interest in the church work, an affectionate wife and devoted mother. As you look into the faces of her bright little children you can but see that her task of Christian nurture was well begun. She was a genius in securing their obedience. 'Tis a strange providence that leaves her task unfinished though so well begun. May God, in mercy, bless the husband, these little lambs, and keep them all in his fold. T. S. Coble.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE W. M. S. OF WEAVERVILLE

Whereas, God has called unto himself our dear friend and fellow worker Mrs. Annie May Reagan Reeves, the Woman's Missionary Society adopts the following resolutions:

First, that though we feel our loss to be irreparable, we bow in humbie submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, knowing that Jesus himself has said, "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter."

Second, that we do extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and children and pray that the memory of her beautiful Christian character and kindly deeds may rest as a benediction on their future lives.

Third, that this tribute of respect be spread on the minutes of the society, also that a copy be sent to the family and to the Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Daisy Williams,
Mrs. J. J. Reagan,
Mrs. J. V. Erskine,
Committee.

PRICE—Mrs. Mattie Price, wife of Mr. D. A. Price, of Unionville, died early last Thursday morning, and was buried at the Presson cemetery, near Unionville, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o clock. Funeral services were conducted at the cemetery by Rev. H. H. Jordan, of Monroe, and her pastor. She had been suffering for some time with diabetes, and death came as a great relief. A husband and ten children survive her. They were all present at her death. They are Mrs. F. A. Marsh, of Marshville; L. A. Price, who is teaching at Wesley Chapel; G. T. Price, of Unionville; H. L. Price, M. D., of Elizabeth City; Rev. Fred H. Price, of Lowesville; Earl D. Price, of Charleston, S. C; Miss Maranda Price, who is teaching at Spruce Pine; Mrs. Sandford Medlin, of Peachland, and Misses Lena and Virla ("Tom") Price, of Unionville.

Mrs. Price was a daughter of the late Charles C. and Rosanna Love. She was born March 16, 1869, and was nearly fifty years old. In 1884 she was happily married to Mr. D. A. Price, and soon after joined the Methodist church, of which she has ever since remained a faithful member. She bore her suffering with patience, and died triumphantly in the Christian faith. A good mother and wife has gone to her reward, but she still lives through her influence, and the large family of useful boys and girls which she has left behind. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, and bid them remember that their loss is her eternal gain. T. J. Huggins.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from the Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley Memorial church, High Point, N. C., Mrs. Benjamin E. Moore, on January 18, 1919, therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of God, acknowledging His right to take unto himself that which is already his.

Second, that in the death of Mrs. Moore we have lost a faithful member. We miss her face which will never more greet us at our meetings, but hope we shall meet her where parting is no more, and we will ever cherish her memory and strive to emulate her noble Christian character.

Third, that we, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, extend to the bereaved husband and children our sincere sympathy, and trust that they may meet her again in that beautiful home above, where parting is no more.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the society, a copy sent to the family, the High Point Enterprise and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. E. Kirkman,
Mrs. W. S. O'Neil,
Mrs. J. J. Ingram,
Miss Venetia Smith,
Mrs. W. H. Townsend,
Committee.

ABERNETHY—Miss Irene Anna Abernethy, dauhgter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Abernethy, was born December 23rd, 1901, and died Jan. 17th, 1919, aged eighteen years. She joined the church during the pastorate of Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, at the age of fourteen, and ever after manifested a keen interest in the work of her church, especially the work of the Sunday school and the young people's societies.

She was one of the most popular and beloved of the young people of her age in Lenoir, friend to every one and every one friend to her. She possessed an unusually bright mind, and one of the sunniest of spirits. She had the glad ring of the voice and the willing, ready hand. Of course the people loved her. Her adaptability was remarkable for one of her age, adapting herself, seemingly, without conscious effort to young and old alike, to rich and poor, in joy and in sorrow. Truly, her like is not often found on earth. Here are some of the expressions heard of her, indicating her worthy popularity: "No one would have been missed more than Irene." "One of the brightest girls in town." "A lovely girl."

The community is poorer and heaven richer for her going. She is gone from us, but not lost to us nor forgotten by us. "Her works do follow her."

R. D. Sherrill

Misenheimer—On Sunday afternoon, the 26th, we laid to rest in Green Lawn Cemetery, China Grove, one of our brightest girls, Gladys Misenheimer. On Tuesday Gladys was at school. On Saturday she had gone from us, a victim of influenza.

Gladys was born May 10, 1905, making her 13 years, 8 months and 15 days of age. In the year 1915, at the age of ten years, Gladys gave her heart to Jesus and assumed the vows of the church under the ministry of Rev. H. H. Robbins. To these vows she was ever faithful. Seldom was her place at Sunday school or preaching vacant. She was a splendid girl and has gone to her bright home.

W. S. Hales.

BARKER—On January 11th, Miss Swannie Barker, the beloved head nurse at the Anson hospital, Wadesboro, passed away. Few deaths in our community have caused more grief or regret. For three years she had built herself imperishably into the hearts of one and all. In her capacity as head nurse she showed excellent executive ability. Upon her the physicians leaned for competent assistance and her associate nurses for effective guidance in all details of hospital administration.

Prior to coming to Wadesboro she was in general practice in Greensboro, having graduated with highest honors from St. Leo's hospital of that city. All during the protracted epidemic here the hospital has been crowded and the supply of nurses limited, and Miss Barker overtaxed her strength until she fell a victim to her own unselfish devotion to others. She had handled personally several cases of pneumonia and at last the dread disease prostrated her and she was too weak to resist. Her strength had been given to others. Like her Master, she saved others, herself she could not save.

Tenderly we laid her to rest at Greensboro on the afternoon of January 11th, the writer accompanying the remains and conducting the service. He was assisted by Revs. Plyler and Bain, of the Greensboro Methodist pastorate, and Rev. Mr. Lee, of one of the Presbyterian churches. The service was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The music by members of Centenary choir, was most beautiful and appropriate. The floral offerings were both numerous and handsome.

Miss Barker was a sincere Christian and a devoted member of our church in Wadesboro, transferring here from West Market Street church. She did all she could considering the exacting duties of her position. She nursed because of her love for her work and her esire to relieve suffering. She thus entered into the vicarious spirit of her Master's life and death, and now she has entered into her Master's joy. May God's grace abound to the sorrowing relatives.

E. E. Welch.

McCRORIE—Edward Hurdle McCrorie was born September 9th, 1847, and departed this life January 27th, 1919, aged 71 years, 4 months and 18 days. Brother McCrorie professed faith in Christ and joined the M. P. church when 18 years of age and remained a faithful and loyal member of the church until his death. He leaves a wife and eight children, 6 daughters, Mrs. J. W. Vaughn, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. J. S. Gant, Mrs. A. J. Lemons, and Alice and Lula McCrorie; 2 sons, C. W. and A. H. McCrorie. He also leaves 15 grandchildren, one son and three grandchildren having preceded him to the better world.

The people of the town and community were greatly saddened by the death of Brother McCrorie. He had been sick for some time and his death was not unexpected. He suffered most severely for a long time, but he bore his pain patiently and was ready to go when the summons came. If we had never heard a word about the life of Brother McCrorie we should have known that he was a good man, from the interest taken in him during his last sickness, also the large congregation attending his burial, and the beautiful floral tribute amply testify to the fact that he was held in high esteem by his many friends and neighbors. No sacrifice was ever too great for him to make for the happiness and welfare of his family and friends.

The burial service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist church at Stokesdale, and the remains laid to rest in the Goshen Cemetery.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all the friends and every member of the bereaved family; and may each one be able to truly say in this time of sorrow:

"I look to thee in every need,
And never look in vain;
I feel thy strong and tender love,
And all is well again:
The thought of Thee is mightier far
Than sin and pain and sorrow are."

T. V. Crouse.

LEDBETTER—Laura Elizabeth Ledbetter, affectionately known as "Bessie," only daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ledbetter, of Wadesboro, slipped away to heaven on the morning of January 8th, after several days of intense suffering of pneumonia. Love and skill did everything possible to save, but it was all unsuccessful. She was soon to pass her twenty-sixth birthday, just entering, apparetnly, a life of great usefulness, for which she was fitted both by disposition and training.

She was one of the most popular young ladies in this section. To know her was indeed to love her. Friendly, sincere, unselfish, she easily won and held her friends.

She was a pure-hearted Chrictian girl, giving her life to God at seven and joining old Salem church, Ansonville charge, under the pastorate of Rev. G. D. Hermon on Easter Sunday, 1900. She ever loved and appreciated this devoted pastor—her pastor for eight consecutive years—at Ansonville four and Wadesboro four. Loyal devotion to the church and its pastor was her creed, from which she never deviated. Whoever else might be absent she was present and in her place in the choir, in which she served as organist for eight years past.

She was educated in the Wadesboro High School and in Greensboro College for Women. For some months she had served as assistant business manager of the Ansonian and at one time was connected with the Raleigh News and Observer. In business she was painstaking and methodical.

Truly is it instanced here that "death

loves a shining mark."

She was tenderly laid to rest at old Salem January 9th, the last words being said by the writer, Rev. W. H. Reddish, of the Baptist church, assisting. The large number of friends present and the profuse floral offerings attest her popularity. The resignation of the heartbroken parents is most beautiful. May God's abundant grace continue to comfort them in this sad hour. E. R. Welch.

CASE—The prevalent epidemic brought a sad loss to the Methodist church in Skyland, in the death of Mrs. Clara Crowell Case, wife of Mr. A. R. Case, the superintendent of the Sunday school. On the 21st of October, in the 37th year of her life, she passed away from labors abundant in her church, the community and the inner circle of loved ones, and the larger one of friends, into the homeland of the blest.

Standing beside her flower-covered bier, in the little country churchyard, her pastor said, "Here rests my best friend, one whose faith never wavered; one who never failed to encourage me in every hour of trial. When difficulties and discouragements of the work were many this friend of mine would always say, 'Everything will work out all right; it will all be better after awhile.' "

Always in her place in every church service, her children beside her, and the teacher of the infant class in Sunday school, she was the inspiration of her husband's church work also. Neither winter weather nor household cares kept her away from the struggling work of a small church, and when a neighbor's children could not go alone to Sunday school, she sent her own to birng them into the little fold.

As a friend and neighbor Mrs. Case was always ready and willing to go into any home where sickness or distress had entered.

Interested in everything for the uplift of the community before the the war, she became, during that period, an earnest and untiring worker in every line of service that came within her sphere.

In her home, Mrs. Case was a most devoted wife and mother, constantly, by word and deed, endevoring to train her young daughter and younger sons in high ideals of morality and industry. Though she left them so early, it can scarcely be possible for the impress of her lessons to fade or the memory of her sacrifice to secure for them the best opportunities for usefulness.

In the midst of all her labors the summons came suddenly, scarcely a week of illness before she went away. Why? None may know here, and those who loved her most can only know hereafter.

But the faith of all God's children is, that He knows best when and how to call the faithful from the earthly life into the heavenly kingdom. And while loved ones keep abloom the "low inn' where the mortality slumbers, they must sadly feel, yet a little while and they shall not see her—and yet confidently, a little while and they shall!

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W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
First Round

February
Asheville circuit, River View 9
Flat Rock and Fletcher, Flat Rock, 7:30 p. m. 9
Mills River, Horse Shoe 15-16
Hendersonville, night 16
Rosman circuit, Rosman 22-23
Brevard, night 23

March
Mars Hill, Shiloh 1-2

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

February
Hickory Grove, 11 a. m. 9
Tryon street, night 9
Weddington, Union, 11 a. m. 15-16
Waxhaw, Mineral Spring, 2:30 p. m. 16
North Monroe, night 6
Chadwick, Moores, 11 a. m. 23
Belmont, night 23

March
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m. 2
Trinity, night 2
Prospect, Carmel, 11 a. m. 8-9
Monroe, Central, night 9
Ansonville, Cedar Hill, 11 a. m. 15-16
Wadesboro, night 16
Unionville, Zion, 11 a. m. 22-23
Mathews, Indian Trail, 2:30 p. m. .. 23
Dilworth, night 23
Marshville, Center, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
First Round

February
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 9
Randleman, Naomi, night 9
Randolph circuit, Fairview 15-16
High Point, Main street, night 16

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
First Round

February
Madison-Stoneville, Madison 8-9
Danbury, Davis Chapel 15-16
Ararat, Hunter's 22-23

March
Dobsn, Dobson 1-2

MAIRON DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
McDowell circuit, Glenwood 8-9
Marion Mills, East Marion, night .. 9
Old Fort circuit, Mill Creek 15-16
Marion station, night 16
Morganton circuit, Salem 22-23
Morganton station, night 23-24
Cliffside circuit, Hollis 29-30
Henrietta and Caroleen, Caroleen, night 30

April
Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. ..13-14

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson

February
North Wilkes Mission 22-23
North Wilkesboro, night 22-23

March
Wilkes circuit, Adley 1-2
Wilkesboro station, p. m. 1-2

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

February
Stanley, Stanley, 10 a. m. 16
Lincoln circuit, Pisgah, 11 a. m. ...22-23
McAdenville, 7 p. m. 26

March
Belwood, St. Peter's, 11 a. m. 1-2
Mount Holly, 7 p. m. 4
Shelby circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m. 8-9
Shelby-Central, 7 p. m. 14
Polkville, Elliott's 11 a. m. 15-16
Bessemer, Concord, 7 p. m. 19
Cherryville, St. Paul's 11 a. m. 22-23
Belmont, 7 p. m. 28
Mayworth, Ebenezer, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

February
Hickory circuit, Fairgrove, 11 a. m.22-23
Hickory, First Hickory, 7 p. m. 22-23

March
Race street, St. Johns 11 a. m. 1-2
Statesville circuit, Bethlehem, 3 p.m. 1-2
Broad Street, Board Street, 7 p. m. 1-2
North Lenoir, Mt. Hermon, 11 a. m. 8-9
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Valmead, 3 p. m. 8-9
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m. 15-16
Granite Falls, Granite Falls 7 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, 11 a. m. 22-23
Lenoir circuit, Littlejohns, 3 p. m. ..22-23
Catawba circuit, Hopewell, 11 a. m.29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 7 p. m. 29-30

April
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m... 6-7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m. 6-7
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 6-7
Newton, Newton, 11 a. m. 13-14
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 13-14

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury
First Round

February
Kannapolis circuit, Unity 8-9
Kannapolis station 9
Salisbury circuit 15-16
East Spencer, North Main 16
Albemarle circuit 22
Salem 23
Albemarle, First Street, night 23

March
Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

January
Waynesville station 26

February
Canton station 2
Sylva station, 11 a. m. 9
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, night 9
Haywood, Mt. Zion 15-16
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster 22-23

March
Jonathan, Delwood 1-2
Clyde, Elizabeth 2-3
Bryson-Whittier, Bryson 9-10
Murphy station 15-16
Andrews station 16-17
Bethel circuit, Bethel 22-23
Macon, Mt. Zion 29-30
Franklin station 30-31

April
Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May
Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
Highlands 11-12
Fines Creek 17-18

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Burkehead, February 2, night
Lexington station, February 9, 11 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, February 9, night, Mt. Pleasant, February 10, 11 a. m., Clemmons, February 10, 3 p. m.
Thomasville station, February 16 11 a. m.
S. Thomasville, February 16, night.
Mocksville station, March 1, night March 2, 11 a. m.
West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.
Cooleemee, March 2, night.
Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.
Lexington circuit, March 11-16, Quarterly conference at Center.
Davidson circuit, March 17-23 Quarterly conference at Good Hope.
Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.
New Hope circuit, March 31-April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.
Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.
Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.
Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.
Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.
Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.
Advance circuit May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.
Farmington circuit, May 19-25. Quarterly conference at Ward's

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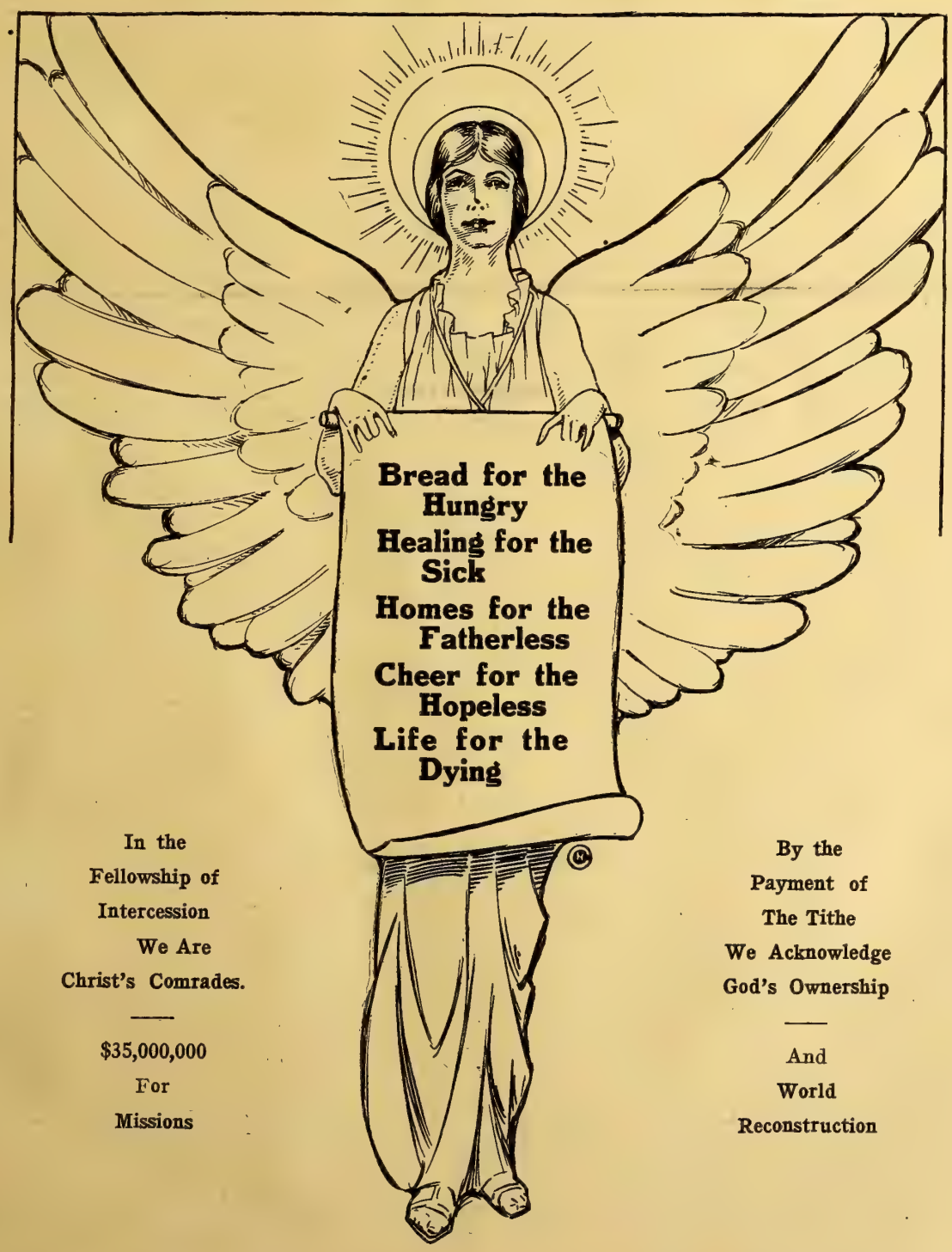
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Editorial

We do not wish in any sense to get in the way of those whose duty it is to go among the people soliciting funds, but it is necessary to remind our readers that before contributing one should be thoroughly satisfied that he is not shelling out to a fakir. The country is full of them and some people make themselves easy victims. Recently a man claiming to represent the Thomasville orphanage was doing a land office business in Bristol, Va., when he was apprehended and placed behind the bars. He happened to solicit from a lady who had been brought up at Thomasville and awakened her suspicion, whereupon she called her husband and they landed him quickly. Let this incident be a warning to those who make themselves easy marks.

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This is a period of remarkable development in the religious history of the world. All religious bodies seem to be spontaneously moved to undertake larger things. Almost simultaneously and without any concerted arrangement the great religious denominations are engaging in great drives for funds to be used in reconstruction work, enlargement of the educational program and extension of the mission fields. This is no accident, but evidently a part of the great providential plan for planting the banner of the kingdom in all the world. There are no longer any foreign mission fields. The whole world is one great neighborhood and the league of nations must come as an essential part of the new order of things.

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The danger now confronting our great Centenary program is the possibility of a failure to line up the pastor. He is vital to the success of the whole movement, and if he fails the program must go by default. No amount of hammering on insensate congregations can avail anything in the final drive. The people must know what all this is about or they will not respond. The diligent pastor will not fail to make his pulpit glow with messages of light and life, at the same time sowing his field down with the church paper. A good friend who always thinks in parables came into the Advocate office some days ago and in conversation put it this way: "What would we think of a dairyman who would starve his herd and leave them exposed to the rigors of winter and then become impatient with them and lambast them for failing to give milk?" There are yet some who grow impatient with congregations that fail to respond to calls which they do not understand. It will be so this time where the pastor is not wide awake and diligent.

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Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered two notable addresses on the afternoon and evening of February 6 to the conference on world evangelism and vital Christianity after the war," held February 3 to 7 in Chicago at the Moody Bible Institute. The subject of both addresses was the "Passion of the Evangelistic Propaganda." No higher note was struck in the conference. God's power was mightily upon the speaker and the great audiences were deeply moved. As essentials to the evangelistic passion the bishop named absolute loyalty to the Bible, the doctrine of sin, the deity of Christ, the vicarious atonement, and the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

BILLY SUNDAY

This unique character visited our city on Monday, and on Monday evening in the Municipal Theater delivered one of his famous lectures or sermons. He spoke to at least one thousand people coming under the auspices of the Myers Minute Men, an organization of the First Presbyterian Church.

This was the editor's first opportunity of hearing the famous evangelist, and we confess that after hearing him we do not know how to appraise him. He has his place, no doubt, in the great divine plan of giving the gospel to the world, but we do not suppose many just like him will be needed. One who listened with an open mind can scarcely say that he is not a man impelled by the highest motives, but at best we feel constrained to say that he is a consecrated freak, and we cannot say that the secret of his power is his spirituality, though we hope that a more thorough understanding of the man might lead us to a more exalted opinion of him in this respect. He is a great actor, but not a great orator, while as preacher, a real expounder of the Word of God, he is evidently not in a class with Mr. Moody, Mr. Chapman or with the inimitable Sam Jones.

The Lord is evidently using this remarkable man as an instrument of righteousness in a time which requires the ministry of men who can blaze their way through a wilderness otherwise impenetrable. We therefore send him along upon his mission, praying the divine blessing upon him.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

In the midst of the many things that engage our thought and prayer there is nothing more important just now than the successful issue of this world effort to rid the human race of the scourge of war. In fact, all hearts should concentrate intercession here and lay hold upon God with a mighty faith that His hand may guide those who are charged with the duty of making a peace that shall be abiding and one that shall give opportunity for the universal reign of righteousness. It is a time to estimate at their full value the words of the apostle, "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplication, prayer, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority. * * * I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting."

On Friday of last week Mr. Wilson, our great ruler and servant, read the proposed covenant of the nations before the peace conference, and almost immediately took his departure for home, after two months of arduous labor. This covenant, it is generally believed, will forestall any movement hereafter that might involve any considerable portion of the world in war. Moreover, as the world progresses in the cultivation of the arts of peace it is apparent that such a covenant will automatically do away with the military spirit and rid the nations of the domination of war lords, who have heretofore lived by plundering and terrifying their fellow men.

Of course there are some who criticise the form of covenant proposed and profess to see danger instead of safety in its provisions. So it has always been. The overthrow of the liquor traffic has been effected in the face of protests, many even going so far as to assert that the closing of saloons would cause unspeakable calamities. Who expects the devil of war to yield any more complacently than has the devil of rum? In fact, the chaining of the devil referred to in Revelation is the figurative representation of the great struggle which is to ensue in the effort to rid the world—the society of men—from the reign of wickedness. Perhaps very few thought of the visit of Mr. Wilson to the peace conference as having for its object the putting of the straps upon the devil of war, but such may be the case in the providence of God, and if this covenant is adopted substantially as drawn we believe that it is the best promise of the millennial dawn that the world has ever had.

We like the tone of the editorial comment in the New York World, as follows:

"Practically every clause in it proceeds from international experience of one kind or another. The structure as a whole represents the first intelligent attempt that has ever been made to translate this experience into a working code designed to prevent war in so far as war can be prevented, and to localize the effect of hostilities should all efforts to maintain the peace prove futile.

"In framing the constitution of the league of nations the peace conference at Paris has had to meet obstacles that at any period previous to this war would have been insurmountable. But after 51 months of the most devastating conflict that history records the nations are not quite so jealous of all their real and assumed rights as they once were. They are in the position of the American colonies in 1787, when the danger of not surrendering some of these powers became immeasurably greater than the danger of merging part of them into a central government."

We cannot believe with some that this effort to secure international harmony and safety is to end, as did The Hague peace conference, in a mere rainbow of delusive promises. If we all pray as we should and hold up the hands of our noble representative and ask God to lay His hand upon the nations, there is hope that the time is at hand when men shall learn war no more.

THE CAMPAIGN GOING

Our mail has been so heavy this week that it is impossible for us to insert the report as we had expected. From all quarters reports are coming which indicate that the people are beginning to take seriously our slogan, "The Advocate in Every Methodist Home."

Let no pastor or charge feel discouraged because of delayed report. We will publish all in detail after awhile. In the meantime let the work be pushed in every charge, so as to secure the canvass of each family. That is all we require in order to secure the $1.50 rate. There is nothing equal to an organized effort. Some pastors are quite successful working alone, but they would be far more successful if they would organize a complete drive with a good working committee.

Notwithstanding he did not expect us to print, we feel that we ought to give our readers the following letter received on Tuesday morning from Rev. C. M. Short, of Mount Holly:

Mount Holly, N. C., February 17, 1919.

Dear Brother Blair:

Please find inclosed report of our Advocate campaign at Mount Holly, with check to cover same. This shows that we have secured the renewal of twenty and obtained forty-four and one-half new ones, which increases our list from twenty to sixty-four and one-half, and lacks only a very small margin of placing the paper in every Methodist family. We hope to secure the others later.

It may be of interest to you to know that this work was practically all done in one week by a strong committee, which was composed of a few of our noble laymen and select ladies, and none were more successful than the lady members of this committee.

I am not writing this for publication, but

simply call attention to the noble work of our committee and the splendid and hearty response of our people, and to say, further, that I feel it is due to the loyal and whole-hearted people of Mount Holly to give them special mention of this report in the Advocate by reason of the fact that this canvass was made on the heels of one of the worst epidemics of influenza experienced in any community of my knowledge, and which delayed our campaign for several weeks.

We have had twenty-seven additions to our church since conference, and the outlook for a good year's work is very encouraging.

Yours sincerely,

C. M. Short.

Inclosed with this was a beautifully typewritten report showing new subscribers and renewals, besides a list of cut-off accounts which were picked up by the way, making a total of $105.65, for which check was inclosed. We have had a number of good reports this year, which have demonstrated the effectiveness of organized drives in promoting the Advocate circulation. By next year we are convinced that our Board of Christian Literature will be prepared to launch a campaign that will ultimately put the Advocate in every home. Heretofore we have just been touching the fringes on the outer edge of our membership, and it is no wonder that so few of our people have been deeply interested in the work of the church.

Brother Short is a modest man, but we hope not to offend him by using the letter which he did not intend for publication, and we are sure other pastors will be glad to have the suggestion which it affords. Many of our pastors are still studying the situation, and we hope a similar drive will be the result in many charges. There is nothing like it as a means of lining up our people for the great drive which is soon to follow in our great Centenary campaign. Those who put off the Advocate campaign till after the Centenary drive will simply put the cart before the horse.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The New Revenue Bill now before Congress provides for raising six billion dollars this year and four billions next year, and reduces the letter postage to two cents and postal cards to one cent after July 1 next, but continues the zone rate on newspapers.

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President Wilson embarked for America on the steamship George Washington last Saturday, convoyed by the battleship New Mexico. He will remain in Washington until Congress adjourns and sign the appropriation bills and other necessary legislation before returning to France March 15.

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The State Prison Buildings in Raleigh, erected at heavy cost and maintained for only criminals of the dangerous type, has, by legislative authority, been discontinued altogether as a prison and will be remodeled and transformed for use as a branch of the Central Hospital for the Insane in Raleigh. The hospital is sadly overcrowded and room can be provided in the old prison for a thousand patients. The convicts heretofore confined there will be transferred to the state farm and kept there in secure quarters.

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Sergeant Halyburton, of Alexander county, a brave North Carolina soldier, was one of the first Americans to fall into German hands as a prisoner, and he is coming out of the war with high distinction, the city of Boston having already erected a statue to his honor. While a German prisoner he was chosen by his 2,400 fellow prisoners commander or spokesman for them all, which was a high expression of confidence and regard from his fellow sufferers. Halyburton has been in the service for seven years and will probably be given a commission in the regular army.

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The Movement to Launch a state-wide campaign to raise $150,000 by popular subscription to erect at Chapel Hill a building to be known as the Graham Memorial Hall, in honor of the late President Graham of the university, deserves to succeed, and we are confident the people will respond promptly and liberally when the cause is presented. Contributors will not only do honor to a great educator whose name they will thus help to perpetuate, but at the same time provide for needed additional equipment at the university of the state.

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The Plan of the League to Enforce Peace, submitted to the Paris conference last Friday by President Wilson, provides that the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, with four other nations yet to be named, shall constitute the league, each government to have three representatives in the council, which shall meet at least annually. When war with any other power is threatened and differences can not be settled by diplomacy, the council shall hear the facts and provide for arbitration of the questions involved. All differences between the states in the league shall be settled by arbitration, and the size of armaments shall be determined on the basis of what is fair and reasonable for the enforcement of law.

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Frei[illegible]ich Ebert, chosen last week as president of the German state by the German national assembly at Weimar, receiving 277 of the 379 votes cast, is a saddler by trade and a socialist in politics. He has accepted the office, announcing that he cannot forget his origin and training; that the privileges of birth have been eliminated from politics and are being eliminated from social life; that arrangements are planned for complete disarmament and demobilization; that only an army of defense will be maintained, and that Bernstorff will not represent Germany at the peace conference. In view of the fact that the membership of the new German national assembly is composed largely of those who were in the reichstag that upheld the German war party throughout the four or more years of the great war, we are slow to accept the plausible statement of the new president of Germany. Bernstorff will not, of course, be at the peace conference, because the entente representatives would not tolerate his presence there. The new German government must in good faith accept the final terms of peace as dictated by the Paris conference and clearly demonstrate its sincerity of purpose before its professions can be accepted finally as genuine and dependable.

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The Senate Last Week, by a vote of 55 to 29, defeated the proposed amendment to the federal constitution granting suffrage to women. Only one more vote was needed to carry the proposition by the required two-thirds majority. The advocates of the measure brought every possible pressure to bear and were disappointed at the result, but are hoping that the next Senate will record the required majority. Examination of the vote shows that party lines were abandoned, as staunch republicans like Lodge, Weeks, Wadsworth and Penrose stood with democrats like Simmons, Overman, Williams and Pomerene against the measure, while leading men on both sides of the chamber joined in its favor. Sometimes a popular and growing cause is injured by the foolish acts of its indiscreet supporters, as evidenced by the unwise performance of some overzealous suffragettes, who, when the vote was announced, burned President Wilson in effigy. That proceeding was inexcusable under any circumstances, but doubly so in this instance, in view of the fact that the President has steadily urged the Congress to give favorable consideration to this measure. It is therefore difficult to conceive what motive the suffragettes had in showing such contempt for the President and the high position he occupies.

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It Would Be Just as Difficult to unite all religious sects into one church as to unite all nations into one federal system, yet some argue for such religious unity while they repudiate the idea of a political system on the same lines. Neither would be wise and neither would be possible. There should be harmony and unity of spirit among Christians, but that does not mean unity of thought as to details. In the great essentials we are one. The Apostles' Creed is the confession of faith of Christendom. The followers of Luther and Calvin and Bunyan and Wesley can all repeat together that creed and claim it as their own. They may differ about consubstantiation or final perseverance or modes of baptism, but on the great essential salvation doctrines they are one. It is well that they differ on the lesser things and consequently have separate organizations. It is well in religion as in commercial life to have competition, for it stimulates each sect to greater endeavor and helps to keep the fountain pure. Protestant Christianity has never lost its fervor, but, on the contrary, has grown steadily in force and influence since the time of the Reformation, and its growth is due in no small degree to the rivalry of sects that were still bound together by the ties of charity and common sympathy. Novices in religious work, though, are telling us that all this must stop; that the plan of the ages must be abandoned and all creeds poured into one creed, whether acceptable or not to the average disciple. To merge all governments into one government would be a colossal mistake. To attempt to arbitrarily merge all our Protestant sects into one sect would bring forth a protest long and loud from all sects. We Methodists and Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians and others besides know by experience the way to largest results and will continue in the same old paths, not forgetting that our love for the brethren reaches beyond the limits of any communion.

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We Still Have the Foreign Demand for our products, for Europe is still both hungry and naked and will for some time want our bread and clothing, while Belgium and France will naturally look to America for the materials to rehabilitate those devastated lands. The foreign demands are likely to be less as time advances, for Europe will by degrees be restored in her ability to feed herself as her people return to their pre-war employment, so there will not be a sudden slump in our trade abroad, but finally the world will have to get back to normal peace conditions, and it will require wise direction to adjust our industrial interests to the new situation. With our vast new merchant marine, our export trade should be many times greater than before the war and general prosperity should continue, and will continue if capital and labor realize that their interests are one and each is willing to be fair and just toward the other. We cannot expect, however, prosperity to continue on the scale of war times and high prices, and the reconstruction of our commercial activities to a peace basis must be approached in frank and honest fashion and solved on the principle of equal rights to all and special privileges to none. The pessimist sees nothing but perils and grave dangers before us, but we have too much faith in the American spirit of fair play and in the conservatism and sane common sense of our people to believe they will fail to wisely solve the problems when they are forced to meet them.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CHAS. A. TINDLEY, PRINCE OF PREACHERS

By Rev. J. M. Rowland

For some time we have been reading in the press of a great prophet that has risen in Philadelphia. We are told his name is Tindley and that he is a full-blood Negro. He has been pastor of Calvary church for fifteen years. Before he entered the ministry he was a hod-carrier in Philadelphia and janitor of the church of which he is now pastor. His church has grown from a few hundred to four thousand members. In the morning he requests the people to remain away so those who could not get in can come at night. And then he is often forced to preach the second sermon to those who were waiting outside. He was a member of the last General Conference and attracted the attention of bishops and many others who flocked to hear him preach every Sunday.

These were some of the startling things that came to my attention and stirred my interest in this wonderful Negro. I wondered if he was as great as he was pictured, or if some of his Northern admirers were overdrawing him. So this summer, when I was planning again to spend my vacation out in Ohio with the whole-souled Methodists there, I was glad when I found Dr. Tindley was billed to preach at the Ohio Assembly, and inducing Rev. L. T. Williams, my comrade in many travels, to join me, we turned our faces Ohioward with happy hearts.

These Ohio Methodists believe in giving the best fare that can be prepared, so they served us Cadman for six days, Bryan for one intermixed with the best of other things to stir and cheer, and closed with Tindley. He was to preach Sunday morning and night, and Bryan was to be sandwiched between in the afternoon. I wondered how it would work to put the great democrat between the two negro services? What effect would each have on the other? It was indeed a great Negro who could hold the fort just ahead and just after Bryan.

Looking back to that day, it looms as a red-letter day with an unsurpassed program. Bryan spoke for two hours and twenty minutes without flagging. He had a great theme and a great audience, and he was master of both. Whatever any one there may have thought of him before, that speech pronounced him the prophet of God and the hero of democracy. I would like to review that speech, but I set out to tell of Tindley.

What a great and unique day that was! The great Commoner heard the great Negro, and the great Negro heard the great Commoner. I shall ever consider it a great privilege to have sat beside each as he listened to the other speak, and to have heard at the close of the service their conversation in which Bryan bestowed upon the black man one of the greatest compliments a Negro ever received.

As Bryan spoke the Negro was beside himself as he was swept into the third heaven with his soul on fire, and when Tindley spoke Bryan was even more moved. He was swept away by the preacher's eloquence, his face shone, his eyes were wet, he laughed, he clapped his hands, nodded his head in approval, and his demonstrations would have passed muster in an old-time Methodist meeting as first-class shouting. At the close of the service he leaped to the platform to clasp the hand of the black man and they greated each other with great enthusiasm.

"Mr. Bryan," cried Tindley, "you are the greatest orator in the world."

"That was a great message," cried the great Commoner, his eternal smile covering all his countenance and then some. "You certainly know how to present the truth. It did me great good. Will you let me come to your church in Philadelphia some time?"

"Sure, Mr. Bryan," replied Tindley, thinking he desired to speak there. 'The church is not large enough, but we will get the hall down the street and fill it with six thousand people to hear you."

"That is not what I mean," replied Mr. Bryan. "I want to hear you preach in your own church, and, if you will, preach that same sermon for us. I want to bring Mrs. Bryan to hear you."

"Well, I don't know whether I could do that or not," replied the black man, still holding Mr. Bryan's hand and looking at the floor in geunine embarrassment. "I am willing to try."

I could not keep back the tears as I saw these two men holding each other's hand and talking to each other like that. Sure no Negro ever was so honored as to have such a world-renowned man as Mr. Bryan ask him to repeat a sermon so he could come across the country and bring his wife to hear it. Then I began to look back at the sermon to see what it was that had so moved Mr. Bryan. For my part, I had been swept above the clouds on the airplane of spiritual power and dropped back to the earth, dazed and out of breath. But what was it in the sermon, the occasion or the service that had so moved the great Bryan, who had heard all the great preachers of the earth and swayed them himself?

It was a great sermon, but the greatest thing in it was its simplicity and its spiritual power that sweeps and lifts. It was, above all, a spiritual sermon—the same kind he preaches to his colored folks every week. His theme was crucifixion, and he took the simple dictionary terms (perhaps all of us would do better preaching if we stuck to the dictionary more), "to pain, to change the form of, to kill," and from these he developed his great serman. He showed how the best comes to us and is gotten out of us by the crucifying process. It was vividly illustrated with incidents in his own life and experience of how pain and trial had done God's work. Perhaps better than we could understand, that message went into Bryan's heart. But it went into every soul there, for Tindley had that great gift all should covet that brings a message that burns the indiivdual heart with a heavenly fire and makes you forget all but the message the Spirit is speaking to you.

Judging preachers and sermons is a very hazardous thing, for preachers and sermons are so different. The listener is so often in different moods and the preacher is so often in different tune. One will be sure a sermon is a great one, and another good judge will be doubtful. What constitutes a great sermon? One man pronounces a sermon great, and another calls it commonplace. The rod with which it is measured may be oratorical, theological, homiletical, emotional, spiritual. After all, the great sermon or the great preacher is the one who lifts, moves, stirs us until he brings us nearer God and leaves something with us that makes us stronger and better than we were. If this be the test, the four sermons I heard Dr. Tindley preach give him first place as a great preacher, for to me no preacher I ever heard surpassed him and not over half a dozen could equal him.

I tried to study Tindley and measure him. I talked with him a good deal and saw him at different angles. He is every whit a Negro, with all the warmth, fervor, humor, flavor, melody and humility of the old-time Southern Negro. He has been to school only a few months in all his life, and has nothing of the new school about him, and yet he is a well educated man. I learned all I could of him out there and have found out some more since. There are three things outstanding in his life that go to make him great, and they are things that are in reach of all—common sense, hard work and spirituality.

Tindley is well blessed with that grace of common sense that, alas, is far too uncommon with many of us. He is natural, simple and plain. He patterns after nobody. He has a big heart, but not a big head. He is well blest with the grace of humility and all his honors have not hurt him. He chooses the big themes of the gospel the people need and the heart cries after, and these he presents in a plain and breezy way. He gets apt illustrations from every-day life—the most of them from observation and experience, and from the lives of the people. He has a great gift of taking a commonplace little incident most of us would overlook and making an illustration that is powerful and attractive. He is ever on the lookout for these things that will preach for him everywhere he goes. He knows where to begin and where and when to stop. He also knows how to leave unsaid and undone the things that spoil our preaching. He knows how to use wholesome humor, and has trained himself to make folks laugh as well as cry. And then he preaches right out of your own life—seems to have been with you and known you well all the time. His soul is red with the blood of human interest and human kindness. He lives with the people and is one of them, that out of their lives he may get his sermons.

And then he is a hard worker; perhaps more of a plodder than a genius. He says he made God a pledge twenty years ago that he would not let a day pass that he did not learn something new. Some preachers are charged with preaching year after year without giving anything new. This lack of freshness and newness kills much preaching. We preach the old-time gospel in the old-time way, in the old-time tone, in the old-time ruts. The people know where we are going and what we are giong to say when we begin even if they cannot always tell where and when we are going to stop. To any who are thus in the ruts the example of the Negro hod-carrier, who has worked day and night for twenty years to get something new for his flock, is an example worthy of study.

Tindley toils to keep up with the times. He plods in his pastoral work until his head aches and he is worn out. His conscience demands that he give the folks who support him and who listen to him for the Way of Life the very best service possible. He realized his limitations and was willing to pay the price to better them. How much better preachers could we all be if we were willing to pay the price and do the toil? Tindley thinks the preacher is not on the eight-hour shift, but must get to work with the sun and go on when it stops. He has never learned that trick of laying down on the job of ministerial ditch digging and playing hookey from the school of the prophets. He has paid for his success with hard labor, and, like him, many would go deeper and climb higher if they would dig harder.

And, last of all, he is a spiritual man. I know we work that word to the wrong wagon sometimes. I heard one of my old professors say once that he detested the word spiritual, because we misused it so much. It is misused, but it is a good word and ought to be loved. Some men are called spiritual when they are only windy. Some so-called spiritual folks are just plain fools. Does spirituality mean trying to unravel the mysteries of revelation more than the doing of the deeds of the law, or of dreaming of milk and honey in Canaan when the widows and orphans are unfed on Main street? Does it mean the mule-face melancholy, the monastery manner and the convent countenance, the ethereal accent? If this means spirituality, Tindley is not spiritual; but if it means being filled with sunshine and red blooded human life, with soul aflame for right and God, and zeal and energy consecrated to serve at all times his fellow men, he is a spiritual man.

His sword is drawn for sin, but his heart is overrun with love for the sinner, and Jesus is the great theme to present men—a Christ Lord over all, Friend, Savior, King. He lives near God and knows how to breathe the prayer breath, and to him Jesus is

"The Lord high over all in heaven, earth and sky."

RESPONSE OF COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE CENTENARY

By C. G. Hounshell

College students hail with enthusiasm the world program of the Centenary. For years many college men and women have been wishing that the leaders of our church would launch an adequate program for the spread of Christianity to the ends of the earth. This is what they have been dreaming of.

In recent visits to colleges by Centenary teams Centenary committees have been appointed. These committees represent both faculty and students, so that the college can deliver its full strength on the Centenary.

The students are entering into the Fellowship of Intercession and conducting intercession program praying for the evangelization of the world. Students are also signing the stewardship cards in recognition of the fact that what they have belongs to the Lord. The liberality and ability of students to give is proved by the fact that in the recent united war work drive students of North America gave over two million dollars. If students recognize that their money is held in trust for God, the

financial problems of the church for the next generation will be solved.

After all, life is the indispensable factor in the program. Men and women trained for world service are the crying need of the hour. These must be college trained. If those who would take part in this program have not been to college, they must enter college and take the necessary training. It is easy, therefore, to see that the college is the key to the life service problem. As this program has been presented in the colleges many students have been so impressed by the audacity of the undertaking that they have been led to pray "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Some have signed the life work decision cards, saying, "Here am I, send me." The spiritual value of this great challenge cannot be estimated. In a high and real sense the students feel that by taking part in this program they will share in completing the tasks so nobly and heroically begun by those who laid down their lives in France.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Those who have read that most profitable book "The Men of the Burning Heart" will remember most vividly "Uncle Ivey" as one of the leaders of Methodism in North Carolina. The wonderful work of "Uncle Ivey" did not stop when his own heart throbs ceased to radiate warmth. Some of his good work is still being carried along by his consecrated sons.

I am glad to present to you this week one of these sons, G. F. Ivey, of Hickory, N. C., who is serving his church in the following capacities: Superintendent of the Sunday school, member of the board of stewards, member of the district board of stewards, trustee of Rutherford College, secretary of the Children's Home board and treasurer of the Sunday school board. The Centenary campaign has brought out the fact that Brother Ivey has been tithing for twenty years.

G. F. Ivey was born at Morganton, N. C., while his father was pastor there. After his graduation from Trinity College he went to Massachusetts, where he worked in machine shops and cotton mills. Returning to North Carolina, he superintended various cotton mills, and when the textile department of the A. and E. College at Raleigh was inaugurated he was selected as instructor in it. He later returned to the cotton mill business and in 1903 organized the Ivey mill at Hickory, which he managed for ten years. About four years ago he purchased controlling interest in the Southern Desk Company and has since devoted his time to that thriving industry.

This hustling business man and loyal church worker was married in 1899 to Miss Blanche Sherrill, of Catawba county. The Iveys have five interesting children, one of whom is now a student at Trinity College. The Sunday school forces of our conference are delighted to have the services of this good preacher's boy.

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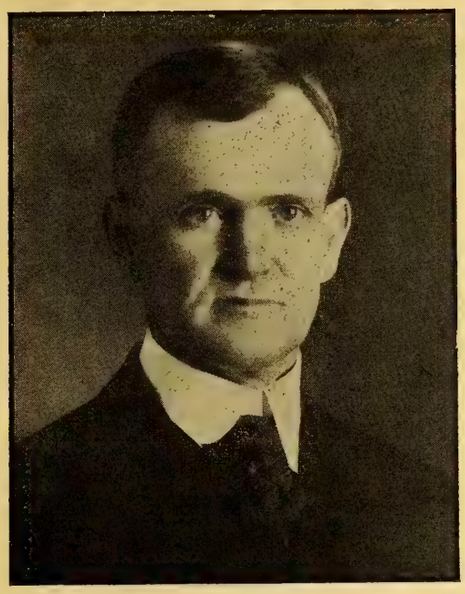
Do you think the Western North Carolina Conference Sunday schools will be able to get 20,000 new Sunday school scholars this year? That will depend on whether we want them. The scholars are in easy reach; all that is necessary is to go after them.

Ten years ago there were 745½ schools and 64,217 scholars in our conference. Now there are 842 schools and 91,264 scholars, a gain of 96½ schools and 27,047 scholars. The gain in scholars does not show up well. Up to the beginning of last quadrennium our increases were almost nothing, but during the last four years the minutes show an increase of 14,389 scholars, and but for the war a still healthier showing would be manifest. We have actually lost 1,966 during the past two years.

Now that the war is over and the boys are coming back it will be most opportune to put on campaigns for new scholars. The Sunday school that is content to merely hold its own during the coming year will surely begin to die early the following year. Sunday school hustlers will be showing us something this year. Just wait and see, Brother Thomas.

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According to our minutes our 842 schools enrolled last year only 2,114 shut-ins in the Home Department and only 3,060 babies on the Cradle Roll. These same schools numbered only 37 teacher training classes, and some of these died in infancy. The Wesley Bible classes number 339 in the minutes, but only 231 are listed with the home office at Nashville. During the past five years 16,901 church members are reported as coming through the Sunday schools, 2,950 of these being secured last year.



G. F. Ivey, Hickory, N. C.

We are looking for 150 new Wesley Bible classes, 75 teacher training classes and 5,000 new church members from our schools. It is important that we do our part in securing these goals; the Lord will do His part with prompt regularity. Children are good when they come into the world. Why let them go astray? The home and the Sunday school must answer for many wayward boys and girls.

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There are 143 adult, 46 senior and 42 intermediate Wesley Bible classes in the Western North Carolina Conference, making a total of 231 registered classes. The following places lead in Wesley enrollment: Charlotte, 27; Greensboro, 15; Asheville, 14; Salisbury, 8; Winston-Salem and Jamestown, 7 each; Concord, Gastonia and Wadesboro, 6 each; Franklinville, 5. No other place has over three registered classes, though there are many places where a better per cent of registration is shown than some of the above named towns.

What is the matter with Hendersonville, Brevard, Monroe, Asheboro, High Point, Reidsville, Marion, Morganton, Mount Airy, Elkin, North Wilkesboro, Albemarle, Spencer, Norwood, Hickory, Lenoir, Statesville, Newton, Waynesville, Franklin, Lexington, Mocksville, Thomasville, Shelby, Rutherfordton and a host of other large Sunday schools?

Every group of boys and girls above twelve years of age should be organized as Wesley classes. Give them an opportunity and see how quickly they will respond. They stay organized all through the week. Why disband them on Sunday? Intermediates range from twelve through fourteen, seniors from fourteen through seventeen. Young People's and Adult Departments are registered in Adult Department. Write for booklets on how to get started and I shall be glad to forward them .

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One of the livest Sunday schools in our conference is doing business at Burkhead, Winston. Superintendent C. W. Snyder is alert and painstaking in his plans for making his school do the most possible. A recent letter from him says: "We are awake on every activity your recent letter suggests, and then some. We are going to try to do our very best on the Centenary. Have called a meeting of our Workers' Council to discuss best way of handling it. I have a live wire in our pastor to help me. Our attendance is good, there being 300 present last Sunday. The junior boys had charge of the program yesterday and rendered a fine program. The junior and intermediate girls will have charge the second Sunday in March. We receive ten copies of the School Standard for our teachers. Have recently reorganized our Home Department. We started on 'low,' we are now on 'medium,' but will soon be on 'high.' Watch Burkhead grow."

Mr. W. H. Davis is superintendent of an active Sunday school at East End, High Point. He is also the teacher training superintendent for Greensboro district, the banner teacher training district of the conference. In a recent letter to each of the schools of his district Mr. Davis sets Sunday, February 23, as teacher training organization day and at this time urges earnest consideration of this most important subject. He will publish a list of classes in the Advocate. Davis is on his job.

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Our teacher training headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., reports the enrollment of a splendid training class of twenty members at Walnut Street, Greensboro, with W. B. Webster teacher. An inquiry from Mr. Webster brings out the fact that the class has grown since its organization and it is very much interested in its work.

Teacher training is not a new thing with the school at Walnut Street. For two years the pastor there, Rev. A. C. Gibbs, has taught a class and has gone with it through various standard examinations as sent out by our central department. The work at this point has been exceptionally striking. Our people there have worked in the big cotton mills throughout life and have not had much time for outside enterprises, and yet they find time to study for the Lord's work. No wonder the Lord's work is prospering at Walnut Street. Superintendent E. D. Grubb has these words in bold letters up before his school: "I had rather fail in trying than to sit still and do nothing."

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The Sunday school man enjoyed a good day with the Spencer congregation last Sunday. He found the Sunday school there ready to do its best at whatever will advance the interest of our Lord's work. Pastor and superintendent are working hand in hand in getting results. Brother Williamson finds time to teach each Thursday night a large teacher training class. The Centenary is being looked after as well as other phases of our Sunday school program. When more Wesley Bible classes are enrolled, Spencer can be enlisted as a standard school.

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Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

By A. L. Dietrich

"Whether I'm sprayin' my orchard for codlin' moth or San Jose scale determines th' kind o' solution I spray with; an' if it's giggles or snickers ails my Sunday school class, them determines th' sort o' idees I spray with."

"Some folks thinks they've done fine reformin' work when they pick a kid out o' the mud puddle an' wash it off. They'd do a better job by makin' th' mud puddle impossible."

"A good teacher knows how to figger 'rithmetic—he can add his life to his teachin', he can subtract hisself from it, he can multiply his ministries, an' he can divide his blessin's with the members o' his class."

GOLD DUST

"Gracious Father, try me again by the courage I have today, if Thou art judging me by the fear I held yesterday. Help me to see that wavering is misleading and temperament is deceptive. May I learn self control. Amen."—Ex.

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He who knows that power is in the soul; that he is weak only because he has looked for good out of him and elsewhere, and, so perceiving, throws himself unhesitatingly on his thought, instantly rights himself, stands in the erect position, commands his limbs, works miracles; just as a man who stands on his feet is stronger than a man who stands on his head.—Emerson.

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O friend, never strike sail to a fear! Come into port greatly, or sail with God the seas. He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear.—Emerson.

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Faith, hope and love are purifiers of the blood. They have a peptic quality. They open and enlarge all the channels of bodily vitality. As was learned long ago, "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." And the self-control which keeps reason on the throne and makes passion serve is the best of all domestic physicians.—Charles G. Ames.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—We have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. John N. Maxwell, which occurred at his home in Salisbury last week.

—The friends of Rev. J. W. Jones, of Mooresville, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent illness. Brother Jones numbers his friends by the score.

—The Reidsville Review says: "Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder of the Greensboro district, preached a strong sermon to an appreciative audience at the Main Street Methodist church Sunday. Following the sermon was a fine and well attended communion service.

—Rev. J. B. Craven, president of Davenport College, has announced that Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preach the annual sermon on the morning of Tuesday, May 20, and that the literary address will be delivered on Wednesday following by Lieutenant Governor, Max Gardner.

—The Methodist preachers of Haywood county met in the church in Waynesville recently and organized a Haywood County Methodist Preacher's Conference. Rev. L. P. Bogle was elected president and Rev. R. E. Hunt secretary. The Conference will meet bi-monthly. There are eight pastoral charges in the county.

—Rev. Dr. W. R. Ware, pastor of our church at North Wilkesboro, was a visitor in the city on Friday night, stopping with his son, Mr. Henry Ware. Dr. Ware was returning from the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Centenary Council held in Salisbury on Wednesday and Thursday. We were glad to greet him in the Advocate office.

—Rev. J A. Snow, a local preacher of Mount Airy, was a pleasant visitor at the Advocate office on Friday afternoon. We deeply sympathize with him in the great sorrow which has come to him in the death of his son, Roy, who was killed in action in France on October the 8. He has another son also in the service in France.

—Rev. Dr. E. L. Pell was a much appreciated visitor at the Advocate office on last Saturday morning. Dr. Pell is always thinking and thinking brightly on the current topics of the day. A few minutes conversation with him always opens up some wide expanse in the field of thought.

—Mrs. N. Buckner, editor of the Braca-Philathea Herald, spent several days in the city last week visiting classes and mingling with the workers. Mrs. Buckner is full of enthusiasm for the organized class work and is making the Herald an interesting paper, the last issue being a special hospital number. She did not forget to visit the Advocate office.

—Mr. O. O. Atto, the representive of the weather bureau in Charlotte for ten years has resigned that office and will go to Virginia to engage in farming. Mr. Atto and Mrs. Atto have been very active members of Hawthorne Lane church and a farewell reception was given to them at the church last week. They were pleasantly surprised when Mr. E. A. Cole, in a graceful speech presented them with a handsome mahognay mantel clock as an expression of love from the congregation.

—Our readers will be pained to learn that Bishop E. E. Hoss is critically ill at his home in Muscogee, Oklahoma. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Saturday and on Sunday was reported as slightly improved, but little hope is entertained of his recovery. Bishop Hoss has had a great career and has rendered great service to the church in his day. We still hope that his health may be restored and his useful life prolonged.

—We learn through an exchange that Mr. J. W. Clay and family have arrived at their former home in Hickory, from Juiz de Fora, Brazil, where Prother Clay has, for five years, been in charge of our mission publishing house. He has been sent back to the States to purchase new equipment for the publishing house, his family accompanying him for a several-months stay with relatives.

—Friends of Bishop McCoy will be glad to know that he is showing a vitality and reserved power that has been surprising. The complications that have overtaken him have been most serious, but it now looks as if he will overcome them and once more be given back to his friends and the work so dear to his heart. God grant that this may be true.—Alabama Advocate.

—The Centenary Council of the Western North Carolina Conference met at the Empire Hotel in Salisbury on Thursday of last week. All the presiding elders were present besides members of the Conference Centenary Committee and the District directors. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, Conference Centenary Director, presided. Bishop Darlington was also present and made an address. The meeting was enthusiastic and plans for the great drive April 27-May 4, were discussed and adopted. Things look hopeful in our Conference for the success of the Centenary.

—The sudden and unexpected death of Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton, which occurred in Asheville on the morning of February 12, has caused deep sorrow among the many friends of the family throughout the state. Judge Justice was seventy-five years old but seemed well and strong up to the evening before his death when he suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He was a lifelong member of the Baptist church.

—The whole Conference will sympathize with Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Boyer in their sad bereavement on account of the death of Mrs. Boyer's father, Judge George W. Cornett, which occurred at the home of his son at Lafayette, Ind., on Monday, February 10. Judge Cornett's home was in Grayson county, Va., where he had been prominently connected with the civil and social life of his community all his life. He had recently gone to Indianna to be with his son, passing away at the advanced age of eighty-seven. He was a devoted and staunch member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and his home was a preacher's home. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

—Rev. Seymour Taylor is in high favor with the people of the Marshville charge where he is serving his fourth year. The last issue of the Home says: "The Methodists of the Marshville charge have reasons for rejoicing that the parsonage debt of long standing has been liquidated in full. When the present pastor, Rev. S. Taylor, took charge of this work a little more than three years ago there was a $1,600 debt on the parsonage and lot. Mr. Taylor has labored faithfully and he deserves a vote of thanks from his congregation for liquidating this debt that he inherited with the job, to say nothing of the other excellent work he has done."

GOLD HILL

We are starting off nicely for the new year. Every church on the charge has pounded the pastor. The Christmas remembrances were valuable. The first quarter was overpaid at the conference. We are feeling the fires of the Centenary movement already stirring in our people and we expect the best year yet for this good people. So mote it be. Sincerely, E. M. Avett.

EAST END, HIGH POINT

East End, High Point, is a liberal congregation. It is not large and, like this agent, the people are not burdened with money; but yesterday the Sunday school subscribed $42.75 for Weaver Hall and the congregation added $95. Oakdale, West Greensboro, gave $40.25, and Jamestown last night gave $18; Randolph on Saturday gave $19.75.

February 17, 1919. J. R. Walker.

SUMMERFIELD CIRCUIT

This is this preacher's third year here. On account of influenza in his own home and the homes of his members little work of any kind has been done, especially organized work. We have just begun the Advocate campaign and the Centenary of mission work.

These good people have received us gladly again and have shown us many unusual kindnesses Last week the Center church sent out a nice pounding, conveyed to us by our very efficient lay leader, Brother Flake Shaw. There were meats of various kinds, butter, coffee, sugar, potatoes, cereal, flour, etc., enough to last quite a good while. It was so much appreciated because my wife and the two youngest children are ill with influenza. The people, not only Methodists, but all of them, have unceasingly been kind to us, not only now, but at other times when we have had illness in our home, sending all manner of good things for the sick noes.

May God bless every one of them and make us to "give thanks in all things," and help this servant by His Holy Spirit to serve humbly and well these who are so good to him and his.

Albert Sherrill.

WEAVERVILLE CIRCUIT

The pastor, Rev. W. I. Hughes, writes as follows:

"We are organizing the Weaverville circuit by holding midweek communion and church conference services, Wednesdays and Thursdays, giving each point a service. Influenza prevented the work in January, so we are trying February. Winter has upset us for this week. Brother Willis has been with me and is planning to reach most, if not all, of our meetings. Every interest of the church, both ancient and modern, is looked into. Suitable committees are being put in charge of each interest. The Advocate will have a special committee in each church, the pastor to be chairman of the whole. Have held only two of these special midweek services, but have six new subscribers picked up on the surface. Look out for a good report.

FIGURES DON'T LIE—EH?

Well, by being misused or incorrectly placed they do make some woeful errors. Just look, if you will, on page 106 of our last conference Journal and you will actually see that, according to that placing of figures, the Charlotte district is almost up to the Asheville district in Epworth Leaguedom. If you will only take the time, however, to add those three right-hand columns you will find that Charlotte is not in the class with the Asheville district in this regard. Those "answers" in the book are incorrect, even in one of poor Queen Charlotte's columns. Why, we are ahead of Greensboro district, with Brother Kirkpatrick and all those live wires in that part of the moral vineyard. Now, come on Epworthians, let us at this unusual time and in this great day of unprecedented opportunity begin in dead earnest to say, "All for Christ," and really to number our days and to apply our hearts unto wisdom. Jas. O. Ervin.

CENTENARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WINSTON DISTRICT

The Centenary Council meeting of the Winston district will be held in Centenary church, Winston-Salem, beginning Monday evening, February 24, at 7:30 o'clock, and continue through Tuesday forenoon, February 25. Bishop Darlington, Brother Courtney, Conference Missionary secretary, and Brother E. A. Cole, Conference Campaign Director, will be present and participate in the meeting. The object of this meeting will be to set up the big Centenary Drive for April 27-May 4.

All pastors of the district and one layman from each church, to be selected by the pastor, all members of the district Centenary Committee, are members of the Council and are expected to attend.

Pastors are requested to secure consent of persons to act as campaign directors of local churches and send in their names at once to one of the undersigned, and free entertainment will be arranged.

Frank Siler, Presiding Elder,
Leon Cash, District Campaign Director.

THE MANSE AT BARREN ROCKS

By Albert Benjamin Cunningham

A delightful book of 300 pages delineating the form and content of that wonderful world which is occupied by a live, normal boy between the ages of six and sixteen. There is opened before the reader that mystic realm in which the growing, rollicking boy gives frank expression to his most intimate thoughts and fears as life expands and the big outside world crowds upon him for investigation. It is not an autobiography, but a faithful portrayal of the happenings of youth, some serious, some ludicrous, until one is lost in the fascination of the narrative. Ben Rhodes is the son of a minister, who speaks out the things which others feel and hide. The characters are all rich and true to type. Moreover, the book is wholesome in its effect, leaving the mind and heart in a radiant state, which remains long after we get the last glimpse

of Ben as he settles in the cushions of the train and rides away to Sistersville to begin his duties in the high school. Young and old alike will find genuine enjoyment in reading this choice book.

J. H. Barnhardt.

PROF. J. R. WALKER WILL GIVE ENTIRE TIME TO WEAVER HALL AND CENTENARY

Professor J. R. Walker, agent for Weaver Hall fund, left here last Thursday for Winston-Salem to begin regular work in the interest of Weaver Hall. It is his purpose to conduct the campaign so that there will be no conflict between this interest and the Centenary Movement. The amount now subscribed is $22,455.01. We hope in a brief time to bring the amount to $25,000. It is not unreasonable to believe that this comparatively small amount can be raised before the Centenary gets in full way. The efficient and persistent work of Professor Walker and the hospitable way he has been received, have resulted in remarkable success in these times of many "drives." We have no doubt about continued success, and a completion of the work in a reasonably short time. I shall personally appreciate encouragement tendered Professor Walker in his important work.

Professor W. F. Starnes has taken Professor Walker's place in the English department. The work to date had been well done and Professor Starnes has already made the impression that it will be well completed.

All in all, Rutherford College is coming out this year far ahead of what at one time seemed possible. possible.

Rutherford College. M. T. Hinshaw.

JONATHAN NOTES

At our first quarterly conference which was held at Shady Grove church, it was unanimously ordered that plans be formulated looking to the erection of a handsome new parsonage for this promising charge. Plans will be decided upon at once and the enterprise begun.

The board of stewards have organized for the year and have made the salary for the pastor $1,200. This is an advance of $200.

Committees to secure the allotment of new subscribers for the Advocate have been named and have started on the job. It is confidently expected that the number will be in advance of that required. Very few have been taking the church paper. Also the pastor has appointed a special committee of ladies to canvass for the Nashville Advocate, taking advantage of the offer of twenty weeks for fifty cents. It is hoped that all the officials will subscribe to this valuable paper.

The every member canvass has been put on already at some places and will be at all the others in due time, to raise the conference collections.

It is the purpose of the pastor to organize an Epworth League at some of the churches.

Numerous and generous "poundings" have bee n the order in this charge. The latest a few nights ago made up entirely by the young people of the church and community.

One or two protracted meetings will be held this winter if the weather permits.

Correspondent.

THERMAL CITY

I was glad to be returned to Thermal City (as you know we had been gone from here one year), and if the people are not satisfied they have a poor way of expressing their dissatisfaction, for we have met nothing but kindness at all the churches.

We believe we have the best circuit in the district, for we have an appreciative, kind and willing people to serve.

It has not been one pounding, but it has been one continuous pounding by the good people of Thermal City, for which we feel very grateful. We have a few families here at Thermal City (I do not need to name them—all former pastors know who they are) that see to it that the pastor does not want for good things to eat.

When we arrived we found the plastering in the parsonage had fallen off, and on our first round we put the matter before the people, who readily responded and raised $75 and ceiled the parsonage, so they now have a comfortable little home for the preacher.

Brother Holmes was with us February 1 and 2 and held our first quarterly meeting on Saturday. At 11 o'clock Brother Holmes preached us a big sermon from John 1:4. We of the Marion district believe we have the big preaching presiding elder of the conference. If you don't believe it, come and see. We had the best representation we have ever seen at a quarterly conference on the charge; also we had the best report that has been made at first quarterly conference. When question number three was asked the stewards got together and raised the pastor's salary $171, making it $825. Some of the churches are paid up to date and have adopted the plan to pay as they go.

We are planning to form a tithers' league in each church. Several have pledged themselves to tithe.

Our plans for the year are a live Sunday school in each church, a revival at every point, the Advocate in every home, all our collections in full, and over the top in the Centenary drive. Brethren, pray for us that we may realize these things and give these people the best service possible.

Yours for a good year,

M. W. Heckard.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Intensive Cultivation

To every pastor in our conference there has recently come a letter from Dr. W. B. Beauchamp that for the next four weeks we put on an intensive program of cultivation on Intercession and Stewardship. The orginial plan was to press the matter of intercession through the month of January, and follow this with a whole month of Stewardsihp in February. In so many places the plan was interfered with by the influenza.

Brethren, we can not afford to let this time pass without making the very best possible use of it. Do not get in too big hurry to talk about the money part of the Centenary. Nothing is so impartant just now as that we shall call all our people to prayer and the recognition of the principles of stewardship. That there is much, very much, to be done along this line will appear when you remember that, up to February 4, the signed enrollments in the Fellow Intercession sent in by the pastors of the Western North Carolina Conference, were only 2,948. By districts they were as follows: Asheville, 179; Charlotte, 573; Greensboro, 413; Marion, 131; Mt. Airy, 175; North Wilkesboro, 67; Salisbury, 87; Shelby, 411; Statesville, 228; Waynesville, 168; Winston, 516.

A Call From God for This Hour

Have you read "A Call from God for this Hour?" If you have not, get it and read it, and reread it till your heart burns within you. After you have read this leaflet for yourself get others to read it.

Prayer Special

There is another little leaflet that cmes in our intercession literature that should be sent broadcast all over our church. I refer to "Prayer Special." Get your church or Sunday school to take "Prayer Special," and write to Dr. S. A Neblett and tell him that you have done so.

"Can a Farmer Tithe?" "Can a Woman Tithe?" "How Much Owest Thou?" Whose is It" "How to Tithe and Why," "The Basis of Stewardship," "The Tithe Its Larger Meaning." These are the titles of some of leaflets on Stewardship. These and others will be sent by Dr. J J. Stowe, Box 218, Nashville, Tenn. to any who desire them.

Money the Acid Test

A new book on Stewardship, "Money the Acid Test," will be mailed to each of the two hundred and fifty pastors in our conference. This is made possible by a few men who are interested in the Centenary Movement. All that is asked is that each one who receives a copy of the book, give it a careful reading and then use any help he may derive therefrom for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.

"According as it (money) is handled it proves a blessing or a curse to its possessor; either the man becomes master of his money, or the money becomes master of the man."—Money the Acid Test.

"What a young man earns in the day goes into his pocket; but what he spends in the evening goes into his character."—Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, in Money the Acid Test.

"Stewardship is not a mere method of raising money, it is one of God's schools for raising men." —Money the Acid Test.

What Is the Centenary Movement

Some are still asking, "What is the Centenary Movement?" It might be answered that the Centenary Movement is the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the organization of American Methodist Missionary effort. But the Centenary is more than a celebration of any past event, may have been. It might be said that it is an undertaking to raise $35,000,000. Well, it is that, but it is much more than the raising of $35,000,000 or any other sum of money. If the Centenary Movement were merely for the raising of money, however much or however good the cause, some of us might be excusable for indifference to its claims. But the Centenary is much more than an effort to raise a large sum of money. What is it, then? It is a serious effort on the part of the Methodist church to carry out the great commission of her Lord. It is the church's response to the Lord's call. We are undertaking to give to the world the one thing that can save the world, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Why the Centenary Movement

Why should we be urging this great forward movement just at this time? The answer to this I will give in the words of others who speak with authority.

"Religion is the only force in the world that I have ever heard of that does actually transform the life; and the proof of the transformation is to be found all over the world, and is multiplied and repeated as Christianity gains fresh territory in the heathen world."—Woodrow Wilson.

There are evidences everywhere of a world social awakening. Asia, not less than Europe, is in a ferment and revolution. A dominant moral and spiritual leadership is imperative. Reconstruction on an unprecedented scale is inevitable. This is Christianity's opportunity, but, unless the church now leads in a commanding way, she may awake tomorrow standing powerless on a side track, while radical social democracy whirls by on the main line. It is the hour of challenge to the organized Christian forces of the world."—Dr. Fred B. Fisher.

"If half of the zeal and passion, half of the outpouring of life and treasures of organization and efficiency that the state has put into this war, could be thrown into the cause of the Kingdom and the eternal verities, the world would soon be won."—Admiral Sir David Beaty, Commander of the British Fleet.

"It is characteristic of our religion that we do the impossible. One of the reasons why I believe in the Centenary Movement is because the audacity of the thing reaches up to a kind of impossibility." —Bishop E. H. Hughes.

"Methodism has never faltered in times of great crises, and with utter devotion to the new task, by the help of God she will measure up to all reasonable demands that are made upon her."—Bishop A. W. Leonard.

The term "Council" is applied to gatherings whose purpose is to explain the organization and plans for the Centenary financial campaign. The Conference Council was held in Salisbury Thursday, February the 13. All the presiding elders, all the district directors, except one, and a member of the Conference Centenary Commission were present. Bishop Darlington's presence added very materially to the inspiration and helpfulness of the Council. The financial organization and plans were explained by Mr. G. H. Fonken, who represented Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, director general.

A schedule of district councils was arranged by the presiding elders in consultation with conference Director, E. A. Cole, and the Conference Missionary secretary. These will be announced in due time. Only one need be announced in this issue of the Advocate, the one for the Winston district. This will be held at Centenary church, Monday night and Tuesday, February the 24 and 25. It is important that every paster and church director shall attend these councils.

Letters and blanks went out Wednesday afternoon, the 12, to the two hundred and fifty pastors of the conference. The blanks properly filled out and returned to the Missinoary secretary would give information as to the progress being made in the Centenary Movement in the entire conference. So far, Saturday, the 15, about sixty have been received. I hope by next week to give to the readers of the Advocate some statement concerning the information brought in by these reports.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

ANNUAL MEETING

When? March 11-14.

Where? Wesley Memorial Church, High Point.

This meeting promises to be one of especial interest, and how necessary it is that there be a full representation of the auxiliaries (adult, young people and junior) in attendance. The inspiration gained during those days when the workers in our conference are gathered together to plan and pray for the advancement of our work means a great deal. One of our most ffiecient and successful auxiliary presidents in a personal message to the editor says: "We are going to have a representative at the meeting, for we feel that we need new inspiration—such inspiration as comes from a missionary conference."

Have you sent the name of your delegate to Mrs. O. E. Kearns, chairman of the entertainment committee? Those good women in High Point are leaving nothing undone for the pleasure and success of this meeting, and let us help to facilitate matters for them by sending in names right away.

In a psrsonal letter from Mrs. W. S. O'Neal, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Wesley Memorial Church, we are requested to announce that all the societies of High Point are co-operating for the entertainment of the conference. We are sure this will be a great meeting and an occasion of much pleasure and profit. Let us pray for God's presence with us those days.

Friends in the state of Mrs. Hugh K. Boyer, of Charlotte, N. C., will sympathize with her in the death of her father, Judge George W. Cornett, of Virginia, who died at the home of his son at Lafayette, Ind., on Monday, February 10th, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Judge Cornett was prominently identified with the political, social, educational and church life of Virginia. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, having identified himself with this church of his choice early in life. The Charlotte Observer of February 12th, in announcing his death, says: "He was a man of strong and unswerving conviction for the right, and it was due to his influence that the first wedge was driven in favor of state-wide prohibition in Virginia, he having refused thirty-seven years ago to grant license for the sale of intoxicants in Grayson county, as a result of which this county became the first prohibition county in Virginia."

May God be very near to the sorrowing ones in their bereavement.

We are glad to give space this week to missionary news from some of our workers in the conference, and we hope that each week we may have items of interest from several of our auxiliaries for publication. We are quite sure that there are many interesting things transpiring in each society that might be passed on to others, and perhaps prove an inspiration to them; so let us have these items. We will appreciate them and will be glad to give them a place on our Woman's Page. When you send the list of 1919 officers, tell us something about your last meeting, and if there was a paper of especial interest read, send it also also.

NEWS FROM OUR WORK AND WORKERS

Spring Garden Auxiliary, Greensboro

Through Miss Myrtle Haynes, secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of Spring Garden Church, Greensboro, we are glad to learn of the splendid achievements of this society during the past year. With a membership of thirty faithful workers this society increased its offerings 25 per cent for 1918, and with the coming of the new year have decided upon a still larger increase for 1919. They have fifteen subscribers to the Missionary Voice and a study circle of twelve members, which is conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, who by his own enthusiasm has been an inspiration to the class.

This society has not neglected the home work, but has contributed generously to local charity and to improvements on parsonage. The officers for 1919 are: President, Mrs. W. I. Maynard, first vice-president, Mrs. A. J. Barbour; second vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Jackson; corresponding secretary, Miss Myrtle Haynes; treasurer, Mrs. G. P. Phillips; superintendent mission study, Mrs. T. O. Ralls; superintendent social service, Mrs. C. F. Paschal; superintendent supplies, Mrs. C. B. Paylor; agent Missionary Voice, Miss Jennie Hunt.

Lenoir Auxiliary

Adopting as their motto for the new year "Consecration and love," the Lenoir auxiliary is beginning the year with a most gratifying prospect of continued success. Their church work has been handicapped, as has been the case in a greater part of our conference, by the influenza epidemic, but with a renewed determination for a larger and better service they are planning to accomplish great things in 1919. Mrss. N. H. Gwyn, superintendent of mission study and publicity, writes interestingly of their society and the plans for the next twelve months.

Albemarle Young People's Society

From Miss Doris Sills of Albemarle we hear that the Albemarle young people, who discontinued their work for several months because of the influenza epidemic, have recently reorganized their missionary society and are starting out on the year's work determined to increase their membership and have a larger and more interesting society than they have ever had. Among the other splendid things they are planning a mission study class, and we trust to be able to report right soon that they have a most flourishing class.

Margaret Foster Society

The Margaret Foster Missionary Society believes that one of the essentials to a successful missionary society is an interesting monthly meeting; so each month they plan for a meeting that will be worth while and that will be full of interest to those who may be in attendance. Mrs. Richard Wills sends us the following interesting account of the last meeting:

Africa, far and near, was the subject of live interest considered by the women of West Market Street Methodist Church at their devotional meeting yesterday afternoon, planned and conducted by Mrs. James H. White.

Every song and talk was full of fire and enthusiasm, it was stated by members. Mrs. C. H. Ireland led the devotional services, directing all thoughts to the power of prayer. Mrs. E. L. Bain spoke of Africa, telling of what the church is doing and hoped to do among the people of this dark land. Mrs. Richard Wills, as one of the minute men, made a three-minute talk, ending with Dr. Detwiler's last prayer for the women of the Methodist church. Mrs. S. L. Alderman in a few words introduced Charlotte Hawkins Brown, principal of Palmer Memorial School, as the Moses of the Negro race, who poured forth a most thrilling message. She spoke af three orphans in the community in need of help, and so powerful was her appeal the society raised $170 to enable these orphans to be put in Palmer Memorial School at Sedalia.

The quartet from Palmer Memorial Institute sang several numbers, which were greatly enjoyed.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Woman's Missionary Society, Lenoir, N. C.—President, Mrs. M. M. Courtney; firse vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Tuttle; second vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Downum; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Scroggs; recording secretary, Mrs. J. L. Nelson; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Wilson; superintendent mission study, Mrs. N. H. Gwyn; superintendent social service, Mrs. A. N. Todd; agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. J. A. Courtney.

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Florence Blackwell Society, Winston-Salem, N. C.—President, Mrs. N. E. West; first vice-president, Miss Julia Bynum; second vice-president, Miss Anna Barrow; recording secretary, Miss Florence Barrow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. N. E. Peryr; treasurer, Miss Lottie White; pledge treasurer, Miss Anna Ogburn; superintendent mission study, Miss Claude Poindexter; superintendent social service, Miss Annie Grogan; superintendent supplies, Miss Bessie Blum.

Young People's Missionary Society, Harrison Church, Charlotte district—President, Mr. O. A. Tuttle, Pineville, N. C.; vice-president, Mr. J. A. McGinn, Fort Mill, S. C.; treasurer, Miss Grace McGinn, Fort Mill, S. C.; recording secretary, Mr. Carrlie Howie, Fort Mill, S. C.; corresponding secretary, Miss uth Bickett, Fort Mill, S. C.; agent Missionary Voice, Miss Lizzie Latham, Fort Mill, S. C.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT LENOIR

President, Mrs. A. N. Corpening; first vice-president, Mrs. Charley Clay; second vice-president, Mrs. Elmer Simpson; third vice-president, Mrs. G. K. Arney; fourth vice-president, Miss Flossie Crisp; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Bowman; recording secretary, Mrs. M. T. Sigmon; treasurer missionary society, Mrs. John W. Setzer; treasurer aid society, Mrs. R. P. Nichols; agent Missionary Voice, Miss Minnie Rader.

THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

Every soldier who ever crossed a battlefield in France has stopped to pluck a big red poppy, to be pressed in his diary and inclosed in the next letter to a loved one across the sea. The poppies are li' e sunbeams streaming through a cloud; in the midst of war and death they spring up to remind us that beauty and purity and God still survive and cannot be crushed out of human life. They grow everywhere, and in the rankest profusion. Under the wires beyond our parapets, in our trenches and before the doors of our dugouts, around our guns and down in the emplacements, over all the fields and on the graves of our dead. The poppies are not afraid of the enemy's frightfulness, though more of them have fallen than there were men in the combined armies of friend and foe.

God uses the poppies in the war as he uses a rainbow athwart a storm-swept sky; to teach us that His kindness and the beauty of His holiness still survive, and that all will yet be well in His world. After the attack has succeeded the earth is frightful to behold. Masses of crushed and broken wire litter the ground, there are wrecked guns and conveyances here and there, and the face of the world is fearfully pitted with thousands of gaping shell holes. Great trees have been stripped of foliage and branches by the fury of the guns, and they stand "like groups of forsaken cripples," as if "appealing to heaven against the inhumanity of man." The passing of the myriads of guns, wagons, field kitchens and human feet has made of a former field a perfect sea of mud, to which the blood of the brave has given a tinge of crimson.

But pass that way next month and view the change. The healing hand of God, called springtime, has been at work. The trenches are caving in and filling up, the shell craters are being carpeted with the green grass, and from the erstwhile lake of mud there has sprung a maze of flowers. Each drop of our soldiers' blood has turned into a lovely red poppy, and the whole world seems filled with color and with gladness. Thus it is that as man with his inventions of death spreads desolation over the fair earth, God comes behind to heal the wounds with poppies.

This war has made other wounds that only God can heal. There are lives stripped of hope as surely as ever tree was stripped of branches by the Hun, and the fields of France are not more scarred than are a million human hearts. Across the souls of immortal people the war has made rents as deep as any trench on any battlefield, and for every drop of soldier's blood there has been shed a thousand tears. The desolation of Flanders is not more dismal than the desolation in school, home and all the social agencies of the race. And here likewise theme must spring up the healing flowers of God.

But they do not grow so readily here. Soil and moisture and sunshine are bent by God to the working of His pleasure, but not so the spirits aid the institutions of free men. Fields can be healed more easily than homes and trees than hearts. When He deals with people and their needs, God must call to His assistance the church, bearer of his responsibilities and agent of his advancing order. So while he heals the fields of France with poppies, he asks the church to heal a broken world with the saving influence of a Christian message and activity. Eternal shame be upon her if she attempts not the task on a worthy scale. Contempt be to him who bears the name of Christian, but who refuses to give himself and his possessions, because he has not the spirit of Him whose name is taken on unworthy lips.

The Centenary sets out to plant poppies in the new social order which shall rise from the wreck of the old. Among our neglected here at home and among the suffering in other nations we must make known the healing spirit of Christ. It is a duty we cannot evade and an opportunity we cannot neglect without disgrace. When God says "Go" and a needy world says "Come," can the church stand halting? He is no true Christian who would so advise or whose attitude tends to make the church so act.

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

MONTHLY MEETING OF CITY EPWORTH LEAGUE UNION

At the meeting of the city Epworth League Union at West End church Tuesday evening William Church was elected corresponding secretary to succeed Mrs. J. D. Neeley, resigned, and Mrs. Gysinger was elected treasurer to succeed Mr. Edgar Black, who has left the city.

The efficiency plan was discussed and adopted.

The West Salem League won the certificate for highest per cent membership at the meeting, while Centenary League won the certificate for highest efficiency, having an average of 67 per cent. The other leagues ranked as follows: West Salem, 30; West End, 32; Southside, 27. Beginning with next month, banners will be awarded to the leagues having highest percentage membership and efficiency.

It was suggested that the North Carolina League Conference be invited to meet in Winston-Salem this spring, but definite action was deferred until the next meeting.

The city union is composed of Centenary, Grace, Salem, Southside and West End Leagues. It is hoped to secure the organization of a league at Burkhead church at an early date.

The next meeting will be held in March with the Salem Union.—Twin-City Sentinel.

LEAGUE OF INTERCESSION

Time and custom have firmly established the use of the first devotional meeting of the new year for teaching the doctrine of prayer and cultivating the prayer life of the young people of the church. If we are to observe the order of importance, no other subject in the list of topics should be allowed to take precedence of this. The Epworth League calendar is loaded with days of special interest; something is going on all the time and something worth while. Iu 1919 January, besides bringing around the ever-sacred subject of prayer, calls for Era Day and the main observance of the great Centenary campaign; February continues the Centenary with especial application to the home field; March calls us again to consider the personal work of winning souls; April, with its Holy Week services, followed by the Easter decisions, lays upon us anew the work of evangelism in the form of the Fellow Workers' Covenant; in May we celebrate Anniversary Day, install the newly elected officers and select and commission delegates to the summer conferences and assemblies; in June, the conference season, we take time at one of the devotional meetings to emphasize the subject of stewardship and enlist Christian stewards in a covenant; in July we have the conference echoes and perhaps give special prominence to some aspect of patriotism. Out of respect for the need of midsummer rest nothing special is prescribed for uAgust, but in September we begin again in earnest with the Africa Rally Day and the taking of pledges for the Africa special. October brings Mission Study Rally Day, now more important than ever; November brings around the subject of the reading circle and all that range of larger culture for which the Epworth League has always stood and challenges to life service, the complement of our missionary giving. December, with its Christmas joys and the watch night service, ends the cycle. But if one day is to be honored above all other days of the calendar let it be the day on which we renew our covenant of prayer—Quiet Hour Sunday.

For 1919 Quiet Hour Sunday has been given a direction especially related to the great missionary Centenary, which is filling the mind of the church and calling for our utmost endeavor. Preparations for the Centenary have been made upon a vast scale, and the church is being cultivated with an unprecedented thoroughness in order that this significent hundredth anniversary of our organized missionary work may be duly observed by the entire membership. These preparations began with the recognition of the primacy of prayer and an intelligent effort to enroll the entnre membership of the church in a Fellowship of Intercession. The leaders in the movement were in possession of exact information that made them aware that millions of dollars and hundreds of lives devoted to the missionary cause would be needed to enable the church to answer to the call of the hour and successfully take up the world task laid before her by her Lord; but they believed that no success could possibly attend the movement, however well planned and xigorously pushed, except as the result of prayer. The Epworth League, as one of the divisions of the great army of Methodism, was already well prepared to assist in extending this Fellowship of Intercession by means of its Quiet Hour Covenant literature and organization. But we have never been fully alive to the duty and possibilities of our own organization for united prayer. In some chapters there is no Quiet Hour Covenant. The special day for enrolling the covenant members comes and goes without prosult in the life of the members of these chapters; they are not of the great spiritual force by which God's kingdom is being brought in through prayer. What is to prevent our enlisting every chapter in the Quiet Hour Covenant the first Sunday of January? Nothing but our own failure to appreciate the urgency of the call to prayer, to feel the imperativeness of the duty, and to place a right valuation upon the privilege of joining with Jesus and all saints in a ministry of intercession.

In view of the Centenary celebration that is filling the mind of the church with the great enterprise of the kingdom of God, some modification in the form of our Quiet Hour Covenant will be made. The substance will remain the same, but there will be specific mention of the things that are engaging the energies of the church now. For a hundred years missions have been an interest of the church; it is now by eminence the interest of the church. The leaders of the movement have given these four objects of intercession:

That all the leaders of the campaign may be chosen of God and empowered for service.

That the plans may be inaugurated and carried through in obedience to the will of God.

That the financial appeal may be made in a spirit and the money secured by methods that will enrich the life of the church and inspire it with new faith and courage.

That the Centenary campaign may mark a turning point in the history of Methodism and usher in a new era of spiritual conquest.

Nothing short of the inclusion of the whole church in a League of Intercession, uniting upon these objects, should be our first goal; therefore, these objects should be made a part of our observance of the Quiet Hour.

Bible reading has always been associated in practice with the observance of the Quiet Hour, but has never been specifically included in the covenant pledge. But prayer cannot be sustained without the reading of the Word of God. If we are to intercede intelligently for the kingdom, we must keep well in mind its nature and the conditions of entrance and abiding therein. This we shall fail to do without the reading of the Bible. The Bible also feeds our spiritual life and keeps us strong for work, prayer and resistance to temptation. Christ's words are spirit, and they are life; therefore we must read the Bible, or we shall fail in the rest. Devotional Bible reading in distinction from other forms of Bible study has always been understood by this exercise. I do not think it necessary to maintain this distinction. Unless we read and study the Bible with the sincere purpose of putting into practice the truths that we find, we shall read to little purpose. But in choosing books to help us in our daily readings we should be guided by their practical character. Such, for example, are Fosdick's books, "The Manhood of the Master," "The Meaning of Prayer" (each 60 cents,) and "The Meaning of Faith" ($1); Bosworth's "Christ in Everyday Life" (60 cents); the volumes of the Expositor's Bible, which are all of high religious value and may be had at $1 the volume. Those on the Old Testament are especially fine. Prof. Seay's "Story of the Old Testament" (price 50 cents) is the regularly prescribed Epworth League Bible study book for the year.

It should not be necessary to present arguments for the League of Intercession, as every Christian is committed to prayer as the condition of fellowship in Christ; but it is ever in place to review the great principles of prayer in order to strengthen our purpose to persevere therein, especially as related to the advanceemnt of the kingdom.

1. In view of the nature of the enterprise, we shall succeed only in so far as we are able to work with spiritual forces. Prayer releases these forces as nothing else does. Prayer brings ourselves into harmony with God so that our thinking and planning become adjusted to His plans; by prayer we are purified so that we can become the agents of God in doing His will. And prayer is the condition of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the world. When the gospel is proclaimed and the church prays, He moves upon the hearts of men. All power is given to Christ in heaven and on earth, but that power awaits the proclamation of the word and the prayer of the church. Fifty days elapsed between the resurrection of the Lord and the coming of the power, the last ten of them spent in prayer; then the power was released. So today the prayer of the church and the preaching of the gospel condition the application of divine power to the work of bringing the world to christ.

2. Prayer is the condition of the call of God to men to enter the work of the ministry. "The harvest is great, and the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Unless divinely called, no one can succeed in the work of the ministry at home or in the foreign field. The calling is of God and comes in answer to prayer.

3. As the gifts of God's people are as necessary to the sending forth of laborers into the harvest as the calling of the laborers, prayer for money is equally included in the prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest.

It is important that we prepare for the successful observance of Quiet Hour Sunday by previous teaching, advertising and securing the covenant cards for signature. For the first use leaflets and pamphlets. Order of the Committee of Spiritual Resources of the Centenary, Rev. S. A. Neblett, secretary, box 218, Nashville, Tenn., a supply of leaflet literature. Have placed in the hands of every Epworthian and as many others as you can reach Mr. Hounshell's leaflet "A Call to Intercession," which may be had gratuitously. Order of the Central Office, 810 Brodaway, a sufficient number of covenant cards, "The League of intercession," to place one in the hands of each Epworthian and visitor to the League. Both the leaflet and the cards are free. As far as means will admit circulate also "The Morning Watch," by J. R. Mott (price 5 cents the copy), and "Prayer and Missions," by Robert E. Speer (5 cents the copy, or 40 cents the dozen). "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" is a pamphlet setting forth the Epworth League covenant and can be had for 50 cents a hundred.

Being thus supplied, let all diligence be used to have this literature read by the members before the day for the Quiet Hour service, January 5. Organize groups of prayer for the Holy Spirit's aid in making the meeting successful. Our aim is to enlist every member of the chapter in a Covenant of Intercession. At a proper time in the service have distributed to all present cards for signature; have several short prayers that all may be aided to decision to enter into the League of Intercession; then supply pencils and have the upper half of the card taken up for record by the first department superintendent, the lower half to be keut as a reminder by the signer.

Report the number of signers to the district secretary. Write to the Era and your conference paper of the meeting. There may be some who for various reasons failed to observe the day who would be encouraged to try to do it at a later date.

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Previously reported	$1,141.50
Hendersonville (now $521)	50.00
Hot Springs-Marshall	5.00
Mills River	25.00
Charge unknown	5.00
	$1,226.50

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Previously reported	$2,730.50
Dilworth (now $50)	5.00
Chadwick (now $90)	75.00
Trinity (now $347)	25.00
Tryon Street (now $529.55)	35.00
Pineville (now $20)	5.00
	$2,875.50

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Previously reported	$2,681.33
Centenary (now $333.75)	75.00
Spring Garden (now $273)	5.00
West Market (now $1,408.50)	100.00
Main St.,High Point(now$28.75)	50.00
Wesley Memorial,High Point (now $205)	10.00
Randleman (now $36.25)	10.00
Uwharrie (now $29.25)	24.25
	$2,955.58

MARION DISTRICT

Previously reported	$2,356.37
Connelly Springs-RutherfordCollege (now $1,281.62)	416.75
Forest City (now $76)	45.00
Henrietta-Caroleen (now $65)	5.00
Morganton (now $588)	132.00
Morganton circuit (now $128)	50.00
Table Rock (now ..160)	30.00
Valdese (now $127)	2.00
	$3,037.12

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

Previously reported	$341.49
Mount iAry	25.00
Stokesdale (now $10)	5.00
	$371.49

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

Previously reported	$395.16
Avery circuit (now $10)	25.00
North Wilkesboro (now $197)	10.00
	$430.16

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Previously reported	$420.05
Concord circuit(now $39.10)	30.00
Kannapolis	10.00
	$460.05

SHELBY DISTRICT

Previously reported	$3,069.26
Lowesville (now $36)	25.00
Shelby circuit (now $77.50)	25.00
	$3,119.26

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Previously reported	$3,067.95
Alexander (now $55)	25.00
Catawba (now $87.75)	40.00
Cool Springs (now $17.25)	7.25
Davidson-Huntersville (now $60)	50.00
Hickory (now $1,657)	407.00
Lenoir circuit (now $90)	25.00
Maiden	5.00
Mooresville (now $625)	75.00
Mt. Zion (now $202)	120.00
Race Street (now $29.30)	5.00
Troutman (now $57.75)	32.00
	$3,859.20

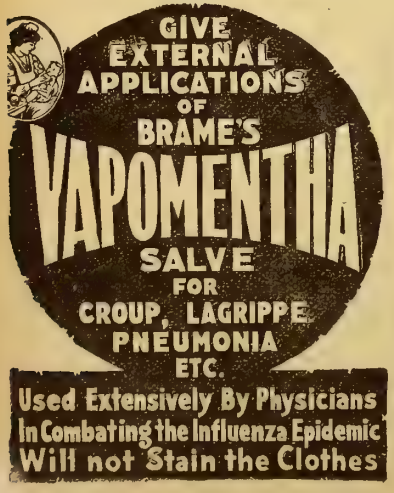
WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Previously reporetd	$348.00
Jonathan	30.00

WINSTON DISTRICT

Previously reported	$3,113.15
Lexington (now $195.50)	20.00
	$3,133.15
Charge and district unknown	$5.00
Previously reported other conf.	627.00
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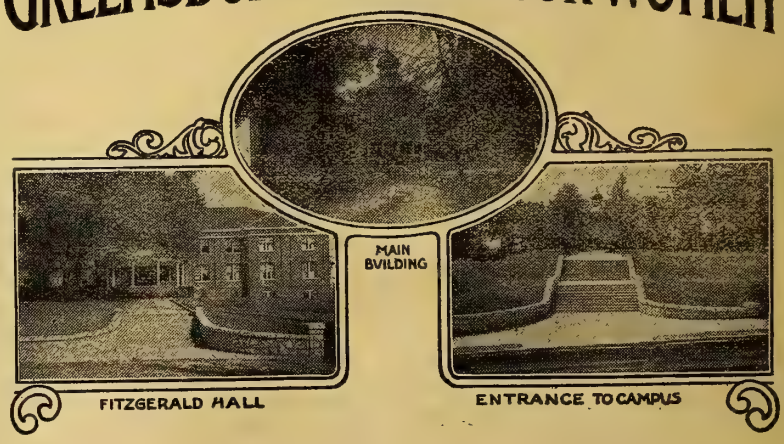
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SOUTHERN EDUCATORS ON THE NEGRO

Gainesville, Fla.—The Southern Education Society, in its annual session here, drew educators from every Southern state. The society requested the new president, Dr. McConnell, of the Virginia State Normal for Women, to appoint committees for a careful study of the South's most important educational problems. One of these committees is to study Negro education and report its recommendations at the meeting next year.

G. W. Tedder, of Madison, Fla., the retiring president, in his annual address spoke of the patriotism of the Negroes, as shown by soldiers and civilians alike, and also bore witness to the fact that the schools for colored children are not what they should be.

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BAPTISTS UNITE TO AID NEGRO

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Possibly other towns had provsional local stamp issues. But the above are all that are known to collectors. Should you find any of these rare local issues, send them to Mr. Brooks. He will offer what he regards them as worth to him, and in case the offer is not satisfactory will return the envelope and stamp to the sender.. Don't deface nor detach the stamps, but send the complete envelopes. Your search may be a very profitable one for you and a greatly welcomed one for Mr. Brooks.

Most of these were probably what you might call franked envelopes instead of adhesive stamps. Still, there are both envelopes and stamps in this class of postage. The probability is that they were issued at the time the war began, to take the place of the federal issues and before the Confederate government had time to prepare regular national stamps.

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WHEN THE FLAG HELPED FRED

When Fred and Roger Mason ran out into the crisp air of the winter morning they saw a flag flying at the top of the white pole in front of the house down the road. There was another flag fluttering from the piazza of the house at the top of the hill, and still another that they could just see over the trees toward the town where the school house stood. It was February 22d, and the Stars and Stripes were unfurled in memory of Georg Washington.

"Where is our flag?" asked Roger. "We must put one up, too."

"It's in the attic in the old bureau drawer," said Rred. "Wait, and I'll get it."

When he came out of the house with the red, white and blue flag in his hands he found Roger playing with Skip. The little water spaniel was frisking about in an even more lively way than usual. He seemed to know that it was a holiday.

"Now, where shall we put this flag?" asked Fred.

It was a large one, made of heavy bunting, and in the hem there were four brass rings through which to pass the rope.

"First, of course, we need a pole," said Roger. "I think there's one out in the shed."

What they finally found was a strong bamboo pole eight feet long. To the pole they tied the flag securely with stout pieces of rope, so that no matter how hard the wind blew the flag would not be torn away.

Skip had watched them patiently, although it was plain that he was eager for more lively play. He barked and wagged his tail when Roger jumped to his feet, raised the flag over his head and cried, "Now, where shall we put it?"

"We ought to fasten it up on some high place where pople can see it," said Fred. "The pole isn't very long."

From where the brothers stood behind the house the highest object they could see was the windmill on the knoll beyond th big maple.

"It would look fine up there," said Roger, pointing to the big, round water tank that was just below the fan-like arms of the wheel.

Two minutes later Fred and Roger were standing at the foot of the windmill, looking up.

"See, we could fasten the pole almost straight up against that little railing that runs around the tank platform, and then people could see it from everywhere," declared Fred. "It would surprise father and mother, too. Some nails and a hammer are all we need."

"I'll get those," said Roger.

"And while you're gone I'll be climbig up the ladder with the flag," said Fred.

Roger ran toward the house. Fred, with the flag in his hand, mounted the iron rounds of the windmill ladder. Once or twice before, in the summer, Fred had climbed it, and so he was not afraid; but he kept his eyes turned upward and did not look down until he reached the little platform that ran around the tank. Then he was careful to hold firmly to the railing and to keep his back against the rounded boards of the tank, for it seemed a long way down to the snow-covered ground, and he did not wish to fall.

Minutes passed, and he began to think Roger must be having a hard time to find the hammer. He amused himself by looking at the view. Far away over the fields toward town he caught glimpses of many flags that he had not been able to se from the ground. He wondered what could be seen from the other side of the tank, toward the hills and the pine woods.

With the flagpole in his hand he started around the narrow platform, and then, so suddenly that he had no time even to cry out, something happened.

There was a little place where the tank had leaked and water had run down on the platform. A glossy coating of ice covered the boards, and as Fred reached it his feet shot out from under him. The flagpole came down with a whack as Fred pitched forward. He flung out his hands to grasp the railing, but he missed it and his fingers grasped instead the soft folds of the flag.

Fred was never quite sure what happened in the next instant. He knew that he had slid under the railing and over the edge of the icy boards, and that he was falling, but his tight grip on the red, white and blue flag held, and there he hung with his fet dangling in the empty air far above the ground. The pole had caught behind two of the little posts that held up the railing.

For several seconds Fred was too frightened to do anything except to cling with all his strength. Then he tried to move his hands upward, but that was hard to do without losing his hold.

When he had been struggling for several minutes he realized that he could not climb up, and at that he was filled with dread. He shut his teeth tightly and clung to the flag. The red and white stripes were crumpled under his fingers, and directly above his eyes was a patch of the blue field with its white stars.

He glanced downward and his head swam dizzily; after that he kept his eyes shut.

Once or twice he shouted for help, but his fingers began to slip, and thereafter he put all his strength and all his thoughts into the work of holding on. It was cold, and his hands were already numb and tired. Why did not oger come?

Far beneath him on the ground he could hear Skip barking loudly, and he knew that the little dog had seen his danger. It was the shrill, eager bark that the spaniel always gave when he was excited.

Fred could not help thinking that if help did not come soon he would be lying down there on the cold, frozen ground beside Skip.

Slowly his fingers were losing their hold; in a moment he would have to let go. The flag was strong, but his hands were weak and stiff. He was slipping, now an inch, now two inches, and now a little more.

Then of a sudden he thought he heard voices, and he put all his remaining strength into an effort to cling a moment longer. Yes, some one was speaking, and now the voices were directly over his head and the flag was moving upward.

Even when Fred felt a strong hand grasp his wrist and lift him up and up he kept his eyes closed. He did not open them until he realized that his father was holding him close and patting him a little and saying, "There, there now, you're safe." And then he saw that Jimmy Dutton, the man who did odd jobs around the house for his father, was there, too, and that he was lifting up the flag.

A few minutes later Fred was sitting in front of the blazing fire in the living room, sipping a cup of hot cocoa and feeling very happy and comfortable. Father and mother were there, too, as were Roger and the water spaniel.

"Well, Skip," said father, "you've done some good work on this Washington's Birthday. If I hadn't heard you barking so I'd never have looked out of the window, and then I shouldn't have seen Fred until it was too late."

At that, father moved his big armchair close to the fire and took Fred, cocoa cup and all, upon his knee. Mother smoothed Fred's hair, and Skip licked his little master's fingers; but Roger turned away and looked out of the window, because there were tears in his eyes.

What he saw made him give a shout of surprise.

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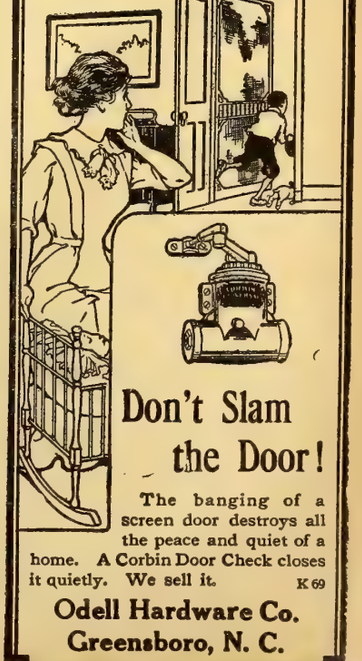
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Our Dead

BANNER—Thomas Blaine Banner was born June 10, 1887, and peacefully departed this life from a hospital in Joinville, France, December 10, 1918, aged 31 years and 6 months. His parents in his early childhood moved from Elk Park to Banners Elk, where he was reared. Of the immediate family only one brother survives, Louie Banner. His parents died some years ago. About 12 years ago he made a profession at Rutherford College, where he attended school. Soon afterward he was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Banners Elk, by Brother W. A. Newell. Brother Thomas was a young man of excellent Christian character, finding his chief joy in the service of his Lord. Brothers Newell and Hayes both give testimony of his faith and zeal in the work of the Sunday school and the church.

In November, 1917, he answered the call of his country and was trained at Camp Jackson, S. C. His final enlistment was Private Thomas B. Banner, Co. C, 302 Engineers. On account of some physical infirmity he was given an honorable discharge, but would not accept it, so he went on to the front and was a brave valient soldier. In the Argonne Forest he was signalled one among 16 for special service in clearing the way for his comrades to follow. Here he was in three fierce battles, and was in the final drive that ended the war. Our hearts were inspired with hope for his return home, for a cable message came stating that he was O. K., but in a few days, after going back on a long hike, he was taken to a hospital in Joinville, France, ill of a bronchial trouble. Here he laid down his life in the sublime faith and devotion in which he had lived it. In a letter home he says: "Every night I pray that God will seal it to my heart. My God! My country! I love thee!" This devotion to the cause of freedom is beautiful and sublime. It is voluntary. Where do we find a more sublime expression of patriotism than this? The blending of all life purposes into the consecration supreme that the interests of his country may coincide with the interest of the kingdom of God. His love in making his will expresses the same spirit. One of the beneficiaries is Rutherford College. I can only give this in substance: The proceeds of the sale of his farm to be given to help educate any Avery county boy desiring to avail himself of the opportunity of preparing for the ministry or the profession of law, provided in this case the young man pledge himself to use his influence for the final suppression of the liquor traffic. Not only has he made the supreme sacrifice, but he has left his own monument in establishing what should be known as The Thomas Banner Memorial Fund for Christian Education. This should be supplemented by his friends until the interest of the endowment would support an Avery county boy each year.

The Christian minister and Christian statesman are the twin brothers he desires to see reared to answer his prayer, "My country, my God, I love thee!" The Christian minister and Christian statesman each in his co-operative sphere of labor to make the interest of our country coincide with the interest of God's Kingdom. This monument of his own making calls us at once to prayer that God may lay his hand upon his chosen as the Christian minister and Christian statesman. So he has in this pointed out the way in the reconstruction period. May God graciously comfort the bereaved.

T. S. Coble.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were passed by the Philathea class of the Granite Falls Methodist Sunday school in memory of Mrs. Hattie May Terrell, the first one to pass from our class since its organization twelve years ago:

We feel sure that a redeemed soul has fought the good fight, finished the course and gone to receive the reward promised the righteous.

A great sorrow was brought to all, a regret that will end only with earthly existence.

Whereas, our Heavenly father has taken from our midst one we loved so well, be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to his will.

Second, that we do extend to the bereaved husband and families our heartfelt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives, and pray heaven's blessings on them.

Third, that her life was worthy of emulation, being marked by many kind deeds of thoughtful attention for others; that her influence in home, community and church manifested her implicit faith in her Saviour.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our class record in memory of our departed friend, that one be sent the North Carolina Christian Advocate and one to the family.

Mrs. Genelia Starnes,
Mrs. R. E. Deal,
Mrs. M. E. Jones,
Committee.

BUMGARNER—Frank Ray Bumgarner, son of John and Amanda Bumgarner, was born May 7, 1893, and departed this life January 14, 1919, leaving behind to mourn his absence, with aching hearts, his parents, one brother, and his devoted wife. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord!"

Frank was one of the leading and most faithful members of Speedwell Baptist church. Loyal always to his Saviour and to his country as well, he took the lead in the Sunday school and church work and also in the war campaigns of the government, even in his last illness contributing to causes which were presented to him. When any neighbor was in trouble, Frank was always present, anxious and glad to help. The whole community was saddened by his untimely death, and the thought that seemed to be uppermost in the minds of all those who spoke of him and those who stood silent, was, "We have suffered a great loss." It is not so hard to preach a funeral where there is such unanimous and outspoken tribute, in fact, his funeral sermon had already been preached by his own life. He is not dead—such cannot die!

He has but journeyed on.
A few more days and we shall meet
Among the shining throng.

John Cline.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Walter F. Russell has been a member of Granite Falls Methodist church, and one who was always interested in the moral and religious welfare of his church and community thus trying always to do his part in a manly way in an endeavor to advance the kingdom of God; therefore be it resolved:

First, that the membership of our church feel the loss of a good Christian man, one who was loyal to his church and its discipline.

Second, that we extend to the bereaved wife, Mrs. Florence Russell, our heart-felt sympathy and prayers, praying always that she may never have to pass through such shadows of sorrow again.

Third, that we remember Mrs. Mattie Russell, the mother of the deceased, in our prayers, asking our Heavenly Father that he may, through his grace, bring us all to our Father's house, where we may enjoy forever that heavenly companionship with our loved ones who have gone before.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our church paper and a copy be recorded in our church record.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. Warlick,
M. C. Forbes,
H. V. Bolick,
Committee.

CUTHBERTSON—Mrs. Essie Wilson Cuthbertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson was born at Nebo, McDowell county, May 5th, 1890, and passed to her eternal reward January 15th, 1919.

In early girlhood she professed faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and joined the Methodist church, of which she was a faithful and active member until she was called to the great communion of the Church Triumphant. As pastor and member of Bethel church, Asheville, we will miss very much her quiet yet dignified onward, upward, steady service in the Christian life in her church and community. Mrs. Cuthbertson was a sister to Mrs. H. M. Wellman, wife of one of our young ministers, now of the N. C. Conference.

In the summer of 1906 she was united in marriage with T. W. Cuthbertson of Asheville, who is one of the conductors in the employ of the Southern Railway Company. She went from us as one of the victims of influenza and pneumonia, leaving a bereaved husband and many loved ones and friends to mourn our loss. Yet we rest in the happy faith that she has been lifted to that land where the ravages of sin and pestilence of disease cannot go. So may the grace of God sustain us and gather us to a great reunion when the light of an eternal day shall arise to go out no more.

Her pastor, J. O. Ervin.

RICHARDSON—Mrs. Ellen Richardson, widow of the late James A. Richardson, died at her home one mile north of Marshville, Wednesday, January 29th, after a lingering illness of many months. She had been confined to her bed since last March.

Deceased was the fifth child of Jas. S. and Jane M. Bivens and was born October 19th, 1847. She was, therefore, a little more than 71 years of age. Mrs. Richardson was a member of the Methodist church and was a most excellent woman. She was a kind and devoted wife and mother and an obliging neighbor. She was married to Jas. A. Richardson March 24th, 1867, and to this union ten children were born, seven of whom survive. They are Messrs. C. E.; H. C. and J. E. Richardson, of Oakboro; J. P. Richardson, of Charlotte, and Misses Cora and Jennie Richardson, who lived with their mother at the time of her death.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. S. Taylor, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Marshville. S. Taylor.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Our little comrade, Sue Russel, has been taken from us. She is here to brighten our class and cheer us along in our everyday life no more. Sue was our favorite and it seems hard to give her up. We miss her so. But our Heavenly Father knows best, so today he has Sue with him in heaven and we have the sweet memory of her. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that our Sunday school class has lost one of its brightest and best loved members. She was faithful, true and sincere in all her duties. We love her memory for those qualities.

Second, that while we are sad at her going we are glad we had her little happy life for even so short a while, and may it be an inspiration to us, and may we strive the more to meet her in that sweet beyond.

Third, that we extend our deepest sympathy to the grieved mother and relatives in this their saddest hour. May God in his all-wise tenderness comfort them.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the Sunday school minutes, a copy sent to the mother and a copy to our Advocate.

Mary Deal,
Mamie Deal,
Catherine Warlick,
Mrs. A. D. Abernethy.

HERMON—John Cleveland Hermon was born in Gaston county, N. C., November 19th, 1884, and died in Baltimore, Md., January 4, 1919, aged 34 years, 1 month and 15 days. He was the only son of William M. and Addie Hermon, and was always a faithful and obedient son. His devotion to his parents and his five sisters, who survive him, was indeed beautiful.

Brother Hermon was converted and joined the Methodist church at Stanley, N. C., when 13 years of age, under the ministry of Rev. Albert Sherrill, and remained a member of his old home church until death. His clean, upright, consistent life proved that his conversion was genuine. He was a liberal supporter of the church and was always interested in its welfare.

For ten years prior to his death he resided in Raleigh, whe he held a position as an electrician. He was held in high esteem by his associates there as well as by the people of his home community.

His body was laid to rest Wednesday, January 8th, in the cemetery at Stanley, N. C., funeral services being conducted by the writer. May God's grace sustain his loved ones in this time of greatest grief. L. L. Smith.

JONES—Bulah Etta Jones was born November 3rd, 1910, and departed this life November 29th, 1918, aged 8 years and 26 days. Little Bulah was patient through all her illness. She was loved by all who knew her, and to know her was to love her. She had been a sufferer for almost all of her life but in September of 1918 she became worse and continued to grow worse until the end came.

She leaves a father, mother and two brothers and two sisters, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

R. F. Wellons, P. C.

ELLIOTT—Milly Jane Elliott departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Poole, in Woodleaf, N. C., January 24th, 1919, being in the 92nd year of her age. She was united in marriage to Mr. Upshaw Davis Elliott, April 19th, 1854. From this union there were fourteen children, eight of whom are still living and six are dead. There are forty-five grandchildren and sixty-two great grandchildren. Her husband died October 21, 1907.

She professed religion and joined the Methodist church many years ago, and lived a consistent Christian life to the end of her pilgrimage. Her devotion and tender ministries for her helpless invalid son, Joe, was most beautiful to behold. But she has gone over on the other side of the river, where all is peace, joy and love forever. E. J. Poe.

GARDNER—Reece William Gardner, son of George W., and Annie G. Gardner, aged three months and four days, departed this life near Cleveland, January 25, 1919. The precious little one was not permitted to stay with the loved ones long but long enough that the heartstrings of affection became entwined about him, and heaven is more real to them because he is there. They will strive harder to do right and live for Jesus because he is there. He will be at the beautiful gate waiting and watching for them. E. J. Poe.

BLAIR.—Mrs. Bettie Thompson Blair, of Walkertown, N. C., died here Jan. 12, 1919, aged 68 years and six months. May 26, 1865, she was married to Mr. W. F. Blair and to them were born four children, three boys and one girl: W. E. Blair, W. I. Blair, C. F. Blair and Mrs. Frank Jones. These survive; also a host of grandchildren.

Mrs. Blair was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for fifty-five years. At the time of her death she was a member of Love's M. E. Church, South, and was buried in Love s cemetery Jan. 13, 1919.

Mrs. Blair was a splendid woman and was ever glad to serve others in their time of sickness and sorrow. She was a Christian and her influence will ever be felt by those who knew her.

Jesus, thou Prince of life,
Thy chosen cannot die;
Like thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with thee on high.

J. C. Harmon, P. C.

KING—Miss Myrtle King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elam King, of the Hickory Grove church and community, on January 18th bid farewell to earth and went to live with God above. Myrtle was one among the best young Christian women I ever knew. She was born about twenty years ago and joined the Methodist church in early life. She did not only join the church and take the vows, but lived as she promised. Among all the affairs in life there was nothing so important as the Bible. She never got too busy but what she took God's word and read a chapter each day, first seeking God's kingdom and righteousness, then going on to her work. She made a strong effort to qualify herself in life for the very best service. She had gone to a college near Winston-Salem, where she became a victim of influenza, followed by pneumonia. She was taken to a hospital in Winston and everything that could be done was done for her, but the end came at last, and she went to sleep in Christ. The body was interred in the burying ground. She leaves the family to await God's calling them together. R. H. Kennington.

MORRIS—Thomas Calvin Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris, was born January 1, 1918, and died January 16, 1919, aged one year and sixteen days.

Little Tommie was a beautiful, sweet child, and so loving to every one that his sweet smiles made him a perfect model child. He was a favorite of all his people and the community. His precious life has been a great joy to his brother Shade and sister Margaret and all other members of the family. He was sick twenty days but bore his suffering with great patience.

Dear little lips that have known no guile,
Beautiful, innocent fever red,
Would that you were ringing again
With mirth, as in the days that have fled.

Two weeks prior to the above date, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris and little daughter were laid to rest in Love's cemetery, at Walkertown, N. C., in the same grave at the same hour.

Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones in their dark hours of sorrow.

"Is not e'en death a gain to those
Whose life to God was given.
Gladly to earth their eyes they close,
To open them in heaven."

A Friend.

KINDLEY—Corporal Giles Edgar Kindley was born October 27, 1896. He joined the Methodist church in boyhood and remained a faithful member until the last. At an early age he became interested in an education and soon developed into a very brilliant and active student. After a very successful career as a student at Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute he took up the work of teaching, but when the war between the United States and Germany became iminent he volunteered with the hope of getting into the service and going to France. After several unsuccessful attempts he was finally accepted in the marine service on May 12, 1917. However, he was so efficient in the service he rendered on this side that he never realized his ambition to get on the firing line at the front.

At Puerto Plota, D. R., he was stricken with influenza, which was followed by pneumonia, and died in the service of his country December 17, 1918, at the early age of 22 years, one month and 20 days.

He leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Kindley, four brothers, living, two having died in infancy, Sam E., R. F., W. Q., Jr. and D. R.; two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Bunn and Miss Mary Rebekah Kindley, and an unnumbered host of friends to mourn their loss.

A Friend.

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District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Weaverville station, 11 a. m. 2
Bethel, night 2
Swannanoa, Bethlehem 8-9
Haywood Street 9
Black Mountain, night 9
Walnut-Antioch, Paint Rock 15-16
Hot Springs-Marshall, Marshall ... 16
Sulphur Springs, Oak Hill 21-22
Central, Asheville, 11 a. m. 22
Asheville ct., Elk Mountain, 4 p.m. 22
District Council of pastors and church directors, Asheville 28
Fairview, Tweeds 29-30
Flat Rock, Fletchers, Fletchers 30
Saluda, night 30

April
Henderson circuit, Fruitland, (Conference on 5) 4-5
Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant 6
Chestnut Street, night 6
Leicester, Grace 12-13
West Asheville 13
Bethel, night 13
Weaverville circuit, Salem 19-20
Mars Hill circuit 20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 26-27

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

February
Belmont, night 23

March
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m. 2
Trinity, night 2
Prospect, Carmel, 11 a. m. 8-9
Monroe, Central, night 9
Ansonville, Cedar Hill, 11 a. m. 15-16
Wadesboro, night 16
Unionville, Zion, 11 a. m. 22-23
Mathews, Indian Trail, 2:30 p. m. .. 23
Dilworth, night 23
Marshville, Center, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

February
Greensboro, Centenary, 11 a. m. 23
Greensboro, Walnut street and Carraway Memorial, night 23

March
Coleridge circuit, Rehobeth 1-2
Ramseur and Franklinville, Franklinville, night 2-3
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night 9
Pleasant Garden, Rehobeth 15-16
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 3 p. m. 16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m. 23
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night 23
Wentworth circuit, Lowes 29-30
High Point, East End, night 30

April
Deep River circuit, Worthville 5-6
Randleman, St. Paul's night 6
West Greensboro, Friendship 12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m. 13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant ...19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 20
Ruffin, 11 a. m. 27
Reidsville, Main Street, night 27

May
Uwharrie circuit, Union 3
Asheboro, 11 a. m. 4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill 10-11
High Point, Main Street, night 11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

March
Dobsn, Dobson 1-2
Summerfield, Lee's Chapel 8-9
Jonesville, Maple Spring, 11 a. m. ..15-16
Elkin, night 14-16
Mount Airy circuit, Epworth 22-23
Mount Airy, Central, night 23
Pilot Mountain, Pinnacle, 11 a. m.29-30
Rural Hall, Mt. Pleasant,, 11 a. m... 28
3 p. m. 30

April
Stokesdale, Mt. Carmel 5-6
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m. ..12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night 13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville 19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m. 26-27
Spray, 3. p. m. 27
and night 28
Leaksville, night 27

MAIRON DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
McDowell circuit, Glenwood 8-9
Marion Mills, East Marion, night .. 9
Old Fort circuit, Mill Creek 15-16
Marion station, night 16
Morganton circuit, Salem 22-23
Morganton station, night 23-24
Cliffside circuit, Hollis 29-30
Henrietta and Caroleen, Caroleen, night 30

April
Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. ..13-14

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson

February
North Wilkes Mission 22-23
North Wilkesboro, night 22-23

March
Wilkes circuit, Adley 1-2
Wilkesboro station, p. m. 1-2

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

February
Lincoln circuit, Pisgah, 11 a. m. ...22-23
McAdenville, 7 p. m. 26

March
Belwood, St. Peter's, 11 a. m. 1-2
Mount Holly, 7 p. m. 4
Shelby circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m. 8-9
Shelby-Central, 7 p. m. 14
Polkville, Elliott's 11 a. m. 15-16
Bessemer, Concord, 7 p. m. 19
Cherryville, St. Paul's 11 a. m. 22-23
Belmont, 7 p. m. 28
Mayworth, Ebenezer, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

February
Hickory circuit, Fairgrove, 11 a. m.22-23
Hickory, First Hickory, 7 p. m. 22-23

March
Race street, St. Johns 11 a. m. 1-2
Statesville circuit, Bethlehem, 3 p.m. 1-2
Broad Street, Board Street, 7 p. m. 1-2
North Lenoir, Mt. Hermon, 11 a. m. 8-9
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Valmead, 3 p. m. 8-9
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m. 15-16
Granite Falls, Granite Falls 7 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, 11 a. m. 22-23
Lenoir circuit, Littlejohns, 3 p. m. ..22-23
Catawba circuit, Hopewell, 11 a. m.29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 7 p. m. 29-30

April
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m... 6-7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m. 6-7
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 6-7
Newton, Newton, 11 a. m. 13-14
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 13-14

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

March
Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2
Spencer, Central, 11 a. m. 9
First Church, night 9
China Grove, 11 a. m. 16
Park Avenue, night 16
Forest Hill, 11 a. m. 23
Woodleaf, Gays 29-30
South Main, night 30

April
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 6
Badin, night 6
Cottonvile, Zion 12-13
Norwood, Randalls 13
New London, Bethel 19-20
Salem, 3 p. m. 20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul 26-27
Epworth, night 27

May
Gold Hill, Zion 3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night 4
Concord circuit, Carmel 10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m. 11
Kerr Street, night 11
Albemarle circuit 17-18
First Street, night 18
Salisbury circuit 24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage ..31-June 1

June
Kannapolis station 1
Bethel-Loves 7-8

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West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.
Cooleemee, March 2, night.
Davie circuit, March 3-9. Quarterly conference at Liberty.
Lexington circuit, March 11-16, Quarterly conference at Center.
Davidson circuit, March 17-23 Quarterly conference at Good Hope.
Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.
New Hope circuit, March 31-April 7. Quarterly conference, Macedonia.
Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.
Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.
Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.
Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4. Quarterly conference at Sharon.
Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.
Advance circuit May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.
Farmington circuit, May 19-25. Quarterly conference at Ward's

Pastors on circuits will note that sufficient time has been given to include all churches within their charge. They will please announce services at each church at the most convient hour within the dates assigned.

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

January
Waynesville station 26

February
Canton station 2
Sylva station, 11 a. m. 9
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, night 9
Haywood, Mt. Zion 15-16
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster 22-23

March
Jonathan, Delwood 1-2
Clyde, Elizabeth 2-3
Bryson-Whittier, Bryson 9-10
Murphy station 15-16
Andrews station 16-17
Bethel circuit, Bethel 22-23
Macon, Mt. Zion 29-30
Franklin station 30-31

April
Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May
Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
Highlands 11-12
Fines Creek 17-18

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GLIMPSES

How it will help us if we can get hold upon God and feel that He is multiplying our strength. No one ever comes up to the limit of his working strength without linking with the power that is unseen.

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A great missionary pastor, H. C. McGregor, who sent out from his church seven missionaries and had seven others in prospect when death took him, used to say, "I would rather train one man to pray than ten men to preach." This is a high estimate to put upon the effectiveness of prayer, but it is not exaggerated. McGregor had tested it. With him prayer was a consuming passion. It was also his arm of power and his assurance of ministerial success.—Ex.

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The challenge is now before every one of us to invest money in character. As stewards of God we have no right to ignore the call of our day to build character instead of building fortunes to destroy character.

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A very sedate Episcopalian periodical fairly bellows: "Must we have drives in the church? How heartily we agree with the pious belief here expressed: 'One of the conspicuous glories of heaven is that there we shall no longer be frantically urged to undertake drives and movements and campaigns.'" And yet what are "drives" but all-together, all-harnessed-in brotherhood and co-operation?—Central Christian Advocate.

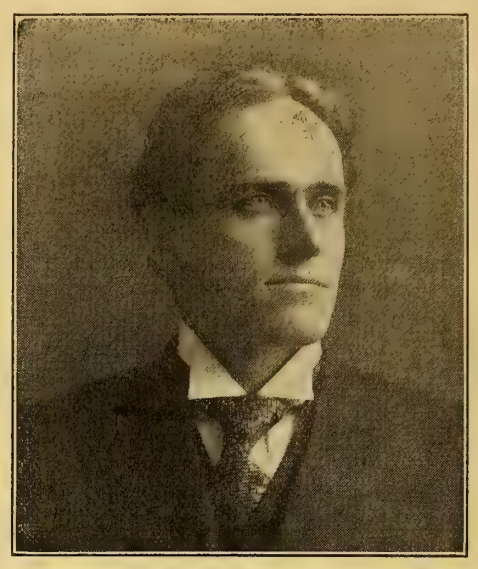
THE CENTENARY DRIVE

One of the great congregations to be in the near future is Centenary, Greensboro. The field is one of unusual possibilities, and the younger element is showing the wholesome progressive spirit. In the midst of a church improvement enterprise in which they will perhaps spend some $2,000, the young people under the auspices of the Epworth League have organized a drive to place the North Carolina Christian Advocate in every home. We have not the slightest doubt that these young people are going to succeed, and thus inaugurate a new day for this congregation.

We are greatly pleased to give our readers a good view of the church, also a look into the faces of some of the leaders among these young people, and last, but not least, a look into the face of their pastor, Rev. A. W. Plyler, who keeps his hand on the throttle in every enterprise of the church.

METHODISTS STILL IN THE LEAD

In some quarters there has been a spirited discussion recently as to whether, according to the latest census figures, the Methodists have not lost their place of primacy among the Protestant denominations of the country. In a recent number, discussing the "Methodist-Baptist Seesaw," the editor of the New York Christian Advocate gives the following, which explains the matter and shows that, as a denomination, it is officially conceded that the



REV. A. W. PLYLER, Pastor Centenary Church

Methodists are still in the lead by a very small margin:

"The statistical bulletin of the United States census bureau last May somewhat ruffled Methodist self-composure by placing the Baptists at the head of the Protestant bodies in America in point of numbers, the Methodist group dropping to second place. Persons who are familiar with church statistics immediately challenged the accuracy of the returns, and now the census bureau issues a supplementary report, revising the figures of last spring and restoring the old ranking order, Methodists first, with 7,166,451 members, and Baptists second, with 7,153,313. There is only a hair-line margin, but it is probably enough to justify a certain sense of denominational satisfaction that is recognized as a Methodist foible.

"The immense advance of the Baptists last year is largely due to the reported gains of the National Baptist Convention (colored), which claimed 3,018,341 members. In the revision they lost 79,762.

"The census bureau cut down the membership of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church more than one-half. The bishops protest that injustice has been done and that they have 443,873 members, which is 186,668 more than the bureau found. Their explanation is that Southern members have migrated to Northern localities where they have no churches, and so these were not counted. Moreover, the 'dollar rule,' requiring every pastor to take as many dollars to the annual conference as he has members, has had a depressing effect on statistics. If the dollars do not come in freely, the number of members is possibly adjusted to tally with the funds. In the revision the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, gains more than 5,000, while our own church loses about 600."

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The small margin shown by these figures is nothing to boast of. In fact, the net increase in all branches of Methodism, as well as in all branches of the Protestant church, is really disquieting. There is a reason why the rapid growth of Protestant denominations should have been so evidently checked, and it is not a matter of much concern as to whether Methodists or Baptists should be in the lead. All who know the history of Methodism understand that it has been a great feeder of all evangelical denominations and that its own vitality has been intimately associated with the evangelical spirit which made it a distinctly new force in the eighteenth century. Now the serious question suggested by the comparatively small increase, not only in the Methodist church but in all Protestant denominations, is as to whether Methodism has not departed from its original purpose of being primarily a soul-saving agency—a great evangelical force. In order to appreciate this inquiry more fully one has only to look into the history of some of our largest and most influential city congregations. How long has it been in many of these congregations since a pastor has seriously launched an evangelistic movement under his own direction with the co-operation of his own people? The history of the church studied from the standpoint of any evangelical denomination will convince us that there has been no appreciable growth in periods devoid of evangelical fervor. The people do not turn to the church except in times when the prophet of God calls to repentance and offers something vastly more satisfying than lectures on moral ethics or social betterment. Musical entertainment may vie with opera attractions in drawing a curious crowd for a few evenings, but who ever heard of a red-hot gospel message being mixed with such a program for the Sunday evening? The two have no affinity and no expedient of the modern reformer of public worship can put them together.

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The present time offers the finest opportunity in a century for turning the hearts of the multitudes back to the place of prayer. The sanctuary could easily be made to resound with the songs of victory again, for the reason that the shadows of a world tragedy are still about us and the hearts of men and women are sore. It is a time for the preacher to ask God to show him His message, and to be satisfied to speak nothing except what God impels him to speak. It is a time for the minister, like Moses, to prostrate himself before God and say: "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence." This business of preaching to and leading a great congregation is entirely too serious to be enterprised without the assurance of the divine presence, and this assurance will not be withheld from the man who seeks earnestly for it.

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All the blame for a dearth of spiritual power and achievement may not lie at the door of the pastor, though ministerial shortcomings are more conspicuous than those of the laity. The people who compose the body of the church so often lose sight of the one great purpose for which the church exists—that is, "the edification"—spiritual upbuilding—"of believers and the conversion of the world." There ought always to be a prayer league in any congregation, and this, not as a sort of forced issue, but as a spontaneous exhibit of the life and force of genuine spirituality. Without this the church cannot be self-propagating and must sooner or later give way to the inroads of worldliness and moral decay. We are hoping that this Centenary organization may prove a sort of spiritual house-cleaning, and that in the attempt to revive interest in the great mission of the church God's people may discover their vital need, and that the richest result of it all may be the reflex effect upon our great church organization at home. It would not be the first time that God's people have started reform in one direction and found the real pearl of great price in an unexpected place. When King Josiah began the work of reform (II Kings 22) in the process of removing the rubbish and filth from the desecrated house of God, the workmen stumbled upon the Book of the Law and thus there was revealed to God's people the real malady from which they were suffering. Somehow in the process of this great stir to awaken Zion and her watchmen we feel assured that we are to have a restoration of that evangelical spirit which alone can make our great denomination the militant force it was intended to be. Let the Baptists go ahead of us if they can; and they will if we lose sight of the great source of our strength and hope.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Secretary of the Treasury asked Congress for authority to increase if necessary the fifth Liberty bond issue to ten billion, but was finally granted authority to sell as much as seven billion if required and to fix the rate of interest on four types of loans. It is probable that the interest rates may vary from 4 to 5 per cent, the lower rate to apply to bonds that may be entirely tax free. The bond issue will hardly exceed six billion, but the secretary is clothed with power to exceed this and to fix interest rates so that capitalist and laborer alike may be induced to invest in the bonds.

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The Attempted Assassination of Premier Clemenceau of France last week was a dastardly crime, which deserves the severest punishment. The wretch who attempts to murder the representative of a government rarely has a personal grievance against the individual, but aims to destroy authority, law, government itself. The anarchist who murdered President McKinley was an enemy to society, and the shot that he fired at McKinley was aimed at liberty, at law, at government, at society and at every lover of these. A shot at government is always terrible, but doubly serious at this time, when men who love law are striving to bring order out of the terrible confusion and strife through which this weary world has for the past five years been suffering. Clemenceau is seventy-two years old, but seems to stand the wounds like a youth and, while this is being written, promises to rally and continue his work at the peace conference.

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Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, was the only socialist elected to Congress last November. He is the editor of a socialist newspaper and was convicted last week in the federal court of conspiracy to obstruct the draft, and Judge Landis sentenced him to twenty years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan. Pending an appeal he was released on bond. The new Cingress soon to assemble will hardly admit him in view of his conviction of a treasonable attitude when the country was involved in a war for its very existence. Berger and others convicted with him were defiant when sentence was announced and posed as martyrs to their cause.

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The West Virginia Legislature has just adopted a resolution providing for the settlement of the Virginia debt on the plan proposed by Mr. R. H. Harrison, of the Virginia debt commission. The terms are that West Virginia shall pay to the state of Virginia $1,100,000 in cash and $12,000,000 in bonds bearing 3½ per cent interest, this being the compromise by which West Virginia accepts her part of the old Virginia state debt which existed before West Virginia was admitted into the union as a separate state in 1862. For a long time West Virginia refused to acknowledge obligation to pay any part of the old debt, on the ground that it was incurred for the benefit of old Virginia and that the people of West Virginia never derived any profit or advantage therefrom. After long years of litigation the compromise above outlined has been reached and the differences finally settled.

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The Fire Tax Is Great in the United States. Every week we read of conflagration not only in country places, but in the cities where the organized fire departments are the best. The people are constantly reminded of the immensity of the fire waste and urged to take every precaution against fire, but steadily property is converted into smoke and ashes. The beautiful little city of Bristol, Tenn., has just passed through a million-dollar fire. The Seaboard railway warehouses in Savannah, valued at $2,000,000, were burned last week. The great tannery at Brevard, N. C., was burned the other day and the loss is estimated at $1,000,000. The good people of Matthews had the misfortune of a terrible fire last week, resulting in the loss of property worth perhaps $100,000, with no insurance, and just before that Littleton College was burned. All this is only a part of the February loss and in a limited territory. Greater care in construction and the greatest prudence and precaution in the management and control of property should be exercised to reduce the terrible loss entailed by accidental fires. One of the heaviest drains upon the nation is the fire tax.

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President Wilson Will Probably have arrived in Boston direct from the peace conference in Paris before this is printed. He comes home to attend to urgent state business incident to the adjournment of Congress, to explain clearly the situation as he found it abroad, and to tell the Congress first hand the whole plan of the proposed league of nations to promote world peace. He had cabled ahead for the foreign relations committee to withhold comment until he could at a dinner at the White House lay the whole matter clearly before them. Senators Borah and Fall have declined the invitation to attend this dinner party, and several other senators, including Poindexter of Washington, Reed of Missouri and Vardaman of Mississippi, are openly opposed to any foreign alliance. Former President Taft is in hearty accord with Mr. Wilson on the plan to enforce peace and in a speech the other day said he "would not trust overnight any senator who would turn a deaf ear to these proposals." This is not a party question. In international matters local partisanry should have no part. What the world wants and what the Paris conference should provide is an arrangement whereby peace may be permanent and international differences settled by arbitration, and if any nation refuses to be so restricted the peace-loving nations should have power to enforce submission to the judgment of the international court.

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Lynching Parties are seldom investigated, less frequently indicted and in rarest instances convicted. We recall one case several years ago where one poor fellow only was convicted and sentenced out of several hundred openly engaged in a lynching affair. Last week, however, fifteen men were convicted in Surry court for violently attempting to lynch a negro charged with a heinous crime. These fifteen men were sentenced by Judge Long to prison terms of from fourteen months to three years. We are informed that the Negro was upon later investigation by the authorities discharged as an innocent party, but whether guilty or innocent it is the duty of the courts in a legal manner to punish crime, and mob violence is in no case justifiable. We are not acquainted with any of the parties convicted in this case and have no personal feeling in the matter, but we trust that the conviction of these defendants may be a warning hereafter to those who contemplate violence. Mob law must be suppressed. It is not only the prisoner, who may be guilty, who suffers, but society is taught by the mob to have less respect for law and authority. Anarchy and bolshevism are but mob law gone to seed, and in our land if the mob is not restrained the final result will be that human life will have no value, because the government has lost its power and the mob has assumed the superior position of authority. We deplore the fact that these convicted men, perhaps not knowing the seriousness of it, engaged in this act of lawlessness, but it is encouraging to know that a North Carolina court has asserted its authority and by this act said that the mob is amenable to law and must suffer the consequences of its acts. May this unfortunate circumstance be an object lesson to all the people.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—The Charlotte Ministerial Union has under consideration the matter of securing Billy Sunday to hold a meeting in that city.

—Sergeant Fred B. Hargett has arrived in New York from overseas and gone to Camp Upton for awhile. This information was wired to his father, Rev. B. F. Hargett, of Charlotte, las tweek.

—We are glad to note the continued improvement in the health of Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt. He is facing the arduous duties of his heavy work at Tryon Street with hopeful assurance that they will be satisfactorily accomplished.

—Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of Walnut Street and Caraway Memorial, this city, is visiting relatives near Burnsville, Yancey county, this week. He left Wednesday and expects to be gone about ten days. Mr. C. H. Ireland will conduct services for his congregations on Sunday.

—We have learned with deep regret of the death of Miss Maggie Chunn, long a faithful member of our church in Salisbury, which occurred at her home in that city on last Friday afternoon. Deceased was a daughter of the late Dr. M. L. Chunn, of Rowan county.

—At the regular morning service on last Sunday the congregation of Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, raised nearly $9,000 to be applied on the church debt and to meet the expense of other work which the congregation is projecting, particularly that of installing a new pipe organ.

——Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder of the Greensboro district, will deliver an address at a banquet at Spray this (Thursday) evening, given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the winding up of their usual Father and Sons week. Brother Barnhardt was formerly pastor of the church in Leaksville, which is the twin town to Spray, and he will be among his friends.

—The Greensboro district Centenary committee met in West Market Street Church last Thursday and made the apportionment of the Centenary fund to the various charges. Now the work is narrowing down to the vital point of the pastor and local director, and it is hoped that this great district will be in shape to make a clean drive when the time comes, April 27-May 4.

—The Sunday school field secretary reports a most satisfactory meeting with the Sunday school workers of Charlotte Methodism last Sunday. Renewed life and determination seemed to be plainly evident as ways and means were discussed for more effective service. Charlotte's ten Methodist Sunday schools may be expected to easily secure 1,200 new Sunday school scholars, their apportionment on the 20,000 drive.

—Our congregation at Zion, just south of Greensboro, has determined to move their church into the Glenwood suburb, and a beautiful site has been selected, where the new church will be located near the car line. This looks like a very wise step for this congregation, as the city is growing in that direction and the present site is apparently just a little too far out to serve the whole community as it should. It is likely that work will begin at an early day.

—Mr. C. E. Landreth, who has for the past twenty years taught the men's Wesley Bible class at Holt's Chapel, Greensboro circuit, elaborately entertained his class at his home on the evening of Washington's birthday. Present class members and former members were present in large numbers and the evening was spent in pleasing Christian fellowship. The presiding elder of the Greensboro district and the Sunday school field secretary spoke on the importance of the well directed Bible class.

CONTRIBUTIONS

AN APPEAL FOR THE CENTENARY

By Fred O. Dryman

Have you given serious, prayerful thought to the disposition of the accumulations of the years? Are you a business man of means and have an income? Do you want to invest in a worthy cause, one that pays an inestimable dividend? If so, may we ask you to seriously study the place and mode of investing? The Centenary Movement should appeal to every Methodist. There are two things upon which the success of this movement depends. They are: An intelligent survey of the world and its needs, and, in the light of this knowledge, daily prayer to the Lord of the harvest that their needs may be fully and completely met—met by the only curative for the ignorance and sin of the world. Before you jump at your conclusion and determine what you are going to do, ask God to show you what He wants you to do. If you will really do this you will be surprised, but your soul will be filled full of love, happiness and peace.

We are making an appeal to our people in this fashion and it is not hard to see that Bethel circuit will go over the top. In meetings held recently almost whole congregations have solemnly pledged to make daily intercession for the Centenary's success. Many have promised to study all the free literature and verify all the references to the Holy Scriptures. Brother, this means success. Brother pastor, this work depends on your own vision and your progress. There is a pastor, a circuit pastor, who gets a humble salary, but who believes in the kingdom of Christ, and he is going to give his time and $250 for this work. I had rather invest in the kingdom of Christ than save much over against "a rainy day." And you will, too, if you will give God a chance. Read Mal. 3: 8, 9, 10 and be convinced.

The Centenary will do much toward saving humanity on the far-flung mission fields and in war-torn France, but the greatest blessing the world is to receive, in my humble judgment, is an American Protestantism saved to God and saved to humanity. I say this because of what it has already meant to me. Verily the windows of heaven have been opened and a blessing such as no soul can contain has been poured out. I am honored to thus have the opportunity to preach Christ's kingdom. My business is to preach a complete gospel, and if I do not I am only another Jonah. Brother reader, you cannot afford to miss this greatest opportunity to enlist in God's kingdom. It costs $4.50 to save a heathen, the American Board of Missions says; it costs many times over that much to kill a man in Flanders. What are you going to do? Invest? May the Lord show you the way—all the way to the tithe, and even more.

A REVIVAL AT THE TRINITY PARK SCHOOL

By F. S. Aldrdidge

There have been many seasons of refreshing in the Trinity Park School, but we have just passed through perhaps the greatest revival it has ever been my pleasure to witness here or anywhere else. Rev. W. A. Cade, of Rocky Mount, was with us to do the preaching. He arrived Monday, February 10th, and was with us on through the week. Brother Cade is an alumnus of the Park School, and this fact gave him an opening into the hearts of the students from the very first service. They seemed to feel that he was an older brother with a message direct to them. He had their confidence and they his from the first on till he bade us goodbye. He conducted the chapel exercises every night, and the last two days of the meeting the hour before closing of school was given for service and preaching. Brother Cade has not been away from student life so long that he cannot put himself in the place of the student and meet him on his own ground. His sermons were exceedingly practical and his illustrations were of that nature that they at once appealed to every boy.

We did not have a service that was without considerable manifestation of interest. The boys were eager to get to the service, and the bell would hardly stop ringing before nearly every one was in the chapel. It was hard to close a service. Many would linger in the chapel or in the hall or gather in groups in their rooms talking about the service.

There was no direct appeal made till Tuesday night. At this service nearly every boy in the student body expressed a desire to give his life to Jesus Christ. On Wednesday night every one except two gave his heart to God. One seldom sees a greater or more beautiful sight. After the closing of the regular service on Tuesday night perhaps as many as fifty lingered for an after service. At this service boys that have had remarkable careers in sin for those of their age told their experiences. They prayed, they cried and laughed. Many of them voluntarily left the hall to go after those whom they would save. Before we closed we had nearly the whole school in there confessing their sins and pledging their lives to God.

On the last night of the service the doors of the church were opened. We had a baptismal service, received members into the church, and then we had one of the most beautiful communion services I have ever witnessed. Nearly every boy in the school took part in this.

The results of the meeting will be far reaching. On Friday night forty-two boys volunteered for any service to which the Lord may call them. I am praying that God may call these into the various activities of the church.

We had many seasons of sentence prayers and many prayed with that fervor that would have been expected of those who are older in their religious experiences.

Brethren of the church and all who are interested in what we are trying to do, pray for us that we may be able to carry on this work. It has only begun. If you know a boy at the Park School, write to him and encourage him to "hold fast to the faith." Boys are beset with many temptations that are lying in wait for them.

We rejoice in the continued growth of the school. The enrollment this year is the greatest in its history.

"THEN WHOSE SHALL THOSE THINGS BE?"

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This important question was asked by the Son of Man. Will the reader answer today, as some day you must?

To each of us there comes a day of final accounting. The charges and the credits are all entered; the balances closed. Then the final disposition of capital and profits must be made. If ever it shall behoove a man to prove himself fair as well as just, it will be upon the day when his final accounts are made up.

Few men wait until the last to make this final settlement. Long before that they know what its outlines should be. They know, too, that the mind harassed by bodily infirmity and impending death is not the mind to consider calmly and weigh with precision. They determine what that ultimate disposition should be, and they write it into their wills.

At such a time an honorable man will first provide for his debts. An obligation, whatever its nature, is doubly binding upon him then. His ledger discloses many of these obligations; but there are others (and they are often the most sacred ones) that are only found upon the pages of his will. There are some of these that we would like the man who reads these words to consider.

What do you owe to God? He gave you, remember, the sunlight upon which you opened your eyes; the earth and its fruits which have nourished and sustained you; the orderly procession of the seasons which brought seed time and harvest, with all that that has meant to your welfare. But He has given you much more. He gave you your fellow men, without whose presence your life would have passed upon the level of the brutes; without whose co-operation wealth would have been an impossibility. And He gave His only begotten Son that all this wondrous world might be a safer, better, pleasanter place for you, and that your share in the world that is to come after it might be more assured. Do you owe nothing, then, to God?

What do you owe to Christ? He gave His life for you. He drank the cup that He prayed might pass from Him, for the remission of your sins. He taught lessons of brotherly love, of self-denial and of cheerful service, that gave you Christian men for associates, when your life might have run its course among the heathen. Do you owe nothing to Christ?

What do you owe to your church? It has brought you the temporal pleasure of kindly, helpful association. It has sustained you in temptation and comforted you in affliction. These are the minor details of its ministry; perhaps you have overlooked them. But you cannot forget how it opened heaven's door for you. You cannot forget how much of all that is best in your life sprang from its inspiration. You know how you will turn to it when the last solemn moment comes. Do you owe it nothing?

No; the Christian cannot, must not, forget such obligations when he comes to write his will. Since he has received so much, he will not fail to return a little.

"This stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house, and of all thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Does not that vow of Jacob's still ring true? Does it point the way to you?

"This stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house." Will you, at the last, erect a pillar to Him—a house of God that shall shelter His people? Will you erect it as a lasting testimony of all He has done for you?

"And of all thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." That is a modest rule; but will you, at the last, live up to it?

"Then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" Shall God and Christ and your church have a share in them? Shall selfishness attend you into the beyond; or will a tithe, at least, return to God who gave it?

You will make that final settlement, but your neighbors will audit it. They observe the outward evidences of your real self as you live. They will scrutinize them when you have passed on. Shall they say: "This man valued his spiritual life; he has done what he could to transmit it to others." Or shall they read your will and find nothing but selfish suggestion in it?

There are 2,420 homeless congregations in Southern Methodism. Every one of them is trying to spread a gospel that is very precious to you. You may deny them a share of what God has placed in your hands, until the very last. But can you deny it then? Shall they have no part in what God has given you? Shall their cause find no mention in your will?

THE CENTENARY A CAMPAIGN BY MENAS OF THE PRESS

By E. K. McLarty

From the beginning of the Centenary movement, our great leaders have set great value on the services of the press. They well knew that the press is one of the mightiest instruments for giving success to such a great program. But now it appears certain that the press is destined to play a much larger part in the Centenary than was at first contemplated. The ban has been put on public services more or less throughout the country. It is proving a very serious handicap to our publicity work. Where services are permitted to be held the attendance has been very poor, for the people are afraid of influenza.

How this situation makes the Advocate campaign for new subscribers all the more urgent. Our people must be aroused to a man on the subject of the Centenary. The Advocate will carry invaluable information to them each week in spite of the prevalence of influenza. The time is short, we need line upon line. If they can't go to church, let them read the church paper and the abundance of literature that is being sent out by our publishing house.

The Centenary is putting the Methodist church on trial. She is being weighed in the balances. The response she makes to this great appeal will tell on her life in the years that are to come. She can not go along in the same old way after the war and maintain her self-respect. This country has been doing big things in a big way during the great war. Now the church must attempt big things in the name of her Lord or lose her self-respect. When any one loses self-respect there isn't much left to lose.

An apology may be offered for the church of the

past for failure to carry out the great commission. For the success of the church in any age must be measured by the difficulties she had to overcome. With her abundant resources and the open doors of the world, there is no apology to be offered for the church of the present day if it fails to carry the gospel to the nations speedily. The only power that will tame and keep within proper bounds the passions of men that are bursting out in Russia and bursting out all over the world, is the pow- of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

A live coal will start a great fire, and a live Cole will do a great work. Ever since I heard Rev. E. O. Cole in a Sunday school speech to a rural congregation remind the farmers present that, while they had separate stalls for horses, cows, goats, sheep and yearlings, one place for chickens, another for geese and another for turkeys, yet they permitted their children to be crowded into one room for their church training and development, I have been impressed with his good common "hoss sense."

Brother Cole has directed the construction of a most convenient and adaptable Sunday school annex to his already large church building at Mocksville, and his school, under the direction of Brother Jake Hanes, is doing good work. Cole glows all over Davie county. In compliance with my request he gives you a look into his face and writes a few lines about his work, as follows:

"I am pastor of the best church anywhere. The Mocksville Methodists never let a day pass without making life pleasant for their preacher. They know how. This year we expect to make final payment on our new Sunday school building. Our school is improving and growing every week. During the past two years our church has had a larger number of accessions on profession of faith than in any like period. This in spite of crippled industry and decreasing population. For eighteen months I have given the larger part of my time to war work as chairman of an active Red Cross branch, chairman County Board of Instruction, chairman township W. S. S., United War Work, Armenian and Syrian Relief, etc. All of these 'went over the top,' while every boy in our church who could volunteered and went through the Hindenburg line. We are not neglecting the Centenary and expect soon to give that right of way."

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Recently a good lady inquired as to where she should place her emphasis in her church work. "There are," she said, "in addition to the Sunday school with its nine departments, beginning with the Cradle Roll and extending through the Home Department, the Epworth League in two divisions, and the Woman's Missionary Society in three divisions, all calling for missionary enterprise and church activity. We have the Junior Department in the Sunday school, the Junior Missionary Society and the Junior Epworth League. We have the Young People's Sunday school department, the Young People's Missionary Society and the Epworth League, together with the Woman's Bible Class and the Woman's Missionary Society. Since a few of us have to run all these organizations, if they are run, which would you emphasize?"

How would you answer the lady? There is danger that the Sunday school man would have an answer very different from the Epworth League enthusiast, and the Leaguer's answer may not coincide with that of the Woman's Missionary organizer. It does, however, seem safe to say that we have too many organizations—at least, too many for the normal congregation. There is too much overlapping of interests, thereby causing confusion rather than advancement.

Each congregation ought to have a Woman's Missionary Society, many ought to have live Epworth Leagues, but the great rank and file of our congregations can well afford to centralize their work, particularly with the young folks, on their Sunday schools. The organized Wesley classes can furnish plenty of activity for all above the childhood stage, and the Beginners', Primary and Junior Departments can direct development through early, middle and late childhood. Will not a live missionary Sunday school, working throughout the whole church, be better than several small auxiliaries working overtime with a few and yet not touching the rank and file?



REV. E. O. COLE, Mocksville, N. C.

I do not want to underestimate any of our good work. Some few of our congregations can use all our organizations advantageously, but would it be wise to try to place them all in many congregations simply because a few large ones need them? The larger the business the more numerous the departments needed. The small business combines on one given organization. Then, am I safe in urging that first of all should come a well organized Sunday school, enlarging through its departments into Christian endeavor? Then may follow the Epworth League and the Young People's Missionary Society, willing and ready to do a particular good work. "One thing done well is a very good rule, as many can tell."

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Our Leaders, 1918

Largest Sunday school—West Market	1,088
Largest Home Dept.—West Market	205
Largest Cradle Roll—Lexington	101
Most Wesley Bible Classes—Tryon Street	14
Most Teacher Train. Classes—Cherryville	2
Greatest number joining church from Sunday school—Centenary, Winston	79
Largest collection on Missionary Assessment—South Main, Salisbury	$329
Largest Missionary Special raised—West Market	$542
Largest Children's Day collection—Hawthorne Lane	$50
Largest Children's Home collection—West Market	$622
Largest "Other Objects" collection—Wesley Memorial	$403

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Superintendent D. E. Henderson, of Tryon Street, Charlotte, Sunday school is a most unassuming man to assume the heavy amount of work he has outlined for his school. Last Saturday his school gave a Washington's birthday party to the whole church, beginning with the cradle roll at 3 o'clock and ending with adults after 9 o'clock. Sunday morning following, after a most beautiful and instructive missionary program, his school was simply ablaze with enthusiasm. That school is bound to grow and glow and go. Every one is helping so.

The next big feature will be a town-wide baby hunt staged by the junior department. Watch Tryon Street's cradle roll grow.

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Special Days in the Sunday School, 1919

March 9—Religious Education Day (second Sunday in March, if possible.)
April 13—Decision and Vocation Day (Sunday preceding Easter).
April 20—Easter.
May 18—Sunday School Day (Children's Day).
July 6—National Day.
Promotion Day.
Rally Day.
Christmas.
Missionary and Service Day (one Sunday in each month, preferably the fourth).

Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

By A. L. Dietrich

"Peter, Mark an' Paul wasn't called saints until they'd been dead a long time. I'm wonderin' if any of us modern teachers'll ever be called saints."

"Is your teachin' by word o' mouth backed up by your way o' livin' suggestions?"

"Teachin' Scripter's one thing, teachin' folks is another. Which be you puttin' fust, book or boy?"

A BEGINNING AT GASTONIA

The Methodist pastors of Gastonia are busy men these days. Immediately after conference Stabler got busy over on the Franklin Avenue charge and raised nearly $3,000, with which he purchased a nice six-room cottage, with a good, large lot, facing Franklin Avenue Church, for a parsonage. He had the house wired at once and put in water and sewerage connections, so that he is now comfortably fixed up with all modern conveniences. Just as he moved in, however, Mrs. Stabler suffered a relapse of influenza and for three weeks has been quite sick. Her condition for the last few days is very much improved and she is now able to begin to enjoy her new surroundings. The charge is in fine condition, the two Sunday schools being in a prosperous state, the one at West End Church showing an attendance of 153 last Sunday and 151 being present at Franklin Avenue.

East End

At East End Burgess is making full proof of his ministry. He has just closed a good revival at the East End congregation, resulting in about fifty accessions by vows and church letter. Brother Jim Green did some good preaching and some very fine work in this meeting. I know of no evangelist who does more efficient work in a revival than Jim Green. He is earnest and sane in all his work, he is forceful and clear in his preaching, and, greatest of all, he is preaching the old, straight gospel, with no frills attached, and sinners are being converted and backsliders reclaimed by the score and hundred in his meetings. Then, too, he stands loyally by the church and the pastor. There need not be feared any bad after effects from one of these meetings.

Burgess is planning to build at East End right away. He has a fine lot 200 by 200 feet, splendidly located, and will expend about $10,000 on a brick veneer church. The remarkable thing about this undertaking is that Burgess secured over $1,500 in good twelve-month pledges from members of his immediate congregation in less than two days' time.

Eighth Avenue Charge

Albright is making a fine start at Ranlo. Seven weeks ago, when he took charge, the only thing he had at this point was a Sunday school that had been organized as a union Sunday school. He now has an organized church with a hundred members, a fine site for a church, and a sentiment already developed for the erection of a church building at once. It may be said in justice to Brother Price, who was on the work last year, that the lot was already bargained for and part of the purchase price secured.

Albright has just closed a good revival at Ranlo. For the first week Brother Jim Green did the preaching. Influenza broke out in his family at Lincolnton and he returned to care for them and was himself stricken in three days.

Main Street

Stanford has made a wonderfully fine start at Main Street. Increasing congregations meet him at almost every service. No such attended midweek prayer meetings have ever been held in Gastonia. These are now held in the main auditorium, and the crowds are increasing each Wednesday night. Automobiles line the curb for two blocks surrounding the church, and the auditorium, while not packed, appears fairly well filled. The Sunday school, too, is growing, so that already there is scarcely room to care for it. The congregation already faces the necessity for a new church and a modern young people's building. Sentiment is rapidly crystallizing for these to be two distinct structures, as there is plenty of space on the present lot and the congregation does not desire to perpetrate another double-barreled Akron monstrosity on the Western North Carolina Conference.

Observer.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

CAMPAIGN DOTS

Everything is marching to the sound of music in our Advocate campaign. We are thus putting first things first in the great Centenary, which we venture to predict is going to bring the whole church up to the shouting point.

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Rev. G. A. Stamper, who has one of the finest records in our campaign, writes the following encouraging note from Leaksville: "Our work is progressing nicely and everything is encouraging. We are having large and appreciative congregations. Have received ten new members since conference. The stewards have increased the salary $400, making it $1,500. We are expecting a good year."

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Rev. R. K. Brady and his people at East Spencer and North Main are stepping to the tune. Sending in a list of fourteen new subscribers and several renewals he says: "You may say for me that East Spencer and North Main charge is fast approaching the day when it will be two strong stations. When I came fifteen months ago I found them paying $800, and on the 16th of this month they set the salary at $1,500, with all the collections cared for. If nothing unforeseen should happen, this charge will come out with a clean sheet at the conference."

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Rev. L. B. Abernethy and his people at Dilworth, Charlotte, have combed the congregation thoroughly for Advocate subscribers and will get all that the church paper can do for them during the Centenary drive.

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One of the forward looking rural charges in our conference is the Stokesdale circuit. The progressive spirit began several years ago, when Rev. G. W. Williams sowed the field down with the North Carolina Christian Advocate. This year Rev. T. V. Crouse is making a clean sweep and we are expecting to see Stokesdale come right to the front as one of the best country charges in our conference.

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Rev. C. P. Goode puts the Thomasville circuit on the roll of honor with the full allotment and a guarantee of all renewals. Things are moving and we shall not be surprised if the momentum already secured places the new list at double the allotment.

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Rev. W. M. Robbins, of Grace Church, Winston-Salem, says the ease with which he placed his congregation on the honor roll was a delightful surprise, and now we are looking for the move to have an Advocate in every home.

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Rev. S. M. Needham, pastor at McAdenville, did a fine piece of work for the Advocate in that charge. The field is small and it had been thought impossible to increase our circulation, but Brother Needham secured the former list and sent in fourteen new subscribers all at one stroke. We are looking for more.

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The Dobson circuit was formerly regarded as a poor field for the Advocate, but Rev. T. V. Crouse, during his three years, instituted a new order of things, and now Rev. O. P. Routh is not only holding the situation, but is clearing new ground and cleaning up fence corners. We verily believe that there will be a fine Centenary crop on the old Dobson this year. It is a field of fine possibilities.

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Rev. T. B. Johnson, of the Randolph circuit, is an expert at hand picking. Already on the honor roll, he says he has no idea of quitting. A quiet toiler, greatly loved and admired by his people, he might have been a bishop but for his modesty. If he would organize a regular drive in his large field the result would astonish us all. The people love to follow his leadership.

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Rev. H. C. Sprinkle is one of the first men who, as presiding elder, brought his district up to the goal, and the first one to repeat the performance the following year. He is equally efficient in the pastorate, and Reidsville is right now knocking at the door for admission to the inner circle of charges having an Advocate in every home. He has at Reidsville a good right-hand man in this work in the person of Mr. P. H. Williamson, who for years has been unselfishly working as Advocate agent in his congregation.

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Rev. John Cline, of the Webster circuit, will go over the top in any charge. You can't tie him. If you do, he will break loose with a big club of new subscribers for the Advocate and the renewals sooner or later. We have seen him thoroughly tried.

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Rev. W. C. Jones, of the Ruffin charge, picks them up as he goes from home to home. This is good every way, not only for the Advocate, but for all the interests of the charge.

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Rev. J. F. Moser, of the Cherryville circuit, has made one of the largest records in a field which had formerly been represented as hopelessly disaffected. Brother Moser must know how to cure grouch. We suspect it is his perennial smile. It is a smile to conquer and cure a grouch.

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Rev. John M. Price, pastor of North Lenoir charge, is among the early campaigners. Beginning in good time, he has already secured his allotment and is taking care of his renewals.

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For years we have understood that there was no room for more Advocates in the Walkertown charge, but Rev. J. C. Harmon has instituted a regular spring cleaning and the result will be at least double the former list. Brother Harmon and his board might well take up the question now of finishing up with an Advocate in every home.

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Rev. J. W. Kennedy, of the Mayworth charge, never rushes, but always gets to the goal in good time. He is one of the men the Advocate has learned to rely upon for his quota.

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The Old Fort charge has been swelling the Advocate tide for three years. Things were at a low ebb when Rev. R. F. Mock took hold with the determination to wake up the natives about the church paper. The sleepers are now sitting up in bed, rubbing their eyes and wondering how it all came about. They promise not to sleep in day time any more.

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Rev. A. C. Gibbs, Walnut Street and Caraway Memorial, this city, is one of the "Mountain Whites." In spite of all handicaps and all the gratuitious sympathy lavished upon them from high latitudes, they somehow have a habit of making good, and Brother Gibbs is keeping up the good record. He is over the top and going on to perfection.

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Rev. W. E. Poovey, of Brevard, strikes one decisive blow and goes on to other work. Fourteen new subscribers and four renewals as the result of a few hours' work. We have an idea that Brevard is one of the charges in which "the Advocate in every home" slogan should be taken up.

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Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor at Marion, has discovered himself this year and nearly doubled the allotment. We have little doubt that Marion will soon be on the list for "an Advocate in every home."

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Rev. R. M. Hoyle, of Newton, repeats the honor roll and much more in his charge. He did the same thing at King's Mountain. Apart from the pastor's diligent work at Newton there is the loyal and efficient support of the lay leader, Prof. A. C. Sherrill. Prof. Sherrill works with unselfish interest, and we are looking for Newton to get on the list of charges with "an Advocate in every home."

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Rev. N. R. Richardson, of Cooleemee, is the prince of hand-picking Advocate workers. More than double the allotment is the report, besides all the renewals. This is his fourth year in the same charge with the full allotment each year on a rising tide. Almost "an Advocate in every home."

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The Catawba circuit is fortunate. Rev. J. T. Ratledge follows a man who always went over the top in the Advocate campaign. Rev. A. G. Loftin never lets any grass grow under his feet, but Brother Ratledge is over with a guarantee of all renewals.

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Rev. J. J. Eads, Danbury circuit, is right up to the notch, as usual, and we look for that field of great possibilities to move up under the stimulus of increased Advocate circulation.

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Rev. E. K. McLarty, Central, Asheville, places his congregation where it should be, namely, in the lead for new subscribers to the Advocate. Twenty-eight new subscribers in one report looks good, especially coupled with the promise of more.

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Rev. D. P. Waters puts Crouse on the map in capitals. Crouse is midway between Lincolnton and Cherryville, and with fourteen new subscribers and nine renewals at one time deserves to have a blue label. There are yet more to come, for these came easy.

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Rev. Robert E. Hunt comes right along with an honor roll report for Clyde the second time, and many more people are reading the church paper.

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They are marching along at Main Street, Thomasville. Rev. R. G. Tuttle, the pastor, has already sent in honor roll reports, but we have it by grape vine that these are only the first big drops in what is finally to be a souser, for they now have on a big drive and this may be another case of "an Advocate in every home."

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Rev. E. Myers, Waxhaw charge, is running a reaper and binder of the latest model through his charge. More than double and still at work is his report. Nothing escapes and the work is easy.

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The Gibsonville charge is small, but full of pluck, and the pastor, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, is a prudent leader. They are already on the honor roll and will go some more.

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Rev. D. Atkins has already placed Flat Rock and Fletcher on the honor roll, and the work is not yet done.

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At King's Mountain Rev. E. L. Kirk is going to make a clean sweep. He is already up with the allotment and says it is easy.

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Rev. C. A. Johnson, of Henderson circuit, crossed the great divide last week and "though faint is still pursuing."

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Rev. J. B. Tabor delivered the full quota in the first installment, but is still adding to the number and says all renewals on the Table Rock charge will be forthcoming.

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Elkin has been right at the top for several years under Brother J. P. Hipps. Now Brother Brinkman puts the charge over where they can easily have a place with the inner circle—"an Advocate in every home."

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Rev. Charles A. Wood, Central Church, Shelby, sends in his second report, making forty-three new and forty-five renewal subscribers. He says: "As soon as our treasurer returns we will send check to put the Advocate into every Methodist home not then subscribing for it." Thus the flag floats over Central and "Charley Wood" sits on the high seat. He has seated around him some fine young laymen who helped him in a complete drive.

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Rev. T. S. Coble comes up to the requirement on Elk Park charge. He is doing some tall stepping in high altitudes and the promise is for more. Our mountain whites are all right if you do not slick the hair the wrong way. We know, for we are one of them.

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Forest Hill, Concord, is still looking forward. Rev. R. M. Taylor, the pastor, turns in the quota

and one to boot, besides a good bunch of renewals. We recall the time when we could get that congregation to do almost any reasonable thing. Now, Brother Taylor, how about putting the "Advocate in every home?"

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Rev. C. M. Short and his people at Mount Holly have struck the keynote of success by organizing a drive. The result is that they are ready to sit on the throne by the side of C. A. Wood and his people at Shelby. Forty-four new subscribers and some renewals in one report is a good showing.

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Rev. W. B. Davis places Mount Zion on the honor roll at one stroke with eighteen new subscribers and twenty-four renewals, pledging all renewals. This has been a habit with Brother Davis and he will soon understand how to go the balance and "put the Advocate in every home."

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Rev. J. O. Ervin, Bethel, Asheville, takes his place, as usual, on the honor role. It is a habit with him and you can't break him. He is on the high seat with twenty-three new subscribers.

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Rev. G. W. Vick, Kannapolis, joins the procession with the full quota and prospects for more. He has a great field in the big mill town.

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Gold Hill is in line and Brother Avett is happy. He shot the whole covey and turned in fifteen on a quota of ten. More to follow.

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Broad River comes up to the quota and Rev. D. S. Richardson, the pastor, promises a thorough canvass.

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Rev. J. M. Varner, in a field of wonderful possibilities, the Uwharrie circuit, is making a fine record. The full quota has been reached, but he does not propose to stop.

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The Havesville circuit is on the outposts of the conference, but it is a field of great possibilities. Rev. C. E. Stedman, the pastor, turns in more than the quota as the first installment. He expects to turn on the light by sowing the field down with Advocates.

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Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of Burkhead, Winston-Salem, was one of the first to go over the top. With a little more push we expect to see Burkhead put an Advocate in each home.

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Haywood Street, Asheville, Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor, repeats the record of former years and comes right up to the mark and proposes to stop the leak in the bottom of the bag.

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We expect to sing to the same tune next week, so if your name does not appear, remember that we are not done. This is a great campaign and we expect to sing and sing and sing till the "Advocate is in every home." This is our slogan.

KERNERSVILLE CIRCUIT

The pastor of Kenersville circuit visited eight of the schools in his charge, some of them regularly, preaching short sermons to the children and young people. Last week he addressed the Oak Ridge Institute students, five mornings and then Brother Kirkpatrick entered into the work, preaching five telling sermons, and closing the series with a powerful service Sunday night. Thirty-five young men professed conversion or reclamation and the moral atmosphere of the school seems more spiritual. The principal and professors of this institution were in co-operation and sympathy with the good work, and their influence was a helpful factor.

The circuit has paid $116 to the Children's Home Support, and $106 to the Armenian Relief Fund, and now we address ourselves to the Centenary.

WILKES CIRCUIT

I suppose after so long a time, it might not be out of place to say a word in regard to our work here in Wilkes. I see many things to do, and I hope by the help of God to be able to do some of these things. One thing I notice, is the scarcity of the Advocate in the homes. I am trying with all my might to get it in every home. I have already several new subscriptions, and I am looking after the renewals also. We cannot hope to build up our church and Methodism until we, as preachers and laymen look after our church paper, for it is the sole medium through which the doctrines and principles of our church are made known to our people. I hope that the day will soon come when we shall see the Advocate in every Methodist home. I find it helps the preacher in his work, not only in his raising the collections, but in the revival work. May God help His Methodist people to realize what the church paper means to them and their homes.

We have been received very warmly. We have a great people here betwen the Brushy mountains and the Blue Ridge, a fine country, and ought to be a great place for Methodism. Brethren pray for us in this great task here. J. M. Barber.



Centenary League Advocate Canvassers

The Epworth League of Centenary, Greensboro, shown in a limited way above, is a most active organization. It never does things by halves and is constantly seeking fields for Christian endeavor. Last Sunday the League took charge of the regular evening service and presented a patriotic program that created a profound impression upon the large congregation assembled.

Beginning next Sunday these young people will make an every-member canvass for the purpose of putting the North Carolina Christian Advocate in the homes of the members of the Centenary congregation. Mr. M. B. Andrews, principal of the Asheboro street school, leads these earnest workers.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Centenary Progress

That progress is being made in the Centenary Movement in our conference is indicated by the reports from about one hundred of the pastors who kindly filled out blanks sent to them last week. One pastor reports 242 enrolled intercessions and twenty-five Minute Men speeches made. Another reports new life in his entire church membership.

The Great Need

It becomes evident as these reports are read that the great need is information and leaders. This need must be met in large measure by the pastors. Some pastors are furnishing the information in sermons and literature, and are leading the people in their forward movement.

Campaign Directors

The conference director, Mr. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, is the leader in the organization and campaign for the entire conference for the Centenary funds. He has eleven district directors who will have charge of the organization and campaign in their respective districts. Then there will be in every local church a church director. The following are the district directors: Asheville district, Mr. F. M. Weaver; Charlotte district, Mr. D. E. Henderson; Greensboro district, Mr. Fred N. Tate; Marion district, Rev. W. L. Hutchins; Mount Airy district, Mr. E. H. Kochtitzky; North Wilkesboro district, Dr. W. R. Ware; Salisbury district, Mr. T. F. Hudson; Shelby district, Mr. G. O. Andrews; Statesville district, Mr. A. M. West; Waynesville district, Mr. J. Dale Stentz; Winston district, Mr. Leon Cash.

District Councils

Arrangements have been made to hold district councils in the following districts: North Wilkesboro, at Wilkesboro, March 1 and 2; Statesville district at Broad Street, Statesville, March 12, 10:30 a. m., afternoon and night; Shelby, March 14, 10 a. m. and afternoon; Charlotte district at Monroe, March 17, 10:30 a. m., afternoon and night, and at Tryon Street, Charlotte, March 18, 10:30 a. m. and afternoon; Greensboro district at Centenary, Greensboro, March 20, 9:30 a m. and afternoon; Mount Airy, at points to be designated, March 22-25; Marion district at Marion, March 27, afternoon, night and 28, morning; Asheville district, March 28, afternoon, night; North Wilkesboro district at Boone, April 5 and 6; Waynesville district at Bryson City, 7, 8 and 9.

It is very important that every pastor and evry church director shall attend these council meetings. Through these men only can the Centenary financial plan be carried out in the local churches.

Bishop Darlington

Bishop Darlington will spend several days, the second week in March in our conference, preaching and speaking at a number of points. More definite announcement will be made later as to times and places.

Messages From Presiding Elders

The presiding elders are going to furnish us with brief statements on the Centenary. All of us are interested in what these leaders among us have to say about this movement.

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The raising of $35,000,000 in the next five years by the Southern Methodists, is a task of such tremendous importance as to demand the wholehearted support of every loyal follower of Wesley.

It is the program of Methodism, looking to the changing of the world's heart. Its bigness fills and thrills and stirs and cheers. It ought to be to us the moral equivalent of war. It is the earnest purpose of the undersigned to mobilize the Methodist force of the Asheville district, and place them in the front line trench of a world-welfare for Christ and His kingdom. W. H. Willis.

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The Centenary is an effort on the part of the church to render available the vast unharnessed powers of the church. Mighty rivers rush down to the sea but they generate no power until they are diverted into channels of service. Mountains of minerals await the pick and shovel. Great stretches of fertile soil produce no crops until the plow makes them laugh into bountiful harvests. Shallow cultivation has made many of our fields almost sterile. Dynamite and deep plowing will make them more fertile than ever before.

In the church we have undeveloped resources, unharnessed power, unavailable fertility, hidden riches awaiting the call of God. And His call is from the ends of the earth and grows more insistent with the passing of the days. His Kingdom must exercise sovereignty over all and eminent domain over every thing. The Centenary is the answer of the Methodist forces to this call

We must not let things take the reins nor fill the saddle. We shall hear much of money in these days—I fear too much about money. Yet in the entire program, money has been assigned but eight days. That is enough. Thirty-five million dollars is so small a part of what we are able to do in money in any one year that no more time should be given to raising such a sum. But before and after these eight days we have months given to those activities that shall make our money worth while when we have brought it to the coffers of the church.

A deeper sense of the presence and power of God through daily communion with Him; a wider and richer love for the race for which Christ died; a fuller knowledge of His eternal plans; a sympathy responsive to His appeal— these are the things we seek.

And when our hearts are filled with boundless love for Him, we shall know Him in the knock of the homeless, the shivering of the naked, the emaciation of the hungry, the shadowed silence of those who sit in prisons, the long drawn wail of the suffering ages and we shall come unto Him with raiment and shelter and healing and food and release and fellowship.

That is the Centenary. Just the church going forward another step in the endless development which is to make it the perfect Bride of the Lord Christ. W. A. Newell.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

MY OFFERING FOR THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MUST BE

A Loving Gift to carry the love of Christ.
An Intelligent Gift, for my prayers must go with it
A Generous Gift, since God has given to me so generously.
A Personal Gift to Christ, since He has asked me to do it for Him.
A Disinterested Gift, since heathen women and children can make no return.
A Joyful Gift, since it carries tidings of great joy.
A Speedy Gift, for the time is short of redemption for the world.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Only twelve days until the seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Western North Carolina conference will convene in Wesley Memorial church, High Point. These metings are always looked forward to with a great degree of pleasure by our missionary workers because at that time plans are made for the advancement of our work, reports of the past year's work are given; splendid missionary addresses from leaders in our church are heard and inspirational and devotional services that are food for the spirit are held.

This meeting promises to be of unusual interst. The corresponding secretary and treasurer will bring good news of our advancement in the work, our president will give us a message that will encourage and hearten us for the coming year, and the presence of Bishop Darlington, Mrs Hume R. Steele and Miss Blanche Howell will of itself be an inspiratoin, not taking into consideration the splendid and hepful talks that they will give us from time to time during those days.

It is earnestly desired that each auxiliary has a representative present and if there is a society that has not as yet elected a delegate, do so at once and send the name to Mrs. Oscar E. Kearns without delay.

RECORD AND REPORT BOOKS

One of the problems with which our work has been confronted for several years is the problem of securing promt and accurate quarterly reports from our societies by our conference officers, so as a solution to this problem, a committee known as "The Committee on Report Blanks" was appointed at the last council meeting, to devise a successful plan along these lines. As a result, sets of record and report books for adults, young people and children's societies have been prepared and can be had from the Home Base secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. There are two books in each set, one for the treasurer which contains, not only the space for roll of membership and objects to which our contributions are made, but also blanks for quarterly report of treasurer, one of which is to be made out each quarter and sent to conference treasurer. The other is for the corresponding secretary and contains blanks for reports of Mission Study and Social service superintendents and corresponding secretary.

We feel sure that these books will prove successful and we want to urge every auxiliary to send in an order for them. No blanks are to be issued in the future, excepting through the books and the blanks for first vice-presidents in the young people's department, which will go out as heretofore.

The adult record books are now ready and can be secured for 25 cents each; 50 cents for both books. The young people and children's will be ready by March 15, and will cost, young people's 20 cents each or both books for 35 cents; children's 15 cents each, or thirty cents for set.

A VISIT TO AZALEA

It was the privilege of your editor to do some real social service work a few days ago when in company with representatives of the North Carolina Baraca and Philathea Union. She visted the United States Army General hospital, No. 19, which is located at Osteen, N. C., near Azalea and five miles from Asheville. The occasion of this visit was to take flowers, scrap-books and cookies to inmates of several of the wards in the hospital. This visit was a revelation because of the magnitude of this work and the splendid equipped hospital which has been built by the Government for soldiers suffering from lung trouble. It is an ideal location, right in the heart of the mountains. The hospital contains forty-four wards, has at present 1,500 patients, 152 nurses, (including the reconstruction aids) and seems an ideal place in which to recuperate. Is built on a beautiful knoll of 265 acres and there are 110 buildings, including modern "Y" building and Red Cross house.

It was genuine pleasure to visit these wards and see the cheerfulness and the bravery of these men who in fighting for their country over the seas, contracted pulmoary trouble, and are now making the fight for renewed strength and health.

Under the direction of Mrs. N. Buckner, General Secretary of the Baraca and Philathea Union, three wards were visited and carninations and scrap-books left with each patients. These men showed their appreciation, not only by their thanks in words, but by the expression which lighted their faces at the sight of the beautiful flowers, the first that some of them had seen since their return from France and which conveyed the thought to them that some one was thinking of them in their affliction.

We found quite a number of the patients weaving pillow tops, belts pincushion covers, etc. A trade which they are being taught at the hospital, and which helps them to while away the hours while they are recuperating.

What a splendid opportunity for real social work presents itself to those societies living near these hospitals and camps.

We are sure there is no greater duty thats giving cheer to those who are distressed, sick or unfortunate and these soldiers who have made such sacrifices that we may have a country free from autocracy and deserve all the little kindnesses that we are able to show them.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN HONOR ROLL

The following Young People's Missionary Societies have made the number of credits entitling them to a place on the honor roll of 1918: Lucy H. Robertson Society, Central Church, Asheville, N. C.; Main Street Church, Gastonia, N. C.; Lincolnton; Thomasville; Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem; West End, Winston-Salem and Florence Blackwell Society, Centenary Church, Winston-Salem.

FROM OUR WORKERS

From Mrs. Thomas, of Thomasville, we learn that the Young People's Missionary Society of that place has adopted as its prayer special Miss Leila Judson Tuttle and her work at McTyeire School, Shanghai. We are sure that the prayers of these young people will be helpful to Miss Tuttle in her far-away home, and we trust that much good may result from their united prayer for this special.

Mrs. E. G. Albo, of North Wilkesboro writes interestingly of the work of the Womans Missionary Society in her church. Owing to the influenza epidemic the society has been unable to have a regular meeting for five months, but their interest has not diminished and in balancing their books at the close of the year it was found that 1918 was the best year of the society in its history, not only financially, but in growth and interest manifested. The following officers were chosen at the last meeting: President, Mrs. W. P. Horton; vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Ware; recording secretary, Mrs. E. C. Willis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. G. Albo;; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Henry; superintendent supplies, Mrs. E. A. Spainhour; assistant in children's work, Mrs. C. F. Lineberry.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of High Point, N. C., sends us the following list of officers for 1919: President, Mrs. J. A. Eshelman; first vice-president, Mrs. H. W. McCain; second vice-president, Mrs. John Siceloff; recording secretary, Mrs. T. D. Gilliam; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Marsh; treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Wishart; superintendent of mission study, Miss Estelle Webster; superintendent social service, Mrs. C. J. Cummings; superintendent supplies, Mrs. E. B. Meador.

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Church, Asheville, the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission and Miss Frances Burkhead and the missionary work on the Asheville district were chosen as prayer specials.

The Centenary is making great progress in Mexico. Our church is planning for a great Centenary group meeting in Torreon, state of Coahuilla. Posters, stewardship and intercession leaflets and other Centenary literature have been printed in Spanish. A Centenary team, to be financed on the field, will work in the three presiding elders' district of Monterey, Durango and Chihuahua.

No greater evidence of the effectiveness of the Centenary idea could be given than the fact that women of mission lands, havign received the gospel message themselves, are enthusiastically "carrying on."

The Woman's Missionary Society of Chihuahua, Mexico, has thirty-one members, twenty-one of whom are paying connectional dues. Plans are in the making to form a Conference Missionary Society for the Mexican Conference. Such societies are entitled to representation in the Woman's Missionary Council.

In the recent meeting of the Centenary subcommission for Cuba Misses Belle Markey and MrancesMoling were appointed a committee to draft a constitution for a missionary society in Cuba.

Miss Mabel Howell, administrative secretary for Oriental fields, Woman's Missionary Council, has received a letter of fraternal greeting from the Woman's Missionary Society of Wanson district, Korea, the one-time hermit nation.

Get ready for the big Centenary drive April 27 to May 4.

In one mission station at Saltillo, after prayer and thorough discussion the Mexican church at that point decided that they should collect $25,000 pesos (Mexican dollars) on the field, for Colegio Ingles, our girls' normal school, and 10,000 pesos for the new church building. This was their voluntary assessment for the Centenary and was made without suggestion from the missionaries.

REAL OBJECT OF CENTENARY

It is a mistake to imagine that the real object of the Centenary is the raising of an immense sum of money, or even to believe that this objective is first among many. Our ends must be more fundamental than that; we must not allow a financial campaign, however worthy this may be, to obscure them. The purpose of the Centenary is primarily spiritual; it is an attempt to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of American Methodist missions by leading the Church into a deeper spirital relationship with God. The powers that we have always placed intercession and stewardship ahead of the "drive" for funds. The Centenary is first and finally a movement to deepen the spiritual life of our people.

We have long since learned, however, that a spirituality which spends itsealf in prayer and personal exhilaration is no true spirituality at all. As well, even better, to claim no religion as to possess such a brand as that. A spirituality which awakens in the heart no aspiration for service, which creates no desire for activity, which dangles before the eyes no prospect of great endeavor, is not born of God. Religion always demands of us the working out of a program; and the working out of the program always begets more and truer religion. It is, then, impossible for us to leave off the last part of the Centenary without failing in the first part. Our aim is a spiritual aim, but it forces us to undertake the large program of service; if we do not do so the spirituality itself will die.

A philosopher defines love as "a desire to benefit some one," and his definition is a profound one. When we do not desire to do something for a person we do not love him; the one motive always present in all true affection is that which prompts the giving of gifts to its object. And the sentiment thrives under such exercise. If any man loves God he wants to give something to God, to benefit God in some way. And the love will die unless he does give something.

This is the basis of the old system of burnt offerings and sacrifices among the Hebrews and other primitive peoples, a system as truly inspired by God as any religious duty the world ever knew. God had no earthly use for sheep, goats, doves, and oxen, and to burn them was a temopral waste pure and simple. But God knew these people could not be religious without these observances. It was necessary for them to give, to sacrifice, if they were to continue in any relationship with Him. Sheep, goats, oxen represented their wealth, their time, themselves, so God demanded that these things be given.

Our medium of exchange is money. Our money is our condensed self; it is our time, thought, and energy. Thus God's method changes as the times progress, and now our giving expresses and deepens a double affection—towards God and towards our fellow man. But back of the duty there stands the same motive which operated in the case of the primitives, that no man can be religious unless he gives something to God. Thus spirituality and liberality are inseparably connected; the former cannot survive without the latter.

When, therefore, we present the claims of the Centenary to our people, let it be clearly understood that the primary object is spiritual—to deepen our consecration to God, to join all our people in a mighty league of intercession, to have them understand that we and all we have belong unreservedly to God, to save men from sin and to alleviate their physical sufferings, to extend the borders of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. These are the objects of the Centenary. And if we ask for money it is because not one of these objects can be realized without the financial side of the enterprise.

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

THE CENTENARY STANDARD FOR AN EPWORTH LEAGUE

1. Three pledged groups, each to include, if possible, every member of the Epworth League—senior, intermediate and junior. (a) The League of Intercession. (b) Christian stewardship covenant, reading stewardship literature. (c) Mission study, using textbooks whether in special group meeting at a special time and place or in the devotional meeting of the chapter.

2. Pledge to the Centenary missionary special, including the support of the Africa mission and the advance called for by the Centenary Commission. (a) A chapter pledge to be paid not later than annual meeting of the League conference. (b) A determined effort to have a pledge payable in monthly installments from every member. (c) Monthly collections of pledges, use of duplex envelopes, quarterly remittance by chapter treasurer to conference treasurer.

3. The Centenary calendar kept. (a) Mission Study Rally Day, October 19, 1919. (b) Africa Rally Day, September 28, 1919. (c) Life service pledge meeting, December 31, 1919. (d) Centenary Day, January 26, 1919. (e) Stewardship Day, June 15, 1919.

Each of the major devisions counts 3 1-3 points in a possible ten.

MT. ZION EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS PLEASANT MEETING

Mount Zion Epworth League held its regular monthly business meeting in January. All the officers read good reports, which showed that the chapter is doing some splendid work in the different departments.

The officers of the chapter are: President, Miss Bertha Barnett; vice-president, Miss Nannie Cook; first superintendent, Mr. Ben Brown; second superintendent, L. B. Honeycutt; third superintendent, Mr. Frank sherrill, Jr.; fourth superintendent, Mr. Sheley Cashion; secretary, Miss Verna Goodson; treasurer, Miss Julia May Caldwell; Era agent, Miss Myrtle Caldwell; organist, Miss Elnora Caldwell.

After all the business of the chapter was transacted a social hour was enjoyed, during which refreshments, consisting of delicious cake donated by the ladies and fruits donated by the young men, were served.

We hold our devotional service every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Our chapter is doing some good work. We know we have fallen short of helping support the League column, but we promise to do better this year.

We as Leaguers have a great opportunity to do good in this great Centenary movement. L. B. Honeycutt.

Cornelius, N. C., Feb. 17, 1919.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARD EPWORTH LEAGUE

Prescribed by Epworth League Board, M. E. Church, South, 1918

In order to be eligible under the standard of efficiency a chapter of the Epworth League (1) must have been chartered by the central office; (2) must have accurately kept records, which shall be submitted to the proper committee of the Epworth League conference for examination; (3) must have the four departments organized and active.

1. A written policy of work for the year, including the budget plan for raising revenue. (This policy should be manifolded or printed and a copy placed in the hands of every member or conspicuously posted in the League room and a copy sent to the district secretary.)

2. Quarterly business meetings, with written reports by officers correctly recorded; council meetings monthly, and quarterly reports to the district secretary. (In case there is no conference organization, hence no district secretary, these reports may be sent to the chairman of the Epworth League Board of the annual conference, whose name and address will be found in the minutes of the annual conference. In such cases the central office will award the certificates.)

3. Payment of annual dues to Conference Epworth League before the annual meeting; correct list of officers reported to the district secretary. (In case there is no conference organization, report to the central office.)

4. Average attendance upon the weekly devotional meeting equal to 60 per cent of the active membership; constant stress to be laid upon active participation in the devotional meetings by the members of the chapter.

5. Net gain in membership during the year equal to 10 per cent of the membership at the beginning of the year.

6. One subscriber for the Epworth Era to every four members of the chapter. (Estimated on Epworth Era Day.)

7. One study class in any subject or a reading circle using the Chautauqua League course.

8. Maintaining one of the Epworth League covenants—the Quiet Hour, the Fellow Workers or the Christian Stewardship.

9. A chapter offering for the Epworth League Missionary Special—at present the Africa Special— to be remitted direct to the treasurer of the Conference Epworth League. (In case there is no conference organization, remittance to be made direct to the treasurer of the General Board of Missions.)

10. A definite plan of recreational activities or of social service. (Any Conference Epworth League may substitute a local requirement for 10.)

In estimating the grade of a chapter each numbered paragraph counts ten in a possible one hundred. Awards shall be made upon a percentage basis. Certicates will be awarded at the annual Epworth League conference, as follows: To the chapter making 70 points, a certificate with a red seal; to the chapter making 80 points, a certificate with a green seal; to the chapter making 90 points, a certificate with a blue seal; to the chapter making 100 points, a certificate with a gold seal.

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BISHOP LAMBUTH'S ADDRESS

Methodist Reconstruction Conference in Paris Listen to Noted Prelate

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He said in part:

"We desire a real and genuine brotherhood of the two Methodist Episcopal churches here in Europe. France is in a state of expectancy. The people are no longer self-contained, nor are they any longer depressed. There is a general atmosphere of optimistic and a hope for the future. Contained in that mood there may be a desire to break with the past, and there are certainly possibilities for a new and larger life for the nation. The future must bring changes to the spiritual life for the nation, and the Methodist Episcopal Churches have it within their power to determine what these changes shall be.

"Today we know that there is a new bond between France and America, for America has already made a contribution to the life of the nation. The American position here is peculiarly strong because it is obvious that Americans have no selfish motives. Our spirit is the same as that which prevailed in our dealing with the Chinese question at the time of the Boxer uprising. A Japanese general has characterized the power back of the American forces in France as 'the power of God.'

"The Yankee doughboy has made a great moral impression upon the French people. He is tender-hearted; he is kind; and above all, he has a respect for womanhood which is not generally found among Europeans. Not the bayonets nor the armaments we brought, but the heart back of them is making the great impression upon France. The gulf stream of American moral current as swept across the Atlantic. May it change the climate of the countries which it touches!

"The old barriers are being broken down, and unconsciously the French people are seeing new things in Protestantism as it is represented by the American soldiers. During the first year of the war the Roman Catholic element in France grew in strength. All of that is changed today, and the field is ripe for a Protestant harvest which will provide that which the Catholic Church has failed to provide.

"France occupies a higher position today than ever before in her history. The war has been fought and won on her soil. Her Marshal Foch was commander-in-chief for the allied armies. Her people have borne the brunt of suffering and sacrifice. The use of the French language will increase as never before. French military men and engineers will be called upon to go into the Balkans and into other parts of the world to train the men of these various states. French commercial life is bound to grow wtih her prestige in other fields.

"The French are temperamentally suited to make the greatest missionaries on the face of the earth if only they had a religious faith equal to their oportunities. French colonial lands, linked with missionary enterprise would make a winning combination."

The conference was fortunate in having the advice and assistance of men who have been in Europe for some time and have had special opportunities for studying social and religious conditions.

In addition to Bishops Henderson and Anderson and Dr. Frank Mason North, of the northern church, and Bishop Atkins and Dr. W. W. Pinson, of the southern church, have just arrived in Europe, the deputation has been joined by Bishop Lambuth, who has been in France for some time, and also by Dr. E. W. Bysshe, superintendent of Methodist Episcopal work in France, and Dr. B. M. Tipple, Methodist superintendent in Italy. Dr. Chauncey W. Goodrich, pastor of the American church in Paris, was also present as an invited guest.

Dr. Bysshe, who has been in close contact with the goverment and with leading French Protestants and social workers, reported some interesting opinions of prominent men. He said that M. Franklin-Bouillon of the Chamber of Deputies said to him recently:

"Such a work as you contemplate should not be carried on through existing organization, but through a new and more ambitious church."

Professor Firman Roce, of the Sorbornne, told Br. Bysshe that the continuance of moral relationship between America and France was a matter of life and death to France. She must be brought into contact with the spiritual life of America.

Reverend Paul Doumergue, the great Protestant Evangelical pastor in Paris, expressed the hope that the Methodist Church would establish a great institutional church in Paris. Dr. Bysshe agrees that in whatever is done the evangelical and the social appeal should be equally emphasized. The government would co-operate in all educational efforts, and in every plan all gifts from America should enlist similar support from France.

Always it must be remembered that in spite of the war, or perhaps because of it, no subject interests France today as does religion.

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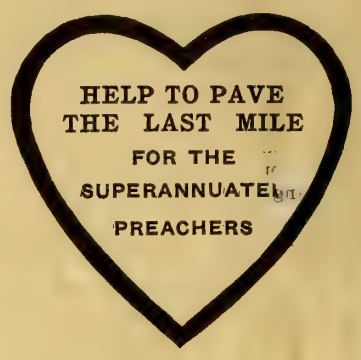
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To illumine all my soul,
Revealing its lack and uncleanness,
But purifying the whole,
Changing the course of my earthly way
To the path which leads to the fold.

Cleanse my heart that I may feel
The compassion Thou hast taught;
Cleanse my mind lest I defile
Either in deed or thought;
Fit me to carry to weary hearts
The peace Thy love has wrought.

My talents are few, but Thine they are—
The need for workers great.
Requisition my all, I pray!
Lord, Thy will I await.

—Lina Covington Harrell.

A MOMENT IN THE MORNING

A moment in the morning, ere the cares of day begin,
Ere the heart's wide door is open for the world to enter in—
Ah! then, alone with Jeeus, in the silence of the morn,
In heavenly sweet communion let your duty day be born;
In the quietude that blesses with a prelude of repose
Let your soul be soothed and softened as the dew revives the rose.

A moment in the morning, take your Bible in your hand
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And, like flowers of hope, will blossom into beauty in your heart.
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare, effulgent glory that will brighten all the way;
When comes a sore temptation and your feet are near a snare,
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A moment in the morning—a moment if no more—
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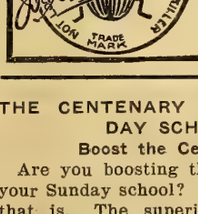
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LINCOLN AND THE SENTRY

Foreign visitors are surprised to find that there are no sentries at the White House. During the civil war a solitary soldier mounted guard and on one occasion had an amusing colloquy with President Lincoln.

Mr. Lincoln emerged from the front door, his lank figure bent over, as he drew tightly about his shoulders the shawl which he employed for such protection.

As the blast struck him he thought of the numbness of the pacing sentry, and, turning to him, said:

"Young man, you've got a cold job tonight. Step inside and stand guard there."

"My orders keep me out here," the soldier replied.

"Yes," said the President, in his argumentative tone. "But your duty can be performed just as well inside as out here, and you'll oblige me by going in."

"I have been stationed outside," the soldier answered, and resumed his beat.

"Hold on there!" said Mr. Lincoln, as he turned back again. "It occurs to me that I am commander-in-chief of the army, and I order you to go inside."—Selected.

FAIRY PAINTER

These winter nights against my window pane
Nature with busy pencil draws designs
Of ferns and blossoms and fine spray of pines,
Oak leaf and acorn and fantastic vines,
Which she will make when summer comes again. —Aldrich.

HOW TO FIND YOUR STAR

The stars in the blue union of our flag stand for the states of the Union, one star for each state. You know this, but perhaps you do not know that each star represents its own individual state, and its position on the square of blue is carefully and definitely fixed by law and executive order.

On October 26, 1912, the executive order of President Taft concerning the flag was made and it provided for the specific arrangement of the stars. They were to be arranged in six horizontal rows of eight stars ach, starting from the upper left-hand corner, each row running from left to right, the star corresponding to each state being named in the order in which the states ratified the constitution.

Thus, star number 1, in the upper left-hand corner, is for Delaware; star number 48, in the lower right-hand corner, is for Arizona. The following will show at a glance which star is that of your state:

First row—1, Delaware; 2, Pennsylvania; 3, New Jersey; 4, Georgia; 5, Connecticut; 6, Massachusetts; 7, Maryland; 8, South Carolina.

Second row—9, New Hampshire; 10, Virginia; 11, New York; 12, North Carolina; 13, Rhode Island; 14, Vermont; 15, Kentucky; 16, Tennessee.

Third row—17, Ohio; 18, Louisiana; 19, Indiana; 20, Mississippi; 21, Illinois; 22, Alabama; 23. Maine; 24, Missouri.

Fourth row—25, Arkansas; 26,Michigan; 27, Florida; 28, Texas; 29, Iowa; 30, Wisconsin; 31, California; 32, Minnesota.

Fifth row—33, Oregon; 34, Kansas; 35, West Virginia; 36, Nevada; 37, Nebraska; 38, Colorada; 39, North Dakota; 40, South Dakota.

Sixth row—41, Montana; 42, Washington; 43, Idaho; 44, Wyoming; 45, Utah; 46, Oklahoma; 47, New Mexico; 48, Arizona. —St. Nicholas.

HOW DO YOU READ?

Orison Swett Marden tells us to keep three things in mind if we would read profitably. These are: Intention, attention and retention.

Of course we agree that a purpose in reading, the application and concentration of mind and the holding fast afterward are indispensables if we would read with profit. But the author calls attention to the meaning of the word "retention," which comes from a root meaning "net."

A net, he says, is made with meshes that allow the little worthless fish to slip through, while the larger ones, worth while, are retained.

Here is a thought worth passing on, to be heeded by all young people. In selecting one's reading the net should be used to reject the worthless, and in the act of reading it should be used to keep for use whatever is worth while. Don't waste this bit of wisdom. Use it.—Evangelical Tidings.

WHAT A BOY CAN DO TO HELP

A Boy Scout is expected to do at least one good turn daily.

The good turns reported for one Scout for the year, the record probably having been kept by some kindly, watchful aunt, said that he got 174 buckets of coal and 129 buckets of water, carried out the ashes 124 times and the dishwater 125 times, and did other miscellaneous good turns amounting to 1,694 distinct efforts of cheerful helpfulness during the year. He brought in corn cobs for the fire, went after the washing, fixed up the mail, cleaned up the waste paper, picked up a limb from the sidewalk, "cut some tail for a kid's kite," went to town for mother many times, picked up glass from the sidewalk, replaced a brick in the pavement, stopped a dog fight, loaned his knife, wound the clock and set the alarm innumerable times, fixed the fire and made his bed, telephoned messages, hanged a five-dollar bill, fed the dog and cleaned up some ink, baked the pancakes for beakfast, fried some bacon, put on the coffee, washed the potatoes and fixed the fire, fed the chickens, also watered the flowers, taught a younger boy his lessons in school, picked up needles and pins from the floor, lit the lamps and darned his own sweater, mopped up some water and swept off the back porch, mailed letters and put up curtains, fixed a pair of scissors, got the fruit cans for his mother, opened cans of salmon, tomatoes and beans, dug out a rat and set a mouse trap, turned the washing machine many times and hung pictures.—James E. West.

A GROWING MYSTERY

There seems to be a mystery
About the way we grow.
I want it all explained to me—
Does anybody know?

Our last-year clothes are much too short,
And last-year shoes too small;
But never change of skin is bought
For summer, spring or fall.

However much we grow inside,
It always seems to fit;
However much we wash outside,
It never shrinks a bit.
—Francis McK. Morton.



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RHEUMATISM AND INDIGESTION

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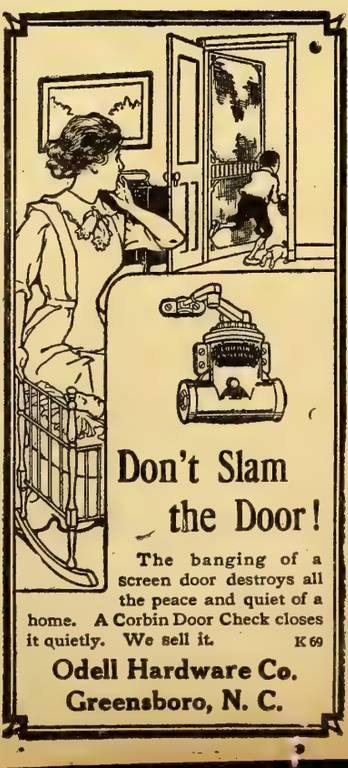
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Our Dead

ALEXANDER—A highly esteemed Christian young lady, Miss Ola Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alexander, of the Hickory Grove community and a member of the Hickory Grove Methodist church, passed to her reward on January 16th, after some years of bad health.

Ola was devoted to her church and Sunday school, and was always on hand when she was able to go. With all her suffering she never murmured. She loved her home and church but was willing to give up all and obey the call of the Father above. On account of a fall a year or more ago she was never able to be out any more at church, but it was a real pleasure to be in the home and talk with her. Her conversations were inspiring. After a strong struggle to recover, but all in vain, the end came at last. She won the confidence and love of all whom she met. She leaves a father, mother, several brothers and sisters to mourn her departure. May the Lord comfort these bereaved ones and help them to be ready to meet her at last.

The body was interred in the Sardis burying ground to await the resurrection. R. H. Kennington, Pastor.

KING.—As the golden sun was sinking in the west, an angel bore the spirit of Myrtle King to her home in heaven. Father, mother, brothers and sisters, as you laid her to rest in Hickory Grove cemetery on that lovely Sabbath afternoon, you knew that her spirit was learning the new song that the redeemed sing around God's throne in heaven, and that she is now rejoicing to meet her Saviour "face to face," and could she speak to loved ones she would say, "I am free from all sickness. Never shall I feel pain again.

Remember, our Father, we pray, the soldier brother across the sea, bring him safely home, and may he be comforted in the thought that the bird like voice, whose joyous tones made glad the scenes of sin and strife, sing now an everlasting song around the tree of life.

A Sympathizing Mother.

TAYLOR—Just after my return from Conference to my work one of the young ladies of my church, Miss Ruth Taylor, passed to her reward, after an illness of a few weeks. Ruth was a young woman of fine character and had many friends and associates. She joined the Methodist church when quite young and lived a good Christian life. She said to me that she was ready to die and go home to rest. The Lord called her home from a hospital in Charlotte. The body was buried in the Hickory Grove burying ground, of which church she was a member. She leaves a mother, one sister and four brothers to mourn her departure.

R. H. Kennington.

SPENCER—Hugh Spencer, son of N. S. Spencer, was born January 24, 1908, and died January 24, 1919. I am sure that no member of the family will ever forget his last hour on earth. He called each of them to him and hugged them affectionately. Then at his request he was raised up in bed, and talking of the sweet singing that he could hear and communing with his sainted mother who had died some time before, he breathed his last. Somewhere beyond the Jordan be joined with his mother and the angels in singing the sweet anthems of praise.

Last summer he gave his life to God, and joined the Methodist church. His bright smile and merry voice will be missed for he was loved by all who knew him.

Our sincere sympathy goes out for the sorrowing loved ones. May the Lord bless and comfort them.

B. C. Reavis, pastor.

OVERCARSH.—Mrs. Sallie Felder Overcarsh, daughter of the late Edwin D. and Carolina M. Felder, was born in Sumter, S. C., October 9, 1850, and in great peace "fell on sleep" at the Tranquill Park Sanitarium, Charlotte, N. C., on Christmas day, 1918.

In her home city she was married in November, 1879, to Mr. William J. Overcarsh, with whom she lived in devoted companionship during these nearly fifty happy years. Of her three sons two died in childhood and one, Professor William Harvey Overcarsh, remains, together with his father and her only sister, Miss Mary Felder, mourning her departure and honoring her name.

Sister Overcarsh united with the church in early girlhood, and with a consecrated spirit loved, worshipped and served her loving Lord faithfully to the end. She was one of those rare Christians whose clear conception of trust and loyal soul-devotion to Christ showed themselves in a continuous and wholehearted co-operation in the work of every department of God's church. Prayer meeting, Sunday school, missionary society and preaching services always enjoyed her presence and love. She possessed two happy homes: her residence and her church.

Trinity congregation never had a more loyal friend, from its beginning, for Sister Overcarsh was a charter member, having previously been connected with Tryon Street church.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. T. F. Marr, Rev. J. F. Crigler and her pastor, from the residence in Myers Park, and her remains laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte.

Such saints on earth cannot fail to find a home in heaven. John W. Moore.

PERKINS—Maria Graham Perkins, wife of John M. Perkins, was born January 17th, 1850, aged 69 years, 18 days. Sister Perkins professed faith in Christ early in life and lived a consistant member of Blackburn's Chapel M. E. church at Elkland, N. C., until death, February 4, 1919. She leaves husband, daughter, and four brothers to mourn their loss—Mr. John M. Perkins, Mrs. Mary Black, Patterson Graham, Ishmael Graham, Lorenzo D. Graham, Dr. William R. Graham.

She was laid to rest near the Graham home, Feb. 6th, 1919, in the presence of a large number of friends.

How best the righteous when he dies,
When sinks the weary soul to rest.
How mildly beam the closing eyes,
How gently heaves the expiring breast.

So fades a summer cloud away,
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er,
So gently shuts the eye of day,
So dies a wave along the shore.

O. D. Stacy, pastor.

JONES.—Mr. Gilley Jones was born fifty-six and a half years ago, and went to his reward from the town of Mooresville, N. C., November 17, 1918. He was the youngest child of the family. Was reared near Rocky Mount Methodist church, Iredell county, N. C., and joined this church in his youth. He followed teaching for an occupation, and in this he was a real success. There were seven children of this family, a brother of Rev. J. W. Jones, of the Western North Carolina Conference. The late Sheriff Jones of Guilford county, was a brother also. Three sisters now live in Mooresville, Mrs. B. A. Troutman, Misses Nancy and Mry Jones. Brother Gilley's health failed him while teaching in Wilmington, so he came to Mooresville several months before he passed away and died in the home and in the arms of his brother and sisters. Every thing that kind ministrations could do was done, but disease had marked him and he had to go, and we are happy to say it was well in the going. This writer visited him quite often during his fatal illness, and he gave unmistakable evidence of being ready when God should call. His four dutiful children who survive him, can feel assured that papa is waiting across the way to welcome them. He has gone to join mother on the other side of the great Divide. May there be a happy "home coming" with this family, and with all of us in the land of lights.

Lee A. Falls.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas S. Mast was born at Mast, N. C., August 11, 1896, and died at Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa., October 15, 1918, age 22 years, two months and four days. Tommie joined the Missionary Society when a little tot. His mother gave his name to the one cent class before he was old enough to realize anything about it. She trained him to give his pennies at each meeting, and when he grew older, he was anxious for his name to be called, so that he could respond and throw his bit into the treasury.

When Tom grew older, he advanced to the five cent class, and was a faithful member when he died. Tom was a noble young man and numbered his friends by the score; he was courteous, gentle and unassuming, and to know him was to love him. He was an obdient son and a devoted brother and usually gave preference to the wishes of his parents, brother and sisters. As a student he was apt persevering and ambitious, satisfied only when leading his classes. No doubt he would have made a fine scholar, if he had lived.

Tom had reached maturity only a short time before he died but manifested many traits of character, which lead us to believe that he would have made a good citizen.

When our beloved country became involved in war, Tom was one of the first to offer his services for her defense. He was in training about five months and as usual, was making good, having been promoted two or three times, when he took penumonia and died.

It can be truly said: "Tom Mast died for his country."

As a Missionary Society, we mourn the loss of our departed brother. We miss his regular attendance at our meetings, his seat is vacant, it can never be filled.

Let us therefore resolve:

First, That, since God in his wisdom has seen fit to call Tom from time to eternity, we bow in humble submission to His will, knowing that He doeth all things well.

Second, That, we extend the hand of sympathy and speak a word of comfort to the bereaved family.

Third, That we devote a page in our minutes to the memory of our departed brother.

Fourth, That we, believing that he has gone to a better world, strive with renewed energy to meet him over there.

J. B. Horton,
Mrs. Don Horton.
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, It has pleased God to remove from our midst, by death, our beloved friend and fellow Sunday school worker, John Newton Biggerstaff, who for many years has been a loyal member and who maintained under all circumstances a character untarnished, and a reputation above reproach.

Therefore, Resolved, That in the death of John Newton, we bow in humble submission to His divine will that we have sustained the loss of a member whose fellowship it was a pleasure to enjoy; that we bear testimony to his many beautiful traits of charater, and to his exemplary life; that we offer to the bereaved family and sorrowing friends, our heartfelt condolence, and pray that infinite goodness may bring speedy relief to their burdened hearts and inspire in them the comfort that comes through faith and trust in God.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our Sunady school, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, the Forest City Courier, and the Chrisian Advocate.

Nelle Young,
E. G. Abernehty,
B. L. Smith,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas our kind Heavenly Father has called to Himself, our friend and brother, J. Lloyd McKay, he it resolved

First, That the Board of Steawrds of Central Mehtodist Church. Concord, N. C., has lost a true and faithful member.

Second, That we extend to the family of our deceased brother our loving sympathy and assure them that the blessed promises made to the righteous are sure and steadfast.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Board, and that a copy be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate and in the papers of our city.

A. S. Webb.
J. B. Sherrill,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Home is not home for Mother's not there,
Angels have taken her out of our care.
Dark is the room and empty her chair.
She's gone to her home so peacful and fair,
Gone and the seasons to come and go,
Bathing her grave in it's blossoms and snow.
Snow on her bosom that sheltered her so,
Cruel and cold are the bleak winds that blow.

Sleep Mother, sleep, thy toils are o'er,
Sweet be thy rest so oft needed before.
Well have we loved you, but God loved you more,
He's called you away to that bright happy shore.

Whereas, God in his wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst, our beloved sister and friend, Mrs. G. T. Ketchie, whose life of consecration and service has ever been an inspiration to us. We, the members of the local department of the Woman's Missionary Society of Brevard Street Church do resolve

First, That while we deeply deplore her loss, we bow in submission to the Divine will, and shall ever cherish her memory and strive to imitate her virtues and lovely Christian example.

Second, That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and pray the Comforter will in time heal their broken hearts.

Third, That these resolutions be recorded on our minutes and a copy be sent to the family, also to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Charlotte dailly papers.

Mrs. J. A. Vogler,
Mrs. C. N. Barnhardt,
Mrs. W. I. Hannon,
Mrs. R. T. Clark,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN MEMORY OF MRS. B. E. MOORE

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, to call from our midst, our sister an friend, Mrs. B. E. Moore.

Be it resolved by the Peacock Philathea Class, of Wesley Memorial church.

First, That the class has sustained an irreparable loss, a willing, sincere and loyal member. As a teacher, she was recognized as a woman of great ability. That her influence and guidance will ever be missed in its councils, unassuming and unselfish, she was strong and wise in her decision, she fought the battles of life with a firm conviction that right will prevail.

Second, That to the husband and members of the family, the class extends its heartfelt and sincere sympathy, and may the knowledge that she fought a good fight and kept the faith, comfort them in their bereavement.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the memorial pages of the class record and that a copy be sent to the High Point papers and Christian Advocate, also a copy be sent to each member of the family.

Mrs. C. Dunbar,
Mrs. J. M. Matthews,
Mrs. R. E. Blair,
Committee.

STILWELL.—The subject of this sketch, Mr. L. A. Stilwell, was born, January 2, 1882, married Miss May Blair, of Progress, N. C., May 3, 1905, and died of influenza-Penumonia, in Charlotte, N. C., October 23, 1918. The youngest child of "Uncle Clark" and Mrs. Harriett Stilwell and the first death in the family. Lee, as we all knew him, professed faith in Christ at Hickory Grove church under the ministry of Dr. S. B. Turrentine, and then and there, connected himself with the church, and ever gave God the right of way in his life. For years he had been a member of Belmont Park church of Charlotte, and gave the church loyal service and it is stating the fact to say that none were more liberal and devoted than he. Raised by godly parents, its but natural to develop into useful Christian citizenship. Living the high, holy and pure life, he was ready when the summons came.

As a steward for four years and intimate friendship for a number of years, this writer had the opportunity to know thoroughly this good man. In a pastorate of thirty years this writer has had a host of true and tried friends, but none surpassed him in loyalty and unswering fidelity. He stood four-square against every form of evil, and stood for all that was pure and ennobling.

He was not only true to the church and loyal to his friends, but the best of all, he was God's true friend. Many are they who well remember how he pleaded with ttem to become reconciled to God. He leaves a faithful wife, a little six year old girl, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. His pastor being ill at the time of brother Stilwell's death, this writer was asked to attend his burial service, and assisted by the Rev. L. R. Abernehy we laid his body in beautiful Elmwood cemetery, of Charlotte, N. C., surrounded by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Dear brother Lee, we expect to meet you some day in the Glory world.

Lee A. Falls.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call to Himself our friend and coworker, Mrs. Jane Robinson, and in her death we have lost one of our most faithful members, be it therefore resolved

First, That we, the members of the ladies Aid Society do extend to the bereaved family our love and sympathy and commend them to the grace of God, that never fails to sustain them that trust in Him.

Second, That we feel most keenly our loss, realizing the worth of her presence among us. We will cherish her memory and seek to emulate her example in all good work and strong faith.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Christian Advocate for publication and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Ladies Aid Society of Calvary Methodist church, Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. W. C. Timmons,
Mrs. W. F. Holmes,
Committee.

HUDSON.—Mrs. Callie E. Hudson was born, March 1, 1882, died, December 1, 1918. Mrs. Hudson was a member of Harmony church, Concord, N. C. She was a conscientious Christian woman. A life well spent serving her Master while on earth. And now, though she is not with us in person, but is, in her life that has been lived before us. She mouldel a life for her family, and it is still lingering with unwavering faith in her teaching. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the little ones she has left.

May the tender hand of an affectionate Father lead, guide and direct them still in the pathway she has started them.

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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Weaverville station, 11 a. m. 2
Bethel, night 2
Swannanoa, Bethlehem 8-9
Haywood Street 9
Black Mountain, night 9
Walnut-Antioch, Paint Rock 15-16
Hot Springs-Marshall, Marshall ... 16
Sulphur Springs, Oak Hill 21-22
Central, Asheville, 11 a. m. 22
Asheville ct., Elk Mountain, 4 p.m. 22
District Council of pastors and church directors, Asheville 28
Fairview, Tweeds 29-30
Flat Rock, Fletchers, Fletchers 30
Saluda, night 30

April
Henderson circuit, Fruitland, (Conference on 5) 4-5
Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant 6
Chestnut Street, night 6
Leicester, Grace 12-13
West Asheville 13
Bethel, night 13
Weaverville circuit, Salem 19-20
Mars Hill circuit 20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 26-27

May
Weaverville Commencement 4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek 10-11
Hendersonville 11
Rosman circuit 18-19
Brevard 19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside 20-23

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

March
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m. 2
Trinity, night 2
Prospect, Carmel, 11 a. m. 8-9
Monroe, Central, night 9
Ansonville, Cedar Hill, 11 a. m. 15-16
Wadesboro, night 16
Unionville, Zion, 11 a. m. 22-23
Mathews, Indian Trail, 2:30 p. m. .. 23
Dilworth, night 23
Marshville, Center, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

March
Coleridge circuit, Rehobeth 1-2
Ramseur and Franklinville, Franklinville, night 2-3
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night 9
Pleasant Garden, Rehobeth 15-16
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 3 p. m. 16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m. 23
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night 23
Wentworth circuit, Lowes 29-30
High Point, East End, night 30

April
Deep River circuit, Worthville 5-6
Randleman, St. Paul's night 6
West Greensboro, Friendship 12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m. 13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant ...19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 20
Ruffin, 11 a. m. 27
Reidsville, Main Street, night 27

May
Uwharrie circuit, Union 3
Asheboro, 11 a. m. 4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill ..10-11
High Point, Main Street, night 11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

March
Dobsn, Dobson 1-2
Summerfield, Lee's Chapel 8-9
Jonesville, Maple Spring, 11 a. m. ..15-16
Elkin, night 14-16
Mount Airy circuit, Epworth 22-23
Mount Airy, Central, night 23
Pilot Mountain, Pinnacle 11 a. m.29-30
Rural Hall, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m... 28
3 p. m. 30

April
Stokesdale, Mt. Carmel 5-6
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m. ..12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night 13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville 19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m. 26-27
Spray, 3. p. m. 27
and night 28
Leaksville, night 27

MAIRON DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
McDowell circuit, Glenwood 8-9
Marion Mills, East Marion, night .. 9
Old Fort circuit, Mill Creek 15-16
Marion station, night 16
Morganton circuit, Salem 22-23
Morganton station, night 23-24
Cliffside circuit, Hollis 29-30
Henrietta and Caroleen, Caroleen, night 30

April
Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. ..13-14

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Wilkes circuit, Adley 1-2
Wilkesboro station, p. m. 1-2
Helton circuit, Ashley 8-9
Jefferson circuit, Bethany 15--6
Creston circuit, Sutherand 22-23
Elkland, Hopewell 29-30

April
Boone, Fairview 5-6
Laurel Springs circuit, Chestnut Hill 12-13
Sparta circuit, Sparta 19-20

May
Avery circuit, Pisgah 3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma 10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's 17-18
North Wilkes Mission 24-25
North Wilkesboro station 24-25
Wilkes circuit 31-June 1
Wilkesboro station 31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

March
Belwood, St. Peter's, 11 a. m. 1-2
Mount Holly, 7 p. m. 4
Shelby circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m. 8-9
Shelby-Central, 7 p. m. 14
Polkville, Elliott's 11 a. m. 15-16
Bessemer, Concord, 7 p. m. 19
Cherryville, St. Paul's 11 a. m. 22-23
Belmont, 7 p. m. 28
Mayworth, Ebenezer, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

March
Race street, St. Johns 11 a. m. 1-2
Statesville circuit, Bethlehem, 3 p.m. 1-2
Broad Street, Board Street, 7 p. m. 1-2
North Lenoir, Mt. Hermon, 11 a. m. 8-9
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Valmead, 3 p. m. 8-9
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m. 15-16
Granite Falls, Granite Falls 7 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, 11 a. m. 22-23
Lenoir circuit, Littlejohns, 3 p. m. ..22-23
Catawba circuit, Hopewell, 11 a. m.29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 7 p. m. 29-30

April
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m... 6-7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m. 6-7
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 6-7
Newton, Newton, 11 a. m. 13-14
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 13-14

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

March
Bethel and Loves, Bethel 1-2
Spencer, Central, 11 a. m. 9
First Church, night 9
China Grove, 11 a. m. 16
Park Avenue, night 16
Forest Hill, 11 a. m. 23
Concord, Central, night 23
Woodleaf, Gays 29-30
South Main, night 30

April
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 6
Badin, night 6
Cottonvile, Zion 12-13
Norwood, Randalls 13
New London, Bethel 19-20
Salem, 3 p. m. 20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul 26-27
Epworth, night 27

May
Gold Hill, Zion 3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night 4
Concord circuit, Carmel 10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m. 11
Kerr Street, night 11
Albemarle circuit 17-18
First Street, night 18
Salisbury circuit 24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage ..31-June 1

June
Kannapolis station 1
Bethel-Loves 7-8

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West Davie, Calahan, March 2, 3 p. m.
Cooleemee, March 2, night.
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Lexington circuit, March 11-16, Quarterly conference at Center.
Davidson circuit, March 17-23 Quarterly conference at Good Hope.
Denton circuit, March 24-30. Quarterly conference at Siloam.
New Hope circuit, March 31-April 7 Quarterly conference, Macedonia.
Linwood circuit, April 8-13. Quarterly conference at Macedonia.
Thomasville circuit, April 14-20. Quarterly conference at Zion.
Forsyth circuit, April 21-27. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor.
Lewisville circuit, April 28-May 4 Quarterly conference at Sharon.
Kernersville circuit, May 6-11. Quarterly conference at Oak Ridge.
Advance circuit May 14-18. Quarterly conference at Advance.
Farmington circuit, May 19-25. Quarterly conference at Ward's
Pastors on circuits will note that sufficient time has been given to include all churches within their charge. They will please announce services at each church at the most convient hour within the dates assigned.

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

February
Canton station 2
Sylva station, 11 a. m. 9
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, night 9
Haywood, Mt. Zion 15-16
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster 22-23

March
Jonathan, Delwood 1-2
Clyde, Elizabeth 2-3
Bryson-Whittier, Bryson 9-10
Murphy station 15-16
Andrews station 16-17
Bethel circuit, Bethel 22-23
Macon, Mt. Zion 29-30
Franklin station 30-31

April
Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May
Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
Highlands 11-12
Fines Creek 17-18



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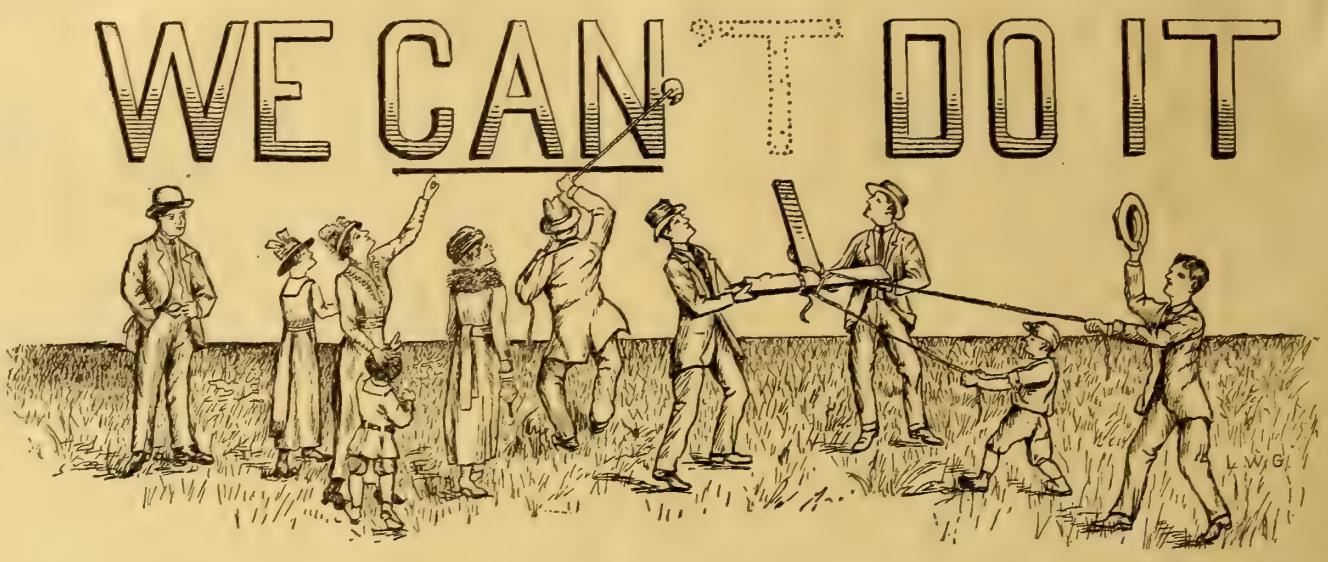
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Editorial

THE MISSIONARY VOICE

This splendid publication of our Board of Missions is out for February in new dress and enlarged form. It is but just to say that this publication is one of the essentials where a family is striving at all to keep right abreast with our great missionary movement. The price is now $1.00 per year, but while it costs more it is no longer necessary to take two or three publications in order to keep posted on all departments of our work. Send $1.00 to Smith & Lamar and you will get the Voice for one year, and we assure you that you will get value received for your money.

DEDICATION AT HIGH POINT

We have been requested by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, to announce that on next Sunday morning, March 9th, at 11 o'clock, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preach the dedicatory sermon in Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. The ceremony of dedication will take place immediately after the sermon.

All of the former pastors and presiding elders who took part in planning, building or paying for the present building have been specially invited to be present for the service of dedication. The evening service will be one of thanksgiving. The visiting ministers referred to above are expected to deliver short addresses in this service. The public generally is invited to be present and enjoy this occasion with the congregation, who are justly proud of the great house of worship which they have been enabled to erect to the glory of God.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

This organization of our conference will be in session in Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, next week. Next to the annual conference of ministers and laymen this meeting of our women is the most important occasion in our calendar. One has only to look in upon this body of faithful and zealous co-workers to be convinced that in no sense are they behind in the great procession which moves toward the goal set by the Master, namely, the giving of the message of life and hope to the whole world.

The Western North Carolina Conference has been peculiarly fortunate in the type of leadership which has been developed among her women. Strength and boldness—readiness to undertake—have characterized their labors, but no energy has been expended upon mere fads. In all the excitement of the move to place womanhood rightly in co-ordinate position with her brother, those in Western North Carolina have wisely kept with the procession, but never in advance of it. Consequently there are now no estrangements nor any wounds to be healed. Our women would scorn a picket stunt, but will assume the responsibilities of the suffrage with the same devoutness and womanliness that they would lead the prayer meeting.

It is something out of the ordinary to have the same presiding officer for thirty years in succession. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson was among the first of those who took the lead in the organization of the women of Southern Methodism and she has been honored by continuous election to the presidency of this body in Western North Carolina from its organization in 1890. There is but one explanation of this long-continued career and that is eminent fitness.

There are many others who have developed extraordinary efficiency as workers and leaders, but we cannot speak of them here. We feel sure that the prominence we are giving to the long and faithful service of Mrs. Robertson will merit the hearty approval of the whole body.

The Advocate greets these faithful co-workers as they gather for this most important annual conference and prays the divine blessing upon them.

THE "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS"

As this subject is up just now and a good deal of literature is going out on the subject, it is well perhaps that we give what the General War Time Commission of the Churches has to say on the subject. This commission has been organized by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and represents the main body of Protestant churches in this country.

There are many conscientious objectors in this country and they are by no means confined to the Quaker organization. Their number will increase as the leaven of Christianity permeates society, and this is another reason why the League of Nations should be firmly established at this time. War is essentially brutal and the human race has not yet seen its most terrible day unless some means is found whereby war may be averted. But here is the report of the War Time Commission:

"In response to numerous requests, committees from the General War Time Commission of the Churches have made a careful study of the attitude of the government toward the 'conscientious objectors.' In their study of the situation conference has been had with several groups especially concerned in the question, with the War Department, the Department of Military Morale and various other authorities. The report as adopted by the executive committee of the General War Time Commission of the Churches is as follows:

" '1. It is our firm conviction that no government has made a more serious effort to deal fairly with conscientious objectors and to allow freedom in the exercise of the individual conscience than has the United States in the present war.

" 'II. It seems clear, however, that a considerable number of men have been treated with undue severity, in a few cases even with brutality, by certain of the military authorities. We are glad to know that the War Department has now taken steps that have relieved the situation. The cases of brutal treatment have been due, in the main, to the policy of certain army officers who believed the conscientious objectors to be insincere and who held unreasonable and extreme views as to what is required by military discipline.

" 'III. The great majority of conscientious objectors were declared by the government, after investigation, to be honest and sincere in their convictions. The majority also accepted non-combatant service in the army or other work of a non-military character.

" 'IV. There are at the present time approximately 400 conscientious objectors in the military prisons in the United States, serving sentences of from five to thirty years, including both men who believe all war to be wrong and those who believe this war to have been unjustified. There are also in local jails or federal prisons several hundred others who have been convicted under the espionage act for making statements contrary to the war policy of the government.

" 'V. Now that hostilities have ceased, we believe that these imprisoned conscientious objectors, who are beyond question sincere, should be granted amnesty at the time of the signing of the treaty of peace. After the war is over and the danger of a division is past, the best interests of democracy will not be served by carrying out further punishments against those whose honest conviction differed from the majority during the days of the war. To punish them further in times of peace would set an unwholesome precedent in a nation that has always emphasized the principle of the freedom of individual conscience.

" 'VI. We believe, further, that the whole question of the treatment of political offenders in time of war should be reconsidered by Congress under conditions which make an unprejudiced judgment possible, and that a distinction should be made between those whose offense is loyalty to their own conscience, however mistaken the majority may believe that conscience to be, and those who have been guilty of criminal offenses.' "

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Victory Liberty Loan Campaign for the sale of five billion dollars of bonds will be launched late in April and continue for three weeks.

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Gen. Bennett H. Young, who served with Morgan, Mosby and J. E. B. Stuart during the civil war and won fame as a cavalry leader, died at his home in Louisville, February 23. He was commander of the United Confederate Veterans 1913-1916.

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At a Conference of republican congressmen held in Washington last Thursday Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, was by a large majority chosen as the party candidate for the speakership of the next House of Representatives over Representative John R. Mann, of Illinois, at present republican floor leader of the House.

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Congress Adjourned by Limitation on Tuesday, March 4, after having been practically in continuous session for the full two years of its term. During the last days of the session many important bills were rushed to a passage and it is unofficially given out that the President will not call the new Congress into extraordinary session before June 1 next.

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It Has Been Announced from the War Department that none but regular army troops are to remain abroad and that seven divisions of these are to remain in France indefinitely. The army bill now provides that after the exigencies of war are over the regular army shall be reduced to 175,000 men, but it will be some time yet before foreign conditions will justify the reduction to that small number.

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Dr. Mary Walker, aged eighty-seven, died in New York last week. She was a surgeon in the civil war and for many years later a medical practitioner in Washington. She possessed remarkable strength of character and had the distinction of being the first and only woman permitted by authority of Congress to dress in male attire. This privilege was granted when she was an army surgeon.

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Sir Wilfred Laurier, who died last week, was the first French-Canadian premier of Canada, and held that position from 1896 to 1911, longer than any other man. During his administration he secured larger guarantees of independence of and yet at the same time strengthened sympathetic and commercial ties with Great Britain. He was an able statesman and the Dominion during his control enjoyed a measure of material development greater

than ever before. He retired in 1911 when the trade reciprocity with the United States failed.

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Among the Fifty-one Notables who occupy places in the American hall of fame is the late Dr. Gorry, of Appalachicola, Fla., who served mankind well when he discovered the process for making artificial ice. Dr. Gorry practiced medicine and his patients needed ice, which could not be supplied. He found the way to make it and Florida expressed her appreciation of his great service to humanity by choosing him as one of her representatives in the hall of fame. When we consider how great would be our discomfort in this age without ice we can faintly appreciate the distinguished service of Dr. Gorry, and he deserves to be perpetuated as one of the great inventors who added to human comfort by the introduction of artificial ice.

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Sometimes a Man Distinguished in his calling retires to private life and passes from public notice long years before his death. Such is the case with George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, who died in California some days ago at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He represented Vermont in the United States Senate for nearly thirty years and had he so chosen would have been retained in that position till his death, but he voluntarily resigned some twenty years ago and retired from public view. He was a great constitutional lawyer, author of the Edmunds bill which abolished polygamy in Utah and framed the anti-trust bill of 1890, and was a member of the electoral commission which decided the Hayes-Tilden contest in 1877. Mr. Edmunds had been prominently mentioned for the presidency and was for long years one of the most active and distinguished laymen in the Protestant Episcopal church.

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President Wilson Upon His Return from France disembarked at Boston February 23 and met with a great reception, when he addressed the people there on the work of the peace conference and the prospective League of Nations to enforce peace. After his arrival in Washington he entertained the Congress committees on foreign relations and explained to them in detail the plan and purpose of the proposed league. He has been a very busy man since his return, having to examine and approve various legislative bills and attend to other important public matters before his departure on a second journey to France. His program was to speak to a New York audience on Tuesday just before embarking on the return voyage. Before this goes to press he may be on the high sea en route to Paris. He has appointed Hugh C. Wallace, of Seattle, to the French ambassadorship to succeed Mr. Sharp, who recently resigned, and also sent in the name of A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, for attorney general, succeeding Thomas W. Gregory, resigned.

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The Peace Conference has a task heavy enough when it undertakes to formulate plans for permanent peace between the nations involved in the great war, but many communities with only local grievances are appealing to the peace conference for relief. At a convention of the Irish race in America just held in Philadelphia resolutions were passed demanding that the peace conference force Great Britain to give independence to Ireland. The Irish question is a local British question and in a large degree a religious question. The large Catholic majority in south Ireland wants to rule the Protestant minority to the north, and the Protestants will not be satisfied with any change from the present system, which now gives Ireland the same privileges in parliament that are granted to England, Scotland and Wales. The American Catholics, led by Cardinal Gibbons, are behind the Irish Catholics in this country and would, if possible, commit the American government to their cause. The Sinn Fein revolutionists of Ireland, by their treasonable attitude to the British government during the great war, have but small claim for recognition now and liberty lovers the world over can hardly look with favor upon their cause.

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Now and Then a Preacher's Son goes wrong, and when he does his fall is magnified all the more because he is a preacher's son, but the rule is that the sons of ministers rank high among men. It is said that of the men of mark in English history 1,270 were the sons of ministers, 510 were sons of lawyers and 350 sons of doctors. Of the 51 great men who have been honored with places in the American hall of fame 20 were sons of preachers, being fifty times more than a proper proportion. Addison, Coleridge, Goldsmith, John and Charles Wesley, Tennyson, Lowell, Emerson, Holmes, Bancroft, Parkman, Morse, Justices Strong, Field and Brewer, Lamar and Hughes of the United States Supreme Court; Patrick Henry, Edward Everett, Henry Clay, Hancock, Cleveland, Arthur, Wilson and Dolliver were all sons of preachers. These names are recalled at random, for time would fail us to mention the vast number of noted men who were reared in parsonage homes. It all goes to prove that "plain living and high thinking," which rest on a foundation of lofty piety, cannot fail to produce men, and that abiding character must rest upon faith in the eternal principles of righteousness.

REPORT OF ADVOCATE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO MARCH 4, 1919

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Layman of Central Church	10
J. O. Ervin	31
J. M. Green	1
W. E. Poovey	14
O. P. Ader	12
J. G. W. Holloway	5
J. L. Teague	2
E. K. McLarty	41
E. W. Fox	2
D. Atkins	10
J. O. Banks	5
C. A. Johnson	12
O. J. Chandler	1
D. R. Proffitt	10
M. F. Moores	17
W. I. Hughes	2
Total	175

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

G. W. Fink	1
H. H. Jordan	65½
R. H. Kennington	1
J. E. McSwain	12
L. T. Cordell	1
L. B. Abernethy	31
Z. E. Barnhardt	9
M. A. Osborne	11
C. L. McCain	11
W. S Cherry	2
E. Myers	31
Jno. W. Moore	33
W. F. Elliott	1
T. J. Huggins	1
E. R. Welch	25
S. T. Barber	6
T. F. Marr	2
R. L. Forbis	1
L. H. Griffith	13
Total	257½

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

C. F. Sherrill	14
West Market Street	1
T. J. Rogers	1
J. T. Stover	10
J. E. Woosley	6½
T. B. Johnson	11
H. C. Sprinkle	53
W. C. Jones	13
A. C. Gibbs	23½
W. M. Smith	19
A. W. Plyler	33
Ira Erwin	7
A. P. Ratledge	10
J. M. Varner	11
F. L. Townsend	8
Total	221

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

Albert Sherrill	9
T. V. Crouse	21
G. A. Stamper	32
T. P. Jiminson	2
O. P. Routh	16
C. R. Allison	8½
J. C. Mock	6
J. H. Robertson	7
J. J. Eads	12
J. W. Combs	8
G. W. Williams	1
G. W. Clay	10
J. E. Gay	3½
G. C. Brinkman	10
W. M. Boring	6
Total	152

MARION DISTRICT

T. C. Jordan	1½
M. W. Heckard	5
J. S. Mitchell	1
J. A. Fry	10
A. J. Burrus	4
M. B. Clegg	10
R. F. Mock	14
W. L. Hutchins	19
D. S. Richardson	19
W. L. Dawson	1
J. B. Tabor	13
C. M. Pickens	12
Total	109½

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. J. Houck	5
R. F. Wellons	3
J. D. Pyatt	5
D. G. Wilson	2
J. W. Bennett	1
T. S. Coble	17
J. M. Barber	3
J. C. Cornette	1
Total	37

SHELBY DISTRICT

J. W. Kennedy	19
D. P. Waters	15½
N. C. Williams	16
D. W. Brown	23
R A. Taylor	4
S. M. Needham	14
O. C. Fortenberry	4½
H. C. Byrum	6
E. P. Stabler	6
J. F. Moser	19
C. A. Wood	58
W. B. Shinn	13
C. M. Short	44¼
D. M. Litaker	1
E. L. Kirk	17
W. T. Albright	7
T. A. Plyler	1
A. L. Stanford	1
L. L. Smith	5
Total	274½

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. W. Strider	2
S. E. Richardson	13
P. L. Shore	7
E. M. Avett	19
G. W. Vick	16
A. S. Raper	10
W. S. Hales	1
H. F. Starr	4
R. K. Brady	14
R. M. Taylor	16
J. C. Brown	15
R. S. Howie	2
Total	119

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

L. A. Falls	4
M. B. Woosley	7
Jno. M. Price	11
D. F. Carver	16
R. M. Hoyle	24
J. T. Ratledge	24
W. B. Davis	19
A. G. Loftin	4
E. N. Crowder	13
W. O. Goode	14
Total	136

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. C. Umberger	2
M. T. Smathers	1
John Cline	16
L. B. Haves	1
R. E. Hunt	13
A. L. Latham	¼
W. B. West	7
F. O. Dryman	18
J. W. Campbell	2
C. E. Stedman	14
J. W. Vestal	5
J. E. Womack	1
Total	80½

WINSTON DISTRICT

W. J. S. Walker	1
E. O. Cole	1
J. S. Hiatt	14
N. R. Richardson	22
A. C. Swafford	15
C. O. Kennerly	2
W. M. Robbins	16
D. C. Ballard	1
J. C. Harmon	13
R. G. Tuttle	20
P. L. Terrell	14
A. S. Abernethy	10
H. H. Mitchell	2
C. P. Goode	12
J. P. Hipps	9½
P. E. Parker	8
A. C. Swafford	13
J. W. Vestal	5
J. H. Brendall	2
C. C. Williams	13
Total	193½

Winston	193½
Waynesville	80½
Statesville	136
Salisbury	119
Shelby	274½
North Wilkesboro	37
Mount Airy	152
Marion	109½
Greensboro	221
Charlotte	257½
Asheville	175
	1755½
Misscellaneous	8
Grand Total	1763½

HOW WE STAND AS DISTRICTS

	Apportioned	Secured
Asheville	282	175
Charlotte	317	257½
Greensboro	256	221
Marion	248	109½
Mount Airy	205	152
North Wilkesboro	167	37
Shelby	253	274½
Salisbury	284	119
Statesvile	283	136
Waynesville	258	80½
Winston	296	193½

The above report shows that the Shelby district is over the allotment and the Greensboro and Charlotte are pressing close to the goal. This report will appear again about April 1, at which time we expect to be over the top in every district.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CENTENARY SIDELIGHTS

By Loy D. Thompson

"The Day of Glory Has Come"

General Gouraud spoke these memorable words on entering Strassburg at the head of his victorious army under the terms of the armistice. The French general felt that truly the day of glory had come to his country and to the world. Indeed, have we not approached that time? Are we not now standing upon the threshold of a golden era? When we think of our rapidly changing world order, when we reflect upon the multiplied doors that are opening, when we ponder over the vindication of justice in the earth, when we meditate upon the expanding spirit of fraternalism among men, do we not feel that an hour radiant with hope and big with destiny has come? There is something for us to do now. Many are the voices that are calling us and ponderous are the responsibilities that are resting upon us. Prayer and faith and money and men mean more now than at any previous time in the world's history. While the world is being made safe for democracy we must get busy and effect the spiritualization of democracy that it may be safe for the world. We have preached for a long time the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We now have a superlative opportunity to articulate these ideas into terms of life for the world. In other words, we have the chance to build the kingdom of God in the hearts of men and to establish democracy in the earth. Our genius lies in our ability to grasp the chance. May we seize upon this time as the hour for forward looking and upward reaching men. Methodism should play a great part in this hour. If we are to measure up to the high demands of the day, we must have a fresh endowment of supernatural power from the presence of the Lord. The times should be characterized by the dedication of our money, the consecration of our lives, the devotement of our service to Him, and the quickening of our souls through passionate intercession. If we do not act the part of real men in these glorious days it were better that a millstone were hanged about our necks and that we were cast into the midst of the sea. The tragedy of tragedies is to live in the midst of such a time as the present and keep the old vision and the old heart and follow the old paths of provincialism, penuriousness and selfishness. The day of glory has come, but have we the eyes to see it? It can be said today with greater measure of truthfulness what Browning said years ago: "Earth's crammed with heaven and every common bush afire with God, and only he who sees takes off his shoes; the rest sit around it and pluck blackberries." Have we glimpsed the new day? Have we beheld the new glory?

"They Shall Not Pass"

These words were pronounced upon the lips of millions of Frenchmen in the year 1916, when the Germans were hammering at the doors of Verdun in a terrific effort to break through the lines. But these intrepid poilus, with set teeth and stiffened backbone, held taut the lines. They did not pass. There are some strong and terrible forces knocking at the doors of our world today trying to defeat the good purposes of both God and men. Some of these are materialism, rationalism, militarism, Bolshevism and immorality. The Methodist church has answered the challenge. Along the line of 2,200,000 soldiers of the cross the word is going forth that they shall not pass. We have thrown our hat into the ring. We have accepted the gage of battle. We have purposed a great purpose. The world shall not go down before the forces, malign and violent, that threaten society today. Our leaders have sent forth the call for $35,000,000 to be thrown into the scales on the side of mercy and truth and fraternalism and love. All the forces of hell shall not prevail against us, for the Lord of Hosts is with us and the God of Jacob is our refuge. We have drawn the sword, we have sent the word down the lines, we have grasped the hand that bears the print of the nail. Who shall turn His hand back?

"All That We Have Is Yours"

The above words were uttered by General Pershing in the act of turning over the American forces under his command to General Foch, the unified leader of democracy. As we face the world task of gospelizing the race and as we look into the face of the unified Leader of the spiritual democracies of the world, we must be ready to place all at our Leader's disposal. Southern Methodists are worth over $5,000,000,000. The annual income of our church is over a billion dollars. Our tithe is in excess of $100,000,000. Were we to turn into the treasuries of the church a tithe for one year we could pay all the Centenary askings for the five-year period and have three times as much left. We are no longer poor. We can no more plead poverty in justification of our parsimonious giving. Our first recruits were from among the poor.

A company of college boys under the inspiring leadership of John Wesley began the great Methodist movement for a purer Christianity and a better world. They took their orders from Christ and viewed the world as their parish. The doctrines taught by these prophets of God caught fire in the hearts of the masses and soon the rich began to hear the evangel of love gladly. Today we find ourselves a church of vast resources. But all we have belongs to Him, and in token of our recognition of his eternal sovereignty over us we are resolved to make the most munificent offering that we have ever done.

"We Are Ready Now"

Early in May in 1917 Vice-Admiral Simms was asked on the arrival of the first Yankee warship in England: "When will you be ready for business?" His dramatic reply was: "We are ready now." It would be an awful tragedy for the church to face its world task unprepared. Many are the voices that are asking if we are spiritually ready to meet the demands. It is a highly pertinent question for the world to ask. We have used at the head of this paragraph the caption, "We are ready now." Have we really entered into the fellowship of intercession? Have we studied the fields where the centenary moneys are to go? Do we know the great needs of the race? Do we as individuals stand ready to give part of our time? Have we had the baptism of the Spirit? Have we caught the vision of the stewardship of life? Have we committed ourselves in the totality of our lives to the Master of all good workmen? With one triumphant shout may the Methodist church answer: "We are ready now!" Ready for an advance; ready for the biggest things in our history; ready for putting across the greatest program in the life of the church; ready to walk sacrificial paths with our Lord. Ready!

"Lafayette, We Are Here"

These were the thrilling words enunciated at the tomb of the great Frenchman by General Pershing. We are here as Southern Methodists 2,200,000 strong, with our 19 bishops, with our 46 conferences, with our 7,000 pastors and 18,000 churches. We are here with our generous hearted and magnanimous laymen. We are here with our alert and efficient women operating through their many wide-awake organizations. We are here with our 17,000 Sunday schools. We are here with our faith and optimism and love. We are here with a will to go forward, and our eyes are on the future. Our dreams are of success and victory for the cause of the church. The Southern Methodist church now awaits orders to go over the parapet in the Centenary missionary drive.

"GETTING READY FOR THE BIG DRIVE

By A. C. Marts

The poblem of the Methodist Church, South, in this campaign for thirty-five million dollars is not primarily a problem of raising money, but it is a problem of organization.

During the next seventy days we must project over the entire denomination a tremendous organization which will include three hundred thousand Methodist men and women mobilized for one special purpose; drilled, trained and equipped according to a standard plan, who will be ready on the morning of April 27 to rush "over the top" all together, determined and prepared to rush the objective of $35,000,000 in eight days' actual work.

We must then devote ourselves for seventy days to building this organization. We will give ourselves only eight days in which to raise the $35,000,000. The relative importance of actually getting the money to building the organization is in that ratio of eight to seventy.

We must, therefore, all of us, think in terms of building a big, well drilled, effective organization. We have our standard plan, which will be our guide in building this organization in every conference, district and local church. This plan contains the best experience of the past in building such an organization. It has been worked out by men successful in the recent patriotic campaigns.

During these coming seventy days is the time when the success of the campaign must be determined. The faithfulness and devotion of the campaign directors and other leaders in each conference, in each presiding elder's district, and in each local church in building according to the standard plan will determine in advance of April 27th the results of the eight-day campaign.

If our work is well and faithfully done between now and April 27th we need have no fear of the results of the actual solicitation during the eight days.

Let us all work as a unit in forming this magnicfient army which will move forward to certain victory during the eight days of April 27th to May 4th. The standard plan plus enthusiasm plus hard work, multiplied by prayer and devotion, equals thirty-five million dollars plus.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY

By J. J. Stowe

There are two piers upon which the Centenary bridge rests—prayer and Christian stewardship. Any weakness in either pier will, to that extent, endanger the entire structure. Their place and importance in the Centenary movement has been emphasized over and over. The church now turns to the very fundamental condition of any real or permanent success in the Centenary undertaking, namely, the question of Christian stewardship.

The principles of Christian stewardship apply to all that a man is and all that he has, but this discussion will deal with it from the angle of possession, or the "stewardship of property." This is the realm of money, or things material, but its importance must not be underestimated on that account. For not only is man "cribbed, coffined and confined" by the material, but his attitude to things material indicated sweeps far beyond the realm of money; but this is included, not excluded. A man must be more than honest in the highest and broadest sense of that term in order to be Christian, but he cannot truly be Christian without being honest. "God, having of olden times spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath in the end of these days spoken to us in His Son" concerning our relation to money. In fact, knowing the heart of man, the great constant danger of avarice, He gave more attention to this question than any other one subject, and the call of God is clear in the summons of the Centenary to face this fact of our responsibility for the property we control.

In the earliest records we find the law of the tithe promulgated. So early and among so many different nations does this appear that we are forced to conclude that it was one of the laws given by God to men in the earliest times. To Moses he gave definite commandments concerning the tithe, but he was not instituting a new order, merely incorporating an old law into the Jewish life.

This ancient moral law Christ did not set aside. It was practiced by the apostolic church. It was urged by the church fathers of the succeeding centuries. It is as binding upon all men today as it ever was upon any men anywhere. Its purpose is to keep clearly and constantly before us the fact that we are stewards and not owners of the property we possess. This law of the tithe God made for man's good, to save him from the sin of avarice. The tithe is the beginning, not the end, of liberality; in fact, one may say, must be met before gifts begin. As one may smile and smile and be a villain, so one may tithe and tithe and be a villain. The Pharisees, our Lord's bitterest eneimes, were scrupulous tithers. To one of them He said, speaking of the tithe, "This ye ought to have done, not to have left the other undone." They had neglected the weightier things of justice and mercy and righteousness.

Again, by paying the tithe we do not purchase the right to spend as we please what is left. The

very opposite, in fact, is the purpose and result of the tithe, namely, the acknowledgment by the tither that all we have belongs to God. For the poor man to tithe will often mean self-denial and heroic faith. In olden times dispensation he may not follow so closely this plan, but "He who marks the sparrow's fall and hears the young ravens when they cry" will not forget those who know pinching poverty and yet adhere to principle. The wealthy, even the well-to-do, should do far more than the tithe. Beyond any question God required the tithe of ancient Israel. He would not and does not expect less of us who live in the light of the twentieth century and face opportunities and obligations unparalleled in human history. The law of the tithe is binding alike upon good and bad, saint and sinner. Its practice from the right motive will bring us to the larger things.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

Many large enterprises come from very small beginnings. I am showing you this week a cut of a church built some fifteen years ago which was started by a class of young men taught by a young college student. For years the good people of Muir's Chapel, West Greensboro circuit, were content to congregate in a small and obsolete cigar-box sort of a church. A large arbor standing close by served for protracted meeting purposes, and therefore the needs of the Sunday school and regular preaching services were dismissed with the idea that some day better accommodations would be furnished.

Finally, the pastor, Rev. J. E. Woosley, suggested to the young men's class that each member give fifty cents the month toward starting a new church, suggesting that at length they would be at least able to place the foundation. The young men took to the idea and after a while had enough money to buy the brick and the sills for a beginning. These were paid for and placed on the grounds, with nothing else in sight except the faith that the strong congregation behind them would complete that which they had begun. Their faith proved to be well founded, for in the course of time the nice building you see was constructed. The young men paid an insignificant part in the construction of the building, but they did show to the congregation that they wanted and needed a new church and were willing to do their part. It sometimes pays to give the young people a chance.

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In a given charge within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference the pastor at the beginning of last year was having some difficulty in getting the board of stewards to assume a proper financial budget. After some futile efforts with the church heads the pastor asked if there would be objection to his presenting his matter to the younger part of his congregation. He asked if they would stand in the way of the young people in the event he could get them to assume the obligation. The board of stewards agreed to let the youngsters have a free hand.

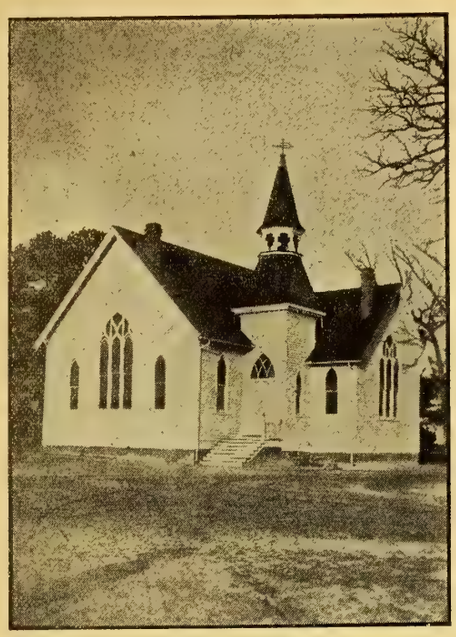
After the pastor had presented his matter to his young people he found them not only willing, but anxious to put his budget over. They got busy. There was a church budget hen, the church got a part from the sale of yearlings, and there were church rows in the cotton fields. Why, of course, the whole budget was paid. The pastor's increased salary was overpaid. Some day there will be another type of stewards in that church.

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Teacher training headquarters at Nashville reports the following enrollment of training classes from our conference during the week of February 12-19:

"At Greensboro, Spring Garden Sunday school, a class of eighteen students, taught by Miss Jennie L. Hunt; at Lexington, a class of sixteen students, taught by Mr. J. H. Cowles; at Spencer, a class of nineteen students, taught by Miss Mary Hicks; at Charlotte, Brevard Street Sunday school, a class of seventeen students, taught by Miss Agnes Stewart; aggregate enrollment, seventy students, the next highest reported by any conference or state for the period.

Wesley Bible class headquarters reports the enrollment the past week of the Peacock Philathea class from the Wesley Memorial Sunday school at High Point, under adult certificate No. 7321. This



MUIR'S CHAPEL

West Greensboro Circuit

is a fine class of sixty, of which Mrs. C. Dunbar is the teacher and Mrs. Dutton the president."

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Some weeks back these notes carried a request for some books for Miss Ivah Bagby's Sunday school library at Montezuma, N. C. Miss Bagby writes as follows relative to the response: "The Montezuma Sunday school library has seventy-five books upon its shelves. Books have been contributed by the following: O. V. Woosley, Mrs. J. C. Patton, Rev. W. M. Bagby, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Rev. T. S. Coble, Rev. T. A. Parker, Mrs. Finley Mast and the Woman's Missionary Society of Elkin. I feel that I want to make special mention of what the Elkin ladies did. They secured books from the men, women and children of the town, and as a result we have a splendid collection of over fifty books from them. No one will miss just one book, but how many hours can be pleasantly and profitably spent by us who live up here in the hills as a result of that gift. We still have some empty shelves. I wonder if some other society would not like to do as the Elkin ladies have done?"

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Rev. A. L. Aycock, our pastor at Belmont Park, Charlotte, tells me that he has a live teacher training class of thirty teachers and will-be teachers. His class meets each Wednesday night following the prayer meeting service and lasts just forty-five minutes. He uses "Life in the Making" as his text and finds the interest in the book growing. He says that one of his leading men got so interested in reading the book one night following the lesson that he forgot to go to bed till way late in the night.

Belmont Park's colonel is developing some captains and lieutenants that will help many privates along in the Christian army. The more of this work the better our leadership will be.

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I have good reports from many Sunday schools stating that the Centenary specials for missions are being taken. Those who are assuming this work are feeling good over it and are not wondering where the money will come from to pay for the regular school supplies. The missionary spirit makes the school pay more in the other three Sundays than was formerly paid in four. Brother Superintendent, by all that is good and holy, get at this good missionary work. Don't delay, don't stand in the way.

Have you given a good missionary program in your school? You remember the programs are in the Teacher's Magazine, and also in the School Standard. Use these programs as they come each month. Any Sunday will do, but, if you can, use the fourth Sunday. The schools using the fourth Sundays find no conflict with the special offering for the Children's Home on the fifth Sundays. People find it easy to give when they get in the habit of setting apart the gift each Sunday.

Do you have that good missionary world map hanging where your school can see it? And are those large-typed placards tacked to your walls? They cost you nothing. Rev. J. L. Neill's department at Nashville, Tenn., will be glad to furnish you these good things. Don't forget that your school is expected to give at least five cents per member per month toward this great Centenary movement. If we don't do it, why, another plague ought to strike us. The Lord has let us live through the past times for some good purpose. Shall we disappoint Him?

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Hawthorne Lane Sunday school, Charlotte, is having a big time doing special work. The board of stewards, through their budget, provide for all the school's literature and supplies, and thus leave the school free to give liberally to other purposes. The contribution program in this school is as follows: First Sunday, collection goes to foreign missions; second Sunday, to home missions; third Sunday, to Hawthorne Lane; fourth Sunday to Children's Home; fifth Sunday, special to Children's Home. Superintendent E. H. Bell states that each Sunday brings a good collection.

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Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

By A. L. Dietrich

"I found out long time ago that live children grow—they're addin' to theirselves ev'ry day. They ain't goin' to be tomorrer what they be today; so I cal'late we better be ready to help them today the way they need to be helped today, 'cause tomorrer it'll be somethin' else an' we'll soon find out we can't go back an' pick up dropped stitches like women folks do in knittin'."

"The best soothin' syrup for babies is a mother's patient love; but so many babies get their soothin' syrup outen drug store bottles it takes lots o' patient lovin' by their Sunday school teachers to make up their loss."

"Suggestion is mighty powerful; if you don't believe it, you jest git in a crowd an' begin yawnin'. 'Fore you know it most everybody else will be yawnin' too. Likewise, you can suggest more goodness to your scholars by livin' goodness than you can by talkin' goodness."

BIBLE STUDY IN THE CAMPS

One of the most important features of the religious program of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. has been the Bible study work. In addition to the Bible classes on Sunday were the study groups which met certain evenings of each week. These weekly classes were among the most popular of Y. M. C. A. activities, the men taking part in larger numbers than was believed would be the case when the work began.

In addition to the regular program of Bible study the "Y" features Bible study week, which is observed by all associations throughout the country. This has brought most satisfactory results in the army camps and has resulted in securing pledges to definite Bible study from thousands of our soldiers.

We mention only a few of the reports that have come from army camps in the southeastern department concerning Bible study week. At Camp Jackson nine new classes were organized and there were 2,491 pledges to definite Bible study; at Miami, Fla., there were fourteen classes, with an attendance of 1,450; at Camp Wadsworth, total attendance was 2,703. In addition to the Bible study classes there were thirteen other religious services during the week in which Bible study was featured. In the Negro unit of this camp five classes were organized and met daily in company streets. The average attendance at special services at "Y" building, featuring Bible study, was 250. These special services were held four evenings of Bible study week.

The men of the army and navy many of them at least, have shown a real interest in the Bible study, and it is the experience of "Y" workers that the study group plan makes strong appeal to them. Let the churches at home feature this work as the men of the army and navy return to their home communities.

TAKE THE WORLD AS IT IS

The man who is worthy of being a leader of men will never complain of the stupidity of his helpers, of the ingratitude of mankind, nor of the inappreciation of the public. These things are all a part of the great game of life, and to meet them and not go down before them in discouragement and defeat is the final proof of power.—Elbert Hubbard.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Bishop Darlington is expected to preach at West End, Winston-Salem, on next Sunday evening, March 9th.

—The ladies of the Leaksville congregation have been having delightful social occasions while quilting for their parsonage.

—Late press dispatches hold out no hope for the recovery of Bishop Hoss, who has been desperately ill for some two or three weeks at his home in Muscogee, Oklahoma.

—We regret to learn through the News-Herald that Rev. N. M. Modlin, of the Morganton circuit, has had influenza. Rev. W. K. Houk filled his appointments on Sunday, February 23rd.

—Rev. R. E. Hunt and his board on the Clyde circuit have isued the first number of a Quarterly Bulletin for their charge, containing notes of interest about their local work and a full financial exhibit for the charge.

—We regret to announce that Mrs. K. F. Edwards, of Baldwin, Ashe county, who has been confined to her bed for some six or eight weeks, still remains very feeble. May the Advocate readers pray for her speedy recovery.

—The West Market Street Sunday school is planning to entertain five hundred and fifty Methodist young lady students of the Greensboro College for Women and the State Normal College on Tuesday evening, March 18th.

—There were no services held in Centenary Church, this city, on last Sunday on account of the fact that the building is undergoing repairs. Brother Plyler, the pastor, preached in the Eastern Star Masonic Home in the afternoon. The church is expected to be open for services next Sunday.

—The Ministerial Association of Greensboro has arranged for our people to have the privilege of hearing Dr. Samuel M. Zwimer and Dr. Edward M. Poteat on March 12th. These men are making a tour of the United States and Canada in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. They will speak in West Market Street Church on March 12th at 8 p. m.

—Presiding Elder W. F. Womble, of Mount Airy, preached here at the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday and Sunday nights. Both sermons were very much enjoyed by all who heard him. This was Mr. Womble's first visit to Danbury. He presided over quarterly conference at Davis Chapel Saturday and Sunday.—Danbury Reporter.

—Our readers will be greatly grieved to learn that Bishop E. R. Hendrix is seriously ill at his home in Kansas City. This we learn from the Central Methodist. High blood pressure is said to be his main trouble. Bishop Hendrix is greatly loved in North Carolina and many prayers will go up for his recovery.

—Rev. L. C. Delp, supply pastor on the Avery circuit, writes a cheering note from that charge. The preacher has been received with marks of appreciation and, best of all, a good revival has been enjoyed at Fairview church. The meeting continued for two weeks. The Holy Spirit was manifest and there were twenty-eight professions and eight additions to the church. Such news thrills the whole church. Why not have some more like it?

—Prof. G. Scott-Hunter, head of the department of organ and composition at the State Normal College, Greensboro, has been secured as organist and choir master by the First Methodist congregation of Salisbury. He will direct a choir of twenty-five voices and play the new Austin organ that has just been installed in the congregation's new church at a cost of over $5,500. The congregation hopes to be in the new church in two weeks.

—The Lexington Dispatch of February 17th says: "The hopes of the people of this community and particularly of the Methodists of this ditsrict to hear Bishop U. V. W. Darlington here were not in vain, for he announced last week that he would come to Lexington and deliver an inspirational address on the "Centenary Movement" in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church on Monday night, March 10. His visit then will be his first to this city and he will be welcomed by a large audience."

—A press special from Asheville last week says: "Dr. and Mrs. E. K. McLarty entertained the stewards of Central Methodist Church at a turkey dinner recently. Covers were laid for thirty-two and the table was most attractively arranged for the occasion. Mark Brown acted as toastmaster of the evening and several short, witty talks were made during the evening, which was a very enjoyable one for all present. Several of the ladies of the church assisted Mrs. McLarty in the receiving and entertaining of their guests."

—Just as we were about to close the Advocate forms on Tuesday afternoon the sad message came that Mrs. Emma Renn Jones, wife of Mr. J. A. Jones, of Charlotte, had passed to her eternal home, death occurring about 4 p. m. Mrs. Jones had been ill of influenza only a few days and developed pneumonia. She was the daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Renn, of our conference, and resided with her mother in this city till her marriage to Mr. Jones over three years ago. May the comfort of divine grace be given to the bereaved family.

—The Lincoln County News in a recent issue had the following interesting note: "Mr. Oliver H. Litaker, a young lawyer, who has been visiting his father and mother here at the Methodist parsonage since he was released from the navy a few weeks ago, has been appointed by the General Adjustment Bureau of New York, which adjusts fire losses for the fire insurance companies, as an adjuster in its branch office in Syracuse, N. Y. Before entering the navy Mr. Litaker had charge of the First National Bank of Thomasville as its cashier, which position he gave up to enter the service. He left here last Friday for Syracuse to enter upon his new position, which is a very responsible one, for which he became fitted by having a knowledge of both the law and the banking business."

CAMPAIGN DOTS

Rev. W. B. West, of Waynesville, is systematic. He gets ready and then cleans up the field as he goes.

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Rev. Fred O. Dryman, of Bethel charge, Waynesville district, has gone far beyond his quota and expects the momentum already attained to carry him at least three times over.

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Rev. Jno. W. Moore, pastor of Trinity Church, Charlotte, repeats his Advocate drive every year. He has more than doubled the quota this year.

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Rev. A. S. Abernethy, of Lewisville charge, is picking them up as he goes and will not stop till the field has been thoroughly worked.

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Rev. A. C. Swafford, after grappling with influenza for several weeks, is now far beyond the goal and still turning them in.

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Rev. J. O. Banks has a difficult field, but he always finds his allotment or more.

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Rev. J. T. Stover, Coleridge circuit, is good at hand picking and is going right on after reaching the goal. He never stops talking and working for the Advocate.

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Rev. E. R. Welch, Wadesboro, fresh from Oklahoma, puts the Western push into the Advocate campaign. He and his people are far beyond the top and still going.

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Rev. A. S. Raper, Park Avenue, Salisbury, picks up Advocate subscribers as he forms personal acquaintance with his members. A very good rule.

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Rev. J. E. McSwain, Matthews, is going right along notwithstanding his quota has been in for some time.

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Rev. George W. Clay, on the Virginia border, where the Advocate had small constituency, repeats the performance and goes over the top, taking care of the former list.

Rev. W. B. Shinn is making a steady pull on the old Rock Springs charge. He is over and still gathering up the fragments.

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Rev. W. M. Smith, Ramseur and Franklinville, is up to the requirement and throwing in for good measure. His people have always been loyal to the Advocate.

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Rev. S. T. Barber, Morven circuit, is on the war path in that great charge and getting results. He has a big record in work for the Advocate.

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Rev. S. E. Richardson, New London, is scoring a good record in a field where Advocate circulation has not heretofore struck a high mark.

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Rev. C. F. Sherrill, Pleasant Garden, is making a fine record hand picking for the Advocate. Already over the great divide, but still going, he is finding many places where the Advocate is needed almost in sight of the place of publication.

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The editor now sits steady in his chair. Rev. H. H. Jordan, Central Church, Monroe, gave him the supreme test as to ability to withstand a shock when he sent in 65½ new subscribers and a large list of renewals. Jordan now sits on the high seat. If he does all he has laid out he may occupy the throne.

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Rev. J. H. Robertson, Jonesville, in a difficult field, has joined the celebrities on account of showing how he can work miracles. He deserves a place on two rolls of honor.

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Rev. E. M. Avett, Gold Hill, is going on to perfection, having passed the goal some days ago. And still he goes.

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Rev. J. C. Brown, Cottonville charge, gave us the shock last week when he sent in fifteen new subscribers and nine renewals with check to cover, and said to look for more.

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Rev. P. L. Terrell, Davidson circuit, comes right along as always. A good puller, he never allows the Advocate dray to get stuck in the mud.

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Rev. E. P. Stabler, West End, Gastonia, buys and pays for a parsonage and takes care of the Advocate campaign at the same time.

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Rev. N. C. Williams, Shelby circuit, guarantees the safety of the old list and keeps on swelling the new list.

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Rev. E. N. Crowder, after two months of influenza troubles, knocks us off the stool in his first report.

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Rev. C. M. Pickens, Morganton, sends the quota, but says this is just a small beginning. Morganton is good to the Advocate if the pastor keeps them reminded.

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One of the very neatest reports received was that of Rev. W. O. Goode, Hickory. Fourteen new and twenty-nine renewals, with check to balance. This was the result of a drive. Do you see?

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Our politeness to Rev. M. F. Moores, Hendersonville. Seventeen new subscribers, with check and the assurance of the renewals.

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Rev. Christopher Columbus Williams, Southside, Winston-Salem, serving his fourth year, always up on his Advocate allotment, and this year beats his own record.

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The big drive at Centenary, this city, under the direction of Prof. M. B. Andrews and the Senior Epworth League, and which was announced in our last issue, makes as its initial report thirty-two new subscribers and six renewals. Prof. Andrews reports that the drive will be completed by next week. Thus it is demnostrated again that what we need is a wise pastor who can set his machinery in order and at the right time touch the button. Brother Plyler will be on the high seat by the time Prof. Andrews and his league finish the task.

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We will continue the same tune next week.

McDOWELL CHARGE

Pounding, pounding, pounding, not the kind that makes you feel sad, but that makes you glad. On last Wednesday night, February 19, this writer and family had gone to the church for song and prayer service and to hear an address by a soldier boy. The congregation was a little slow in gathering and I was wondering why. Presently I heard the tramp and voices of feminie and masculine genders approaching. They sped on to the parsonage, invaded it and sent a messenger to the church that I was wanted at the parsonage. On going I found that they had filld the parlor with many good things. My heart was too full for utterance. We gathered at the church and heard a fine address from Brother Preston Cuthbertson, of this place. There are many good things I could say about these folks at Nebo circuit which I will say later.

We are happy in our work and think we have the best charge in the Marion district.

Please say that (D. V.) our revival meeting will begin at Nebo, March 2. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. D. S. Richardson, former pastor, now on Broad River charge. Joseph Fry.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT NOTICE

Centenary council meetings will be held in the Mount Airy district as follows: Elkin, Friday, March 14, at 1 p. m.; Mount Airy, Saturday, March 22, at 1 p. m.; Walnut Cove, Monday, March 24, at 11 a. m.; Leaksville, Tuesday, March 25, at 11 a. m. It is very important that every pastor in the district attend at least one of these meetings and see that all Sunday school superintendents, presidents of missionary societies and Epworth Leagues be present; also appoint the best man or woman in each church on the charge to lead in the eight-day drive and secure the attendance of such person. W. F. Womble.

WEST END CHURCH, WINSTON, TO BE DEDICATED

Under the efficient leadership of Brother R. D. Sherrill the indebtedness on the West End Church, Winston, which amounted to about $2,900, was paid off during last year, and plans for dedicating the church were made and the date for the dedication set, but owing to the influenza epidemic a postponement was necessary. The new date set for the dedication is Sunday, April 6th. Dr. F. N. Parker, who was secured for the first date, is to preach the dedicatory sermon. An urgent invitation to attend the dedicatory service is hereby extended to each of the former pastors of West End Church. The pastor would like to hear from these men as to whether or not their presence may be expected. All former members who are within reach and all other out-of-town friends are invited to attend the dedication. Homes will be provided for the former pastors and members who notify the pastor of their intention to attend.

R. H. Daugherty, Pastor.

TO OUR PASTORS

The date for the beginning of the Centenary drive has been advanced to Sunday, April 13. A telegram from Nashville this week directs me to use every possible means toward getting all Sunday school pledges in during the month of March. If this work is done, you must get behind it.

I am this week sending a personal letter to each one of our superintendents, containing a self- addressed stamped envelope for reply, asking that he report to me at once the monthly pledge his school will make on the Centenary. The asking is small, only five cents per pupil per month. Every single school ought to line up on this thing, even though the monthly offering be ever so small.

The assignment of specials can be looked after at some subsequent date, thus making the collections all the eaiser, but now the matter of making subscriptions must be put over. Don't let your schools slack on this measure. If there must be some slacking school, let it be the other man's.

O. V. Woosley.

AT TRYON STREET

The Washington's birthday party given by Tryon Street Sunday school, Charlotte, was a great success. In spite of the rain and very disagreeable weather there were crowds present all during the afternoon and evening. The Sunday school rooms were attractively decorated with pictures, flags and patriotic colors. From 3 until 4 o'clock the beginners and primaries were entertained by their superintendents and teachers, who told them stories and played games with them. George Washington visited them and answered any questions the children wanted to ask him. Ice cream cones were served and the souvenirs were flags and hatchets.

At 4 o'clock the juniors were received by their teachers in colonial costumes. Every child was asked to register as he came in and was then given a red or blue soldier's cap, which he wore during the afternoon. In one corner of the room was a tent, where the secretary of the department, transformed into a gypsy, held slips of paper over a candle and brought forth a magic fortune for every one. The children next took their places around small tables and enjoyed putting together puzzles—all pictures pertaining to Washington and Mount Vernon. There was a contest, pinning hatchets on the cherry tree, and one very important feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the real cherry pie with whipped cream.

At 7:30 the intermediates gave a delightful program of songs and readings. Following this they played games until every one was called into the main auditorium of the Sunday school for the final exercises of the evening. Martha and George Washington presided over these exercises, which were strictly patriotic in their nature and included the reading of "Your Flag and My Flag" and the singing of "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner." An informal social hour followed and there were music and cream and cakes and flags for all.

Sunday, February 23, was missionary day, and during the Sunday school hour a most effective service was carrid out. Mr. Hugh Boyer read the Scripture lesson, Mr. Herbert Youngblood led in prayer and Miss Maud McKinnon made a short Centenary talk. Miss Fannie Furlome in Mexican dress brought a message from Mexico. Her plea was answered by Mr. Lloyd Bray, speaking for the church in America. Mrs. Sinclair Stewart sang with much feeling "All the Way." Mr. O. V. Woosley, Sunday school field secretary for the Western North Carolina Conference, was present and made a short but inspiring talk on Sunday school work.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

THE CENTENARY

How Goes the Centenary?

Awhile ago the question, "What is the Centenary?" was being asked on all sides. Occasionally you still hear this question. But there is another question that is coming from all sides. It is "How goes the Centenary?" Of course I can not fully answer this question. I do not know just how the Centenary is getting along in some of the churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. Still I can answer the question in part. In some places the Centenary is moving quietly, in others it is moving with ever increasing momentum, and in others it is already going forward with enthusiasm.

Our Opportunity

"There is a great tide running in the hearts of men." This quotation is from the speech of President Wilson delivered in Buckingham Palace in England. While the tide is running in the hearts of men it is the time to turn the gospel in with its wondrous power to transform and save. The Centenary is Methodism's effort to do this very thing. I think we ought to pray that the Lord would save us from undertaking to meet our opportunity on too small a scale. Individuals are exposed to this danger, and so are churches.

Difficulties

Difficulties, yes, there are difficulties, plenty of them. But when ever was there anything worthwhile that was not beset with difficulties? The thing to do with a difficulty is to overcome it.

Winston District Council

Mr. Leon Cash, the district director for the district, presided over the council which was held in Centenary Church Monday night and Tuesday morning, March 24 and 25. All but three pastors were present. It was understood that these were absent on account of sickness. Almost all of the charges were represented by church directors. Different interests of the Centenary were considered, but the principal item on the program was the plan and organization for the raising of the district's quota of the Centenary fund. This quota was accepted without a dissenting vote. If there was a doubting or hesitating "Thomas" present he kept very still.

Reidsville and Wentworth

The secretary found in a visit to Reidsville and Wentworth that the people in these two charges are being led into the finest and best things of the Centenary Movement by their pastors, Sprinkle and Townsend.

Bishop Darlington

Bishop Darlington will spend a number of days within the bounds of the conference next week. His appointments are as follows: Sunday, March 9, 11 a. m., Wesley Memorial, High Point; 7:30 p. m. West End, Winston-Salem; Monday, March 10, Lexington, 7:30 p. m.; Tuesday the 11, 7:30 p. m., Wesley Memorial, Sermon for the Woman's Missionary Conference; Wednesday the 12, Broad Street, Statesville; Thursday the 13, 7:30 p. m. Main Street, Gastonia; Friday the 14, Central, Shelby. We are not yet absolutely sure that the Bishop can be at Shelby, but the appointment is being made on the condition that he can make connection from there and reach another appointment in South Carolina on the following Sunday. I bespeak for Bishop Darlington a large hearing at each of these points. The Bishop is a very, very busy man these days, and none of us can tell how much good he is doing as he goes up and down among us preaching and directing in the work of the Kingdom.

Spruce Pine

Spruce Pine Church under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. P. Morris, makes a remarkable record for enrolling tithers. At the service last Sunday morning the congregation was given an opportunity to enroll as tithing stewards and eighty-two signed. The membership is only one hundred and seven. Brother Morris thinks that the whole membership will enroll. If there is another church in the conference that can surpass this record let us hear from it.

District Councils Again

A few slight changes in the dates of the district councils have been made. The Waynesville District Council will be held in Bryson City March 31st and April 1st. Salisbury District Council will be held in First Church, Salisbury, Wednesday, the 19th. The dates for councils in the Mount Airy district are as follows: Mount Airy, Saturday, March 22, at 1 p. m.; Walnut Cove, Monday, March 24th; Leaksvills, Tuesday, March 25th.

Again I want to emphasize the fact that the attendance of the pastors and the church directors on these councils is imperative to the success of the Centenary Drive.

Prayer Specials

Has your church and Sunday school taken that prayer special yet? Here are some good ones. They are the representatives from the Western North Carolina Conference on the foreign field: Miss Lelia Judson Tuttle, Shanghai, China; Miss Nina Troy, Huchow, via Shanghai, China; Miss Frances Burkhead, Soochow, China; Miss Kate Hackney, Soochow, China; Rev. W. A. Wilson, Okayama, Japan; Rev. S. A. Stewart, Kyoto, Japan; Rev. N. S. Ogburn, Mitajiri, Japan; Miss Annice Siler, Hiroshima, Japan; Rev. J. R. Moose, Albuquerque, N. M.; Rev. M. B. Stokes, Choon Chun, Korea; Miss Grace McCubbins, Wonsan, Korea; Rev. W. B. Lee, Juiz de Fora, Brazil; Rev. J. W. Clay, Juiz de Fora, Brazil: Miss Blanche Howell, Caixa 454, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Rev. J. M. Terrell, Canton, N. C.; Rev. R. J. Parker, Cienfuegos, Cuba; Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, El Paso, Tex.; Miss Mary Buttrick, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Date of Drive

On account of the conflict with the fifth Liberty loan, or Victory loan, of the government the date of the financial drive for the Centenary has been changed from April 27-May 4 to April 13-20. This decision was reached after due consideration of the whole matter by the Centenary Commission with the conference directors and missionary secretaries.

This means that we must put on the campaign of cultivation with redoubled diligence. Every pastor, every Methodist Minute Man, every local church director, along with other leaders, must put fresh vigor into the whole movement.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Seventh Annual Session to Be Held March 11th to 14th, 1919

The seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in High Point, N. C., on March 11-14, 1919. Following is the program:

Keynote—Intercession. "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalm 2:8.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9: 38.

"I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions be made for all men." I Timothy 2: 1.

Tuesday, March 11, 4 p. m.—Meeting of executive committee in Wesley Memorial church.

Evening session, 8 o'clock—Devotional service, Rev. W. A. Lambeth; special music; address, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.

Wednesday, March 12, morning session, 9 o'clock—Bible lesson, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt; celebration of the Lord's supper; organization; president's address, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson; reports, corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Dunham; treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock; announcement of committees.

12-12:30 — Devotional hour, Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock—Devotional service, Mrs. Arch Wilkerson; reports, superintendent mission study, Mrs. F. P. Ingram; superintendent social service, Mrs. W. A. Newell; superintendent supplies, Mrs. J. N. Hauss; distributor of literature, Mrs. W. C. Houston; conference editor, Mrs. W. R. Harris; reports of district secretaries; Asheville district, Mrs. V. L. Stone; Charlotte district, Mrs. J. N. Presson; Greensboro district, Mrs. J. V. Wilson; Marion district, Mrs. M. B. Goodwin; Mount Airy district, Mrs. J. L. Woltz; North Wilkesboro district, Mrs. W. C. Coffey; Salisbury district, Mrs. J. T. Shinn; Statesville district, Mrs. G. A. Warlick; Waynesville district, Mrs. M. D. Cowan; Winston district, Mrs. T. B. Apperson.

4 p. m.—Committee meetings.

Evening session, 8 o'clock—Devotional service, Mrs. V. L. Stone; address, Mrs. Hume R. Steele; educational secretary and centenary speaker, W. M. Council.

Thursday, March 13, morning session—Devotional service, Mrs. D. M. Litaker; institutes; young people, conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris; juniors, conducted by Miss Amy B. Hackney; mission study, conducted by Mrs. Hume R. Steele; social service, conducted by Mrs. W. A. Newell; institute hour, Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

12-12:30—Memmorial service, Mrs. P. N. Peacock.

Afternoon service, 2 o'clock—Devotional service, Mrs. F. W. Jackson; reports, first vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Harris; three-minute papers by young people's delegates; "How to Double Our Membership in 1919," Miss Josephine Maxwell, Burkhead church, Winston-Salem; "Stewardship," young people's delegate, Thomasville; "God's Call to Young Women of Western North Carolina Conference," young people's delegate, Marion; second vice-president, Miss Amy B. Hackney; "Our Specials," presented by junior societies of High Point; delegates' hour.

4 p. m.—Organ recital.

Evening session, 8 o'clock—Devotional service, Mrs. Atha Stevens; young people's entertainment; address, Miss Blanche Howell, missionary from Brazil.

Friday, March 14, morning session, 9 o'clock—Devotional service, Mrs. A. J. Owen; pledges; election of officers; reports of committees; devotional service.

1 m.—Mrs. L. W. Crawford.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENTERTAINMENT

We are requested to announce that the young people's entertainment which will be given on Thursday evening during the annual meeting next week will consist of group exercises, pantomimes, songs and readings, and will be given jointly by the young people and two junior societies of Wesley Memorial Church and the junior society of South Main Street, High Point, assisted by Mrs. R. T. Amos and Mrs. Oliver Causey (Reader).

We feel safe in predicting that this will be a most enjoyable affair and will be appreciated by those in attendance upon the meeting.

ORGAN RECITAL

Another feature of the program of the coming annual meeting which has been planned by the High Point people for the entertainment of the conference is the organ recital which will be given on Thursday afternoon, and which will be enjoyed by all who are fortunate enough to be present.

FROM OUR WORKERS

We are glad to announce the organization of another Young People's Society on the Waynesville district. From Miss Edna Lee Marr we learn that the Bryson City young people met on Friday, February 21st, and, with Mrs. J. R. Long as leader, organized a most enthusiastic missionary society with the following officers:

President, Miss Helen Angel; first vice-president, Miss Mary Long; second vice-president, Miss Mildred Wiggins; corresponding secretary, Miss Edna Lee Marr; treasurer, Miss Irene Hyatt; superintendent social service, Miss Minnie Christian; superintendent supplies, Miss Ethel Allison.

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Mrs. James S. Harrell, superintendent of publicity, of Marshville adult society, writes of a banner meeting of the mission study class which met recently with Mrs. Seymour Taylor, wife of the pastor at Marshville. Fourteen ladies were present and the class was well prepared on the first chapter in the new book, "Women Workers of the Orient." Under the leadership of the superintendent, Mrs. Alive Bivens, the subject was interestingly treated and discussions were free and lively. At the close of the lesson Mrs. Taylor announced a program of reading and music bearing upon the Centenary movement. Centenary posters were displayed about the room. As a delightful close to the afternoon Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Madge served refreshments.

Before the time for departure a number of mysterious packages brought by the ladies, and which proved to be various pantry treasures, were presented to Mrs. Taylor as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the society.

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Mrs. J. E. Steere of Trinity Church, Charlotte, writes of a recent interesting meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of her church held at the home of Mrs. J. T. Paschal. The home of the hostess, with its wealth of yellow jonquils and Oriental decorations, furnished a beautiful setting for the program of the afternoon, a portrayal of "Woman Workers of the Orient." The members of the mission study class impersonated America, Persia, India, Japan, China, Turkey, and each in turn very strikingly presented to America the present-day needs and progress of the women of these Oriental countries. After a most interesting and helpful talk by Miss Lizzie Moore, a returned missionary from Japan, a Turkish song was rendered with pleasing effect by Miss Edwards, while refreshments were served by the hostess.

The young people of the Methodist church of Walnut Cove were very delightfully entertained Saturday evening, when they met for the February session of their missionary society at the home of the Misses Wheeler. The meeting was held in the evening, instead of afternoon, thus enabling the girls who are in school and those who hold positions to attend. Each member was asked to bring a friend, so there were several boys and girls present as visitors.

After the Bible study and other devotional exercises the study of missions in Africa was taken up. A large outline map of Africa was displayed to show conditions there, and a reading on the subject was given by Miss Mollie Lasley. Some incidents in the life of Livingston, the great pioner, were told by Miss Annie Kate Jones. Following this Misses Gladys Wheeler and Nannie Lasley sang a duet, "Face to Face." Miss Alta Stone then read a selection from "Uganda's White Man of Work." A solo by Miss Annie Mock was next on the program, and after some business discussion an enjoyable social hour was spent.

The contests and decorations were suggestive of alentine, from the heart decorated booklets "Love in a Kitchen" to the other Valentine contests which concluded the games of the evening. Delicious ices and cakes, also carrying out the motif of Valentine, were served by the hostesses.

Miss Annie Kate Jones.

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Officers of Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, Salisbury, N. C., for 1919 are: President, Mrs. A. R. Lazenby; first vice-president, Miss O. B. Houser; second vice-president, Mrs. N. W. Collett; recording secretary, Mrs. T. W. Summersett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. I. A. Kidd; teasurer, Mrs. D. A. Beaver; superintendent social service, Mrs. M. C. Rufty; superintendent supplies, Mrs. T. E. Conely.

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Again the Woman's Missionary Society of Central church, Asheville, has been made poorer by the loss of another member, Mrs. W. T. Rowland, who passed to her reward on February 12, 1919, after an extended illness. Therefore be it

Resolved, first, That we pay tribute to her sweet and consecrated life, her never-failing patience in suffering, her loyalty and devotion to her family, her church and the missionary society.

Second, That we extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and embodied in the minutes of our society.

Respectfully submitted.
Mrs. J. C. Orr,
Mrs. P. H. Abernethy,
Mrs. V. L. Stone,
Committee.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 22, 1919.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN W. M. S. AND CENTENARY CONTRIBUTIONS

From so many sources have come letters of inquiry regarding the relationship of the pledges given in Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries and the Centenary contribution that a few brief, clear statements are deemed necessary.

Let it be fully understood that the $7,000,000 a year for five years called for by the Centenary movement is divided into two parts:

First, two million dollars already being raised annually by the various missionary departments of our church, of which our Woman's Missionary Society contributes nearly $600,000. Everything paid in dues and pledges in our auxiliaries will be counted in this $2,000,000, and our women must carefully and definitely keep up their auxiliary contributions and send them through their conference treasurer to the council treasurer. No money collected in the Woman's Missionary Society will go through the Centenary treasury.

Second, five million dollars to be raised annually over and above everything heretofore collected by our church for missions.

To this extra Centenary offering our women are expected to contribute individually as lay members of our churches just as the men do, and to subscribe to this fund during the eight-day drive (April 27 to May 4, 1919) only. The subscriptions made during the eight-day drive are to be paid through the authorized Centenary channels of the local church and not through the auxiliary treasury. No Woman's Auxiliary Society is to become responsible for the raising of any specified quota of the Centenary allotment of its church. The Missionary Society will aid the pastor in every way possible in conducting the Centenary campaign, but will serve as individual church members and not as a woman's missionary auxiliary.

We urge our Southern Methodist women not to emphasize the finances of the Centenary just now, but to give the next three months to prayer and to the study of their debt of obligation to their Lord. When the eight-day drive comes we will pay as God shows us our duty.

Mrs. Mary L. Hargrove,
Centenary Secretary of Woman's Department.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb
Home Base Secretary, W. M. C.

"THAT NOTHING BE LOST"

It was a strange command to "gather up the fragments" of a meal which had cost a divine touch only. Small wonder if the disciples fancied that all hateful economies were done away. With a word Jesus could feed thousands. Why should they be frugal with such a Master! But Jesus said, "Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost." The command has special appeal just now. We have been a wasteful people. We thought we could afford to be. Our acres are wide, our crops have been immense. We have known few lean years. Foreigners have often said they could make money on what we throw away. But a time of world stress is upon us. We can no longer afford to be wasteful. We must "gather up all the fragments, that nothing be lost." A world threatened by hunger waits eagerly at the doors of our granaries. We can better afford to pinch ourselves than to be pinched later by other hands. Whether by meatless days or by the substitution of corn for wheat, or in any other of the many ways suggested, we must practice an economy new and irksome, probably, but we must practice it.—George Clarke Peck.

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INCOME TAX DUE

Returns must be filed on or before March 15.

Bill provides heavy penalties.

Work on the collection of $6,000,000,000 has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act. reach the pocket-book of every single pers in the United States whose net income for 1918 was $1,000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was $2,000 or more. Persons whose net income equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will hapen to them if they don't; for failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than $1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "wilfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding $10,000, or not exceeding one year imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine not more than $1,000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the $1,000 and $2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of $200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child". The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marrige, or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first $4,000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of $4,000. Incomes in excess of $5,000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between $5,000 and $6,000 to 65 per cent of the net income above $1,000,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing return or in four installments, on or before March 15, on or before June 15, on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices may be ascertained by inquiring at offices of collectors of internal revenue, postoffices and banks. Failure to see these officers, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay his tax within the time specified by law. In this case taxpayers must seek the Government, not the Government the taxpayer.

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Fremont, North Carolina.
After using Shivar Water my rheumatism has almost entirely disappeared. When I commenced to take it I was unable to turn myself in bed. I am now going where I please. Wishing you much success in your noble work, I am
Very respectfully, J. H. BEST, J. P.

Scranton, South Carolina.
My wife has been a sufferer of rheumatism, and after drinking twenty gallons of your Mineral Water was entirely cured of the horrible disease.
J. D. MCCLAM.

Bishopville, South Carolina.
The Water has done more good than any medicine I have ever taken for rheumatism. Have been drinking it three months and am entirely free from pain. I stopped the medicine upon receipt of the first Water.
H. S. CUNNINGHAM,
Editor Leader and Vindicator.

Fredericksburg, Virginia.
Mrs. Carter has had enlarged joints upon her hands, caused by rheumatism. Shivar Spring Water removed every trace of the enlargement.
WM. C. CARTER.

Lexington, Virginia.
I know of several who were cured of rheumatism with this water. Please ship at once and oblige JOHN P. RHODES.

Roper, North Carolina.
I am anxious to get more of the Water. It has done me more good than anything I have ever tried for rheumatism.
MRS. H. C. EDWARDS.

Sign the Coupon.

Leeds, South Carolina.
I have tested your Spring Water in several cases of rheumatism, chronic indigestion, kidney and bladder troubles, and in nervous and sick headaches, and find that it has acted nicely in each case, and I believe that if used continuously for a reasonable time will produce a permanent cure. It will purify the blood, relieve debility, stimulate the action of the liver, kidneys and bladder, aiding them in throwing off all poisonous matter.
C. A. CROSBY, M.D.

Union, South Carolina.
I have suffered from headaches for the past ten years, due to constipation, but since using your Water I have been greatly benefitted and scarcely have headaches at all. It has made me feel better in every respect and has given me a fine appetite something I did not have before.
CHAS. B. COUNTS.

Warrenton, Virginia.
It is doing my rheumatism so much good. My limbs are beginning to feel like new ones.
MRS. JAMES R. CARTER.

Chancellor, Alabama.
I have been for many years affected with urfc acid and kidney trouble, and the Mineral Water has helped me more than anything I have ever done for them, and therefore heartily recommend same to all who need a speedy relief and cure.
W. F. MATHENY, M.D.

Florence, South Carolina.
I suffered with indigestion and kidney trouble and a year ago was stricken with acute articular rheumatism; was helpless for months, and since using your spring water I am walking without any crutch and improving daily. Indigestion much relieved. I wish I could write Shivar Spring Water in the sky so that the work could become acquainted with it.
MRS. THEO. KUKER,

Atlanta, Georgia.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY

Creek Indians Interested

Mrs. J. E. Tiger, wife of the presiding elder for the Creek Indians in Oklahoma, writes that her people are deeply interested in the Centenary, and asks that the Sunday school in Wetumake be assigned some especial on Japan which will amount to about $5 a month.

First Pledge Card

Mr. E. E. French, the wide-awake superintendent of McKendree Sunday school, Nashville, Tenn., has the honor of sending in the first Centenary pledge card received from any Sunday school. Of course the card was duly signed and full allotment taken.

Our Honor Roll

The first pledge card received from the Mississippi conference comes from the Sunday school at Canton, and is for $6,30 per month

Centenary Sunday school, Knoxville, Tenn., has the honor of being the first in the Holston conference, pledging $17.85 per month.

The good state of Arkansas carries off double honors. First Church, Jonesboro, leads in the North Arkansas conference, and also beats the distinction of making the largest pledge to date—$50 per month. Who will beat it?

Number one in the St. Louis conference is in the Farmington district, Whitewater charge and Loflin Sunday school come first with a pledge of $1.80 per month.

Dresden Sunday school leads the Memphis conference and pledges $5 a month with an enrollment of only eighty-five. Small in number but great zeal and large in gifts.

Trinity Sunday school, Jasper district, not only takes first place in the North Alabama conference, but goes over the top with the pledge of $12.50 per month, three times their allotment.

We Will Observe Centenary Day

The Alabama conference forces under the leadership of Rev. S. U. Turnipseed, field secretary, sets Easter Sunday, April 20, as Centenary day in the Sunday school.

And Still They Come

Although at the time of the present writing the Centenary pledge cards have been mailed only three days, every mail brings in a big bunch of cards duly siged and full allotment taken. What a wonderful thing it is to have a part in the biggest business on earth—giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a waiting world. Send on your cards.

HATCHED 175 CHICKS

G. W. Miller of Pittsburg, Okla., writes: "I used Reefer's Ready Relief and out of 175 chicks hatched didn't lose one." Mrs. T. E. Murphy, of Hughesville, Mo., writes: "Have been using Ready Relief for White Diarrhoea and only lost one chick out of 140."

You can do as well. Reefer's Ready Relief in your baby chick's first drinking water will save them from dying off with that dreadful White Diarrhoea Plague. This remedy is the discovery of a famous scientist. Send $1 today to E. J. Reefer, poultry expert, 9253 Poultry Building, Kansas City, Mo. for a package that will save 500 baby chicks. Aren't your delicate, downy baby chicks worth five for a cent. You take no risk. Mr. Reefer will refund every cent of your money if you are not entirely satisfied and a million dollar bank backs up this statement. Send for a $1 package today, or better still, send $2.35 on special discount for three regular $1 packages and insure every hatch you get. If you don't want to try this bank guaranteed chick saver, at least write today for Mr. Reefer's free valuable poultry book that gives the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.

From the Field

TO WEAVER HALL

In my last report to Adovcate of Weaver Hall list, High Point, Main Street should be (now $82.75); Avery circuit should be (now $30).

Centenary, Greensboro has lately added $197.50 (now $531.25); Spring Garden, $90 (now $363); West Market, $47, (now $1,455.25); Salem, Winston-Salem, $27 (now $32).

J. R. Walker.

RANDOLPH CIRCUIT

On the night of February 24th we reecived the surprise of our lives. Two of our good friends came to the parsonage and we supposed they had only come to make a friendly call. Suddenly the door bell gave a prolonged ring. One of the little girls went to the door and said: "Oh, Mamma! Come and look at such a crowd of people!" It was a crowd of big, little, old and young, which proceeded to the dining room and soon filled the table to overflowing with good, substantial food and delicacies, which will last for weeks to come. May the Lord bless these kind friends of Trinity who have shown their appreciation in this substantial way, and may He also help us to do our whole duty along all lines. Brethren, pray for our success, and may we do more for the cause than ever before.

Yours in Christ,

T. B. Johnson, P. C.

POLKTON CIRCUIT

After spending four of the happiest years of our ministerial life we turned our back upon a people whom we dearly loved, and who showed us all manner of respect and kindness during our whole four years' ministry among them, and turned our faces toward our new field of labor, Polkton charge. We arrived safe, but to our sorrow we found the awful epidemic of influenza raging, there being not less than sixty-five cases in the town, and to make matters still worse the whole county has been under quarantine almost ever since I came to the work, and consequently our work has been almost completely handicapped. We are now beginning to get down to business. The people have received us kindly all over the charge and have showed their appreciation in many ways that make the preacher feel glad.

The parsonage has been refurnished, the salary advanced over last year, large congregations attending service, all Sunday schools moving along nicely and, last but not least, a good old-fashioned pounding that not only gives a good appetite, but makes the pocketbook go further.

We are planning to begin our revival work at once, and praying for a great year.

Notwithstanding we have been hindered in our work, we have succeeded in getting up our quota of new subscribers and some over, with most all the renewals, and we don't mean to stop at this.

Brethren, remember me in your prayers. L. H. Griffith.

OLD FORT

Three months has passed since conference and our town has had a trying epidemic of influenza. Only a few houses escaped, and as we passed through this we were grieved to give up two of our members by death, but His will be done and not ours. The epidemic has almost passed from our town and county and we are getting back to our usual work, and the outlook is for the best year of the four. Our Sunday school at Old Fort has taken on new life and the people all over the work seem to have more interest in church and the church work. We have put the Advocate into a number of homes that haven't been receiving the paper, and hope to get more new subscribers.

Since we have been with this people many good things have come to us from all the churches, but the greatest crowd came to the parsonage a few weeks ago. and we all enjoyed the evening together. The crowd left enough on the dining room table to remind us of their visit for some time, pound upon pound and pounds. We are still eating the many good things that were left. We hope to be a help to these generous people in endeavoring to lead them to a higher life in the Master's kingdom.

We are working on the Centenary movement and our people are joining in prayer for this great work, and we hope that out of this may come great results for our people here and on foreign fields, too.

R. F. Mock, Pastor.

LEAKSVILLE CHARGE

On December 14th we said goodbye to our friends on the Mount Pleasane charge and started on our journey to Leaksville. This was the longest move we had ever made and, like all other moves, it was the best. Every move gets better and better, and as we look back over the thirteen years in the work we can't think of a charge that we have ever had that was not the best one we had ever had. So when we reached Leaksville and found the best parsonage we had ever lived in, a good, warm fire, warm supper and a warmer welcome we very naturally felt that we had the best charge in the conference, and we have had no reason to feel otherwise. These are good people and, best of all, they are spiritually minded people. They talk religion in the home, in the office, in the store, on the streets and everywhere, and this preacher and his family feel that "it's good to be here," for "the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places."

The official board met and advanced the salary $400, making the salary $1,500. Our congregations are growing from week to week. As one of my efficient laymen expressed it, "the church is filling up." Our people are appreciative and we love them. Of course we have had a pounding, and a pounding it was; one that we have not gotten over yet. Our people are enthusiastic over the Centenary movement. Our Sunday school, with its very efficient superintendent and faithful teachers, is growing. Our Epworth League has been resurecrted and is alive again, and for all these things we are profoundly thankful. We are looking away beyond all these secondary causes and agencies to we want to fill our place in His divine plan for the redemption of the world. Pray for us, brethren, that we may be able to render such service to these good people as they deserve.

Your brother in Christ,

Gilbert A. Stamper.

SALEM NOTES

I am well again. Influenza and pneumonia hit me hard. I tried to preach for the first time Christmas.

During my illness the letters of my brethren of the ministry and many laymen assuring me of their prayers and interest gave me much comfort and strength.

Arrived in December here on my new charge. Reception was all that could be desired. Warm room, hot supper, delightful social evening, pantry well supplied with groceries, coal in the woodhouse, practically new furniture and furnishings throughout the house and check for a month's salary. The evening had not passed before I found myself in debt to these people who had received me so cordially and gladly in Christ's name. I felt so unworthy of so much kindness. I have always reecived better charges than I deserved. Some may feel sometimes that they deserve better than they get, but I am satisfied when I can feel that through the machinery of the church God's Spirit leads. "He leadeth me" is a "blessed thought."

Much of the time since coming I have been unable to preach, but Dr. Siler has given great assistance in supplying preachers for us, and I am therefore greatly indebted to him and Revs. Harmon, Hyatt, Mitchell, Totherow, Tysinger and C. C. Williams for their sermons. My people have enjoyed their splendid ministrations.

Sunday school is going well with H. C. Jones superintendent. A splendid corps of teachers support him in the work. The enrollment is almost 50 per cent more than church membership

The board of stewards, with R. B. Miller as chairmanu, is well organized and started the year with 50 per cent raise in salary.

A parsonage that had been purchased was paid for in one night's service and had a surplus. Dr. Siler was present at that service and gave valuable assistance in setting this new mark for this congregation. The $2,000 mark will soon be passed for the parsonage fund and work will begin soon on the house.

Beginning March 30 we will conduct a series of evangelistic services, assisted by Rev. C. C. Totherow, evangelist.

We think under the present plan we will easily be able to meet the demands of the Centenary movement. We already have a number of tithers, and many others, we think, will enroll in a tithers' league.

We are hopeful of seeing the church make great progress during our pastorate here. The people are united and enthusiastic, and are working in view of the heavy burdens that they know they must carry in building parsonage and an adequate church. I shall indeed be happy if under God I am permitted to share their burdens and to have a small part in doing the work that has been set for our church in this part of the city.

A. C. Swafford.

FOR WEAVER HALL

The Mount Airy circuit yesterday subscribed $249.50 for Weaver Hall at Rutherford College.

On Friday and Saturday the students at Rutherford College brought their list for Weaver Hall to $1,310.50, the amount added, $70.50 being credited to twelve charges.

The following amounts have been added lately. This is the largest list from any circuit, except the home circuit of the college:

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J. R. Walker.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASSES

I am very much interested in the Teacher-Training movement in our church. Recently I have taken time to write two times to each superintendent in the Greensboro district in an endeavor to further the cause of better Sunday school teaching. From replies to my request for information I find the following classes in operation:

Franklinville, Ramseur, Worthville, South Main, High point; East End, High Point; Centenary, Spring Garden (2), Walnut Street, Carraway Memorial.

There ought to be other schools in our district preparing their young people for Sunday school leadership. Will you not enlist?

W. H Davis,
District Teacher-Training Supt.

NOTES FROM RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

In a recent canvass among the students for subscriptions to the building fund of Weaver Hall. more than $1,250 was subscribed by the students alone. Every one of the students have subscribed something to this fund. This is considered a splendid contribution and is a practical demonstration of the love and interest the students have for the college.

On last Friday night, the Platonic Literary society invited the citizens of the community, the faculty and the students to meet with them in their regular session. A very interesting and helpful program was rendered and all present enjoyed the evening very much.

Tentative plans are being considered now for the erection of a new church. At the last quarterly conference, a building committee was appointed. The new church will be known as the Abernethy Memorial, in memory of the late Dr. R. L. Abernethy, founder of Rutherford College. It is hoped that very soon definite plans will have been completed and the new church enterprise successfully begun. Dwight Ware.

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THE "WAR ROLL"

By J. S. Chadwick

The name "War Roll" in the United States, as in Great Britain, is given to the list of men in the military and naval service who sign the pledge: "I hereby pledge my allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and King, and by God's help will fight His battles for the victory of His kingdom." These cards were not signed usually except as the Y. M. C. A. worker had delt personally with the soldier or sailor and helped him to come to a definite decision to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour or to make a dedication of his life to Christian service. Each signature, therefore, represents either a conversion or a reconsecration.

The records of the Religious Work Bureau of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., at New York City, show that to January 31, 1919 the number of cards signed by men in the camps and training stations of the army and navy totaled 325,327. This number reached the New York office, and it is known that in addition to these, many thousands were disposed of locally. For the four months. October, 1918 to January 1919, both inclusive, the number of cards sent to New York totaled 73,-648. Of this number, 14,808 were from camps in the Southeastern Department.

The Religious Work Bureau of the army and navy Y. M. C. A. has followed up these cards with letters to the signers, to the nearest relative of the men, and to representatives of the various churches named on the cards. It is such a "follow-up" system as should result in bringing hosts of these soldiers and sailors into active church service in their home communities. This work must now be left largely to the churches, for the men are going back to their homes, But the Y. M. C. A. proposes to continue its service of co-operation with the churches. A "Bulletin" of the Religious Work Bureau, issued recently says:

"It is vitally important, when the men are returning to their families and to the old places, or perhaps to new situations at home, that the church and association get the full force of this new current. They must be first informed of the opportunity and urgency of getting these men to apply their energies and influence in the great tasks of our time. They must unite and must revise their methods also to conserve this gain, for these men can be kept firm as Christians only by being shown their places in the hard work now to be done in the causes of social righteousness, temperance, purity, and world-wide evangelization.

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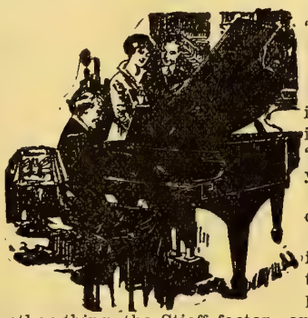
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A GRAIN OF SAND

"Mother, mother, there's somethin' in my eye. Please take it out quick."

"Why ,what is it?"

"I do not know. It's an awful thing. The wind blew it in my eye a minute ago."

The mother examined the afflicted eye very carefully, but could not find anything except tears. "I don't see anything in it, dearie."

"But it's there, mother. Please get it out. It makes me feel so uncomfortable."

"Well, Flossy, I think we had better go to Dr. Wright and see what he can do."

"Ah!" said the doctor, and in an instant he held his instrument toward her. "Here it is."

"Where?" asked the mother. "I don't see anything."

"I don't, either," said Flossy; "but my eye does not hurt any longer."

"It's just a tiny speck of sand," replied the doctor, "too small to see unless you know where to look for it."

Some days afterward Flossy was fidgeting about the room where her mother was sewing. It was rainy weather out of doors and Flossy was in a bad humor; nothing pleased her.

"Please don't, Flossy," said her mother over again. "You make me uncomfortable. If you do not stop worrying you must go away by yourself."

Flossy sat down by the window, pouting. In a little while her face brightened and she came to her and put a little soft kiss on her cheek. "I'm like a grain of sand, mother, don't you think so?" she said.

"What do you mean?"

"I'm not very big, but I make people uncomfortable when my temper gets in the wrong place. I love you truly, and I would not hurt you, as that sand did me, for anything. The sand could not help itself, but I can and I will right away."—Our Boys and Girls.

A SILENT WITNESS

"Mother, why are you hanging a looking glass there?" asked James, looking at it curiously. "Such a pretty one, too," he continued. "It seems to me I should want it where it would be seen oftener."

"I want it right here in the dining room where it can see," answered his mother laughingly. "I am putting it here for a witness."

"A witness!" scoffed James. "It can't tell anything."

"We shall see. It will tell your faults to you as well as to others."

"I'd like to know how."

At supper James found that he and his brother Ned were to sit side by side, facing the glass.

"What's that for?" demanded both at once.

"Your father and I think best to have it so," explaind their mother.

The boys sat down with scowls on their faces and an air of great injury. Ned happened to raise his eyes, when the ludicrousness of those frowning reflections struck him so forcibly that it produced a shout of laughter.

"What is the matter with you?" growled James, looking up to make an ugly face, when his attention also was arrested by the truthful mirror. His startled stare added so much to Ned's glee that he began to thrust out his tongue at James. The silent reminder brought him to a sudden stop.

"I see you are caught also," remarked his father quietly.

The boys were silent. The day following their experiences were repeated with such good results that their mother was beginning to congratulate herself on the success of her plan. In her absence from home for several weeks, where she was attending her mother in a serious illness, the boys had acquired the habit of bickering at the table, greatly to the humiliation of their parents.

Their silent witness had been with them two days when their cousin, a bright, manly little fellow, came to visit them.

At dinner Mrs. Lane said: "William, you may sit between James and Ned, where you can all enjoy yourselves."

But, oh, how two boys reddened as the mirror showed them how beautifully William's hair was combed and how their own tously locks looked in comparison. Their mother had remained discreetly silent and allowed them to see for themselves.

Ned spoke first. 'Mother, will you excuse me a minute?"

"Certainly," agreed his mother.

"And me, too?" questioned James.

They returned with shining faces and well-brushed hair, and smiled at each other over the changed reflection. If William noticed, he was too much of a gentleman to say anything, but three pairs of eyes returned often to the pleasing picture.

"It is nice, isn't it?" said Mr. Lane.

"What?" saked all three at once.

"Three good-looking boys in a row."

"Oh," answered William. "I believe auntie had a reason for putting the glass there."

After William's visit was over and he had returned home, James came to his mother. "Mother," he said, "your witness is all right. I couldn't understand before, but I do now, and I vote that we keep it there."

"Vote carried by a big majority!" shouted Ned.

"Very well," promised mother, "it shall stay with you as long as you want it—a silent witness, but a good friend."—Baptist Boys and Girls.

ANY WAY YOU PLEASE

"Mamma, I wish you'd call the baby in; he's so cross we can't play!" cried Robert one day as he was playing in the yard with his sister and the baby.

"I don't think he would be cross if you were not cross to him," said mamma, coming out. "He does just as he sees you do. Just try him and see. Put your hat on one side of your head."

Robert did so, and presently the baby pushed his straw hat over on one side of his head, just as Robbie had done.

"Whistle," said mamma.

Robbie did, and the baby began to whistle, too.

"Stop mocking me," said Robbie, giving the baby a push. Baby screamed and pushed Robbie back.

"There, you see," said his mother, "the baby does just as you do." Kiss him now, and you will see how quickly he will follow your example."

Robbie did not feel exactly like doing this, but he did, and baby hugged and kissed him back very warmly.

"Now, you see," said his mother, "you can make a cross or a good boy of your little brother, just as you choose. But you must teach him yourself."—Jewels.

GRACE AT TABLE

O Lord, great Author of all good,
Rest Thy hands upon this food;
Bless it so our lives may be
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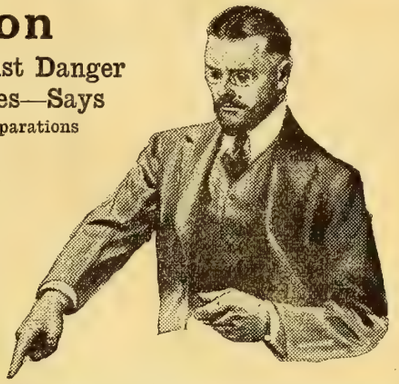
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Our Dead

NEWSOM.—Mrs Martha J. Thayer Newsom, wife of Mr. N. W. Newsom, was born, October 10, 1846, died at her home near Newsom, N. C., January 6, 1919 at the age of sixty-nine years, nine months and 26 days. Her death came after an illness of several weeks duration in which she suffered intensely, but with a placid and dignifying patience, beautiful to see and which won the admiration of those present. Of her life it might be said that she was ever on the side of the principles and ideas of true Christian charity, having been a member of the M. E. Church, South since the days of her young girlhood.

The funeral was conducted at the Newsom home by her pastor, Rev. P. H. Brittain and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the family burial ground near the home.

A profusion of beautiful flowers, of which she was passionately fond during her life, was placed as a tribute by loving hands, and graced the casket. She leaves a husband, two sons, J. W. and B. V. Newsom, and two daughters, Mrs. Etta Ritchie and Miss Idolie Newsom. Many friends mourn the loss of the dutiful wife, affectionate mother and kind friend. By a friend.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from our midst, our sister, Mrs. T. W. Cuthbertson and in her going we feel that the Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel Methodist Church, South, of Asheville, of which Mrs. Cuthbertson was correspdonding secretary, has lost one of its most consecrated members, one who was ever ready to perform any task assigned to her. As a friend and neighbor, she was always ready to go into any home where sorrow and sickness had entered. Therefore be it resolved

First, Although we feel our loss to be irreparable, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Second, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and pray that her sweet Christian character may be an inspiration to him in years to come.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our society, a copy sent to the family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. O. W. Parham,
Mrs. J. B. Robinson,
Mrs. W. E. Teague.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst, our friend and co-owrker, Robert Watkins, of a quiet and gentle nature, a boy who was ever on the side of right and up right character. We, a band of Sunday school workers, do submit the following resolutions:

First, That while bowing in submission to the will of God, we do hereby express our sorrow and record our friendship for the deceased and our deep appreciation for his presence and loyalty to the class.

Second, That we extend to the bereaved parents and sister our sincerest and deepest sympathy and commend them to the love of God, the source of all comfort.

Third, That thees resclutions be preserved in the Sunday school, a copy sent to his family, one to the Christian Advocate, his church paper, and one to the News, our town paper.

Mrs Anderson, teacher,
Lester Melton,
Will Huckabee,
Wayne Neal,
Byrum Shankle,
Robert Dry,
Robert Milton,
The boys.

..HARRIS.—Eli H. Harris was born, May 26, 1877, died, February 11, 1919, age 41 years, 8 months and 15 days. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn their loss, but their loss is his eternal gain. Heart failure was the cause of his death. He was visiting some of his friends in Badin when he was taken suddenly sick. The doctors and friends did everything for him they could do, but their efforts were all in vain. After lingering in his weak condition for about eight days, he peacefully passed away.

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May the God of love comfort and sustain the bereaved ones.

J. B. Fitzgerald

PHILBECK.—John P. Philbeck, was born in Rutherford county, October 5, 1837 and died in Cleveland county, January 27, 1919, aged eighty-one years, three months and twenty-two days. He was married to Miss Ford, sister of O. E. Ford, of Shelby, N. C., when a young man and to this union were born four children, Mrs. George Mauney, Mrs. P. L. Peeler, Mr. Andrew Philbeck and Miss Fanny Philbeck, all of whom survive him. When war was declared between the States, Brother Philbeck answered the call of his native Southland and was in the srruggle four years. He was wounded in battle which made him a cripple for life. Brother Philbeck gave his life to God at the age of twenty-one and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and lived a consistent member of that church until God called him away. It was my privilege to be with him a great many times during the past year, and he often talked about the "Land just over the Sea" where his companion was. He loved the church, he believed in the old time Religion and in protracted meeting time shouted the praises of God. His was a great religious exeprience. Just before his death, he said he was ready to go, that all was well. His funeral was conducted by his pastor at Palm Tree church on January 28, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

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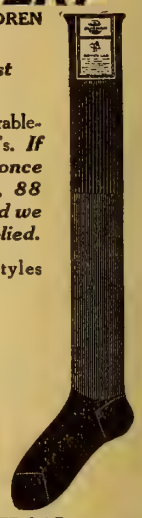
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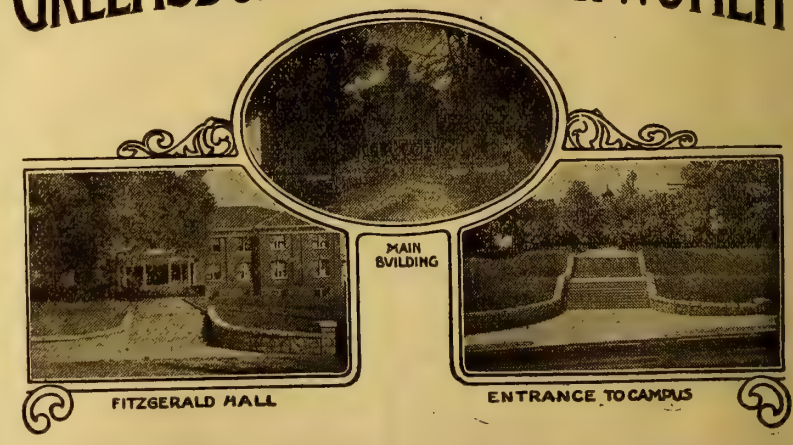
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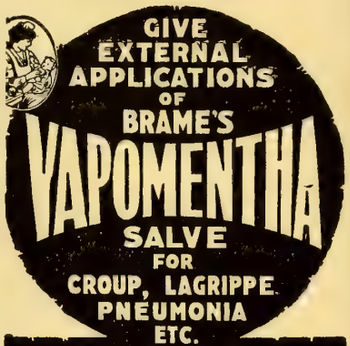


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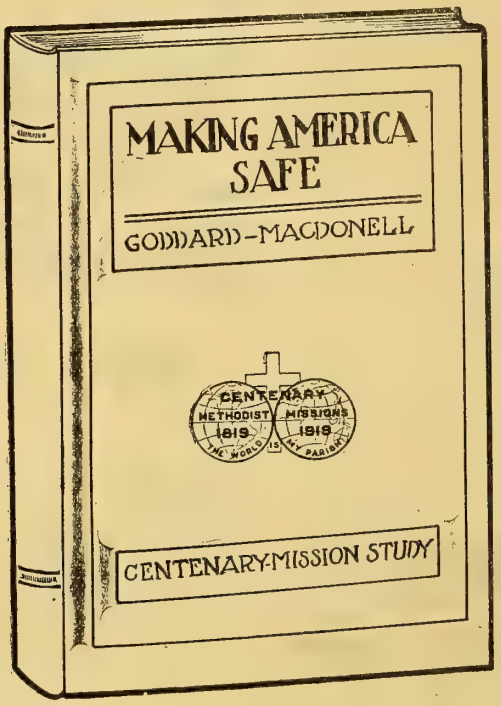
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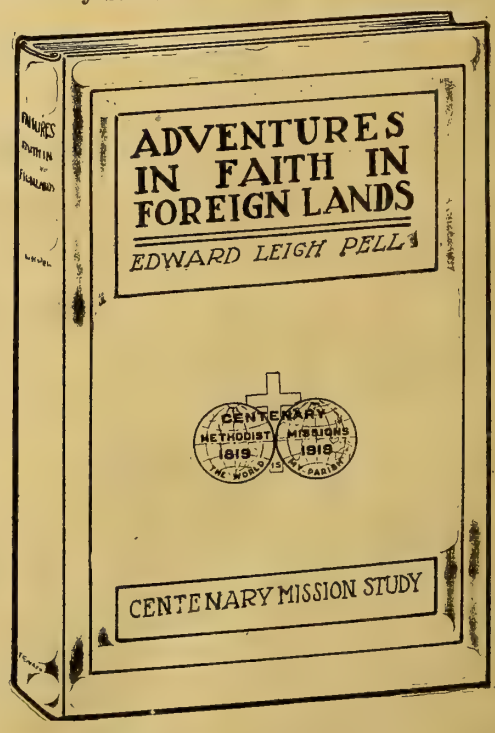
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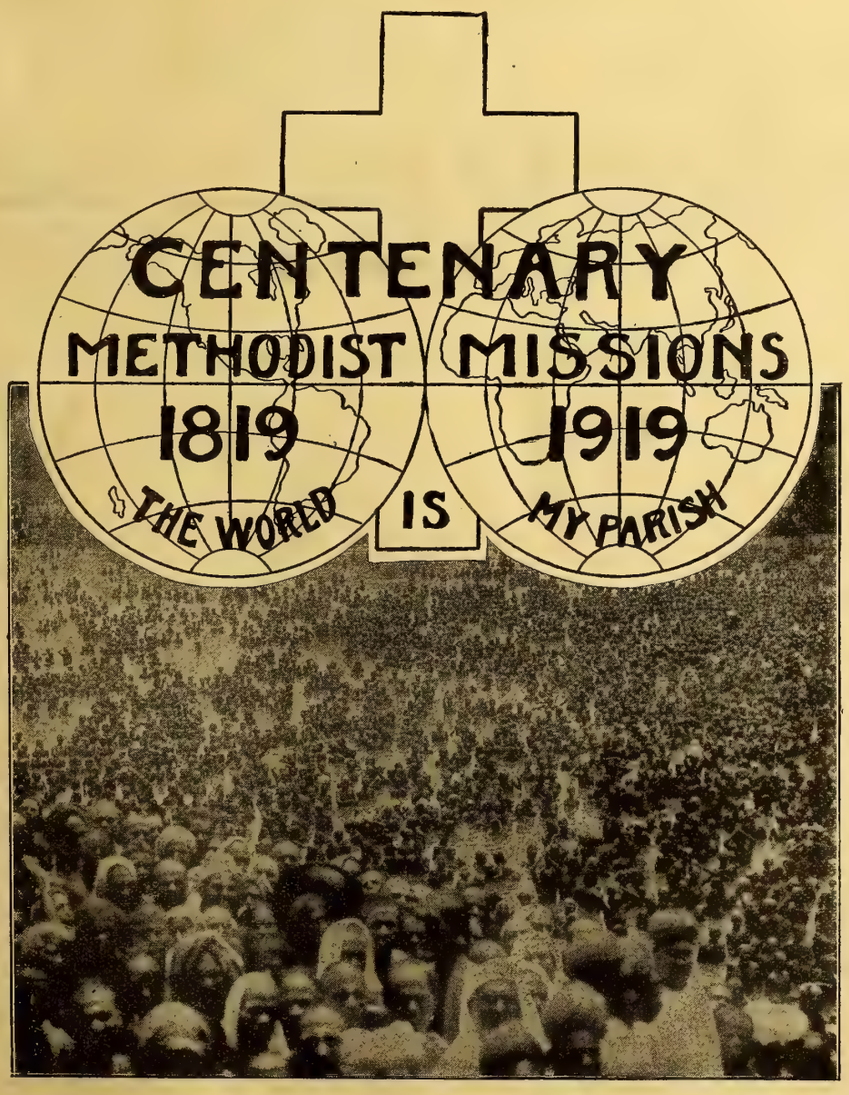
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Editorial

PRACTICAL CENTENARY SUGGESTION

One of our pastors writes to suggest that our pastors in every community from this till the great drive see that appropriate articles are prepared for the local papers setting forth the objects and aims of our great Centenary, and that they be kept thus before all our people.

We take occasion to commend this wise and practical suggestion. We cannot have too much agitation now, and we are sure that the editors of local secular papers will be glad to co-operate with us in this way. We can well afford to appropriate every agency available now so that our people may be thoroughly aroused and informed. By all means let this suggestion be followed up.

DEDICATION OF WESLEY MEMORIAL

The new Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, was dedicated last Sunday, the full program making a great occasion for the congregation and community. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington preached at 11 o'clock and the ceremony of dedication followed immediately after the sermon, which was truly great and appropriate.

The evening service took the form of a free and easy service, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, presiding and introducing the speakers for the evening. Rev. J. Ed Thompson, former pastor, spoke on "My Recollections of the Old Church." Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder and former pastor, spoke on "The Value of the Church to the Community. Mr. Austin, a layman of Wesley Memorial, spoke on the "Relation of the Pew to the Pulpit."

Great congregations were present at both services and all felt that the day was one of great profit to the community.

We regret more than we can express the failure to present a good view of this church on our first page this week, as we had expected. A good photograph was furnished us and forwarded to the engravers in good time, but we have had no tidings yet on Tuesday afternoon as we close our last forms.

LET US CAST IN THE NET

Not the least of the many gracious by-products of our Centenary, if we are wise, will be a genuine revival of religion in the hearts and homes and churches of Methodism. We can not, in any true sense, awake our people to a consciousness of their obligation to give the gospel to the whole world, without sounding the depths of the individual soul and leading each one to a searching self-examination. All this elaborate program will be in vain unless it first leads to deep and sincere repentance. The fact is, this mighty effort to arouse the church to something extraordinary would not now be a necessity if we had not heretofore been at ease in Zion and robbing God of His own. How, then, can we think of appeasing God and averting His displeasure by putting ourselves into a program, paying the fee and coming out at the other end of it the same hard, selfish and unsympathizing beings as at the beginning?

There is a peril to us all in this movement which we fear many are not disposed to reckon with. The light and frivolous manner in which some are entering into the covenant of prayer and the covenant of a sytematic stewardship suggests a restudy of the sin of Ananias and Sapphira. Such covenants and vows are not to be trifled with. They are not to be entered into without the most serious consideration, and, once entered into, must be scrupulously observed. Hundreds and thousands of our people have signed the covenants which, if faithfully kept, will fill God's storehouse and open the windows of heaven. The logical result of this will be such a revival of religian as we have never seen before. On the other hand, a failure to keep our covenant will blight and wither the whole connection and leave us in a worse state than we were before.

The pastors of our churches are called to be evangelists. It is their duty and lofty privilege in a time like this to lay upon the conscience a keen sense of personal responsibiltiy and to lay bare the deformity of a soul capable of vowing a vow and keeping it not. This is a time to hold up before men and women the sad picture of a society which demands and receives the bulk of our substance and thought while we hesitate to give a tithe to our Lord. In fact, we have reached the point in this Centenary when we need the genuine heart searching which only a faithful minister can evoke—that heart searching which will make the best of God's people try again the foundation of their faith and hope.

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In this case "judgment must begin at the house of God." The message of the Centenary is not primarily to the great world outside, but to the very inner circle of the saints in the household of God. The cry of the prophet to his people is to return to God, and no pastor should feel under obligation to make apology for challenging his people as to the foundation of their hope. The whole matter of personal religious experience must come under review and each one must settle for himself the question as to whether he is right with God. The richest possibilities of this whole Centenary movement lie right along the line of a faithful ministry to the church, and when, under the power of the searching call to repentance, the church makes sure of its own standing before God, the great drive will bring not only the money that is needed, but the men and women besides.

Will our pastors be wise enough to take advantage of the opportunity? Will they launch out into the deep and cast in their nets? It seems that there is already a thrill. Thousands are praying and multitudes are feeling after God! Shall not the altar fires be kindled all along the lines? They must be or our Centenary will bring to us only shame and confusion.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in regular session at Memphis, Tenn., last week. Dr. C. S. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macan College, was elected president of the association and Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford College, was elected vice-president.

Rev. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College for Women, was in attendance and reports that the association was largely attended and the program covered a wide range of interesting and important matters concerning the educational interests of the church. Included in the general topics were Christian education, promotion of higher education, Christian leadership, co-operation in the common task. The five section meetings included college and university, junior college, secondary school, conference boards of education, and theological schools and correspondence schools.

The last general conference authorized the organization of an educational association of the M. E. Church, South. Following a preliminary meeting at Lake Junaluska last summer the meeting at Memphis last week was the first regular one held.

"Among the notable utterances made," said Dr. Turrentine, "was that when the history of the South during the past fifty years is written one of the most interesting chapters will be devoted to educational standards and ideals, and the Southern Methodist Church will be found to play no small part in preserving those standards and elevating those ideals. In the work of raising standards of educational institutions the Methodist church recognizes three main agencies, all working to one end.

"First among these is the Association of American Universities, which is nation wide and which fixes requirements to be met to be recognized as a standard institution.

"Second is the Southern association of colleges and secondary schools, which has for about twenty-five years been engaged in work of standardizing educational institutions.

"A third agency is the commission on education of the M. E. Church, South, which classifies and standardizes the institutions of learning owned and operated by the church.

"Among the advanced changes made by this church commission is the abolition of the distinction formerly made between a standard college for men and that for women, and the abolishment of the C-grade classification of colleges.

"While comparatively few changes were made, yet a forward step was taken in the raising of the standard for higher education.

"Special attention was given to planning for the church-wide campaign authorized and ordered by the last General Conference to raise $13,000,000 for the schools and colleges of Southern Methodism. Of this amount $450,000 has been apportioned to the Greensboro College for Women. This contemplates an objective of $500,000 endowment for this institution. This campaign is authorized to be put into actual operation immediately following the second year of the present quadrennium, giving right of way for the first two years to the centenary of missions."

The association adopted strong resolutions indorsing the League of Nations and assuring President Wilson of sympathy and support in the "high and humane task which Providence has committed to his hands in this critical hour of the world's history."

CONGRESS PROVIDES PUBLIC SPACE FOR ASBURY STATUE

Both houses of Congress passed, February 17-18, Senate joint resolution No. 107, authorizing the National Commission of Fine Arts to designate a public site in Washington, D. C., for the proposed equestrian statue of Bishop Francis Asbury, the founder of American Methodism, and also to approve the design of the memorial. The joint resolution was passed by the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Congress under the leadership of Senator Overman, but was left in committee of the house, owing to lack of time. It was passed again by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Congress without amendment, and was reported from the library committee of the House some months ago. It was called up by Representative Bankhead, of Alabama, February 17, under the unanimous consent rule. Mr. Mann, the minority leader, objected, but Mr. Bankhead met the objection by an amendment and consented to a second amendment, both of which are perfectly satisfactory to the friends of the memorial. With these amendments the bill was passed. They provide that the Fine Arts Commission shall designate the site, which shall not be in the Mall, or in Potomac Park, or within half a mile of the statue.

By request, Senator Overman being absent on committee business, Senator Bankhead moved, February 18, that the Senate concur in the House amendments, and this was done without dissent. The resolution now goes to the President for signature. Senator Bankhead, chairman of the Senate committee on post offices and post roads, is the father of Representative Bankhead, who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Jasper, Ala. He is serving his first term in Congress and is entitled to the thanks of all interested in the memorial, for his vigilance and skill in securing favorable action in the midst of a tremendous press of business. The Asbury memorial committee, sitting in Washington February 17th, adopted a vote of thanks to Representative Bankhead, Senator Bankhead and Senator Overman.

The site for which the Asbury memorial committee has expressed a preference and expects to obtain is not in the localities which Congress has exempted.

The model of the state designed by Mr. Augustus Lukeman, New York, a pupil of Daniel

Chester French, has been approved by the executive committee of the Asbury memorial Association and can be made ready for casting in a short time.

It is hoped that the balance of the funds needed for the memorial will be promptly contributed. An apportionment of $30,000 has been made to the conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and divided among the districts, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has accepted an apportionment of $20,000.

Bishop Earl Cranston, New Richmond, Ohio, is chairman of the Asbury memorial committee; Chief Justice E. K. Campbell, U. S. Court of Claims, Washington, D. C., vice-chairman; Mr. W. T. Galliher, president of the American National Bank, Washington, treasurer; Dr. E. L. Watson, Roland Park, Md., recording secretary, and Dr. H. K. Carroll, Plainfield, N. J., corresponding secretary, from whom information and literature may be secured.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SALISBURY

Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Pastor

This church, erected at a cost of about $100,000, was opened for worship on Sunday, March 9th

NOTE AND COMMENT

Henry Ford, who has made it possible for so many people to ride in automobiles, has perfected plans for the construction of a cheaper car than has yet been produced, and the news report is that he will establish a new plant to manufacture this car and have it on the market within one year.

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The Everett Bill granting suffrage to women in municipal elections, which passed the senate with practical unanimity, was defeated in the house by a majority of only five votes. In view of this result it was decided not to press the Connor bill providing for submission to the people of a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution.

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The South Atlantic Quarterly is a magazine which ranks high in the estimation of scholars throughout the land. Dr. W. P. Few and Dr. W. H. Glasson, of Trinity College, have been joint editors for many years and the management has reluctantly accepted their recently tendered resignations, and selected Dr. W. K. Boyd and Dr. W. H. Wanamaker to succeed them.

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Hon. Hilary A. Herbert, a colonel in the Confederate army, for twenty years a congressman from Alabama and secretary of the navy under Cleveland from 1893 to 1897, died in Florida last week, aged eighty-five years. He was born at Laurens, S. C., in 1834 and removed to Alabama in 1845. He was a brilliant lawyer and a patriotic citizen, who wrought well and made a record of honorable service.

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Patriotic Citizens of Durham of the Trinity College alumni have decided to raise $75,000 to build a modern gymnasium on the Trinity College campus as a memorial to the Trinity boys who gave their lives for their country in the great world war. We are glad to hear of this worthy undertaking and it will succeed, for it will be a permanent expression of the love of a grateful people for the patriotic dead, and at the same time an inspiration to our youth to love our native land and the brave boys who have paid so dearly with their lives that "liberty should not perish from the earth."

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Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, one of the greatest Baptist preachers of this generation, has resigned the pastorate of the celebrated Spurgeon Tabernacle in London, where he preached for many years, and will on July 1 return to America. He will for three months of the year act as instructor in a Bible institute in Los Angeles, Cal., and devote the remainder of his time to evangelistic work in the United States. Dr. Dixon is a native of Shelby and in his early ministry served as pastor at Chapel Hill and Asheville. Then he served churches in Baltimore and Brooklyn before going to London.

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The Late Mrs. Flagler generously remembered our state university in her will, having bequeathed to it about $1,600,000 to be piad in installments for a period of years. She was a resident of Louisville when she died and now the state of Kentucky makes claim upon the university for an inheritance tax of $215,000, notwithstanding the fact that the Kentucky law exempts schools and charitable institutions from such liability. Over three millions have already been paid into the Kentucky state treasury from this estate as an inheritance tax, which it seems is not sufficient to satisfy the officials. We regret the prospect of litigation over a legal point which disinterested lawyers claim to be clearly in our favor by a reasonable construction even of the Kentucky law.

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The American Congress Adjourned by limitation March 4, and the new Congress will not assemble before December unless the President should call it into extraordinary session before that date. He will, however, no doubt call an extra session early after the adjournment of the peace conference. The President did not tarry long at home. As soon as he passed on the acts of the Congress he returned to New York March 4 and, jointly with former President Taft, spoke to a great multitude of his countrymen in advocacy of the proposed League of Nations. The next morning he sailed on the George Washington on the return trip to Paris. Hon. T. W. Gregory, former attorney general, accompanied the presidential party to act as general legal adviser.

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Count Hoensbreoch, once an ardent supporter of the pan-German war party and active adherent of Wilhelm II, the late emperor, has written a book explaining why Germany met with defeat, in which he condemns the kaiser as the "grave digger of Germany" and brands him as an arrant coward without semblance of personal courage. How empty and vain are earthly honors and how fleeting the applause of a world. The flatterers of a court soon turn their praise into calumny when the throne totters and falls, and then rush to the ranks of the revolutionists as swiftly as rats flee from a burning barn. But the count spoke truly when he charged his former superior with cowardice and murder, for no man in all history was ever responsible for so large a toll of slain as William of Germany. He seemed to have courage enough so long as victory crowned his arms, but when defeat came and his people repudiated him, he ran away like a coward, and now none are so poor as to pay him reverence. How much better to have lived in humble poverty and obscurity, with a conscience "void of offense toward God and toward man," and then enter upon an eternal reward, than, like him, to have fed cruel ambition on vanity and pompous power and go down in old age with a guilty conscience, condemned by men and angels.

CAMPAIGN DOTS

Rev. D. H. Rhinehart is making a steady pull on the Statesville circuit and is getting good results.

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Brother M. K. Randall, a good layman of the Cliffside circuit, is doing valuable service for the Advocate.

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Rev. R. C. Kirk has gone clean out of sight on the Salisbury circuit. He has discovered himself and is discovering his people.

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Rev. D. F. Carver, of Maiden circuit, excels in the art of taking them one by one. He is evidently going among his people.

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Rev. F. L. Townsend and his Wentworth charge are pulling for the landing place and they are going to get there.

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Rev. L. A. Falls, Mooresville station, began quietly, but is now going with strong momentum, which promises much more than the goal.

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Rev. Z. Paris has his Central, Concord, congregation on the move, and we expect to see them again on the high seat. They have just started, but are moving steadily.

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Rev. M. H. Vestal and his people at Epworth, Concord, scored a head mark the first report, but it feels good and they are going right on.

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Rev. Geo. D. Herman is a veteran Advocate worker. He is one of the men who know how to value religious literature. Already having Mount Airy right at the top, he expects to reach the quota and more this year.

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Rev. E. E. Yates, Salem circuit, knocked down every pin in the alley in the first report. This in a field where we had been told it could not be done.

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Rev. J. C. Umberger, Franklin circuit, sets no limit except the needs of his people. From his field subscribers trickle into the reservoir all the year around.

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Rev. H. H. Robbins, Main Street, High Point, made the big drive and here they come all in one report, but, as always, more will follow.

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Rev. M. W. Heckard, Thermal City, never wearies and always reaches the goal in good time.

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Rev. J. A. Cook and his Sylva congregation raised the tune last week and they are singing short metre on this Advocate campaign. Full quota in first report.

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Rev. J. C. Keever joins the delectable club and walks right in looking for the high seat for the Troutman circuit. He always would do that way.

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Rev. R. A. Swearingen, Cool Springs circuit, walked right up into the top row the first report, and is still gathering up the fragments that remain.

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Rev. J. W. Combs, Pilot Mountain, repeats his high record and sends in almost daily reports. Things will surely move on the old Pilot Mountain charge.

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Rev. J. E. Woosley brings the Greensboro circuit in line and has a fine margin to work on for the big overplus we are expecting this campaign to give us.

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Rev. W. R. Shelton, Henrietta-Caroleen, has his forces in line and gives a fine report in the first installment. A big drive in his charge will bring large results.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FACTS AND FIGURES



They shall not want

A great deal is being stated these days concerning the service rendered the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by its superannuated preachers. As a rule, however, the statements are quite general in character and do not reveal in concrete form the value of the service they have rendered. I very careful study of the General have taken the time to make a Minutes, and after the most painstaking computation I find on the basis of averages the following interesting facts:

1. These self-sacrificing men, during the time of their "active service," raised on assessment for benevolent purposes $10,500,000; raised $8,048,000 to build churches enough to provide places of worship for 1,000,000 people; raised $2,237,000 to build parsonages enough to provide homes for the preachers in the active service; raised for the purposes stated a total of $20,785,000; christened 150,000 children; added 700,000 members to the church; did a work of encouragement, inspiration, comfort and love which cannot be computed in figures; accepted without a murmur the promise of an average annual salary of $600 each; suffered a salary shortage of more than $1,000,000, which if now paid to the superannuate endowment fund would yield $60 annually to each of them as long as they live; saved nothing for themselves in their old age, because there was nothing to save.

2. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, superannuated these heroic servants because of age and physical impairment, and gave them the pitiful annual allowance of an average of $200 for each. It let them out at the time of their greatest need, when most of them were without a home, money or the possibility of other employment. It had received at their hands millions of dollars in property and other values, but it permitted them to retire in loneliness and poverty with only a beggar's equity in the values they had created. It has promised for nearly twenty years to raise an endowment fund large enough adequately to provide for these men, but it has made annually repeated excuses and postponements of one sort and another until it has at present but little more than $500,000 in this fund to save it from dishonor, and out of the interest on said amount it is now able to pay each of its superannuates the trifling average sum of $12 annually. It is the only great denomination in the world which has such a miserable and reproachful record in this regard, the Congregational, Disciples, Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches having from three to twenty-five times as much in their respective superannuate endowment funds as has the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

3. However, it should be stated that the last General Conference created the Board of Finance, with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., and went on record as desiring some time to raise through said board the sum of $10,000,000 for the superannuate endowment fund; but the same General Conference also ordered that the Missionary Centenary should have right of way in the church for the first two years to raise its $35,000,000, and the General Board of Education should have right of way for the second two years to raise $22,000,000 for education. Therefore, it is evident that the Board of Finance cannot launch an organized and sweeping campaign to raise its $10,000,000 for the superannuate endowment fund until the two campaigns named above have been completed. The superannuate endowment fund does not receive a dollar from the Missionary Centenary or from the campaign for education. It must stand on its own legs if it stands at all.

4. In the light of the foregoing it should be clear to all that whatever is done for the superannuate endowment fund for the next four years must be voluntary. The Board of Finance and others can talk and write about it, beg for it in generalities, pray for it, etc., but we cannot organize a drive to go "over the top" and get for it that $10,000,000 in one tremendous and systmatic effort. So I give herewith a few ways by which those interested can volunteer to do something now for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.

Recently one of these grand old men died. He left no land, mortgage, house or money. Strangers were called upon to raise the necessary amount to buy his coffin, dig his grave, pay the undertaker and his medicine bill. In twenty years three other similar cases of superannuatd preachers have come under my personal observation. In the name of pity, humanity, justice and of the Christ it preaches let the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, rise in loving service and sacrificial giving to remove this shameful reproach.

Make a cash donation in any amount.

Make a subscription payable in any number of installments that you desire.

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Spend at least a part of the Lord's money, which you hold as trustee, for this holy cause which lies so near the heart of your Lord. Send all gifts to the Board of Finance, 801-3 Mercantile building, St. Louis, Mo.

Luther E. Todd, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosely, Field Secretary

In order that our Sunday schools may have definite goals towards which to work, the tried and true Sunday school leaders of the Methodist church have outlined a general basis for accomplishment, and on this basis three degrees of advancement. The lowest standard on this general basis is the third rank. When the third-rank standard is reached, the second is available, which in turn, may be followed by qualifying for the first. Herewith is given the general basis and the third-rank, or lowest standard of efficiency outlined for our local schools. Can your school qualify for the third-rank standard?

General Basis

1. Departments grouped and organized.
2. Proper attention to the service of worship and the use of our own literature.
3. Classes within all departments above the Elementary organized and enrolled as Wesley Bible Classes.
4. A definite program for increasing the enrollment.
5. A definite program of Sunday school evangelism.
6. A definite program of education in temperance and social service.
7. A program of missionary education.
8. A program of training for teachers and officers.
9. A session of the school every Sunday, a regular meeting of the Workers' Council, and a sound business policy.
10. The observance of Sunday School Day, including offering.

Standard of Efficiency—Third Rank

1. Departmental grouping and Beginners', Primary, and Junior classes or departments attaining Third-Rank Elementary Standard.
2. Proper attention to the service of worship and the use of our own literature.
3. At least one class each of Intermediates, Seniors, Young People, and Adults organized and enrolled as Wesley Bible Classes.
4. A definite program for increasing the enrollment.
5. A definite program of Sunday school evangel ism.
6. A definite program of education in temperance and social service.
7. Attaining the Third-Rank Standard for missionary education.
8. Attaining the Third-Rank Standard for teacher-training.
9. Session of the school every Sunday; regular meeting of Workers' Council; accurate records; adequate financial provision.
10. The observance of Sunday School Day, including offering.

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Plans are being perfected for our district Sunday school institutes this year. We will have with us Mr. M. W. Brabham, of the Young People's and Adult departments at Nashville and also Miss Marie Hansen, Miss Kennedy's assistant in the Elementary field. Both of these strong workers are anxious to be of service in our conference. Mr. Brabham was six years field secretary in the North Carolina and Virginia conferences, resigning from the latter to go into army "Y" service. Miss Hansen comes from the Florida conference. The fact that Miss Kennedy picked her from all Southern Methodistism to be her assistant, is sufficient testimony of her worth.

These live wires come to us from central headquarters from May 13 to 25. So our institutes will have to be held at this time of the year. We hope to get into each of our districts for at least a day's work. Just as well get ready to see something stirring. We shall have no long triesome discussions, but a number of live short pointed talks. There will be on exhibit a beautiful display of Sunday school supplies. Watch for places and dates later.

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More of our Sunday schools than common have had to shut down during the past winter, but don't let this fact keep you shut down. Don't wait till the new quarter's literature comes to get started. Get together next Sunday and classify the school, discuss the Centenary movement and set some goals that you propose to reach. Please don't mention the influenza. Every body is tired of it, he already knows too much about it. So bury it, lest it bury more of us. The buds are opening and the birds are singing. Let us all bud out and sing some good stirring songs. Leave the croakers down in the meadow and get up on high ground.

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Our Sunday schools are responding to the request that they give their boys and girls a chance to pay five cents the month to the Centenary cause. The last letter had not been mailed out last week calling attention to this matter before Superintendent E. D. Grubb, of the Walnut Street school, Greensboro, had forwarded his school's response assuming its obligation. His school has already forwarded over $36 to J. J. Stowe, the Centenary treasurer.

Every school ought to get in on this enterprise. No school has a right to deny its boys and girls the opportunity to give something to the great Centenary Movement. Give that missionary program and let the collection take care of itself. Never mind so much about the size of your collection so long as you enthusiastically present the needs. Those places that refuse to do anything will feel mighty lonely before this thing is over. Brother, if you stand in the way of this great cause the Lord will not hold you guiltless. Already there are those in your community looking to you to lead them into a larger field of usefulness. This is no time for a small vision. We must put up or shut up.

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Weekly news bulletin from Nashville: "The department of Teacher-Training reports the enrollment of a training class of thirteen students at Asheville, with Mrs. O. P. Ader as teacher. It announces also the enrollment of a class of twelve students in Davenport College with Mr. E. J. Harbison as teacher.

Adult Wesley Bible Class headquarters reports the enrollment of the "John Wesley" class in Brevard Street Sunday school at Charlotte, under certificate No. 7330. Hon. J. D. McCall is the teacher and Mr. A. W. Lawing the president." Every little round gets higher and higher.

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Judging from the inquiries that come along, much thought is being directed towards the organization of Wesley classes. Such thought is everlastingly right. All intermediate, senior, young people's and adult classes ought to be organized, not to add to

the responsibility of the mangement of the chool, but to help in accepting responsibility. A Wesley class will never think itself apart from the school of which it is a part. It is a child of the Methodist Sunday school family and will want to do a child's part.

Instead of merely calling certain classes number so and so, you ought to call them the so and so Wesley class. You don't call the children in your home number so and so. When the class adopts the Methodist organized class' constitution, motto, list of officers and program of service it will have an identity in the great Methodist family, not an identity of separation, but one of co-operation. Such a class, if porperly led, will promote brotherhood, distribute responsibility, place an emphasis on Christian activity and will bring about effective service.

The Sunday school secretary wants to keep in touch with our Wesley classes. He wants to know their problems and to hear of their good accomplishments. Each class ought to have a good reporter who will from time to time send in something for publication in the Sunday school columns in the Advocate. Get a good picture of your class and let the Advocate reproduce it for its many readers. This Wesley class business has got to go. Just as well fall in now and be among the first. The company is to be first class. It will contain no bucking, complaining standpatters, but will enlist buoyant hustlers.

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Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

By A. L. Dietrich

"Good habits is fine things to have; but if we grow we must change 'em. Th' only pusson who don't have to change his habits once in awhile is a dead one."

"If a workman makes a mistake in buildin' a house, he can tear out his mistake an' do the work over again; but if a teacher makes a mistake in helpin' a child build a character it's mighty hard to tear the mistake out. Better be sure to teach right in th' fust place."

"It's terrible hard to make young folks see the beauty of holiness in a meetin' house that has some of its winder-panes knocked out, a smokin' stove, a leakin' roof, oncomfort'ble benches, an' lamps that give off a loud oily smell at night."

"WHEN I WAS TWENTY-FOUR"

Mary S. Warren, in Zion's Herald

"Unless you have a message for several young men who are attending this conference we shall lose them for the ministry. They have seen visions of a decadent old age spent in rural communities like those in which they began their work so hopefully less than five years ago; they are envious of you who have reached pinnacles of fame which they are now persuaded they can never attain; they have all but decided to enter vocations where recognition is reasonably sure and the financial reward satisfactory. Gentlemen, our need of these young men in this state is very great."

Among the group of speakers who had gathered in the church parlor before an evening session of the state conference sat a man of fifty whose name was known throughout the religious world. As the moderator closed his appeal this man arose and offered his services. "I should like to preach a sermon tonight on the text 'Do the duty that lies nearest,'" he said, with a wonderful smile of understanding; "but I think, with your permission, I shall tell a story that has never been told in public. As it is not a long story I shall simply close my address with it. The title of this story will be 'When I Was Twenty-four.'"

This is the story that was told that evening:

"It was on my twenty-fourth birthday that I delivered my first conference address. At the close of the last evening session I was standing on the steps of that beautiful village church when within the half-open door I heard a tired, resigned voice, a woman's voice:

"'He was so young I thought he would kinder liven things up. Of course I enjoy hearing old Father Kimball and the others—they're such good men; but I'd been lookin' forward to a fresh, young voice. But I guess he's goin' to be like all the rest. What he said was good, but there wa'n't much I could catch on to carry back to Dan and the boys. You don't suppose it will rain tomorrow, do you, Sister Martin? I'd hate to have to drive home eight miles in a downpour.'

"My friends, those words burned themselves into my memory as no other words have ever done. My sense of guilt was as heavy as a physical burden, for I knew that the address I had planned to make that day would, indeed, have 'livened things up.' I had quickly wearied of the monotony of my work among the simple country people to whose spiritual needs I had left my city home to minister. I welcomed this opportunity to speak before an intelligent audience, and hoped my impassioned message would result in a call to some prosperous village church where my ability would be recognized.

"But the large and appreciative congregation I had fondly pictured during my sixteen-mile drive failed to materialize. For one reason and another the attendance at that conference was the smallest recorded for years. I listened critically to the first four speakers on the program, and decided that my paper, shorn of several striking illustrations, held much more of interest than those I had just heard. These same illustrations I should need at an important gathering of pastors which I had that day been invited to address. I could see no reason for wasting so much brilliancy upon that uninteresting assembly of venerable clergymen and hard-working farmers who had driven in from the surrounding towns. The representation from the village churches was surprisingly small.

"'He was so young I thought he'd kinder liven things up.' Not until the words of my critic fell upon my ears did I realize that I had failed miserably, unpardonably that day—because I wished to be heard of men. The opportunities of that conference were closed to me forever, but I prayed as I never prayed before for a chance to redeem myself. More quickly than I deserved came the invitation to assist in the installation service in a struggling rural church. No artist ever produced his first exhibition picture with more loving zeal than I bestowed upon the paper I prepared for the coming event. With youthful disregard for the feelings of others, I cherished a hope that it would rain upon the day set for the installation, that the proof of my repentance might be the more genuine. My unspoken prayer was granted; it rained throughout the services, and when it didn't rain it hailed. The attendance was gratifyingly small.

"When at last my name was announced I mounted the platform and gazed compassionately down upon those forty people, who looked at that moment as if their lives, like that of the preacher who preceded me, had been spent in a vale of tears. I glanced at the windows, against which sheets of rain were driving furiously, and turned again to my congregation. My subject had no marks of originality to commend it; it read simply, 'The Joy of Service.' But my words seemed to burst from my heart rather than from my lips. Before I had fairly begun I saw points of light leap into the tired, gray eyes of a woman directly in front of me; when I closed an hour later every face was radiant. I sat down, my heart overflowing with gratitude that, with my Master's help, I had fulfilled my mission so successfully. I knew that I had given my best, and asked no further reward than the consciousness of duty done. I was entirely unprepared for what followed.

"Immediately after the benediction men and women flocked about me and talked as if they had found a friend. 'You have such a pleasant look, I know you won't mind if I tell you how much I enjoyed every word you spoke. You made my heart burn within me. Before you'd got half through I whispered to Jim that you reminded me strong of Beecher.' If I confess that those words were music in my ears I am sure you will remember, friends, that I was only twenty-four. Again, 'It didn't seem as if I could come today, I was so tired; but Hiram said a change would do me good. Oh, it refreshed me so listenin' to you. Why, it's still rainin', and I thought it had stopped. But I don't mind ridin' home in the rain with your sermon to think about.'

"And then I received four invitations for the night. The one I finally accepted came from a dear old grandmother, who begged me to come home with her and cheer up her rheumatic husband. We found grandfather sitting by the kitchen stove, patiently waiting for 'mother' to come home and tell him 'all about it.' That pleasant task was delegated to their guest. Grandmother's memory proved as tenacious as that of the sermon taster of Drumtochty, for she recalled to my mind point after point of my address until I had repeated it to my audience of one. Never have the plaudits of a multitude meant so much to me as did the tears that fell from this aged man's eyes as he thanked me for the joy I had given him. I turned my face—I think to hide a tear of my own—and discovered grandmother in the act of pouring a cup of tea. I hope, friends, I shall not be called upon to enumerate the articles of food that were served at our banquet last night, but I can tell you exactly what I ate at the midnight supper in Grandmother Holcomb's kitchen—four slices of steaming toast, generously buttered; five spherical doughnuts thickly sugared; three slices of fruit cake so rich, so delectable that I have never seen its equal since. But remember I was only twenty-four. And caraway cookies! I fear I have forgotten how many caraway cookies I ate, for there was grandmother bending over me, urging me to have one more, and telling me about the little brown-eyed boy who would have been a minister, God willing, if he had only lived. Grandfather had been slowly hitching his chair up to the table, and now the dear old souls told me the story of their lives—the corn husking in Uncle Josiah's barn, at which they met nearly half a century ago; the wedding day, when the apple trees were in blossom; God's great gift of children, all living but the one little brown-eyed boy; the financial struggles there on the old farm, the care of which was now intrusted to John, the eldest son; their church life in all its phases of prosperity and adversity—and through it all rang their triumphant faith in God and man. The address I had delivered that day in the little white meeting house on the hill was a schoolboy's essay compared with the lessons their life history taught me.

"The next day I hurried back to my people—my people they were now, not the inhabitants of a rural community which I longed to leave for a sphere of wider influence. From that hour I dwelt among them, ministering unto them in the light of the revelation of their needs I had so miraculously received. No congregation was too small for the best that years of study enabled me to give; no home was too humble for any service that I could render. The days were far too short for the work I found awaiting me there among those glorious hills.

"And then came the call to a city parish. Should I leave the church whose growth I had watched until its fame had spread abroad? Never! I loved that church as I loved nothing else upon earth. And my people loved me, and their love was so unselfish that they drove me from their midst as a wise mother bird pushes its young from the nest. I was their son, and must go forth and make my name in the world and bring glory to their church. And so I accepted that call and the calls that followed, and for the sake of those dear people I had to succeed. They were father and mother to me, for my parents passed on years before; they wrote me long, homely letters; they sent me Christmas and birthday packages of good things from the farms that would have ruined my health had I not shared them so generously; they made me godfather of all the pastors who followed me. Over half my vacations I have spent back there among those hills. This ends my story, except that I have promised to go back this week and marry the first babies I ever baptized. It meant a journey of three hundred miles, but I wouldn't miss that wedding for all the honors you could confer upon me. I watched those two beautiful children grow up in the church; I directed in part their education; I watched their progress from year to year—my friends, it is fortunate I must leave on the 10 o'clock train. I find there is no end to this story."

The moderator had time for only a word of farewell. "I watched those young men while you told that story," he said. "I saw points of light leap into their eyes as they listened to your words. Before you closed, their faces were radiant. The safety of the rural churches they represent is assured."

"A man went down to Panama,
Where many a man had died,
To slit the sliding mountains
And lift the eternal tide.
A man stood up in Panama,
And the mountains stood aside."

It is the friend who knows our faults and likes us in spite of them who is the friend worth having.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. L. H. Griffith is in the midst of his revival services at Polkton this week.

—We get it by grapevine that Rev. R. M. Hoyle is doing some very effective preaching to the congregation at Newton.

—In the will of the late Miss Virginia Gilmer, of Greensboro, the Barium Springs orphanage receives a bequest of $10,000.

—Lumber is being placed on the ground for the enlargement and general remodeling of the parsonage on the Greensboro circuit.

—Rev. N. R. Richardson announces revival services to begin in his church at Cooleemee on the fifth Sunday in this month. Rev. Jim Green, conference evangelist, will lead the meeting.

—We understand that Rev. J. P. Rodgers, agent of the Western North Carolina Conference superannuate endowment fund, is now nearing $120,000 of the $200,000 goal. This is a cheering report.

—The ladies of our church in Danbury recently netted the sum of $45 at a pie supper given in the interest of the church. It proved, moreover, to be a very enjoyable social occasion.

—The editorial pages of the Sunday School Magazine and the Adult Student for March are especially strong. Our Sunday school workers will be amply repaid for a careful reading of these pages.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street Church, this city, presented the subject of tithing to his congregation on last Sunday morning and more than one hundred signed the tither's pledge.

—The report comes to the Advocate that practically all the congregation at Spruce Pine, Rev. Jas. P. Morris, pastor, have signed the tithers' pledge. We may expect great things in the near future where this is taking place.

—A wire message to the Advocate from Mr. H. B. Dickson announces that, by official action of the Centenary Commission, the dates of the celebration at Columbus, Ohio, have been extended to July 13. The correct date is June 20-July 13.

—Rev. D. H. Rhinehart, Statesville circuit, sends a good list and says, "My circuit is taking on new life," and adds that a little girl was born in the parsonage home February 27th. The mother and baby are both doing well. Congratulations.

—Mr. Churchill H. Cutting has been elected president of the American Bible Society to succeed Mr. James Wood, who has been president since 1911 and who recently resigned. Mr. Cutting is a prominent Baptist minister, having his residence in New York city.

—West End Church, Winston-Salem, was dedicated on last Sunday evening, the sermon being delivered by Bishop Darlington. We regret that a full account is not available for this issue of the Advocate.

—Rev. H. C. Byrum reports a good start on the Bessemer-Concord charge. All financial obligations have been provided for and all collections are up to date. Sunday school membership has been doubled and a general awakening is manifest. This charge is now numbered in the $1,500 class.

—We regret to learn that Rev. W. B. West and family have all been passing under the scourge of influenza. Brother West and the two children are able to be up, but Mrs. West was still confined to her bed early this week. We trust they may all soon be entirely well.

—Rev. W. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Asheville district, has sent out the first quarterly exhibit for his district. The exhibit is most excellently edited and shows great progress in the affairs of the district. It furnishes a very striking example of saying a great deal in few words.

—Twelve loyal laymen of West Market Street congregation have recently invested $8,500 of their own money in the purchase of a beautiful lot on North Elm street, Greensboro, to be held for their church's future enlargement. Some of these days another Methodist church will be built in Greensboro.

—A very enjoyable meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society of Central Church, Albemarle, was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Howie on Friday evening, February 28th. The business meeting was followed by a happy social hour, and the host and hostess served dainty refreshments, after which reluctant good-nights were said.

—Rev. W. J. S. Walker, pastor of West Davie circuit, reported at his second quarterly conference all benevolent collections paid in full. This is fine work and the fact that Brother Walker has done this in a difficult field should inspire others to undertake. The field will be clear for the Centenary drive only when the regular collections have been secured.

—The Winston district must be getting ready for the big drive. Rev. D. C. Ballard, of the Davie circuit, comes right along behind Brother Walker and at his second quarterly meeting reports his regular collections practically all provided for and more than half paid in cash. This is cheering news.

—Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, has just recently visited Lake Junaluska and arranged for the erection of a handsome summer cottage to cost $5,000. He reports that the management is preparing for taking care of the largest attendance in the history of this place. He expects to occupy his cottage with his family from about June 1st.

—Many friends and acquaintances among our readers will be grieved to learn of the death of Prof. Dougan C. Johnson, which occurred at his home at Trinity, in Randolph county, on Monday, March 3d. Prof. Johnson was a man of culture and had spent most of his life in the profession of teaching. He was a man of high ideals and will be greatly missed in his community.

—Rev. A. P. Ratledge, of Gibsonville, was in the city Monday and called at the Advocate office.

—Bethel Church, which, by the way, is the youngest Methodist organization in Greensboro, is organizing for a great rally on the fifth Sunday in this month in celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday school. Mr. T. C. Hoyle is superintendent and Rev. J. E. Woosley is pastor. The full program will be announced later.

—The Centenary cause is on the boom in Concord. The Sunday school secretary reports great interest there. Kerr Street Sunday school instructs its superintendnt to sign up for $151 the year. Central asks that its quota be enlarged. There will be no Centenary slacking among the Methodists of Concord. There are more Sunday school scholars in Concord than church members. Brother Paris proposes an even better showing by putting on a town-wide membership canvass.

—The Centenary received a great impetus in the Winston district last Monday evening when Bishop Darlington delivered one of his most forceful Centenary addresses to a large and representative Davidson county audience in the First Methodist Church, of Lexington. The Bishop is a leader of men; he never gets too far away from them. Following the address a delightful banquet was served at the March hotel for the county's Centenary workers.

—The Lincolnton Times last week carried the following very interesting item: "At a congregational meeting held at the methodist church Sundty it was decided to begin at an early date the erection of their new house of worship. The new house will be a modern and up-to-date structure of handsome architecture and will be built on the lot on East Main street, which the Methodist congregation purchased some time ago for this purpose." Later we understand that it has been decided to begin work in May. Methodists in Lincolnton are showing the progressive spirit and we are glad to see that they have the courage to undertake this much needed enterprise now.

—The whole Advocate family will rejoice with our congregation at First Church, Salisbury, on the opening of their splendid new house of worship. The first services were held in the new church last Sunday, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, the pastor, preaching at the morning service and Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., the presiding elder, preaching at the evening hour. It was a great day for the congregation, which had been worshiping for some two years or more in an improvised tabernacle. The new church cost about $100,000. They have just installed a new Austin pipe organ at a cost of $6,000. We are giving a good cut of this church on our third page, for which we are indebted to Mr. Smith, a layman of that congregation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The executive committee of the Board of Church Extension, Western North Carolina Conference, will meet in Main Street Church, Gastonia, on Friday, March 21, at 10 a. m. All persons having business with this committee are requested to have their papers present in proper form.

Walter Thompson, Chairman.

TO THE MINUTE MEN OF THE GREENSBORO DISTRICT

The eight-day drive of the Centenary Movement has been changed from April 27-May 4 to April 13-20, on account of conflicting dates with the coming "Victory Loan." Consequently, your work of making the "Centenary" known to all the Methodists of our district, must be done by two weeks sooner than had been planned. You can do this work,, if you will. I beseech you that you let no congregation assembled between now and the thirteenth of April begin or disperse before it has neard from you something new about the Centenary Movement.

High Point, N. C W. A. Lambeth,
District Chairman.

THE CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Replies are coming in thick and fast from our good Sunday school superintendents, pledging splendid amounts on the Centenary. Has your school lined up? The Western North Carolina conference schools must register 100 per cent on this thing. Otherwise, you will be bothered with constant reminders from your secretary. The enterprise is too good for your school to be left out. You are not going to be, that's all there is to it. Schools that have not yet begun operations following the closings of the past winter, can date their initial offering with the April contribution. The very smallest offering, if it is the best your school can do, will keep your school from slacking. You certainly shall not forget that the opportunity is here. O. V. Woosley.

IMPORTANT NOTICE, GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Our district Centenary council meeting will be held in Centenary church, Greensboro, N. C., Thursday, March 20, beginning at 9:30 and closing with the afternoon session. Dinner will be served in the dining room of the church.

The following are urged to attend: Every pastor in the district, and every local church campaign director. Please brethren, take notice that no more important meeting connected with the whole Centenary program is to be held than this. Here we are to study methods of handling the big drive, and it is of the very greatest importance that every director and pastor be present. Come for the opening moments and stay until adjournment. If local church directors have not yet been appointed in any of the charges, let the pastors do this at once and send their names and addresses to Mr. Fred N. Tate at High Point, N. C.

Present with us on that occasion, and explaining the work, will be Bishop Darlington, our conference director, Mr. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, our district director, Mr. Fred N. Tate, of High Point, our conference missionary secretary, Rev. R. M. Courtney ,of Thomasville, besides some local workers.

Let us make the attendance unanimous and use the big day for all it is worth.

Yours enthusiastically for the Centenary,
J. H. Barnhardt.

EVANGELISM

The conference committee on evangelism, of which Dr. T. F. Marr is chairman and the writer secretary, is very anxious to be of any possible service to the cause entrusted to us. How can we aid the brethren? Let us hear at any time.

Without presumption may we offer a few suggestions? The Centenary campaign is liable to displace the usual spring revival efforts; and, if so, great loss will follow. This need not be the case, for how better can every interest of the Centenary

be conserved than by a conference-wide revival? Let us do everything possible for the Centenary and at the same time endeavor as never before to open our spring work with a genuine revival in every charge. Certainly we all know that a spiritual congregation will do its every duty. Is not this the tide that carries all cargoes? Surely, then, let us plan, pray and labor for it. But how may we secure and enjoy this condition. First, let every preacher, official and private member make this the object of their constant prayer and earnest private effort.

Second, let our sermons aim at the definite regeneration of sinners and spiritual edification of believers. Entreat souls to yield to and confess Christ at the regular preaching service. Open "church doors" often. Not only "cast" but "draw" the net.

Third, Let every pastor be willing to assist his brethren in the work, and let every charge release its pastor while thus engaged.

Fourth. Let us have meetings in individual churches. Then, in some places, union meetings of the several Methodist churches will accomplish mighty results.

Fifth. Let us re-establish the camp meeting all over the conference. What greater possibilities can one imagine than are found in a genuine old-time camp meeting? No doubt about results when the one object is the salvation of men. Let the people set apart five or six days and give themselves to the Lord and the work and only God knows what can be done. Shall we not "prove" Him?

Jno. W. Moore.

A PIONEER CIRCUIT

The McDowelll circuit, in McDowell county, is one of the real pioneer circuits of the Western North Carolina Conference, having been organized over a hundred years.

At Nebo, one of its strongest churches, for many years was located the largest old-fashioned camp grounds in Southern Methodism. The auditorium was a great building seating about 2,000 people, and the writer has seen it full to overflowing many times. Some of the cottages on the grounds were three and four room houses and very comfortable.

This camp ground was abandoned in 1890 on account of whiskey drinking and a great deal of disturbance that came as a result, and the ground is used now as a small truck farm by the preacher in charge.

This circuit has within its bounds one of the oldest local preachers in the conference. He has preached the gospel to three generations. He has done more evangelistic work and there have been more souls saved under his ministry than under any other local preacher in that conference. For this he has received almost no remuneration at all. It is said that he has performed the marriage ceremony for over 500 couples and has held funerals far and near. He is a farmer and the gospel he preaches is free indeed. He has held great revivals in three different church buildings at his old home, Nebo. We speak of Rev. M. L. Kaylor, of Nebo, N. C.

When the writer was a boy the preacher in charge of the McDowell circuit did all the Methodist preaching that was done in the county. Now there are the Marion station and five good-sized circuits besides. Thirty-five years ago there was not a comfortable church building in the county; now there are several up-to-date buildings and every appointment has a nice, comfortable building.

The writer can remember when the preacher came to old Nebo once a month on the second Sunday and it was almost like a revival. The people came from far and near, some walking, some horseback, some in buggies, while others came in wagons, and the church would be full. Not so today. The last time the writer was there, on a beautiful Sunday in July, the congregation was composed of the immediate community. There was only one buggy and no wagons or saddle horses.

Some of the preachers who have served that circuit in the last thirty-five years, as the writer calls them to mind, are as follows: Rev. M. L. Lee, one year; Rev. J. G. Johnson, one year; Rev. M. T. Steele, three years; Rev. A. R. Surratt, one year; Rev. T. H. Edwards, one year; Rev. J. D. Gibson, four years; Rev. W. H. Perry, two years; Rev. R. H. Penland, supply, two years; Rev. M. C. Field, two years; Rev. Totton, one year; Rev. Peel, two years; Rev. J. H. Caviness, two years; Rev. R. P. Foster, one year; Rev. D. S. Richardson, four years; Rev. W. M. Mann, two years; Rev. O. P. Routh, two years; Rev. J. A. Fry, three years, he being in charge now. The time of service of each one may not be corrcet.

During this time the circuit has had as pastor only one supply preacher, who was Rev. R. H. Penland, of Burnsville, Yancey county, N. C.

Goldsboro, N. C. Zeb B. Pyatt.

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Directors

It is necessary to remember that the director in the Centenary Movement is not the same as the chairman of the Minute Men. In some instances, the same man occupies both positions, but the duties of the director are different from the duties of the chairman of the Minute Men. The director, whether he be conference, district or church director, is the organizer and leader in the Centenary financial campaign.

The duties of the district directors were explained in the conference council which met at Salisbury on February 13.

The duties of the church directors will be explained in the district councils which will be held in the district according to the schedule which has been announced.

It is of primary importance that the church directors attend these district councills. Every one of these men or women, as the case may be, should certainly be on hand and get the plan of this great church financial campaign.

A Staggering Task

If the Centenary is asking for a staggering sum it is because the church is up against a staggering task. When I remember that though it is nineteen centuries since Jesus gave His command to make disciples of all the nations, one-half of the world has not yet heard His name, that the forces of righteousness and justice for which He lived and died are fighting for their lives with their backs to the wall, that the crackers are crying that Christianity has failed and the timid are beginning to fear—when I remember all this and see what the church is fronting of opportunity, obligation and possibility, I marvel not at the size of the Centenary, but at the modesty of the askings.

This is not the day of small things. "Only maximums will win the war," so it was said. Methodism must tighten its belt and set itself to a task that will test its rescources to the limit. When we ask our boys to give their lives to free the world, we must not hesitate when they ask us to make sacrifices to save it.

Centenary Principles of Christian Stewardship

1. God is the owner of all things.
2. Man is a steward, and must give an account for all that is entrusted to him.
3. God's ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged.
4. This acknowledgement requires, as its material expression, the setting apart, as an act of worship of "a separated portion" of income.
5. Biblical history records the setting apart of the tenth of the income as that acknowledgement.
6. This "separated portion" ought to be systematically administered for the Kingdom of God, and balance treated as no less a trust.

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Are you praying for the Centenary? Out in the Texas Mexican Mission Conference, there is a Mexican Bible Woman who makes it her special business to pray daily for the Centenary. Out of a salary of $20 a month this dear child of God pays $15 to the church and then takes in washing to eke out a living. The Centenary will not fail to go over the top in any part of Methodism where the people are praying and paying it over.

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First Church, Buenos Aires, a mission church, has the distinction of leading not only the Methodism of South America, but that of North America as well, as the first church in the whole world-wide connection to raise its allotment in the Centenary campaign.

America must prove herself. Now is the time in Jesus' name to make men free. In God's providence the Centenary has come to help. The evangelization of the nations is the safety of the world.

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The Missionary Centenary will carry the light of education into darkest Africa.

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The mission of the Centenary to Cuba will be realized in giving to the Cuban people the open Bible and guiding them into an intelligent conception and acceptance of Christ as their only hope of salvation. The task before the church is to reach the number for which Southern Methodism is responsible—860,000 Only 4,000 have been reached.

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Southern Methodists who have responded so generously to the war needs of the past four years will not fail to heed the call of the Centenary.

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The Centenary world program based on a careful survey of our mission fields, proposes to send out to Africa, Brazil, China, Korea and Mexico, in the next five years twenty-seven medical missionaries and thirty-seven nurses, besides opening several new hospitals, dispensaries and medical schools, and better equipping those already in operation. It is an inspiring effort to combat disease among some forty million people who are largely or wholly without medical advantages and thereby introduce to them the great Healer of Souls.

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The whole five-year Centenary program for Africa involves the expenditure of $380,000, which the Epworth Leagues have pledged themselves to raise.

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What Your Centenary Money Will Do

Americanize and Christianize foreign-born people in United States.

Expand our city mission work.

Educate the Negro for safe citizenship.

Combat illiteracy in mountain sections.

Provide church buildings for every needy congregation.

Supplement support of 2,500 underpaid pastors.

Reclaim the outcast and improve industrial conditions.

Give the gospel message to the non-Christian world.

Equip and send abroad three hundred new missionaries.

Train a great native force for Christian leadership.

Establish scores of schools and hospitals in benighted mission lands.

Reconstruct war-ravaged countries of Europe.

Can you think of any better investment?

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They's a Ketch in It

Dr. Harvey Reeves Calkins was one day explaining to a group of church officers God's financial plan of weekly giving on a tithing basis. Turning to a shrewd farmer he asked if he had made the matter clear. The man replied, "They's a ketch in it."

"Why, my brother, I intended to make it very plain," said the speaker'

"O, it's plain enough," replied the farmer, "but they's a ketch in it, all the same; for I can see if we adopt that plan we'll be paying out more money than we intend to give."—Missionary Voice.

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North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro

Dr. W. R. Ware and Rev. D. G. Wilson are both presenting the Centenary to congregations that are becoming much interested in the whole movement.

The financial allotment have been accepted by the quarterly conference, and both pastors and people seem confident that there will be nothing but success in these two charges. The secretary spent a most delightful day Sunday, March the 9 with these churches.

From his neck up I think he's dead,
His dumbness often makes me grin;
The only time he'll use his head
Is when he's trying to butt in.

—The Federal.

The married man needs life assurance because he is exposed to death. The single man needs it because he is exposed to marriage.—T. I. P.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

I'M COMING HOME TO YOU

When evening brings the shadows
And sky of crimson hue,
I sit and count the hours
Till I come back to you.

Morning comes, the bugle calls
To start the day anew,
And I know when twilight falls
I'm one day nearer you.

No matter what the duty is,
I sing the whole day through,
Because evening brings me rest
And one day nearer you.

And the tears that were shed in parting,
Through smiles will sparkle like dew
And all sorrows will be forgotten
When I come back to you.

How slowly do the hous go,
Days that seem endless, too;
But this my sweetest thought, mother,
I'm coming back to you.

James W. Elliott, 1st Sergeant,
105 Sig. Bn., 30th Division, A. E. F.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

We are sorry it was necessary for our material to go to the printer so early that we cannot give in this issue any of the proceedings of our annual meeting, but in next week's column our readers may expect a full report of those days at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, where our workers gathered together to formulate plans and pray for the advancement of the work.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Woman's Missionary Council will hold its ninth annual session in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Memphis, Tenn., April 2-8, inclusive. Because of the great Centenary work of the council and many other matters of especial importance this meeting promises to be one of the most interesting for some time. Our Western North Carolina Conference will be represented by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, president, and Mrs. H. A. Dunham, corresponding secretary.

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS THESE

Record and report books for adult societies, price each 25 cents.

Ready March 15: Record and report books for district secretary, price each 25 cents. Record and report books for young people's societies, price 20 cents each, set of two for 35 cents. Record and report books for childrens' societies, price each 15 cents. As no blanks will be furnished in the future it is very necessary that the societies have these books. There will be two books, one for the corresponding secretary (and for superintendents) and the other for the treasurer. These two books will contain all the blanks that are necessary for all the officers and the set will last two years.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Council Bulletin, which is the Council Daily, six in one, will be issued at the close of the meeting and sent out in a few days thereafter. The price is, as usual, 25 cents. All subscriptions should be sent promptly to Miss Lena Freeman, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

"ADVENTURES OF FAITH IN FOREIGN LANDS

Have you seen the new Centenary study book, "Adventures of Faith in Foreign Lands " by Edward Leigh Pell? Dr. Pell is a fascinating writer and in this little book he is at his best. It thrills while it instructs. It is a book for old and young, and a study of it will lead to a better understanding of the great Centenary movement and prepare the reader for an intelligent and generous participation in the "big drive" April 13-20. The book can be ordered from Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn., and its price is, cloth, 60 cents; paper, 40 cents.

"MAKING AMERICA SAFE"

Another new Centenary study book which should be in the hands of every Methodist at this time is "Making America Safe," by O. E. Goddard and Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell, administrative secretaries, Home Department, Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This little book contains eight chapters and is a study of home mission problems. A questionnaire on each chapter and an appendix showing the itimized askings of the Centenary make it particularly adapted to Centenary study. Ready now. Price, paper, 40 cents; cloth, 60 cents. Order from Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn.

NEWS FROM OUR WORKERS

Mrs. N. H. Gwyn, of Lenoir, sends the following account of a recent meeting of the women's societies at Lenoir:

The Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. E. F. Allen on Monday afternoon, February 24th, and was largely attended. Following the usual devotional exercises a most carefully selected program, with Mrs. Goforth as leader, was given. Several interesting and enlightening articles on Africa were read by different members of the auxiliary.

With already a good membership, several new names were added to the list and much zeal was manifested in the Centenary movement.

After reports from committees and other business matters had been discussed Mrs. Allen, assisted by her mother and sisters, served delicious refreshments, which closed a pleasant afternoon.

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We hear through Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of Central Church, Concord, that the society is well organized for the Centenary movement. In addition to the prayer special they have four-minute speakers each month and on the evening of February 23d a public meeting on behalf of the Centenary was held in the church. Interesting papers on subjects bearing on the Centenary, recitations and appropriate music by the choir made the program one of exceptional interest.

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Miss Stanley Hall, corresponding secretary of the Young Ladies' Society of Hickory, writes us that this society has adopted the plan of using mission study books for the programs, and that they believe the plan is not only going to prove most interesting, but instructive also. This society raises the pledge of personal pledges and last year overpaid its assessment. The following officers were chosen for 1919: President, Miss Clara Bowles; vice-prsident, Miss Mary Keever; recording secretary, Miss Macey Blackwelder; corresponding secretary, Miss Stanly Hall; treasuer, Miss Emma Bonner.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Thomasville adult society, Main Street Church, Thomasville, N. C.: President, Mrs. F. S. Lambeth; first vice-president, Mrs. L. B. Thomas; second vice-president, Miss Lillian Yow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Peace; recording secretary, Miss Ella Lambeth; superintendent mission study, Mrs. R. M. Courtney; superintendent social service, Mrs. G. M. Hoover; superintendent supplies, Mrs. B. S. Lambeth; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Peace; Voice agent, Miss Ella Lambeth; chairman local department, Mrs. J. A. Green; treasurer local department, Mrs. J. W. Lambeth.

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Adult society, Bryson City, N. C.: President, Mrs. W. W. Wiggins; first vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Long; second vice-president, Miss Bertha Marr; corresponding and recording secretary, Miss Georgia Hampton; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Coburn; superintendent mission study, Mrs. Rhineheart; superintendent social service, Mrs. R. M. Waldrop; superintendent supplies, Mrs. Alex Marr.

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Childrens society, Norwood, N. C.: President, Georgia Lee Barringer; vice-president, Annie Mae Bowles; secretary, Fannie Hathcock; treasurer, Kate Lowder; organist, Audry Alphin.

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Young People's society, Central Church, Asheville, N. C.: President, Miss Sarah Orr, 84 Starnes avenue; vice-president, Miss Ruth Brown, 54 N. Liberty street; corresponding secretary, Miss Mae Bloomer, 209 Cumberland avenue; recording secretary, Miss Blanche Jones, Haywood place; treasurer, Miss Mary Webster, 137 Biltmore avenue; superintendent mission study, Miss Virginia Fortune, 45 Bartlett street; superintendent social service, Miss Eula Buttrick, 398 Montford avenue; superintendent supplies, Miss Louise Coston, 508 Biltmore avenue.

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Adult society of Park Avenue Church, Salisbury, N. C.: President, Mrs. A. S. Raper, 413 N. Shaver street; first vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Ketchie, 430 E. Council; second vice-president, Mrs. Catherine Blackwell, 808 Railroad avenue; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. N. Moose, 513 E. Lafayette street; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. S. Morgan, 424 E. Kerr street; superintendent study and publicity, Mrs. E. W. Cauble, 412 N. Long street; superintendent social service, Mrs. N. C. Hoffner, E. Liberty street; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. H. S. Walker, 517 Park avenue; agent Missionary Voice, Miss Ruth Moose, 513 E. Lafayette street.

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Young people's society, Park Avenue Church, Salisbury: President, Miss Helen Morgan, 424 E. Kerr street; vice-president, Miss Bessie Horah, Long street; secretary and treasurer, Miss Myrtle Kestler, E. Council street; superintendent social service, Miss Hazeline Ketchie, 430 E. Council street; superintendent study and publicity, Miss Mary Hoffner, E. Liberty street; agent Missionary Voice, Miss Ruth Moose ,513 E. Lafayette street.

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Children's missionary society, Park Avenue Church, Salisbury: President, Margaret Henry, 701 Park avenue; first vice-president, Aileen Millhold, 405 Park avenue; second vicepresident, Eveline McQuage, 532 E. Cemetery street; recording secretary, Her menia Morgan, 424 E-. Kerr street; corresponding secretary, Mary Morefield, 409 Park avenue; treasurer, Gertrude Kestler, 417 E. Council street; superintendent social service, Pearl Yarborough, 520 E. Council street.

THE CENTENARY CALL TO THE YOUNG

Glorious is a life spent in the service of humanity and sweet the reward of obedience. We live in a day when voices call from every land. The whole world is in the melting pot. The last dying groans of autocracy will soon be hushed, and upon its grave new democracies will be born—

Infants crying in the night,
And with no language but a cry.

Great peoples are calling, calling, calling for help. Long they have waited and are waiting still. Shall they wait forever when Christ says, "I am the Light of the world?" Shall they grope in darkness through another mournful generation? Some of the finest young men and women answer, "No!" Seven thousand student volunteers from American colleges and universities have gone into the regions beyond in recent decades. They are the torch bearers of the nations. Thousands more are needed. It is noble to leave all and follow Christ when the marred faces of tortured races are turning toward

The dawning of that Light
That maketh all things new.

In the world war, with the advance of the colors forty thousand American students "marched to glory or the grave." Can we do less for the cross of Christ? This is the only life I shall ever have a chance to invest for the betterment of mankind. The old is passing away and the new order is ushered in. The new earth will surpass the old in proportion to the sacrificial quality of our lives. Many true hearts in obedience to the will of God will join the Centenary life saving corps to hold forth the Light across the world. Will you be one?—Missionary Voice.

MAKING DEMOCRACY SAFE

Democracy is a popular term. To the minds of many it represents the goal of social progress. Our great President has declared very appropriately that one of the ends for which our country has been fighting is to make the world safe for democracy. One of our bishops has added wisely that while we are making the world safe for democracy it is even more important that we make democracy safe for the world.

Democracy means government by the people. In modern thought it carries the idea of a government based on a constitution adopted by the people, administered by officials elected by the people, and subject at any time to modification by the people. In the opinion of many the establishment of such a government is the end of political attainment. But democracy is not an end in itself; it is merely a means to a higher end. It is not the consummation of liberty; it is merely a step in the progressive realization of liberty. It is entirely possible that democracy shall fail of its end. It is entirely possible that a government of democratic form shall prove just as unsafe for the liberties of the people as autocracy has proved.

In order to be safe democracy must protect the individual from the offenses of other individuals or of society at large, and it must protect society from the offenses of the individual. For democracy to be safe it is not sufficient that it merely preserve the stability of society against strife and revolution. Under some conditions strife and revolution are better than peace. Discontent must come before there can be progress. A sad commentary it is on conditions in China that the great empire calmly slept on for so many centuries without a revolution. It is the function of democracy to correct abuses and evils which have led to revolution in the past and to eliminate other evils which, if allowed to continue, will surely lead to bloody revolution in the future. The democracy of the future must give to the individual and to society a protection which no government of the past has given. Autocracy has been found unsafe. Democracy is on trial. If democracy fails, socialism will follow.

Jesus came "to preach good tidings to the poor," "to proclaim release to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." His mission was to remove all conditions which prevent the individual's full enjoyment of liberty and of life. The object of government is similar—the establishment of a society in which all the rights of the individual will be protected.

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

DEVOTIONAL TOPICS

March

2. The Lure of the World. 2 Tim. 4: 10; 1 John 2: 15-17. (Consecration meeting.)
9. The Art of Winning Souls. Prov. 11: 30; Jas. 5: 20; 1 Cor. 9: 19; Matt. 4: 18-20. (Meeting for the Fellow Workers' Covenant.)
16. Lost by Looking. Prov. 23: 29-35. (Temperance meeting.)
23. Our Relation to God. III. Obeying. John 15: 12-17.
30. Christianity and the Toilers of Japan. Matt. 28: 16-20; Mark 6: 34.

April

6. Our Relation to God: IV. Praying. Mark 11: 19-26. (Cansecration meeting in charge of the members of the Quiet Hour Covenant.)
13. The Confession of Christ and the Denial of Him. Rom. 10: 9; Luke 22: 55-61. (Meeting preparatory to the observance of Fellowship Week. A program of daily service for Holy Week can be had of Smith & Lamar at 10 cents a dozen copies.
20. Eternal Life and How to Live It. John 5: 24; Eph. 2: 1-10; 1 Pet. 1: 3-5. (Easter meeting.)
27. Christianity and the Toilers of America. Matt. 9: 35-38. (Home missions. This meeting may oppropriately be led by the president of the Woman's Missionary Society.)

AFRICA

"Though a thousand fall, let not Africa be given up."—Melville Cox.

The Task Before Us.—To assume our share in the evangelization of the 15,000,000 Africans in the Belgian Congo, one-third the size of the United States and with immense natural resources for the support of a great population.

To co-operate with other missions in reaching the more than one hundred tribes, in reducing the languages to writing, and the education and elevation of an ignorant and superstitious people.

To educate and train a body of native teachers and evangelists through whom the remotest villages can be reached and a native church establishd which shall be self-supporting and self-propagating.

What We Propose to Do.—Send ten men and eight women within the next five years. Two of the ten men should be doctors and two of the eight women should be nurses. Train one hundred teachers and fifty evangelists. Build fourteen houses for missionaries, four school houses and fifty-three churches, the churches being built by native contributions of material and labor. Build three workshops and three small hospitals, the latter having accommodations for from eight to ten beds. Set up a small printing press for lesson sheets, tracts and printing the Scriptures in Batetela. Provide a small steamer for transportation of missionaries and supplies on the tributaries of the Kasai and Sankuru rivers.

The Epworth League can do it, and it will. Three hundred and eighty thousand in five years, or seventy-six thousand per year, or seventy-six Centenary.

With the remarkable providence which attended the footsteps of Prof. John Wesley Gilbert and myself here in a stay of seven months and a journey of five thousand miles in the interior of Africa, and with the splendid response made by our church to the call for men and money for the maintenance of the mission, we cannot but be convinced that the Lord of hosts is with us and is leading our church in the evangelization of the Dark Continent.—W. R. Lambuth.

Evangelistic Work

The Task Before Us.—We are responsible for the evangelization of the Batetela tribe, 200,000 strong, between the Lomami and Sankuru rivers and south of the equator. This is a tribe of powerful men and women physically, who are cannibalistic, but who live by hunting, fishing and tilling the soil. They are found in well-built villages, in the forest along the streams and in the open veldt.

What We Are Now Doing.—Two men and three women for evangelistic two native evangelists, are engaged in evangelistic work. They are carrying on daily Bible classes at the station, preaching in neighboring villages and traveling two circuits.

What We Propose to Do.—Send six man and three women for evangelistic work. Establish a central training school for evangelists and a Bible training class at each station. Reach with the Gospel every village within the distance of five days' walk.

The Epworth League can touch the heart of Africa by consecrating life and money to the Missionary Centenary. Africa is the Epworth League's Centenary responsibility.

UNITED METHODISM GOES TO EUROPE

As a practical example of the unity of effort in which our Centenary officials believe, Bishop Atkins and Dr. Pinson sailed for Europe December 21 in company with Dr. Frank Mason North, corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, executive secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Centenary Department of War Emergency and Reconstruction. In Europe this deputation will join Bishop W. R. Lambuth, of the Southern Church, and Bishop William F. Anderson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

General headquarters will probably be established in Paris. From there members of the deputation will visit the countries of Europe which need help in the work of reconstruction.

Careful surveys will be made so that the money raised by American Methodism may be expended most wisely and the two branches of the church may co-operate without overlapping.

CALL OF THE COUNTRY CHURCH

During a visit to a little suburban church in Atlanta the war worker noted a service flag on which were thirty stars in honor of those who had gone out to battle.

The Y. M. C. A. secretary observing several soldiers in the audience, took pains to count the number present and there were thirty in uniform attending church services that evening. Upon inquiry he discovered that the Sunday school attendance that morning of seventy-five included thirty-five soldiers from the camp.

This little church had not caught these men by material or artificial means, but the simple appeal of the little suburban church, with its gospel hymns, its simple gospel preaching and good fellowship had gripped them mightily.

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The Deal Scheduled for Last November, Which Was Postponed on Account of the Influenza Epidemic, Is Now Reinstated—Good During the Month of March

OVER ONE MILLION JARS OF VAPORUB PRODUCED EACH WEEK

It is with pride that we announce to the drug trade that the shortage of Vick's VapoRub, which has lasted since last October, is now overcome. Since January 1st we have been running our laboratory twenty-three and a half hours out of every twenty-four. Last week we shipped the last of our back orders, and retail druggists, therefore, are no longer requested to order in small quantities only.

NOVEMBER DEAL REINSTATED

This deal, which we had expected to put on last November and which had to be postponed on account of the shortage of VapoRub, is reinstated for the month of March. This allows a discount of 10 per cent on shipments from jobbers' stock of quantities of from 1 to 4 gross. Five per cent of this discount is allowed by the jobber and five per cent by us.

We advise the retail druggists to place their orders immediately, so that the jobbers will be able to get prompt shipments to them.

THANKS OF THE PUBLIC DUE THE DRUG TRADE DURING THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

The thanks of the American public are certainly due the entire drug trade—retail, wholesale and manufacturing—for what they accomplished during the recent influenza epidemic. The war caused a shortage of physicians—nurses were almost impossible to obtain—the demand on the drug trade was unexpected and overwhelming, and to this demand they responded nobly. Retail druggists kept open day and night and slept where they dropped behind the prescription counter. Wholesale druggists called their salesmen off the road to help fill orders—hundreds wired us to ship Vick's VapoRub by the quickest route, regardless of expense.

A TREMENDOUS JOB TO INCREASE OUR PRODUCTION

In this emergency we have tried to do our part. We scoured the country for raw materials—our traffic manager spent his days riding freight cars in—we shipped raw materials in carload lots by express and pleaded with manufacturers to increase their deliveries to us.

But it was a slow process. Some of our raw materials are produced only in Japan—supplies in this country were low and shipments required three months to come from the Far East. Then we had to recruit and train skilled labor. We brought our salesmen into the factory and trained them as foremen. We invented new machinery, and managed to install it on Christmas day, so as not to interfere with our daily production.

143 JARS OF VAPORUB EVERY MINUTE DAY AND NIGHT

By January 1st we had everything ready to put on our night shift, and since then our laboratory has been running day and night. To feed our automatic machines, which drop out one hundred and forty-three jars of VapoRub a minute or one million and eighty thousand weekly, has required a force of 500 people. Our Cafe Department, created for the benefit of these workers, served 7,000 meals during the month of January alone.

13 MILLION JARS OF VAPORUB DISTRIBUTED SINCE OCTOBER

An idea of the work we have accomplished this fall may be given by our production figures—13,028,976 jars of VapoRub manufactured and distributed since last October—one jar for every two families in the entire United States.

During the influenza epidemic Vick's VapoRub was used as an external application in connection with the physician's treatment, and thousands of people, unable to obtain a doctor, relied on Vick's almost exclusively.

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From the Field

SHELBY DISTRICT NOTICE

The council meeting for the Shelby district will be held at Central Church, Shelby, on Friday, March 14, beginning at 10 a. m. Bishop Darlington, Brother Courtney, Brother E. A. Cole, conference director, and Brother G. C. Andrews, district director, will be present and have part in the discussions.

This is probably the last district meeting in the interest of the Centenary that will be held in our district before the eight-day drive. The full plan of the campaign is to be carefully explained. It is very important, therefore, that every pastor and every church director in the district be present. Let all the local church chairmen of the Speakers' Bureau and Minute Men be present. In fact, it is urged that all who are vitally interested in the Centenary take a day off and come to this all-day meeting at Shelby on March 14. John F. Kirk.

FROM DILWORTH, CHARLOTTE

Dilworth has been called upon to give up two most excellent members within the past week. Mrs. Carrie Price Huddleston, wife of Harvey Huddleston, living at 407 Post street, Charlotte, was stricken with influenza, and after four days of sickness passed away on the night of February 24th. Sister Huddleston was the daughter of Henry M. Price and was reared four miles from Monroe. She had been living in this city for about twenty years and had always been a faithful member of the church. A true friend to every good work undertaken by her pastor, she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Annie Owen Hall, just rounding her fortieth year of life, fell on sleep on the morning of March 5th. She was the wife of J. H. Hall and daughter of W. A. Owen, and had been a worker in the church since a child. She was afflicted with cancer and has suffered for two years perfect torture, but in her affliction has shown a wonderful grace and patience, showing the grace of God in every trial.

Our church will miss these godly women, but are confident that they have entered the mansions above.

We commend the stricken families to the Holy Spirit for His consolation and aid. L. B. Abernethy.

ALBEMARLE CIRCUIT

We were returned for the fourth year to work with the good people of Albemarle circuit. Soon after returning from conference the splendid parsonage was furnished with electric lights, adding much to the convenience and comfort of the pastor and his wife. A continual pounding has been going on ever since. Actually one good lady of Zoar Church and one of Bethesda each gave us a nice ham. For all of these nice and useful gifts we are thankful. Last year our people paid $100 over the assessment for the pastor, and the stewards decided to raise the pastor's salary $100 for this year.

We have been hampered in our work on account of the siege of influenza that has swept over this town and entire county. Our congregations have been small all through the winter, but are improving for the last month. While scores of our people have had influenza, and in a number of families every member of the family, not one of the members of our charge has died. We have great reason to thank God for the special blessings bestowed upon us and our people. We are thankful to our God that the plague of disease has not yet entered the parsonage. The pastor has gone from home to home where almost every member of the family was in bed at one time, but the Lord has still kept us safe thus far.

We have been busy working and praying for the success of the Centenary drive, and also the Advocate; but, first of all, we are asking God for great things this year. Our God is a great God and loves to do great things, and we are praying for 100 souls saved and added to the church this year. Pray for us that our faith may not fail. H. F. Starr, Pastor.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

The amount of Centenary fund allotted to Salisbury district is $184,100. This amount has been apportioned to the charges as follows:

Albemarle, Central	$9,600
Albemarle, First Street	5,350
Albemarle circuit	3,750
Badin	2,500
Bethel-Loves	4,950
China Grove	5,000
Concord, Central	17,190
Concord, Epworth-Center	4,155
Concord, Forest Hill	7,735
Concord, Kerr Street	2,600
Concord, Westford-Harmony	1,820
Concord circuit	7,250
Cottonville-Oakboro	3,950
Gold Hill circuit	6,450
Kannapolis station	7,200
Kannapolis circuit	3,350
Mount Pleasant circuit	8,650
New London circuit	6,050
Norwood-Randall	7,500
Salem circuit	4,600
Salisbury, First church	21,300
Salisbury, Park Avenue	5,000
Salisbury, South Main	8,100
Salisbury circuit	7,200
Spencer, Central	10,000
East Spencer-North Main	6,475
Woodleaf circuit	6,475

A district council meeting for Salisbury district is called to meet in Salisbury, in the First Methodist Church, March the 19th. All the pastors in the district are expected to attend this council meeting, and also all the directors of the Centenary campaign. I am expecting the work of the campaign to be fully organized in that meeting. We hope the Woman's Missionary Societies will send delegates.

J. C. Rowe.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT NOTES

The Leicester parsonge is to be repainted.

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The Flat Rock church has electric lights.

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Twenty-five dollars is to be spent in improving the Bonny Hill property.

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Work has been resumed on the handsome cement-block church, at River View, Asheville circuit.

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Six hundred dollars have been subscribed, looking to a new church at the Flats of Spring Creek.

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The Beech Glen church, Mars Hill circuit, to cost $3,500, is nearing completion. Some say it will be the best country church in the district.

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Eighteen pastors have secured 164 new subscribers to the Advocate. This lacks but eighty-six of reaching the district's minimum. We have yet the month of March. If the other pastors do as well we are "over the top."

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Secretary Courtney has used his stereopticon views at Black Mountain, Biltmore, Marshall, Hot Springs and Hendersonville.

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Central was host t the stewards of the Asheville churches at a Centenary supper on March 3. Leaders from adjoining counties were present. Director Weaver was in charge.

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All pastors and church directors will meet in district council at Central church, Asheville, March 28, 2:30 p. m., for instruction looking to putting on the eight-day drive. Cole, Courtney and Weaver will be present.

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The pastors generally are preaching as directed by the four-weeks' program, literature is being distributed, Sunday schools are accepting five cents per capita quota and at certain points the Minute Men are putting in good licks.

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Inaccurate returns show that 869 of our people have joined the fellowship of intercessors, 131 tithers are reported, and the campaign has hardly begun. Fifty-three Three Minute Speakers, representing 13 charges, are turning on the light, and 164 new families are getting Centenary inspiration from our Advocate.

THE GERMAN WAYS

It seems that Germany, like Bonquo's ghost, is hard to down. The latest new German idea is "Mental Meals" or "Intellectual Meals." In their food shortage they have conceived the idea of imaginary meals without any real food whatever and a certain cult in that country says it satisfies the apetite about as well as real food. It is said they go through with all the forms and ceremony of a real meal around a table, with their eyes closed, the only difference being the absence of food. If this German idea ever becomes practical it will be a great thing for many of our good brethren on "root-pig-or-die" charges.

How would this "made in Germany" plan work in raising Centenary money? I am sure our good editor could use it to great advantage in securing new subscribers and renewals to the Advocate. One or two "Mental Meals" by the average family would save enough to pay for the Advocate.

Lenoir, N. C. John M. Price.

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The ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council will be held at the First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn., April 2-8, 1919. The workers' conference will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 2d, at 2 o'clock, and an inspiration service the evening of the same day.

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Following the action of the General Sunday School Board authorizing the employment of an associate superintendent of young people's and adult department of Sunday school work, Mr. M. W. Brabham began work March 1st. He will have his headquarters at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Brabham is a Wofford graduate of the class of 1905. He spent over five years in the banking business in his home town of Bamberg, S. C. During that time he was active in Sunday school work as teacher and later as sperintendent; he also served as a member of the conference Sunday school board. In 1911 he accepted the position of Sunday school field secretary for the North Carolina conference, in which capacity he served for five years. Following this he served a year and a half in Virginia in the same capacity, resigning his position there a year ago to enter the army Y. M. C. A. work. In the Y. M. C. A. he was camp secretary at Fort Caswell, N. C., until September, when he was asked to become field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work among the colleges and universities in the southeastern department, with headquarters in Atlanta.

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"The number of parsonages is 214. The value of parsonages is $591,501, an increase of $49,114.

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"While our people have shown increased interest in making our church property safe, yet the larger part of our property is uninsured.

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THE GARDEN GATE

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"It isn't a gate; it's a motor car!
I'm traveling fast, and I'm traveling far.
I toot my horn, and I turn my wheel,
And nobody knows how grand I feel."

Early and late, early and late,
Little Boy swings on the garden gate.

"It isn't a gate; it's a great big ship!
I'm off to the pole on a 'sporing trip.
I'll ride a white bear, holding on by his hair,
And I'll hurry him up with a whale-skin whip."

Early and late, early and late,
Little Boy swings on the garden gate.

"It isn't a gate; it's a big balloon!
I'm going to sail till I reach the moon.
I'll play with the man as hard as I can,
And I'll stir up the stars with a great horn spoon."

Early and late, early and late,
Little Boy swings on the garden gate.

"It's not a gate; it's——"off runs he,
His mother is calling: "Come in to tea!"
It's a wonderful gate, but it just isn't able
To turn itself into a supper table.
—Laura E. Richards, in Woman's Home Companion.

SNOW STORIES

There had been a November snow storm and the woods and fields were white and still. All the summer birds had gone, while the pine grosbeaks, the snowflakes, the cross-bills, the siskins and the other winter folk were yet in the far north. This morning there was not even the caw of the crow from the cold sky. As I followed the unbroken wood road it seemed as if all the wild folk were gone or asleep.

The snow told another story. On its surface were records of the life which throbbed and passed and ebbed under the silent trees. Just ahead of me were long lines and traceries of footprints with a tailmark between. In and out they ran among the dry stalks of lobelia, yarrow and tansy, showing where the white-footed deermice had frolicked and feasted the long night through on the store of seeds left on the plant stalks, underneath and around which their little tunnels ran beneath the snow. These are the same little rascals which swarm into my winter camp and gnaw everything in sight. One of my friends one night left a new felt hat on the window seat. The next morning there was a little circle of neat round holes gnawed around the crown of the hat.

Today among the mouse tracks was a faint trail only just visible, made up of what looked like a string of exclamation marks, with a tailmark showing between them. It was the track of the masked shrew, a little plush-covered animal, the fiercest fighter of all the wild folk. If he were the size of a dog, no one's life would be safe in country districts. The large deermice and meadow voles, and even the gray Norwegian rat, give him a wide berth. That night, the snow said, the shrew was a most unwelcome arrival at the dinner of the Merry Mice Association. At first their trails all ran together in a maze of tracks. Where the trail of the shrew touched the circle there shot out separate lines of deermice tracks like the spokes of a wheel, with the paw marks far apart, showing that the guests had all sprung from the table at the approach of the stranger, and dashed off in different directions. The shrew track circled faintly here and there, then started off in a lonely trail, ran for some distance and—stopped.

The sword of Damocles, which hangs winter and summer over the head of all the little wild folk, had fallen. The shrew was gone. A tiny fleck of blood and a single track like a great X on the snow told the tale of his passing. All his fierceness availed nothing when the great talons of the flying death clamped through his soft fur. An X on the snow is the monogram of the owl folk, just as a K is of the hawk kind. The size of the mark in this case showed that the killer was one of the larger owls, probably the great horned owl, that fierce king of the deep night woods whose head, with its long eartufts or horns, I had seen peering from his nest of sticks on the mountainside in a high treetop as early as February. On wings so muffled with sofe downy feathers as to be absolutely noiseless, he had swooped down in the darkness and broken the tiny bubble of the shrew's life.

Now the trail wound upward toward the slope of the Cobble, a steep, sharp-pointed little hill which suddenly thrust itself up from a circle of broad meadows and flat woodlands. By the road the snow had drifted over a low patch of sweet fern in a low hummock. As I plodded along I happened to strike this with my foot. There was a tremendous whirring noise, the snow exploded all over me, and out burst a magnificent cock partridge and whizzed away among the laurels like a lyddite shell. When the snow storm began he selected a cozy spot in the lee of the sweet fern patch, and had let himself be snowed over. The warmth of his body had made a round, warm room, and with plenty of rich fern seeds in easy reach he was prepared to stay in winter quarters a week if necessary.—Samuel Scoville, Jr., in Sunday School Times.

TEACHING CHILDREN THE MEANING OF MONEY

"I want my child to begin so early to lay aside a tenth of his money that when he gets to be a man he will never remember not having done it."

If the teachings of Christian stewardship had been wisely worked into the Sunday school lessons of a generation ago there would not today be an army of adult Christians trying to answer the question of whether or not one dare to be systematic enough and trustful enough to lay the tenth of the income upon God's altar.

So important is this matter that I asked the friend who made the remark at the head of this article to tell me of his method.

"Each week," he replied, "I make to each child an allowance equaling the number of cents that he is years old. From this allowance he is obligated to give one-tenth to the church or Sunday school, and, in addition, all other money which comes into his hands must be also tithed. While he is under ten years old I give an additional cent, so that he may always have as a minimum a penny for the Sunday school collection from his own funds.

"The principle which I have in mind in the use of this method is that he may practice tithing from the very beginning. It will be as natural for him to think of tithing all that he has as it is for him to eat his breakfast in the morning.

"A further principle which I am seeking to inculcate is the habit of saving. For instance, if a child wishes a certain thing, as a watch or a gun, I say, 'Very well, how much money can you pay toward it?' If I think the child's request should be granted, I offer to supplement his savings with an amount which still leaves him somewhat short of the amount necessary to make his purchase. This requires that he continue saving for some period of time. As an incentive to keep my son from spending all his personal funds, I have offered to increase by an equal amount all that he will save for his college education. This he is now investing in War Savings stamps from time to time."—Ralph S. Cupshman, in Men and Money.

ABOUT THE CHILEAN CHILDREN OF SANTIAGO

Nearly all Chilean children have dark olive skins, large black eyes, thick black hair and fine features The little faces are, oh, so sad. When I tell you how they live you will not wonder.

The homes they live in are called conventillos, or tenement houses. At the end of a long, narrow, dark passage is an open court; around it are twenty to thirty rooms, in which near ly the same number of families live. Seldom less than six, often two or three times this number, live in one room. Old and young eat, sleep, live and die in this small space. The water is scarce and in many cases must be carried long distances.

The cooking is done on a charcoal brazier, which adds its poisonous fumes to the impure air. Few rooms have windows. Light and air come only through the door. One out of every three babies born in Chile dies before it reaches the age of one year.

I have seen mothers feeding babies three months old pieces of meat and other things they ought not to have, often causing convulsions.

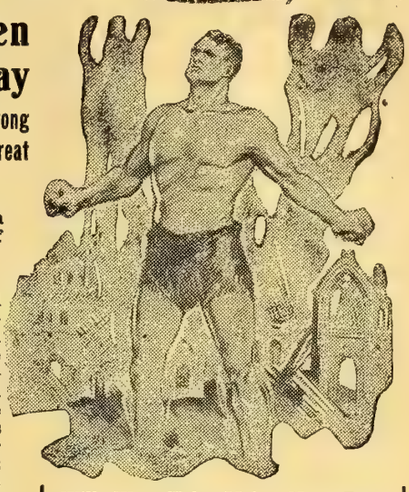
The Chilean woman usually wears a shawl. The little baby in her arms is completely covered, head and all, with this shawl, so no fresh air can enter its lungs to help to grow.

I appeal to you, beautiful, well-cared-for children in this great United States, and to your fathers and mothers, to offer up your prayers and give of your money to save the lives and souls of neglected South American babies. They cry out for help and mingle their voices with the wails of starving war babies.—Mrs. W. H. Lester, in Over Sea and Land.

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SELF.—S. S. Self was born in Clevecounty, June 11, 1861, and died in the same county February 7, 1919, aged 57 years, 7 months and 26 days. On January, 24, 1892 he was married to Miss Lillie Navy. To this union were born twelve children, ten of whom are still living, one little boy, having died in infancy and Rofen Self, who died at four years of age. Brother Self joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Kadesh in early childhood and was a consistent member of that church until he moved from the community, then his letter was transferred to the Methodist Protestant church, and he was a loyal member of that church until God called him away. Brother Self was a quiet unassuming man, he did not court popularity, he did not talk a great deal, but his life was filled with good deeds. Truly he went about doing good, and in that respect, he imitated our Lord. When I first came in the community, I heard this good man spoken of in the highest terms. In January, 1918, he moved from the Fallston community, near Shelby. The people said when he moved, that he would be greatly missed. Brother Self was a good neighbor, I believe he loved his neighbors as he did himself. When there was sickness in the community, he was at his place ready to render any service he could, it didn't make any difference, if the sick were Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Baptist, or whether they belonged to any church, Brother Self was there doing his best for them. When there was a death, he was ready to do any thing he could, let that be looking after the dead or digging the grave, and it was said at his funeral, that he helped dig more graves than any other man in Cleveland county.

When Sunday came he was at his place in the church and he was ready to do his part there in every way. He was the preacher's friend.

Brother Self was a man of fine disposition, always looking on the sunny side of life. It was an inspiration to be about him. He was a true husband, a fine companion for his wife and children.

His funeral was conducted at Kadesh Church by his former pastor, Rev. S. M. Needham, pastor of the McAdenville Methodist Episcopal Church, assited by Dwight W. Brown, pastor of the Belwood charge, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

The following verse in some way indicates the spirit of this good man's life:

"There are hermit souls that live withdrawn,
In the peace of their self content;
There are souls like stars that dwell apart
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze the paths
Where highways never run,
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

Dwight W. Brown.

HENSON.—Jordan C. Henson was born, June 20, 1847, and died, January 23, 1919. On April 25, 1869, he was married to Miss Martha E. Farmer. To this union were born nine children, all living and members of Henson's Chapel, Messrs. Will, George, Charlie, Watt, Ben and Ed Henson, of Amantha; Mrs. J. W. Harbin, of Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. Solomon Hollers, of Charlotte, N. C.; and Mrs. Hard Trivett, of Bluff City, Tenn.

Brother Henson joined the church at Henson's Chapel early in life and remained a faithful member until the end. He was always at Sunday school and ready for any task committeed to his care. Last fall he became unable to get away from home, but constantly longed to attend church services. He would often ask his devoted companion to sing some of the old church songs. May the Holy spirit that guided this good man comfort his loved ones in their sorrow. J. W. Bennett, pastor.

WILLIAMS.—Annie Kennedy Williams was born on May 1, 1859 and died, February 21, 1919, aged fifty-nine years, nine months and twenty days.

She was mirried to L. M. Williams, May 16, 1899. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when just a girl, and lived a consistent member of the church until God called her to the church triumphant Mrs. Williams loved the church, and when her health permitted, she was at her place on preaching days. She enjoyed reading the Advocate, and it was a benediction to be in her home. She was a kind companion, a good neighbor, and a devoted follower of Christ. About two weeks before her death, she was stricken with paralysis, and she was not able to speak any more. She continued to grow worse until God called her away. One by one our friends and comrades are called away. Heaven will be sweeter and more beautiful and more to be desired because of the entrance through its shining portals of our friends and loved ones. It will be easier for us some day to let go this life because we have friends and loved ones who have gone on. Let us think of the last and greatest home-coming in the Father's House of many mansions, where our dear ones aer waiting for us, and some time, we don't know how soon, they will meet us with out stretched hands. So let us be faithful and true. She leaves a bereaved husband, one brother, Rev. J. W. Kennedy, of our conference and many friends to mourn their loss.

Her remains were liad to rest in the cemetery at St. Peters church, the day following her death in the presence of a large crowd of people. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor. May the Holy spirit comfort the bereaved ones.

She resteth now. No more her breast
Heaves with its weary breath;
Pain sits no longer on the brow
Where lies the calm of death.
Sunk to her rest-like tired child.
She lies in slumber deep,
Soft folded in the arms of Him
Who giveth His beloved sleep.

Dwight W. Brown.

IN MEMORIAM

Victor H. Horn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Horn, was born at Franklin, N. C., in 1898; died on the field of honor, near Etinonville, France, October 9, 1918. A patriot volunteer, a Christian soldier, a couragerous hero who presented his body a living sacrifice to humanity's cause. With the renowned "91st division" he pressed the battle in the bloody Argonne for thirteen days, until he fell into his glorious grave.

"And on those farthest ruins of hallowed ground,
Where the forlorn, the gallant charge expires,
Where the slain bugler has long ceased to sound.
And on the tangled wires
The last wild rally staggers, stumbles, stops.
Withered beneath the shrapnel iron showers!
Now Heaven be thanked, we gave a few brave drops
Now Heaven be thanked, a few brave drops were ours." L. B. Hayes.

MARTIN.—Essie Lillie, daughter of Osborne and Ida Martin, was born April 26, 1896, and died January 18, 1919. She was converted and joined Hopewell Methodist church, September 14, 1914, under the ministry of Rev. B. Wilson. She loved her church and Sunday school and formed the habit of studying her Sunday school lesson and reading a chapter in the Bible every day. She lived a faithful Christian life to the end. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. T. Ratledge and her body was laid to rest in Hopewell cemetery to await the final resurrection. She is survived by her parents, besides one sisetr and eleven brothers. God has called her home. It is our loss, not hers, nor is she lost to us, for shall we not meet again? May we all so live that we too may fall asleep as she did and wake to eternal life on the other shore. Alva Martin.

BLANTON.—Mrs. Cora E. Bost Blanton, was born in Catawba county, near Newton, September the 4, 1881, and died at her home in South Shelby, N. C., February 17, 1919, age thirty-seven years, five months and twelve days. She was converted and united with the church in early life. She found her greatest joy in the service of her Lord. She served Him by ministering to others.

She was married to Marvin Blanton, our efficient superintendent of Lafayett street Sunday school, December 23, 1903, from this union there were seven children, the oldest being fifteen years of age and the youngest one month of age.

A more noble Christian character could not be found than Mrs. Blanton. We shall greatly miss her in our congregation and in the community. She was laid to rest in the Sharon cemetery, February 18. The esteem with which she was held by her neighbors is evidenced by the fact, that a larger congregation never gathered at Sharon to attend a funeral. The plot of ground where she was placed was completely covered with flowers, presented by friends.

May the good Lord bless the bereaved husband and children, and make of each child the beautiful Christian that she was. It seems a strange providence, and one hard to understand, why such a Christian mother should be allowed to die, but,

"If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery could find a key."

Neill C. Williams, pastor.

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AN APPRECIATION

Whereas, God in his Wisdom has removed by death, brother Arthur W. Winecoff, a devout member and official of Mt. Olivet church, therefore be it resolved by this quarterly conference:

First, That in the death of Brother Winecoff, our church has lost one of it's most valued and consecrated members, the Epworth League, a willing worker and energetic officer, whose helpful words will always be held in memory as earnest testimony to each of us. The Sunday school a teacher whose life was one of quite devotion. All knew him to be faithful in all relations of life.

Second, That our sympathy and prayers be extended to the bereaved family in the loss of a loved one who, when he prayed, seemed as if talking to One whom he knew and loved: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard the things that God prepared for them that love Him."

Third, That as an official body of this church, we recognize the hand of God in this loss, and we bow reverently to His unerring wisdom and love and pray for guidance in furthering His kingdom.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved ones, one sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, with request to publish; and a copy be placed upon the minutes of this quarterly conference.

Signed:
C. I. Goodman,
J. I. Goodman,
J. A. Furr.

ROTEN.—Mrs. Alexander Roten, of Baldwin, Ashe county, N. C., passed away at her home, February 10, after an illness of several weeks with dropsy. She was fortunate to have her two only sons called into the ministry. One, Rev. A. W. Roten, of the Virginia conference, and the other, Rev. T. S. Roten, a local preacher of the Jefferson charge. She was also survived by six daughters. May the divine grace be given the bereaved family. K. F. Edwards.

MEMOIR OF HENRY E. EDWARDS

Henry E. Edwards, son of Martin and Jane Edwards, was born in Rutherford county, N. C., October 17, 1863, and died in the county of his nativity, September 2, 1918.

He was married to Miss Lorena Elizabeth Keeter, February 5, 1889, from which union there was born thirteen children, five boys and eight girls, twelve of whom survive him. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Gilboa in 1902, and continued a faithful and efficient member of the same until the hour of his death. He was a steward in the church of his choice, which office he held at the time of his death, and for a number of years, was superintendent of the Sunday school at Gilboa and was peculiarly devoted to the work of the church and Sunday school.

He was always in his place at church and Sunday school, being especially interested in the young people of the community and lost no opportunity to direct their hearts and minds to higher and holier ideals.

He was one of the best men that it was our privilege to know and will be greatly missed by his devoted companion and surviving children, by his church and by a very large circle of relatives and friends.

To know him was to love, honor and respect him. He was devoted to his pastor and as a steward always made it a point to see that the salary was paid in full, often shouldering more than was his share of this responsibility. He was espically devoted to his wife and children andn the home life of the family was indeed beautiful and inspiring. Brother Edwards was strong in his friendships and could be trusted without limit. He has been a very great blessing in the community in which he lived and labored, and has left behind him influences for good that will never die.

His body was laid to rest in the Gilboa cemetery on September 4, 1918, the funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. C. Jordon, assisted by Rev. D. J. Hunt, of the Cliffside Baptist church and Rev. J. A. McKaughn, of the Rutherfordton Baptist church. Judge M. H. Justice, a life long friend of the deceased, was present and in a few well chosen words paid beautiful tribute to the life of the deceased.

The funeral services were conducted in the grove, the seating capacity of the church not being sufficient to accommodate one third of the large company of relatives and friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to this noble man. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, attesting further the high esteem in which the deceased was held. A multitude of loving friends are in mourning and many prayers will ascend for his bereaved wife and large family of children, who will feel the loss most keenly. May the God of all grace and comfort hold them as under the hollow of His hands and shield them under His protecting wings.

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District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Sulphur Springs 22-23
Central 23
Asheville circuit 23
Joint conference, Asheville ..... April 7
District Council of pastors and church directors, Asheville 28
Fairview, Tweeds 29-30
Flat Rock, Fletchers, Fletchers 30
Saluda, night 30

April
Henderson circuit, Fruitland, (Conference on 5) 4-5
Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant 6
Chestnut Street, night 6
Leicester, Grace 12-13
West Asheville 13
Bethel, night 13
Weaverville circuit, Salem 19-20
Mars Hill circuit 20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 26-27

May
Weaverville Commencement 4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek 10-11
Hendersonville 11
Rosman circuit 18-19
Brevard 19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside 20-23

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

March
Ansonville, Cedar Hill, 11 a. m. 15-16
Wadesboro, night 16
Unionville, Zion, 11 a. m. 22-23
Mathews, Indian Trail, 2:30 p. m. .. 23
Dilworth, night 23
Marshville, Center, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

March
Pleasant Garden, Rehobeth 15-16
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 3 p. m. 16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m. 23
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night 23
Wentworth circuit, Lowes 29-30
High Point, East End, night 30

April
Deep River circuit, Worthville 5-6
Randleman, St. Paul's night 6
West Greensboro, Friendship 12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m. 13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant ... 19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 20
Ruffin, 11 a. m. 27
Reidsville, Main Street, night 27

May
Uwharrie circuit, Union 3
Asheboro, 11 a. m. 4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill .. 10-11
High Point, Main Street, night 11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

March
Jonesville, Maple Spring, 11 a. m. .. 15-16
Elkin, night 14-16
Mount Airy circuit, Epworth 22-23
Mount Airy, Central, night 23
Pilot Mountain, Pinnacle 11 a. m. 29-30
Rural Hall, Mt. Pleasant,, 11 a. m... 28
3 p. m. 30

April
Stokesdale, Mt. Carmel 5-6
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m. .. 12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night 13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville 19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m. 26-27
Spray, 3. p. m. 27
and night 28
Leaksville, night 27

May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel 3-4
Danbury, Delta 10-11
Dobson, Rockford 17-18

MAIRON DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Old Fort circuit, Mill Creek 15-16
Marion station, night 16
Morganton circuit, Salem 22-23
Morganton station, night 23-24
Cliffside circuit, Hollis 29-30
Henrietta and Caroleen, Caroleen, night 30

April
Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. .. 13-14

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Jefferson circuit, Bethany 15--6
Creston circuit, Sutherand 22-23
Elkland, Hopewell 29-30

April
Boone, Fairview 5-6
Laurel Springs circuit, Chestnut Hill 12-13
Sparta circuit, Sparta 19-20

May
Avery circuit, Pisgah 3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma 10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's 17-18
North Wilkes Mission 24-25
North Wilkesboro station 24-25
Wilkes circuit 31-June 1
Wilkesboro station 31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

March
Shelby-Central, 7 p. m. 14
Polkville, Elliott's 11 a. m. 15-16
Bessemer, Concord, 7 p. m. 19
Cherryville, St. Paul's 11 a. m. 22-23
Belmont, 7 p. m. 28
Mayworth, Ebenezer, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

March
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m. 15-16
Granite Falls, Granite Falls 7 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, 11 a. m. 22-23
Lenoir circuit, Littlejohns, 3 p. m. .. 22-23
Catawba circuit, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 7 p. m. 29-30

April
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m... 6-7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m. 6-7
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 6-7
Newton, Newton, 11 a. m. 13-14
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 13-14

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

March
China Grove, 11 a. m. 16
Park Avenue, night 16
Forest Hill, 11 a. m. 23
Concord, Central, night 23
Woodleaf, Gays 29-30
South Main, night 30

April
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 6
Badin, night 6
Cottonvile, Zion 12-13
Norwood, Randalls 13
New London, Bethel 19-20
Salem, 3 p. m. 20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul 26-27
Epworth, night 27

May
Gold Hill, Zion 3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night 4
Concord circuit, Carmel 10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m. 11
Kerr Street, night 11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill .. 17-18
First Street, night 18
Salisbury circuit 24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage .. 31-June 1

June
Kannapolis station 1
Bethel-Loves 7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

March
Murphy station 15-16
Andrews station 16-17
Bethel circuit, Bethel 22-23
Macon, Mt. Zion 29-30
Franklin station 30-31

April
Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May
Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
Highlands 11-12
Fines Creek 17-18

WINSTON DISTRICT
Second Round
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Lexington circuit, March 11-12. Quarterly conference at Center, April 19, 3 p. m.

Davidson circuit, March 13-14. Quarterly conference at Good Hope, April 12, 2:30 p. m.

Denton circuit, March 15-17. Quarterly conference at Siloam, March 16, 2 p. m.

New Hope circuit, March18-21. Quarterly conference at Macedonia, March 20, 1 p. m.

Linwood circuit, March 22-23. Quarterly conference, Macedonia, March 22, 2 p. m.

Thomasville circuit, March 24-26. Quarterly conference at Zion, March 26, 1 p. m.

Forsyth circuit, March 27-31. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor, March 29, at 1 p. m.

Lewisville circuit, April 1-4. Quarterly conference at Sharon April 4, 1 p. m.

Kenersville circuit, April 5-6. Quarterly conference, Oak Ridge, April 6, 1 p. m.

Advance circuit, April 7-9. Quarterly conference at Advance, April 8, 3 p. m.

Farmington circuit, April 9-11. Quarterly conference at Wards, April 11, p. m.

Thomasville station, March 26, at night.

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Editorial

THE PASTOR EVANGELIST

It is gratifying to see among regular pastors evidences of a growing consciousness of their mission as evangelists. Everything considered, the pastor occupies a position of advantage in this particular that no one else can hold. Of course we have reference to the genuine, solid, abiding work of the evangelist. If it is to be of a sensational order the pastor is at a disadvantage, for the reason that the sensational is necessarily short-lived, and the pastor who undertakes to carry on his work by sensational methods will find himself dead with the subsidence of the sensation. It requires, moreover, only a short series of such sensational epochs to make a congregation thoroughly tired, and the pastor in such a case has nothing he can do but pass on to another field.

With the growing consciousness of the pastor's evangelistic mission we believe there is also a growing appreciation of the solid and substantial. No man ever lost strength with his congregation by preaching a gospel that appealed to the conscience of the unsaved, endeavoring to follow up the appeal with an effort to lead men to a decision. With the best type of preacher every preaching day is decision day, and no man's gospel message is ever depreciated by any class because it climaxes in the offer of salvation now to any who may be ready to forsake sin and accept pardon.

There is reason to thank God and take courage because of a manifest tendency now in many places to combine the office of pastor and evangelist. In many pulpits it is manifest that the spirit of evangelism is permeating pastoral thought, and as a result the messages glow with a fervent solicitude for the lost and multitudes listen with an intensity of interest which is altogether assuring of better and richer days for the church. Let the church pray that this little cloud of promise may continue to overspread the heavens till there shall be the sign of abundance of rain.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

On our first page this week we carry a significant proclamation. Bishop Darlington, the chief pastor of this episcopal district, unites with the field secretaries of the four conferences in proclaiming Saturday, April 5th, which is the real centenary of American Methodist missions, as a day of solemn fasting and prayer. We most heartily approve this and here and now express the hope that our people will begin at once to set their plans so as to observe the day most scrupulously. We have been wondering if such a proclamation would not be forthcoming, and we hail with pleasure the thought that, as Methodists, we are to go at this great task in the old way which was so often put to the test with glorious results in the early history of our church.

Fasting is a recognized means of grace among Methodists. Every preacher in the connection, standing at the altar to take the vows which separate him for his holy work, is confronted with this question: "Will you recommend fasting and abstinence, both by precept and example?" We very much fear that, as a means of grace, fasting has become a sort of lost art, and yet we doubt if anything can furnish a better test of our devotion to Christ and of our purpose to keep a firm grip upon Him as our hope of spiritual achievement. Too many are ready to scoff at such observances and give them a place only among medieval superstitions, or, with shallow appraisement, leave them among the religious forms that have served their time.

Let us not deceive ourselves. The dawning of intelligence can in no way change the relation of our physical and intellectual qualities, nor the relation of these to the profounder elements of our spiritual nature. To pamper the physical is to dim the brightness of intellect and blunt the moral sense; therefore, the logical theory is that high thinking is incompatible with high (gluttonous) living. This is the reason why Sam Jones was accustomed to exhort the people: "Come out to the six o'clock service in the morning. If I can get hold of you before you get full of beef and the devil I can do you some good."

Fasting is not to be classed with the cruel and senseless practices of the Roman Catholic who would atone for sins by doing penance. Our Lord is Himself our exemplar, in that, facing the stupendous task of human redemption, He turned aside for a season and fasted. Only at the end of this period of abstinence did He achieve His great victory over Satan. Moreover, our Savior gives specific direction as to our manner of observing this means of grace, besides giving us plainly to understand that there are some spiritual achievements which we may not expect to compass without resorting to fasting and prayer. Surely the stupendous task of world reconstruction which is now before the church—the sad picture of bleeding and starving millions that reach out the hand to us for help—surely this should not only suggest that we abstain, but that we put on sackcloth, repent of our sins and call upon God to give us the vision and power needed for such a time as this.

AN EXAMPLE OF WISE LEADERSHIP

Referring to the news item printed elsewhere this week, we feel inclined to give emphasis to the fine example of wise leadership which is evident in the movement of our Methodist men of Gastonia. The conspicuous blunder of our church in nearly all of our larger and rapidly growing towns has been the failure to get together and provide for concerted effort, not only to secure as many centers of operation as are needed, but to see that these centers are wisely chosen. In most places churches have sprung up here and there by a sort of spontaneous force, and for lack of community co-operation have failed to fill the mission of Methodism. For lack of this co-operation some organizations starting out with fine prospects of success have been left behind in the race, overshadowed by other denominations with better financial support, and have had to be abandoned after years of struggle.

The Advocate has insisted for years that the whole of Methodism in any city should be so organized as to deliver the combined strength of the denomination on a given point, and put the weaker organizations on their feet, so as to save them from the losses which inevitably ensue from long continued struggle against odds. Meantime we have had some personal experience with a local enterprise which has convinced us that without organization of the community forces it is impossible to secure the help needed in the weak and struggling organizations. Working alone, we cannot secure the sympathetic response that is due and that would be readily given if made by the combined Methodist organization.

Just at this time there are at least a half dozen or more of our larger towns in Western North Carolina in which Methodism is suffering for lack of this form of co-operation. We will not say spirit of co-operation, because the spirit is not lacking. The only thing lacking is the organization which would harness all the forces and put them to pulling together. He is a mighty poor exemplar of Wesleyan ideas who allows himself to think only of his own particular church or congregation as worthy of his personal thought and concern. The people are flocking into our cities now by the hundred. They are quietly taking up their abode in all sections, from center to suburb, and the great majority are going to drop out of sight of the church of their childhood unless somebody hunts them up and shows them to a church home. We need to multiply our places of worship, see that they are properly located and that they are comfortable and attractive, not gorgeous, and that the Sunday schools are supplied with trained and consecrated superintendents and teachers.

Among the many blessed results of our Centenary agitation we hope to see repeated in all our larger towns the splendid work of our brethren in Gastonia. The $200,000 will be but the beginning of what these Methodists in Gastonia will find needed to take care of their part in the religious welfare of that great industrial community. They are wise to act quickly, for if anything is effectively done in a community like that it must be done quickly.

THE CHANGE OF DATE

For a week or more there has been a feeling of anxiety because it seemed that there was some confusion about the date for the great drive to secure the pledges for our Centenary fund. We are glad to state that we are officially authorized to announce that the date is fixed and the drive will take place May 18-25.

This gives a little more time to get ready, and now let every reader of the Advocate be getting ready to make his pledge commensurate with the modern vision of the world's need. First of all, let each consider himself the steward of God, having in his possession the Lord's money, and let the whole question be approached in the light of a quickened conscience. Let each one resolve to cut out the program of self-indulgence and consecrate himself and his substance to the service of God. Thus it will be found that the highest possible pleasure is to be attained by rendering a faithful account of our stewardship.

Get ready for the great drive May 18-25.

THE REVIVAL NEEDED

The editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate quotes Horace Bushnell, "a good preacher, one of the greatest of his generation," as striking the very heart of the church's difficulty and sounding the keynote of success when he said: "One more revival, only one more, is needed, the revival of Christian stewardship, the consecration of the money power to God. When that revival comes the kingdom of God will come in a day."

It is a significant fact that those who see already the assured success of the Centenary see it in the light of the wonderful revival of interest in the tithe. Already enough have signed the covenant to make it reasonably sure that the goal will be reached, and the question now is not whether the $35,000,000 will be raised, but how much more than this? Since only a tithe of the income of Southern Methodists amounts to many times the budget and the Centenary estimate combined, why should there be any halting or hesitation? Surely this is a time to make a re-study of Malachi 3.

Those who have any appreciation of the ap-

OUR ADVOCATE CAMPAIGN

According to our announcement, the special offer to furnish the paper at $1.50 on certain conditions ends with April 1st. Already some are asking for extension of time. Why should we extend the time when we have had four months already in which to push our campaign? Most of these four months the weather has been unusually favorable and, barring some hindrance on account of influenza, conditions generally have been favorable.

Is it not possible for us during the next two weeks to finish this up and clear the way for our great Centenary drive? Much can be done in two weeks and we hope every pastoral charge will push the work and see if we cannot get on this time without an extension.

All together for one long, last pull, and our report two weeks from now will be a surprise.

parent leading of divine Providence have already commented on the fact that this movement among Methodists to celebrate the Centennial of organized Methodist missions really began before the great war. Dr. Pinson and other leaders were planning this far in advance of any knowledge of devastated areas and of epochal changes in governmental administration in Europe and the Near East.

In all these wonderful changes wrought by the war God has not only rebuked the heathen and brought to naught the inadequate systems of religion and government in the devastated countries, but He has shown the Christian world the great and effectual door which is open to them. It is no accident that men are inquiring now as never before just what their duty is with reference to the money which God has placed in their hands. As these great and inviting fields open before the eyes of the Christian world hundreds will feel the Spirit moving upon them and will hear the voice of God calling them to enter in and take the harvest. May we not reverently say that in the order of divine Providence America is the chosen people who are to give bread to the starving and the bread of life to the spiritually destitute?

Quoting from the editorial referred to above: "The church will find the men and women to carry the message of salvation to every land if she can finance the work. Shall young men and women give their lives and shall not we furnish the money? This is the generation, yea, this is the day, when we must stress Christian stewardship as never before. Paying is as essential as praying. They are the two wings upon which salvation's message will fly to earth's remotest nation. Let us pray that the Centenary may give to the church the one last grand revival that will usher in the kingdom of heaven among men."

NOTE AND COMMENT

Gen. Roger A. Pryor, once a distinguished Virginian and general in the Confederate army, who settled in New York city after the civil war and served for many years as a justice of the New York court of appeals, died last Friday in that city, aged ninety years.

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Amelia Barr, the Authoress, died at her home, near New York, last week, aged eighty-eight years. She lived in obscurity half her days; was fifty before she discovered her capacity to write, and has now to her credit sixty-three volumes, which goes to prove that our best work is not always performed in youth.

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Justice Holmes delivered the opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, convicted under the espionage act and of attempting to incite insubordination and disloyalty among the people. The court unanimously sustained the action of the lower court and the sentence of the defendant to ten years in the Leavenworth federal prison.

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Mrs. Katherine S. Reynolds will establish on her beautiful estate near Winston-Salem a vocational school, most modern in its plans and curriculum, as a fitting memorial to her late husband, Richard J. Reynolds. It will be ready for use within a year. Instruction will include eleventh grade school work in addition to engineering, agriculture and manual training. It will be co-educational and domestic science will be for the girl students.

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The War Forced America to build ships and now we are abundantly supplied with American boats to carry our freights to the uttermost parts of the earth. South America is to be brought nearer to us than ever before. First-class steamship lines, equipped with as fine ocean carriers as those which ply between New York and Liverpool, are to be established between New York, Boston and Baltimore and the principal ports of South America. This will, of course, develop trade relations with these countries, which are the natural markets for American products, but which have heretofore been controlled by British and German traders.

SPECIAL TO PASTORS

All the money charged on subscription accounts is expected to be in by the first of April. One is not entitled to have his name placed on the roll of honor while the subscribers are still charged on account. Let our campaign close with balanced acounts. Thank you.

The State Legislature which adjourned sine die on the 11th instant was a body which performed some splendid work in the enactment of various measures that count for substantial progress. Provision was made for a six months' school term; for a statewide public highway system which will give good roads to all sections of the commonwealth; for a tax reform law which requires property to be returned for taxation at its market value and for a general equalization of values, so that the tax may be reduced; then the statewide health law, which is drastic in some respects, providing heavy penalties for immoral practices and a physician's health certificate to accompany each application for a marriage license. A minimum salary of $55 per month for full six months is guaranteed to all school teachers; a juvenile court is provided for each county, and children under sixteen shall not be treated as criminals, but infractors of the law needing parental control, education and discipline. Then it must not be forgotten that at last we have a general dog law after long years of agitation, and a financial budget system for the state appropriations.

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President Wilson Was Greatly Benefited by the sea voyage en route to France, where he landed in good physical shape and has resumed his work at the peace conference. It is now thought the general terms to be submitted to Germany will be ready by April 1, and the impression is that the demands will include the reduction of the German navy to 15,000 men, the army to 100,000, with conscription forbidden; the Rhine to be the western boundary; the organization of a strong Poland on the east, and indemnities or reparation which will tax German capacity for the next generation. An allied army of occupation will remain in the west and control all the approaches to Cologne, Coblentz and other points along the Rhine until the final settlement is made. A clear understanding expressed in a treaty of peace is essential to the establishment of general order in the devastated countries of Europe, and when the people finally know what is to be, then they can intelligently adjust their plans to comply with the demands. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that the peace terms may be arrived at as early as possible.

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Five Isms That Go Together are anarchism, atheism, Bolshevism, free love-ism and socialism. Singly or united they are the enemies not only of the church, but of common morality, the enemies of society, of public order and civil government. They are destructionists, who would destroy the faith which it took the concentrated wisdom of the ages to establish. They would tear down every material evidence of human progress and abolish substantial government without even offering any substitute higher than sensual animalism. These are the deadly forces which have wrecked Russian society and threaten to destroy western Europe with their blight. Though we are separated by three thousand miles of sea, we are not immune from the deadly effects. The secret conspiracies of the Bolshevists in our midst are being unearthed by the Senate investigating committee, and the radical socialists and I. W. W.s are in open sympathy with these enemies of human society. Now is the time when every patriot must be true to the colors. We must stand by the church and for law and order against the marauders who would destroy our altars and dynamite the government established by our fathers at such great cost of blood and sacrifice for the perpetuation of the faith and of human freedom.

Since the Centenary Campaign began the doctrine of the tithe has been emphasized throughout the connection as never before and will surely bear fruit by wonderfully increasing our gifts to the kingdom. The tithe system is the sure solution of all the financial problems of the church. That small sect, the Seventh Day Adventists, are tithers and largely poor people, with a membership of less than 80,000 in the United States and Canada, but in 1915 they raised for missions alone $80,293, while 2,000,0007 Southern Methodists raised for foreign missions only $211,330 more than that feeble band in the same time. Now, if our people would generally adopt the tithe plan and give as liberally as the Adventists, we would raise over $18,000,000 a year and finish our five-year Centenary task in less than two years. It can be done. It should be done. It must be done. And when that task is accomplished our Methodism will have discovered its power and gotten the habit of giving on a scale which will make all our past liberality look small. Then when our treasure gets into the kingdom our hearts will be there, too, for the promise will be fulfilled and blessing come to us in such large measure that there will not be room to contain them. Let us all devoutly pray and labor for the coming of that good day.

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Francis Asbury was as brave and knightly as any captain who ever led the forces of righteousness, and he was in the saddle when the great spiritual awakening came to America in 1800; in fact, he was the key man who made it possible. It was Asbury and the unselfish circuit riders who labored with him, who went forth as flaming evangels with the gospel message to the dwellers of the wilderness. They preached by the camp fires and made the wilderness blossom as the rose. The truth they proclaimed was the foundation upon which the American ideals of righteousness were built. We cannot imagine the immensity of the loss to American character had not the Methodist circuit rider carried the gospel message to the sparse settlers of this western continent, for out of their cabins have come the men and the influences which have made the republic great and so elevated the moral ideals as to make possible all our social reforms and give the church a position of moral leadership such as it enjoys in no other land today. No single man in all our national history has as much to show as the result of his labors as Francis Asbury, "the man on horseback," and he deserves an equestrian statue, and it is only meet and proper that it should occupy a conspicuous position at the national capital, so that when admiring Americans visit Washington and behold there fitting monuments to great statesmen and to heroes of war they may look also upon the statue of this great captain who was indeed a "hero of the cross," but who was so humble in spirit as to claim only to be a voice crying in the wilderness.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

There was probably not a single Methodist Sunday school that did not have some representatives during the past trying times training and fighting to make our country a fit place in which to live. Those fellows were ready to give their red blood in order that the rest of us might have the blessings of liberty and Christianity.

What will that part of our Methodist schools which was permitted to stay at home be willing to give to make permanent that which our soldier boys have so graciously opened up to us? The Sunday school that finds itself quibbling over whether it will give five cents per member per month for world-wide betterment is most certainly the personification of ungratefulness. The boys will call it "chinchy."

Seven hundred Methodist Sunday schools have yet an opportunity to fall in line with that hundred or more which are marching down the way content with the realization that they have gladly given for that which they have freely received. It's a matter of volunteering. All schools are eligible. No exemption board can exempt because of influenza. Read Matthew 25:14-30.

O. V. Woosley.

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PARABLE OF THE UNTOWARD ORACLE

By an Observer

A certain man spake a parable, saying: Behold, it came to pass that the saints gathered themselves together in the various churches to elect, to choose and to appoint certain of the patriarchs, prophets and apostles to go up to Jerusalem to the great convocation to write the oracles. They did elect wise men and pious men from the high ranks and men from the common walks as well. Whomsoever they would did the saints elect, and for every preacher elected they did elect one layman withal, so that the saints were all represented at the great convocation.

At the appointed time the patriarchs, prophets and apostles came together, as many as were elected, and in the great convocation they did "arise to a point of order," resolve resolutions, introduce bills, speak speeches, orate orations and "move the previous question." And it came to pass that on a certain day there stood up one in the midst of the assembly, a bold man, who resolved that it appertaineth to the office of the ministry that a man defile not himself with the filthy weed nor any such thing; neither befoul the guest chamber in which he lodgeth with the smoke that ascendeth from the burning thereof; neither spit out the juicy liquid that distilleth therefrom upon the hearthstone. And, behold, a tumult arose, and many did debate much, and sharp words were spoken. But in the midst of the tumult one of the patriarchs, noted for his level-headedness, arising "to a point of personal privilege," stilled the assembly, saying that there were saints and apostles, many whose piety could not be gainsaid, very builders of the church, who from the days of their fathers had been addicted to the weed, smoking the pipe of clay and chewing the quid, though they degraded not themselves with that thing, the unspeakable cigarette; that their habits had been formed in the long ago, "and the times of this ignorance God winked at," nevertheless, as for the future better things might be hoped for. He mived to amend by striking from the proposed oracle all that part which might be applied to the fathers, leaving them untrammeled as to the filthy weed, and placing the ban wholly upon the sons who were to knock at the future doors of the conference. It seemed good to the assembly to follow his advice. "The pending question" was moved. The vote was taken. The ayes had it, and certain elect women, looking on from a distance in the gallery, did clap their hands for joy. Now, these things came to pass in the days of democracy, when the majority did rule.

And it came to pass that the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the churches, and many of the young men were called to preach, and as many as were willing to obey the call did come up to knock at the doors of the conference for admission. But it was so that that particular "Peter" who had been appointed to stand at the outer door of the conference did open his mouth and begin to say unto them, one by one, "Will ye, indeed, agree to abstain from the filthy weed? For if it be that ye will not agree, then there is but the one law, that ye shall not enter in." They agreed to abstain, and were admitted. Now, these men, for the most part, had never defiled themselves with the filthy weed, therefore they, as many as had not been defiled, counted it a joy to take the vow; nevertheless, there were some standing at the outer door who did take a long, last look at pipe, packet and plug before they, with a subdued sigh, said "goodbye" forever.

Behold, on the morrow, or on a certain day thereafter, it was rumored that certain young men among the prophets had been seen, the one smoking a cigar, another chewing Red J., and yet another with a cob pipe in his mouth and a twist of plain old "air cured" in his pocket; and it was so that the men at the cigar stand were astonished, and the women lifted up their hands in holy horror, and the children in the streets looked on in wonder. Upon being remonstrated with for breach of vow, each in turn began to make his own excuse. The first man said: "Before I joined conference I chewed. When knocking at the door of the conference I promised to abstain, but nothing was said about smoking." The second man said: "When I joined conference I promised to quit that day, and I did. In fact, I have quit sevreal times since, and so I have paid my vow." The third man said: "That was class legislation, and therefore unconstitutional. I think the matter as to whether a man uses the weed or not is a question to be settled by every individual according to the dictates of his own conscience. As for me, when I promised at the door of the conference to abstain, I made that promise with a mental reservation."

And all the people did marvel at the preposterousness of their excuses. Some, being charitably inclined, said that these men were afflicted with consciencitis; others said it was flu-conscience; but certain of the barbarians that stood by said plainly: "They be the sons of Ananias."

How think ye? Should the conference let down its bars to relieve the absurd attitude of this negligible minority, or should the fences be strengthened and they be left on the outside?

FANNIE JANE CROSBY

Wentworth, in Rockingham county, and surrounding community observed the "National Week of Song" and large crowds attended the singing each night for a week.

One night was devoted to Fannie J. Crosby, the great hymn writer, and that evening only her songs were sung. Upon request, Numa R. Reid delivered a brief address on Miss Crosby's life and labors, and the Advocate is publishing the same so that our readers may know something of the lovely life of such a godly woman. Mr. Reid spoke as follows:

My Friends: This town and community are to be congratulated on observing this the "National Week of Song." It is such gatherings as this that serve to arouse the slumbering community spirit and draw closer the town and country, for as we go forward in the great journey toward the future one common highway holds us to a joint pilgrimage; therefore let us striks hands in fraternal reunion and reburnish the links of the chain which binds Wentworth and vicinity in a common brotherhood.

I have been asked by the program committee to tell you briefly the story of a life that for service and helpfulness has won a high place in the hearts of all Americans.

Fannie J. Crosby was born in Putnam county, New York state, March 24, 1820, christened Frances Jane Crosby. The blind writer lived to be ninety-five years old. Her mother had lived to be one hundred and two and her grandmother to be one hundred and six. She retained to the last all of her faculties excepting eyesight. She lost this during a fever in infancy, when a hot poultice was applied to her eyes, destroying the optic nerve. This terrible affliction came to her when she was six weeks old, and the physician who treated her made the mistake which rendered her hopelessly blind. He never ceased to keenly regret the fearful blunder he had made, but she for many years spoke and wrote of him as "God's instrument in opening before her the doors of usefulness."

The most and best of her early training resulted in a knowledge of the Bible, of the hymns she heard Sabbath after Sabbath, and of the masterpieces of poetry. It is stated by a writer in the Sunday School Times that when she was ten years old she was able to recite the first five books of the Old Testament and the first four of the New Testament.

When she married Mr. Alexander Van Alstyne in 1858 he is said to have taken great delight in her genius and it was at his request that in her literary work she continued to use her maiden name, since it was already loved by many thousands of admiring readers.

She was but eight years of age when she composed her first poem. Four volumes of verse have come from her pen: "The Blind Girl and Other Poems," in 1844; "Monterey and Other Poems," in 1851; "A Wreath of Columbia's Flowers," in 1858, and "Bells at Evening and Other Verses," 1897. Among those who recognized merit in her work were William Cullen Bryant and Horace Greeley. But her chief distinction and her greatest service to mankind was rendered as a hymn writer. In 1865, at the request of William H. Bradbury, she wrote her first hymn. Since that first attempt she wrote more than eight thousand hymns and many of them are sung all over the world. Among the best known and the best may be named: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," "Blessed Assurance," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "Just a Word for Jesus," "Meet Me There," "Only a Step to Jesus," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," "Rescue the Perishing," "To the Work," "We Shall Know Each Other There" and "Saved by Grace."

In spite of feeble health Miss Crosby continued writing hymns up to a short time before her death.

Eight thousand hymns of Christian worship sung in Protestant churches throughout the world are the work of Fanny Crosby. No one since the days of Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts has made anywhere near as large a contribution to the gospel song book as did this blind hymn writer.

Fanny Crosby's name was signed so regularly as author of one hymn after another that the hymn book makers of a quarter of a century ago were forced to give her some two hundred different pen names to make it appear that some one besides the famous writer had contributed. Thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, who sang her songs, which were translated into every language, did not know that it was a blind woman's inspiration which they employed to express their Christian faith and hope in song.

In speaking of the beautiful hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," she said:

"I wrote it in fifteen minutes." It was my most successful hymn, and I believe it was dictated by the Spirit of the Lord and that it was born for a mission."

Fannie Crosby died in 1915. In the serene evening of her days the Great Physician touched her blinded eyes with healing fingers and enabled her at last and forever to "see Him face to face." And now what must I say of such a life? The world, intent as it is upon the mercenary and meretricious tendencies of the times, may little note nor long remember the worth of Fannie Jane Crosby, but the true value of a life so humble, so gentle, so patient and so faithful will be set by some enduring standard.

The chronicles of that blessed ministry which shine with ever-increasing splendor adown the track of the centuries have immortalized in sacred and immortal history the consecration of such womanhood.

Destitute of sight, her life was not bereft of beatitude. He who arraigned the ostentatious hypocrites with invective so scathing as to remain unto this day unequaled for its power, and flagellated the money changers from the temple, was attended throughout the pilgrimage of that ever-memorable Messiahship by women of the type to which the sweet spiritd Fannie J. Crosby belonged.

Beside her record, so triumphantly closed in death, the tinsel and trumpery of throne, the pomp and circumstance and show of civic and military pageantry, the insignias of imperialism, the empty emblems of the proud and mighty are but as dust in the balance. Fannie Crosby's life was perfected by patience and sanctified by sublime sacrifice. What a great honor she enjoyed—the honor of carrying consolation, cheer and peace to weary, world-worn hearts.

She never groped among life's shadows murmuring its dolorous strains, but she strolled among the flowers and lingered beside the rivers of its matchless music and gave the world the best and brightest and sweetest thoughts that filled her beautiful brain. Physically blind, yet in spirit she caught visions no human eye did see and in sweet communion she daily walked with her Master, whose tender, loving touch guided her in paths of peace. For Fannie Crosby the sunset of life was indeed glorious, and at the advanced age of ninety-five years she felt on her "wasted brow the breath of the eternal morning, and in deed and in truth the blind and aged saint finds herself at last

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There, by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly her soul shall rest."

Wentworth, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

One of the two men who represent the Shelby district on the Sunday School Board is Rev. D. W. Brown, pastor of the four churches which compose the Belwood circuit. Brother Brown is one of our young pastors, having been in the conference only six years prior to this year, but he works like a veteran. He seems to work on the assumption that anything worth doing is worth doing well. His charge is an inland charge, the nearest church being ten miles out from Shelby, but it is thoroughly alive and pleasingly progressive. Mossbacks don't do well in that neighborhood.

Pastor Brown is so busy working that he finds little time to spend in talking. He lets deeds speak. He looks after every interest of every church on his work, being especially interested in the activities of the young people. He never misses an opportunity to be present with his well-organized Sunday schools and finds time to direct Epworth Leagues. Where Sunday school rooms are needed he generally gets them built. His charge had last year the only Home Department in the Shelby district and the only Cradle Roll on any rural charge. Both are still thriving. He has the organized Wesley classes and proposes to hold a big charge Sunday school institute this year.

Two churches on his work, Palm Tree and St. Peters, are supporting two Sunday schools in Hiroshima, Japan, and these two schools are very properly named after the two schools that support them. Pastor Brown has learned that a live Sunday school makes a live church, and he places much emphasis on good work there. I am gald to be permitted to present his cut on this page. Young ladies, he is a single man and ought to be married.

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The date for the beginning of the great Centenary drive has again been changed. The new time is May 18 to 25. This will give us more time to get everything ready for the every-member canvass and will insure the putting over of the movement. But the changing of the time for the drive does not affect the Sunday school Centenary campaign, since our campaign has been due since the fourth Sunday in January. Our schools should just keep up the good work of pledging the amounts they feel sure they can give.

Pledges have been coming in at the rate of from ten to twenty per day. It is most earnestly hoped that these arrivals will not stop till every single school has reported. This is the Lord's business and we do not want to trifle with it. Many of our superintendents have taken time to write a few lines accompanying their pledges. Herewith are a few samples.

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"The Mount Holly Sunday school very gladly accepts its allotment for the Centenary offering for missions. Notwithstanding the fact that our current expenses are heavy we are paying this year a scholarship at Davenport College which amounts to $130. And now in addition to this we want to do our part on the Centenary. Our experience has been that the more we do, the more we are able to do. E. A. Thompson, Supt."

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Brother L. P. Eckard, superintendent Mount Pleasant school, Rock Springs circuit, writes as follows: "I send in our card. We have on roll 71 pupils, the most we have had this year. We have a good average attendance. We have spoken about the Centenary every Sunday the pastor was not here. We are in the fight to the finish. We have come to the question of tithing. May the Lord help us to come out more than conquerors."

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Superintendent J. H. Helms of the Icemorlee school, North Monroe charge, is no slacker, nor is his school dodging the issue. He writes: "Will write to tell you our school is small and was stopped by the influenza, but we are going to do all we can to help the missionary work. We have only about thirty on roll, and about two-thirds of them are little children. Our school is in a mill town and the mill is running but half time, and money is scarce. But we are going to raise all we can. I want to send every cent we can raise to help out the mission work. I hope to be able to have a larger school before long. I will be glad to receive any literature you have on Sunday schools and mission work."



REV. D. W. BROWN, Pastor Belwood Circuit

Presiding Elder J. H. West has a district covering seven counties, in which are four big mountain ranges. He does not know what it is to have an automobile to go hurling over distance to appointments, but he gets there just the same. He goes through the coves, over the hills and down in the valleys boosting the Centenary in the Sunday schools that have been permitted to stay open. A recent letter carries these suggestive sentences: "I trust you will have many liberal responses from the Sunday school superintendents of this district on the Centenary. However, the influenza in this district has paralyzed our Sunday school work and very much handicapped all church work. But the Centenary is looking good in the Waynesville district and I think there is no doubt about our going 'over the top' with a rush. Shoulld like to get all the Sunday schools committed before the drive comes on."

The Waynesville district is energetically and wisely led. There is no sleeping on the job over there. Those pastors are thoroughly aroused. At a recent group meeting in the Waynesville district I saw pastors present who had spent more than a day coming to the conference. Others had walked in over distances of eight or ten miles. I always feel like taking my hat off to these walking preachers. They never stop at obstacles which at first seem insurmountable. I feel sure that the Waynesville presiding elder is entirely right when he says his district will go over the top. They are used to going over the top over there.

You might as well keep your eye on the Winston district too. I spent two days with Brother Siler last week as he went from pillar to post and found him getting results. He just steps from success to success, not apparently paying attention to the intervening distance. His district has outlined a big program and is getting ready to assume it. Each church is selecting its director, who in turn is naming his teams for the canvass. Even the man who is to telephone the results of ecah day's canvass has been selected. The district is on its mark and getting ready to go.

The next campaign for the Winston district is the "Sunday School Rooms" campaign. The presiding elder carries around with him a splendidly contrived small church illustrating the ease by which the usual rectangular church can be converted into a church with seven to nine rooms, the rooms to cost around $100 each. The one-room church is not going to stay a one-room church in the Winston district.

As soon as the Centenary drive is completed the church remodeling will begin. Already at several places the people are volunteering to do the work on this wise: One man will furnish so many logs and another will give so many days' work, while still another will contribute by hauling. Before many years you are going to see country churches all over the Winston district made over, remodeled to suit the needs of the church.

"LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASLRES IN HEAVEN"

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Some one has said that there is no pocket in a shroud. He meant, of course, that we cannot carry the things we strive for so greedily into the beyond.

Patent as the fact is, it is hard for some of us to realize that worldly things must remain in the world. The houses we build, the lands we enjoy, the goods and securities we accumulate will not attend us on our final journey; yet we cling to them as if they might.

Still, though our earthly wealth may not pass to it, there are treasures in the beyond. Nothing is made plainer in the Bible than the system of future rewards and punishments. The Savior tells us that there are treasures in heaven, but He admonishes us that we must accumulate them here if we would enjoy them there.

God's glory comes through service. Cherubim and seraphim bow down before Him as the embodiment of ineffable benevolence. He made and maintains a universe, crowded with blessings, for the use of man. He has showered us with gifts—the supremest one His only-begotten Son, whom He gave that we might not perish, but might have eternal life. He asks service in return for service. He asks that man may further glorify Him by serving man.

God leaves us in no doubt concerning the service He requires. He makes an important part of it the assembling together of His children for congregational worship. In this, as in everything else that man is asked to do, the service rendered to God is, in reality, service to man. He comes from such a service with his heart warmed, his conscience quickened, his resolve strengthened. The leaven of righteousness spreads outward from such an assembling place as light and warmth are radiated from the sun.

To build the house that is to shelter His people becomes, therefore, a potent work for God, a precious oblation upon His altar. It is a treasure, a precious treasure, laid up in heaven. And it is a treasure that yields perennial increase, for the love of God that is nurtured within those walls and the helpful, zealous spirit that goes out from them are numbered with the eternal and the ever-swelling things.

God does not intend that we should despise the things of earth. They, too, are His creation. To accumulate capital by honest endeavor is good in His sight, for it is a most potent means toward wholesome, Christian ends. He means that we shhall accumulate earthly treasures, but He does not mean that we shall stop at that. He means that we shall use a part of them, at least, as our capital in our partnership with Him.

To share God's work! Was ever more radiant prospect offered to the eye of man? What inspiration should so quicken his zeal or fire his aspiration? To share God's work! To raise your part of an ever-extending line of citadels in which the faith is held. To be a builder of the houses dedicated to Him. To "rear the arch and lay the architrave" which shall shelter His people. To shape the portal from which His gospel shall go forth, a message of light and life to them that sit in darkness. Surely you want a share in work like that!

Your capital is safe and fruitful in that glorious partnership. It will yield you tranquil dividends of that happiness which comes from duty cheerfully met and generously discharged. But that earthly happiness, great as it is, is but the forecast of an eternal reward.

There will come a time when, by God's grace, you will enter the mansion which Christ has prepared for you. There many treasures will contribute to your joy; but of them all your eyes will seek and your heart will prize most the treasure that your own hands and your own self-denial wrought out in humble gratitude to God; a treasure laid up when you were His struggling creature in a world below.

It will not be lands or merchandise or bonds, for such things can never enter heaven. It will be a treasure of human souls; souls that you have inspired or helped; souls that have heard and laid hold upon God's precious Word; souls that first received the light, perhaps, in a church you helped to build; souls that sought a sanctuary your hands had reared; souls that found their inspiration in a church that knew your fostering hand.

Here, then, is the Saviour's alchemy that transforms the dross-cankered gold of earth into the priceless treasure of heaven.

Can you hesitate to lay up that treasure now?

Rev. E. J. Poe writes that the Sunday schools on the Woodleaf circuit are lining up on the Centenary with practically unanimous consent. Our good circuit pastors can't emphasize the Sunday school's Centenary work too much.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. Jim Green, evangelist, conducted revival services at Rhodhiss last week. No report has been given us as to results.

—Dr. W. P. Dickinson, of the Alabama conference and stationed at Eufaula, was killed in the fearful storm that swept over that city last week.

—Revival services were conducted last week at Davenport College by Rev. Dr. H. M. North, of the North Carolina Conference. We have had no report of results.

—Dr. T. F. Marr, of Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, is in the midst of a good revival with his people, and has the assistance of Rev. Samuel R. Belk, of Atlanta, who is a preacher of uncommon force.

—We sympathize with our friends in Pilot Mountain who suffered heavy loss last week in a fire which destroyed several thousand dodlars' worth of property including the Baptist church which was a total loss.

—The local press correspondent writing from Wadesboro says that the Centenary movement is succeeding well in our congregation there under the leadership of Rev. E. R. Welch. We are glad to note also, that Mrs. Welch is recovering rapidly from an attack of influenza.

—Many Advocate readers will read with pleasure the announcement that Dr. J. W. Long will open his hospital here in Greensboro immediately. He has been released from military service and has returned to his home, and expects to re-open the hospital by April 1.

—We were in error last week in stating that Bishop Darlington had dedicated the West End church, Winston-Salem on the preceding Sunday evening. The church is to be dedicated on Sunday, April 6, as already announced, and Dr. F. N. Parker will preach the sermon.

—We see it announced that Rev. Dr. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, is to conduct evangelistic services in the Wesley Memorial Church, of Atlanta, next month. Dr. McLarty is adapted to that sort of work and we can assure the friends in Atlanta that they may expect a high order of service. Dr. McLarty has won the good reputation of being a successful evangelist in his own congregation.

—We have learned with sincere regret of the death of Mr. J. T .Montgomery, of Charlotte, which occured recently at a local hospital following a surgical operation. Mr. Montgomery was a member of Hawthorne Lane church. He belonged to an old and well-known Lenoir family, and was loved and highly respected by a large circle of friends.

—Our people at Gibsonville are feeling good. We have it by grape vine that they are much pleased with their new pastor, and now the news comes by wireless that they finished paying off their debt last Sunday and are now planning for enlargement of their church which will enable them to take care of the growing Sunday school.

—The Odell Hardware Company, of this city, is one of the old, reliable business institutions of the state. They grow bigger and better all the time. How could it be otherwise under the guiding hand of men of the highest integrity? They recently completed new, up-to-date offices fronting on Davie street, and on Friday evening of last week invited all the city pastors to be their guests at an informal reception. Thus they kept up their traditional custom of keeping close to the best things. It was a great occasion.

—The various Methodist churches of Charlotte have arranged for a great union revival service to be held in September in the city auditorium, which has a seating capacity of about 5,000, and Rev. "Bob" Jones, of Montgomery, Ala., one of the strongest gospel preachers in the country and an eminently successful evangelist, has been secured to conduct the meeting. All the details of the meeting have not been worked out yet, but there will be united effort for great spiritual results.

—We are sorry to record the death of Miss Grace Rone, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. W. S. Rone and Mrs. Rone, which occurred at the home of her uncle, Mr. James Ardrey Bell, in Charlotte, last week. The funeral service was conducted at Harrison church, on the Pineville charge, by Rev. W. F. Elliott, the pastor, assisted by Bishop Kilgo and Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt. Miss Rone was a very lovable young woman, cultured and consecrated, and the news of her death will bring sadness to many friends all over North Carolina. We extend warm sympathy to the stricken mother and all the family connection.

—Mr. J. B. Duke, of New York, one of the big captains of industry of America, has recently bought an extensive property in Myers Park, Charlotte, for a winter home. Mr. Duke has large property interests in North Carolina and wants the privilege of home life when in the state. North Carolina Methodists will always feel grateful to him for his splendid gifts to Trinity College and for the annual donation he makes to the church extension, conference mission and superannuate funds in our conferences.

—Referring to the recent Centenary council meeting held in Shelby a correspondent of the daily press says: "Bishop Darlington was a visitor here Saturday for the first time, delivering one of the most powerful discourses ever heard here. He came in the interest of the Centenary movement of the Methodist church. The Central Methodist church was crowded, several hundred ministers, laymen and ladies of the seventy-eight churches in the Shelby district being present. After Bishop Darlington had put before the audience the foundation of the movement to turn the world back to Christ, other representatives of the church explained in detail the organization and plan of work."

CAMPAIGN DOTS

Only two more weeks to work on our special proposition. Many have done fine work, but some have not yet turned over in bed. A few are rubbing their eyes and wondering if it will soon be day.

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Mrs. R. E. Gabriel, of Terrell, sets a good example for the women. Last week she sent us six renewals and three new subscribers from the Rehoboth congregation, Rock Springs charge, check with the order. If only we could get an enthusiastic Advocate agent in each congregation! And why should we not?

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The Centenary drive still brings results. Prof. M. B. Andrews and his Epworth League workers keep turning in reports. Some other Leagues that are dying for lack of something to do ought to take the hint.

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Rev. Loy D. Thompson, pastor of Broad Street, Statesville, has his machinery working. He sends in a fine report and says this is just a beginning.

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Rev. G. C. Brinkman, Elkin, has a big record on renewals.

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Rev. A. R. Bell is moving on the Ansonville charge. Influenza greatly hindered the work in all of Anson county, especially in Brother Bell's charge.

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Rev. Thos. W. Hager, one of the student pastors at Rutherford College, makes a fine report from the Enola charge.

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Rev. W. J. Baker, Robbinsville, sends in a list that would do credit to an old, well developed charge. He must be pulling up stumps.

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Rev. G. A. B. Holderby got a late start on the Ranger circuit, but he is sowing down his field with the church paper the first thing.

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Rev. H. G. Allen, Granite Falls station, repeats his record of thoroughness. A big list and the promise of more to follow.

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Mr. M. L. Moose, a good, faithful layman, sends in one of the largest reports from Race Street, Statesvlle. Brother Moose has been working at this for years and seems to grow better and better. We suspect that Brother J. W. Williams, the pastor, gave good support to Brother Moose's effort.

Rev. J. W. Vestal, Farmington cicruit, is nearly twice over the allotment, but still going on. We got him astride two districts in our recent report which we very much regret.

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Rev. G. W. Williams beats his own record again, the third time on the Walnut Cove circuit. He never fails.

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Rev. J. A. Cook, Sylva, serves one of the best congregations west of Asheville. Sylva lacks nothing now except more Advocates and Brother Cook is doing some fine work that will bring fruit.

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Rev. J. W. Combs, Pilot Mountain, is taking care of the Advocate circulation in his charge. Steady work brings results. He never gives up.

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Rev. C L. McCain brings the Weddington charge right up into the front rank. Everything guaranteed and still on the drive.

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—Rev. L. T. Cordell brings Brevard Street Church up to the mark and sends one of the finest reports we have had.

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Rev. R. L. Forbis rose up in his might last week and put Chadwick across, with the promise of more.

EPISCOPAL NOTES

Bishop Darlington is doing a great work in the two Carolinas which form his episcopal district.

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Bishop McCoy, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be improving. He is planning to go to Southern Florida for a few weeks stay as soon as he is able to take the trip.

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Bishop R. G. Waterhouse is reported to be improving in health, and hopes to get strong enough to resume his episcopal duties again.

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Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, after considering invitations to make his home in Little Rock, Ark., and in Tulsa, Okla., has definitely decided to remain in Dallas, Texas

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The latest news from Bishop Hoss is not assuring. The end may be expected at any time.

CROUSE

Crouse has gone "over the top" in the Advocate campaign, having secured a little more than twice our allotment of new subscribers. It is not necessary for me to waste breath and space in the paper that ought to be filled with great soul-stirring thoughts, telling how it was done. Every preacher knows how to do it, but they fail sometimes for lack of help. I was on my way to church the other Sunday and came to a mud hole that was deep and wide. Two men were trying to get an automobile out of it, but could not for lack of help. They knew that they needed a team of mules, but did not have them. It is often said that the preacher is the key (man), but often the lock is so rusty and no account that it will not respond to the touch of the key. No preacher can succeed in the Advocate campaign or any other without the intelligent, loyal support of the people.

I heard a man praying the other day, and one petition was "Lord, come down on our po' souls." As we face the tremendously large task that has been assigned us this year we feel our need of supernatural power, but then we remmeber that it has been said "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." We are going to try to go "over the top" in everything at Crouse this year. D. P. Waters.

THE MORGANTON CIRCUIT TEN YEARS AGO AND NOW

Ten years ago we moved to the Morganton circuit. We lived here two years and after eight years absence, moved back. We made many friends when we were here before and these good people have kindly received us, and they have been pounding us ever since we came here three months ago. It is good to be with these good people again. Some have been called higher.

There have been improvements at some of the churches. Denton's Chapel has been finished except painting. Salem has been improved and made a nice little church and so has Bethel. Oak Forest was built while I was away. It is now one of our

leading churches. There has been some improvement in paying the pastor—have gone from seven hundred to eleven hundred.

We find the same brethren leading at most of the churches, but many of our congregations are young people who were little children ten years ago.

There has been some improvement on the parsonage. Brother Burrus made some improvement last year. We have had it lighted this year, but more is badly needed.

There has been some improvement in roads the last ten years, but much more improvement of that kind is needed. I asked a brother about a certain road sometime ago and he said: "There ain't none." I have been there several times this winter—where there "ain't none."

There are those at every church who say they are going to co-operate with me and we are expecting a good year. N. M. Modlin.

COOL SPRINGS CHARGE

Paint will work wonders. People hardly know the parsonage now, for the instructions of the first quarterly conference have been carried out and we are all justly proud of the result. Paint has been prchased for Providence Church and the committee has been trying to secure a painter.

Rose Chapel has purchased an extra acre of land, which gives us more room and gives us a splendid frontage on the highway. It is intended to paint the church building and probably put new weatherboarding on first. This will cause it to look like a new building.

New Salem is purchasing a large number of church hymnals and in many ways is showing new life. Several of the progressive members have pledged the tithe, and if a few more will do so it will solve all of the financial problems.

Clarksbury has made a great start on the Advocate campaign, for I secured thirteen subscriptions and I have canvassed only fifteen families.

We have been pounded almost constantly since we arrived here, but if all of the churches had pounded in the same measure that Clarksbury has our grocery bill would have been quite small.

Our people are splendid listeners, making it much easier to preach to them. And they are responsive. The outlook is hopeful, and we are expecting great revivals.

Mr. Ed Renshaw, of Cool Springs, fell asleep two weeks ago last Sunday night after fighting tuberculosis for nine years. His wife and two lovable children have our sympathy.

Mr. Phipps Hair, son of Stokes Hair, was laid to rest in New Salem cemetery Monday, March 10th. He suffered greatly for nine weeks or more from a tumor on the brain which was a result of influenza. This death seemed especially sad, since he was the second son to die recently. May God comfort the bereaved father, mother, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.

R. A. Swaringen, Pastor.

MILITANT METHODISTS OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, LISTEN!

Your Master Is Calling You! "Hear Ye Him!"

The Christ, who "ever liveth to make intercession" for you, calls you to prayer. There are 1,055,000,000 non-Christians, who have never heard "the good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Fellow Methodists, "God forbid that we should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for "these benighted millions.' If 100,000 North Carolina Methodists 'go from their knees to any task, it shall be done." Let us "advance upon our knees."

The Christ, who "came not to be served but to serve," calls you to service. The church of the living God needs men and women, who have freely and fully dedicated themselves to the crucified Christ, and who have been called and consecrated by the ineffably holy God for life service. There is urgent need for 500 missionaries at home and abroad. There is crying need in the Western North Carolina conference, for 100,000 loyal Methodists, "slaves of Jesus Christ," who hear "the still small voice" when God calls to go or send. Fellow Methodists, you have given your sons and daughters when your country called Will you withold them when your Christ calls? Let us kneel at God's altar until we can answer when we hear the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." "Here am I; send me. Lord, what wilt thou have we to do, for to me to live is Christ."

The Christ, who "loved you and gave himself for you" calls you to giving. Your money, as well as your children, should be dedicated to God. "Money is stored-up human power. It is so much of yourself which you can put to work" in the Orient while you sleep. If your life is hid with Christ in God, with David Livingstone, you ought to say: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, save in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ." The raising of our Centenary askings has been widely heralded as a staggering task. If measured by the standard of past giving $1,750,000 does loom large; but if measured by the standard of present spending for selfish gratification and for patriotic loyalty, it looks little. There are 110,000 Methodists in our conference. If 100,000 members will give one cent a day we can raise $2,007,500—$257,500 in excess of our quota. Is this too much to give to our sovereign Lord, who "bought us with his blood?" Fellow Methodist, we should blush with shame, when we hear a brother member say, with a long face, "It is a stupendous undertaking." Let us quit trying to advance the Kingdom of our risen and ruling Saviour with a copper coin. God grant that we may respond to the Centenary appeal in the spirit of Zaccheus, who said: "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor," or in the spirit of the poor widow, who cast two mites into the treasury, and of whom Christ said: "This poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury; for they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

Mighty Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference, listen! "We can do it if we will; we can do it and we will! We are "Backers, not Slackers." Walter B. West.

Waynesville, N. C.

GASTONIA'S BIG DAY

March 11, 1919, will stand out as one of the really great days in Gastonia Methodism, for it was on the evening of this day that 300 Methodist men met around the banquet table in the Armory, the only hall in Gastonia large enough to accommodate the throng, and here amid cheering and handclapping pledged in forty minutes $110,000 of the $200,000 needed in the extension of Methodist work in the town.

It was an inspiring setting. The women of the congregation, working with the committee on arrangements, had transformed the Armory into as attractive and beautiful a banquet hall as one could wish. Cut flowers and potted plants set off the four long tables stretching the length of the big hall. A transverse table had been set at the end of the room, at which were seated the toastmaster and the Methodist ministers of the city. Just 300 covers had been placed, and when the men were seated it was found that there were only eight vacant places.

The First Course

A woman correspondent would describe the dishes, but this one being a mere man it will have to suffice to say that the food was abundant, that it was prepared as only these good housekeepers of Gastonia can prepare it, and that it was beautifully served. Twenty of Main Street's Aid Society members kept 300 healthy Gastonia Methodists piled with food until they cried enough.

Speeches

J. H. Separk, one of the finest diplomats of America and prince of good fellows and an ardent and consecrated Methodist, was master of ceremonies. He called upon the pastors to extend greetings, and Rev. A. L. Stanford responded for Main Street, Rev. E. P. Stabler for West End and Franklin avenue, Rev. A. Burgess for East End, and Rev. W. T. Albright for Ranlo, Seminole and Pinkney congregations. After the tables were cleared and the coffee served, the toastmaster called upon the presiding elder, Rev. John F. Kirk, to state briefly for the benefit of the representatives of the seven congregations present the situation as a whole in Gastonia from the Methodist standpoint. He responded by saying that the embarrassment of Methodism at each of the seven points now occupied is its success; that this is literally true at all seven points; that it is emphatically true of the four points that have no church buildings—East End, Ranlo, Seminole and Pinkney—and at Main Street, where the present buildings are entirely inadequate to take care of the crowds already coming to Sunday school and to the regular preaching services.

Separk Starts Ball Rolling

Brother Separk then rose and, for the assembled guests, voiced the attitude of Gastonia toward the challenge of opportunity. He stated this was no time or place for a knocker or a pessimist. The only way to meet a great undertaking was with a great faith and a great determination. Gastonia was not in the habit of lying down or backing off in the face of a great challenge. At this time he was in favor of the Methodists of Gastonia running true to form; he was in favor of doing this big thing in a big way. At this point he called upon S. J. Durham to exhort, and Brother Durham did. If Durham ever makes a more earnest, forceful or eloquent speech than he did on this occasion I move we make him bishop by acclamation.

Down to Hard Pan

At the close of this speech Separk electrified the 300 on lookers by calling for five men to give $10,000 each to this enterprise, putting himself down for that amount. Scarcely had the secretary written Separk's name before A. A. McLean responded with $10,000, then J. L. Gray and G. R. Spencer. There was a perceptible pause, until the toastmaster announced that he believed he knew where to find the fifth man. Then the crowd swung into five thousand subscriptions, twenty-five hundred, one thousand and on down to $100. In less than forty minutes $110,500 was pledged and the crowd surged out of the building happy, laughing, almost shouting over what had been done.

A Big Surprise

The whole matter was a surprise to all except four or five, who had been puzzling over the situation for some weeks. To them even it was in no way certain that the thing would or could be put over. It was known only that Methodism faced a crisis in Gastonia. It was either to go forward all along the line or fail at two or three vital points.

Items Included

Gastonia's part of the Centenary is $27,500. Main Street needs a plant that should cost at the minimum $150,000, to consist of a large church auditorium building, an up-to-the-minute young people's building and a new parsonage. East End must have a church building to cost from $10,000 to $15,000. The new points being developed at Ranlo, Seminole and Pinkney must each have a new church and the charge a parsonage, the whole to cost not less than $40,000, and Gastonia must provide a district parsonage, along with what is realized from the sale of the old parsonage. It was seen to be the part of wisdom to undertake all this as one big undertaking, rather than as seven different projects. And the people responded gloriously.

The other $90,000 will be secured, no one doubts. The whole object is now seen to be easily attainable. The mountain of yesterday has well nigh been leveled by the faith and loyalty of our folks. Fine for Gastonia Methodism!

A ONE-MINUTE SERMON

By H. L. Atkins

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90: 12.

The meaning is that God may so impress us with the shortness and uncertainty of life here that we will yield ourselves to Him and be always ready for the life which is beyond. We have made much use of this form of prayer, but been slow and unwilling to learn the lesson we have been praying God to teach us. So He has recently been teaching us the lesson in the school of affliction. Like "a pestilence walking in darkness and a destruction wasting at noonday," the awful epidemic of influenza has gone into every part of our nation. No age, class or condition has escaped its withering hands, but it has been especially fatal among strong, well and well-to-do men in the very prime of life. The best insurance risk has been its favorite victim. Thus God has been teaching us to remember our days and apply our hearts to wisdom. From vacant chairs and new-made graves He is saying, "Be ye also ready; prepare to meet thy God; repent ye.' Lord, help us to hear Thy voice.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

ANNUAL MEETING

Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, was the meeting place of the seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, and March 11-14 were the dates of meeting. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been present at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society, held in High Point in 1905, and with pleasant memories of those days still within us, looked forward with no small degree of pleasure to coming again to this hospitable city as gests of the loyal missionary workers of the several Methodist churches. No doubt many of us were surprised at the changes we found had been wrought during the intervening years between 1905 and 1919 not only in the missionary society, but in the city as well.

More than double in population, High Point now numbers about 15,000 souls, with its palatial homes, splendid churches, modern and inspiring business houses, uptodate, well equipped factories of all kinds, furniture chiefly, stands today as one of the most prominent cities in North Carolina, the Mecca of furniture manufacturing in the South. The Washington Street Church, in which the meeting of 1905 was held, has been replaced by the splendid modern Wesley Memorial Church which, with another splendid house of worship, South Main Street, stands as a monument to the loyalty and devotion of Methodism in High Point.

Complete in its every arrangement, with its magnificent pipe organ and handsome furnishings, Wesley Memorial is one of the most beautiful and most splendid churches in our entire conference. But the thing we found in High Point which had undergone no change was the hospitality of the good people whose guests we were. The greetings were as cordial the handshakes as hearty, the hospitality as genuine as of yore. Under the leadership of Mrs. O. E. Kearns, chairman of the hospitality committee, of which, seemingly, every member of the church, including the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, was a part, had left nothing undone for the comfort and pleasure of the guests. Not the smallest item had ben overlooked, and we want to assure each of them of the hearty appreciation of each member of the conference.

What have been the changes in these fourteen years in our missionary societies? Then we were the Woman's Home and Foreign Societies, divided in work and interest; today we are the Woman's Missionary Society, united in thought and in action, having no distinction between home and foreign, but working as one great body for the salvation and redemption of humanity. Only twelve women who were present among the ninety-four delegates in 1905 were among the 200 delegates in 1919.

The membership at that time was 3,403, number of auxiliaries 41, total amount collected $7,959.43; now we number 8,055 members, 330 auxiliaries and total collections for 1918 were $27,791.87.

How well the women of our conference have wrought during these years!

The opening meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the large and spacious auditorium, which was crowded to its capacity. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. E .Thompson, followed by prayer by Rev. A. W. Plyler. Rev. W. A. Lambeth gave a greeting to the conference, welcoming the members to the city. These words of welcome were responded to by the president, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, who introduced Bishop Darlington, who delivered the annual sermon. His theme was the Centenary movement, which he traced from its origin in the mind of Dr. W. D. Pinson to the present time. He gave two things as necessary to the success of the movement: First, the church must go down on its knees and confess God; second, the question of stewardship. In concluding Bishop Darlington related the beautiful story of Africa, "Thinking Black."

The first business session of the meeting, on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, was opened with devotional service by Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder of Greensboro district, which was followed by the celebration of the Lord's supper, conducted by Revs. J. H. Barnhardt, W. A. Lambeth, J. E. Thompson and H. H. Robbins.

Following this service, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, of Greensboro, who for thirty years has stood at the helm as president, guiding and directing the work of this organization, took the chair.

Mrs. J. W. Perry, superintendent of the young people's work, was introduced to the conference. Mrs. Perry comes as representative of the Centenary movement from the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and her messages from time to time will be most inspiring and helpful.

Most cordial words of welcome were given by several representatives of High Point. Rev. G. R. Brown, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church and president of the High Point Ministerial Association, brought greetings from the churches of the city. J. J. Farriss, president of the chamber of commerce, spoke a genuine welcome on behalf of the city, while Mrs. White, president of the Woman's Club, in a most gracious manner greeted the conference on behalf of the membership of the club.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham, of Asheville, conference corresponding secretary, gave a most encouraging report of the past year's work of the organization, which showed an advance along all lines of the woman's work, there being at present 330 organizations with 8,055 members, 70 of these organizations having been made during 1918. She spoke of the great Centenary movement and stressed the great opportunity afforded the women of the church to aid in the furtherance of this wonderful work, urging her hearers each to do her part. She gave as the aim of the auxiliaries for 1919 100 per cent efficiency in membership and organization, in spiritual life, in service, in an intelligent knowledge of the cause and financial policy.

Mrs. P. N. Peacock, of Salisbury, conference treasurer, made a report which made glad the hearts of those present, as she stated the collections had gone over the top, amounting to a total of $27,791.80.

The morning service closed with noontide devotion by Mrs. L. W. Crawford, of Greensboro, N. C.

The session Wednesday afternoon opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. M. M. Courtney, of Lenoir, followed by a beautiful vocal solo, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling," by Mrs. B. T. Morris, of Gastonia.

Beginning her report with reading the social service creed, Mrs. W. A. Newell, of Statesville, conference superintendent of social service, brought a message bearing upon the work of her department; activity along many lines of social service work was shown. She called special attention to the signs of progress in social legislation and of the noteworthy bills passed by the present legislature. She urged the women of the conference to a greater work this year.

Mrs. J. N. Hauss, of Thomasville, conference superintendent of supplies, made a most encouraging and gratifying report of the work in her department. Despite the handicaps because of the influenza epidemic donations and boxes to the value of $1,322.80 have been contributed the past year.

A vocal solo, "He Walks With Me," by Mrs. J. F. Hayden, of High Point, delighted the audience. Mrs. W. R. Harris, editor of the woman's page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, gave a brief report of her work.

The district secretaries, eleven in number, came to the platform and one after another gave their annual messages, and for the most part were highly gratifying. These secretaries are most important in the work of the conference; the duties are varied and comprehensive. They are responsible for the distribution of literature in their districts, for correspondence, for the receiving and compiling of reports and for visitation.

The evening session of the first day of the conference opened with devotional service by Mrs. V. L. Stone, district secretary, following which was the annual message of the president, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, a message always anticipated by the members of the conference, and this year it proved of especial interest, as she discussed some of the problems of the work and brought valuable information concerning the Centenary.

Mrs. J. W. Perry was the other speaker of the evening and held the attention of her audience as she spoke interestingly on some of the lessons learned during the war, dividing these into seven heads, viz., interest and concern in things on the outside; brotherhood; service; enlarged liberality; enlarged responsibility; how to pray; the right relation of things to each other.

Spcial and beautiful music by a chorus of women's voices, with solo by Mrs. Willis Slane added much to the pleasure of the program.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Morristown, Tenn., was the first thing on Thursday's program. The entire morning was given over to institute work. The young people and mission study institute conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, the children's institute by Miss Amy Hackney and social service by Mrs. W. A. Newell. A general institute bearing on all lines of work was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Morristown, Tenn., which brought out much discussion on subjects of vital interest.

At the noon hour a memorial service was held with Mrs. P. N. Peacock, of Salisbury, as leader. Beautiful and touching tributes were paid to the members who have died during the year.

During the morning Mrs. Ella Coffew, a former missionary to China, was introduced and made a very interesting and instructive talk on the first work of the church in China.

Mrs. F. W. Jackson led the devotional service on Thursday afternoon. The young people's and children's work filld this hour, and after the reports of conference first and second vice-prsidents three very interesting papers were read by representatives from Young People's department, viz., "How to Double Our Membership in 1919," by Miss Mamie Voss, of Winston-Salem; "Stewardship," by Miss Clyde Johnson, of Thomasville, and "God's Call to the Young People of Western North Carolina Conference, by Miss Bessie Tate, of Marion, N. C. A beautiful exercise, "Our Specials," was given by a number of children from one of the junior societies of Wesley Memorial Church.

An organ recital planned by the women of High Point for the pleasure of the guests, was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present. Miss Corinne Auman Crews, organist; Miss Margaret Jenkins, soprano, and Miss Helen Mayer, violinist, all musicians of wonderful talent and ability, rendered an exceptionally splendid program.

The evening exercises given by the young people's and children's societies of both churches, consisting of songs, recitations, pantomimes, readings by Mrs. Oliver Causey and Mrs. Willis Slane, proved most enjoyable.

Miss Nina Troy then gave a most interesting talk on "Mission Study—Why?"

Friday morning after devotional by Mrs. A. J. Owen the pledge was taken and $17,500 was assured for 1919, as follows:

Asheville district	$2,200
Charlotte district	3,350
Greensboro district	3,500
Marion district	1,000
Mount Airy district	1,000
North Wilkesboro district	150
Salisbury district	2,300
Shedby district	1,000
Statesville district	1,000
Waynesville district	450
Winston district	1,550

Election of officers was held and resulted in the following:

President, Mrs Lucy H. Robertson.

First vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Harris.

Second vice-president, Miss Amy Hackney.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Dunham.

Recording secretary, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett.

Treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock.

Superintendent mission study, Mrs. R. M. Courtney.

Superintendent social service, Mrs. W. A. Newell.

Superintendent supplies, Mrs. J. N. Hause.

Distributor of literature, Mrs. W. C. Houston.

Following is a list of the district secretaries:

Asheville district—Mrs. V. L. Stone, Asheville, N. C.

Charlotte district—Mrs. L. N. Presson, Monroe, N. C.

Greensboro district—Mrs. J. V Wilson, High Point, N. C.

Marion district—Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, Morganton, N. C.

Mount Airy district—Mrs. J. L. Woltz, Mount Airy, N. C.

North Wilkesboro district—Mrs. W. C. Coffey, Boone, N. C.

Salisbury district—Mrs. J. F. Shinn, Norwood, N. C.

Shelby district—Mrs. B. T. Morris, Gastonia, N. C.

Statesville district—Mrs. G. A. Warlick, Newton, N. C.

Waynesville district—Mrs. M. D. Cowan, Sylva, N. C.

Winston district—Mrs. T. B. Apperson, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Convention reports were read and adopted.

Morganton was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Notes of Annual Meeting

We would be remiss did we not note especially the splendid music furnished by the choir of well trained voices, which contributed so much to the pleasure of the meeting.

We were fortunate in being the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kearns and their three lovely little daughters, and our stay with these big-hearted Christian friends was indeed most pleasant.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, was indispensable on that occasion, being in every place where it was possible to render a service or show a kindness.

The beautiful entertainments by the young people and children were pleasing features of the week's program and reflected great credit upon the leaders who were responsible for their training.

The presence of Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, Mrs. J. W. Perry and Miss Nina Troy was an inspiration, and their messages, so full of interest and valuable information, were heard with closest attention.

At the close of the treasurer's report the following song was sung at the meeting by Mrs. H. A. Dunham and Mrs. P. N. Peacock, the conference joining in the chorus. Words were written by Mrs. Dunham:

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

DEVOTIONAL TOPICS

March

2. The Lure of the World. 2 Tim. 4: 10; 1 John 2: 15-17. (Consecration meeting.)
9. The Art of Winning Souls. Prov. 11: 30; Jas. 5: 20; 1 Cor. 9: 19; Matt. 4: 18-20. (Meeting for the Fellow Workers' Covenant.)
16. Lost by Looking. Prov. 23: 29-35. (Temperance meeting.)
23. Our Relation to God. III. Obeying. John 15: 12-17.
30. Christianity and the Toilers of Japan. Matt. 28: 16-20; Mark 6: 34.

April

6. Our Relation to God: IV. Praying. Mark 11: 19-26. (Consecration meeting in charge of the members of the Quiet Hour Covenant.)
13. The Confession of Christ and the Denial of Him. Rom. 10: 9; Luke 22: 55-61. (Meeting preparatory to the observance of Fellowship Week. A program of daily service for Holy Week can be had of Smith & Lamar at 10 cents a dozen copies.
20. Eternal Life and How to Live It. John 5: 24; Eph. 2: 1-10; 1 Pet. 1: 3-5. (Easter meeting.)
27. Christanity and the Toilers of America. Matt. 9: 35-38. (Home missions. This meeting may oppropriately be led by the president of the Woman's Missionary Society.)

THEY LIE IN FRANCE WHERE LILIES BLOOM

They lie in France
Where lilies bloom;
Those flowers pale
That guard each tomb
Are saintly souls
That smiling stand
Close by them in
That martyred land.

And mutely there the long night shadows creep
From quiet hills to mourn for them who sleep.
While o'er them through the dusk go silently
The grieving clouds that slowly drift to sea,
And lately round them moaned the winter wind
Whose voice, lamenting, sounds so coldly kind,
Yet in their faith those waiting hearts abide
The time when turns forever that false tide.

In France they lie
Where liles bloom.
Those flowers fair
For them made room
Not vainly placed
The crosses stand
Within that brave
And stricken land
Their honor lives,
Their love endures,
Their noble death
The right assures,

For they shall have their heart's desire,
They who, unflinching, braved the fire,
Across the fields their eyes at last shall see
Through clouds and mists the host of victory.

—Percival Allen.

(The above poem is copied from the High School Journal, published at Chapel Hill. In view of the fact that a number of Epworth Leaguers have fallen for their country and are now sleeping in France, the poem is very appropriate for this page. We can never do sufficient honor to these heroes who made the supreme sacrifice.)

HOW WE GROW

By James A. Burrow, D.D.

Of course we want to grow in grace. No Epworth Leaguer, no Christian can be true and not sincerely desire to advance, to develop, to increase in religious knowledge and strength. How this is to be accomplished is a practical, an interesting, and an important matter. Mere wishing will not bring it about. Resolution cannot make it come to pass. One can no more grow in grace by desire or will power than he can lift himself by his shoestraps or by the hair of his head.

Growth is a consequence of conditions. Given a normal body, its proper development will come by nourishment, atmosphere, exercise, etc. The spiritual nature will grow in the same way. Of course life is the first condition of growth. A nail cannot grow, nor a stick, nor a dead shrub. Life is absolutely essential. A dead soul cannot grow. One cannot grow in grace unless he is in grace. When the great Teacher said, "Ye must be born again," He went to the bottom of philosophy and of truth,. Never mind, just now, about the manifestation or the how of regeneration, but always remember that it is an absolute essential.

Nourishment is necessary to growth. Without food the human body would die, the animal would die, the plant would die. Likewise, without food the converted soul would die. A certain tent-evangelist who belived that if a man was once in grace he was always in grace used to ask the question with strident voice and pose of gesticulatory triumph: "Can a man unborn himself?" Certainly not; but he can and does die. This way out of life is witnessed every day. Think it not strange that a converted soul may die.

Food must be assimuliated. That is, it must be digested and turned into blood and fiber and bone. Nutritious foods, therefore, is quite important to a babe in Christ as well as a babe in a cradle. Ham and fried cabbage may be all right for a section hand on a railroad track, but no sensible person would think that proper diet for a baby. Food of the wrong sort will do more harm than good. Tots need something that the mind can handle as well as something that the stomach can handle. To talk about the "peccability of Christ" to a Junior Leaguer would be to give him bites in chunks too big to get in the mouth. Young Christians need not bother about the "danger of transubstatiation," but they do need spiritual food, nevertheless. The need is not merely desirable; it is imperative.

Atmosphere is necessary to growth. If you do not believe it, read about the peril of gas attacks in the recent big war. Read about "choke damp" in a coal mine. Read about the foul and fetid atmosphere in crowded tenements in city slums. Fresh air is more appreciated today than ever before in the world's history. Sleeping porches, open windows, city sanitation, and the like bear witness. Well, a young Christian needs wholsesome spiritual atmosphere just as the lungs need oxygen. If the boys whom the young Christian runs with swear and tell smutty stories, he is breathing choke damp down into the air cells of his soul. Conversation which is saturated with gossip, infidelity, irreverence, and the like is a peril to any Christian, young or old. Clean speech, reverence, faith in God, and kindred things in the friends who are closest to us constitute the pure ozone for our souls.

Exercise is necessary to growth. Take the illustration ages old: A sound arm carried in a sling for weeks and months would become atrophied, that is helpless. The muscles would shrivel up. An idle soul will suffer just like an idle arm. To grow in strength and health, we must take exercise. Witness athletics in our schools for boys and girls. President Woodrow Wilson plays golf, because he needs outdoor exercise. The growing Christian is the active Christian, the doing Christian. The Epworth League is specifically designed as a religious gymnasium for our young people—a place where they can learn to do things in Christian service. Development follows.

These are some of the ample rules of growth in grace. If observed faithfully, they will bring a sparkle to the soul's eyes, a rose tint to the soul's cheeks, a strength to the soul's hands, and a joy to the soul's heart. Growth does not come at a bound. Slowly imperceptibly it steals in and broadens out.

MARRIAGE IN AFRICA TAKES NEARLY A YEAR

Africa is a very hard place to get married in, as was found out by Rev. Thomas E. Reeves, of Calhoun, Ga., and Miss Etha Mills, a pretty school teacher, formerly of Applegate, Virginia. An exchange relates this story:

The two young people are missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Belgian Congo. Reeve left the pastorate of the Wesley House, San Franscico, California, and Miss Mills left five years teaching Virginians the three R's to go direct to central Africa.

After a courtship that was watched with much interest at the offices of the church in Nashville a snag was struck by the young people that threatened to indefinitely postpone their wedding. The laws of the Congo State required that both their birth certificate and marriage certificate had to be approved by the Belgian consuls in the United States as well as the colonial minister of the Congo at Boma.

However, a way was found out of their difficulty by moving to and establishing a thirty-day residence in the French Congo.

Rev. Mr. Reeve was born at Atlanta, Ga., on January 4, 1889. His father was a well-known Georgia physician, who died in 1900. In 1896 the family removed to Calhoun, Ga., where the family residence still is. After receiving his education at Emory College, Georgia, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., he entered his first pastorate in 1911 at Woodland, Cal. He remained there a year, and served a two-year pastorate at Alameda, Cal., until 1914, when he became pastor of Wesley House, San Francisco, Cal.

He was first vice-president of the Pacific Conference Epworth League. At the Wesley House in San Francisco, he was familiarly known as "Pop." The bride specialized in Latin at Peabody College, Nashville, and also at the summer school of the University of Virginia, after being graduated in 1905 from Blackstone Female Institute, Virginia.

Their work in Wenbo-Niama, Africa, was made possible by a gift of $5,000 from Mrs. Glide, of San Francisco.

Their work as teachers and evangelists will be greatly enlarged, it is expected, as the result of the great campaign for $35,000,000 now under way as part of the celebration of the Methodist Centennial of missions.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK

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We Raised Our Pledge—1919 Meeting

Long had we tried, but in vain, to raise our pledge;
Yes, we had failed, and great sorrow filled our heart,
Till all our folks did arise and bravely say,
"We'll raise that pledge, and raise it now; we'll do our part."

Chorus

We'll do it, we'll do it, we will surely raise that pledge;
It's needed and it must be done; we'll raise that pledge.

So all the folks then with one accord did work,
Labored and prayed with great faith and earnest zeal,
Trusting in God and so bravely working on;
They did their part, and did it well; they raised that pledge.

Chorus

We did it, we did it; oh, at last it has been done.
We did our duty and, praise God, the victory's won.

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THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

THE CENTENARY

Date of Drive, May 18-25

After careful consideration and counsel with the government officials it has been finally decided that the Centenary financial drive will come May 18-25. It was the earnest desire on the part of both the Centenary leaders and the government officilas that there should not only be no conflict, but that our church should, as she has always done, give unstinted loyalty in the great enterprises of the government. A message from Dr. W. B. Beauchamp indicates that Mr. Secretary Glass, who is an official member of our church understands and thoroughly appreciates that attitude of the leaders of the Centenary movement.

This change of date gives us a little more time for cultivation and organization. This additional time means that there is no excuse for our not reaching the last church and the last member with the Centenary message and machinery.

Every Leader on the Job

By this time every pastor, district chairman of speakers' bureau, district director, church chairman of speakers' bureau and church director knows what he has to do. Now we have two months in which to do this work, and it will take all that time to do it well. We have not a day to lose. But if every leader is on the job during these two months, we shall make such progress as our church has never known in the same length of time.

Statesville District Council

Twenty of the twenty-four pastors in the Statesville district and an equal number of church directors were present at the district council at Broad Street Church on Wednesday, the 12th. Bishop Darlington was present and delivered a great address on the Centenary. Mr. J. E. Corfield, field representative for this episcopal district, was on hand to explain the standard plan for the financial campaign. Mr. E. A. Cole, conference director, was present and took an active part in the program.

Mr. A. M. West, having found it impossible to serve as district director, Prof. Horace Sisk was appointed to this position and immediately entered actively on his work. The district allotment and the apportionment to the charges were unanimously accepted.

Shelby District Council

Every one of the twenty-three pastors in the Shelby district was present at the Shelby district council, which met in the Shelby Methodist Church Friday, the 14th. Thirty-two church directors, a number of Methodist Minute Men and many other interested laymen and lay-women were present. All in all it was a great council. The district Centenary organization in the Shelby district is at work.

District Council Dates

Greensboro—At Centenary, Greensboro, Thursday, March 20th, 9:30 a. m.

Mount Airy—Mount Airy, Saturday, March 22d, 1 p. m.; Walnut Cove, Monday, March 24th, 11 a. m.; Leaksville, Tuesday, March 25th, 11 a. m.

Marion—At Marion, Thursday, March 27th, 1:30 p. m., and night.

Asheville—At Central, Friday, March 28th, 3 p. m.

Waynesville—At Cyson City, Monday night and Tuesday, March 31st and April 1st.

North Wilkesboro—At Boone, Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th.

Fasting and Prayer

Since Saturday, April 5th, is the Centennial day, the call has been sent out by Bishop Darlington and the conference missionary secretaries of this episcopal district to the people urging all to observe that day by fasting and praying for the success of the Centenary. It is also urged that on Sunday, April 6th, there be held in every church a special Centenary rally.

Let the pastors, Minute Men and all others join in passing this call on, so that every member of the church will know about it before the day of special fasting and prayer arrives.

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HOPES CENTER ON CENTENARY

Reconstruction Work in France and Italy Demands Large Sums

By Frank Mason North

(Cable to the Joint Centenary Committee)

Paris, February 10.—The needs and opportunities of reconstruction in France and Italy cannot be overstated. Large funds are required immediately. All hopes concentrate on the Centenary.

For twelve days the joint Centenary deputation of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, visited the battle fronts under government auspices. We met the officers of the high commands and inspected the devastated areas. The deputation everywhere has been warmly received.

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THE CENTENARY ON A CIRCUIT

How can the Centenary program be carried out on a large circuit? Rev. W. B. Shinn, who is on the Rock Springs circuit, with eight appointments, reports the Centenary moving forward finely. How it is done? Partly by the pastor preaching on the Centenary and mentioning it at every opportunity; partly by the laymen, the Methodist Minute Men. On the Rock Springs circuit there are being delivered sixteen Minute Men speeches a Sunday.

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CHAMP CLARK ON CENTENARY

Recently the Hon. Champ Clark made a statement that shows the breadth of thought of the popular Speaker of the House of Representatives, the statement being relative to the Centenary of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the movement to celebrate the year 1919 as the anniversary of one hundred years of missionary endeavor of that denomination. In commenting upon the movement Speaker Clark, who himself is a Campbellite, said:

"Of course you know I am not a Methodist; I am a Campbellite, but nevertheless and notwithstanding, the Methodists are a great people and have done a great work in the world, and I am very fond of them. I think it is a fine thing to celebrate the missionary centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This country is so young we do not have very many anniversary celebrations any way you fix it, and the Methodist circuit rider was one of the pioneer civilizers of the western world. He was always on the frontier and preaching the Gospel in out-of-the-way places, and not only building up the church, but building up the institutions for which we all stand; consequently, I am heartily in favor of your movement."

Speaker Clark's tribute to the circuit rider is particularly appropriate, since the raising of the salaries of these hard-working preachers is one of the special benefits to come out of the financial campaign of the church which will be held May 18-25.

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The Woman's Missionary Societies in Brazil, China and Korea have chosen Africa as their foreign field. The women of Brazil have taken as their home mission work the organization and support of parochial schools in Brazil. In China the women will do home mission work in the province of Manchuria, while Korean women have taken as their home mission special the support of the Keulpangs (day schools) in connection with the church.

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The native church of China has agreed to raise $10,000 as their share of the Centenary $35,000,000.

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INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

There are now being formulated definite plans for the program of the interchurch world movement. The present plan is to combine the askings of all the Protestant denominations of America which desire to do so, in one tremendous budget, and raise the whole amount in a simultaneous campaign in the spring of 1920. Indications are that this budget will not be less than $750,000,000.

The inspiration for such a bold movement has come largely from the example of the Methodist Church in its Centenary program. The leaders of the inter-church world movement frankly state that they consider our Centenary campaign an experiment station for their pr ject.

CABARRUS METHODISM

The Methodist Ministerial Association of Cabarrus county requested me to give a short write-up of the charges of the county.

Central Church, Concord, started off with a $300 raise in pastor's salary. The interest in the Centenary is running high. In addition to her own allotment Central is interested in seeing all the churches of Concord raise their allotment. To this end she has extended material aid. The pastor is ably assisted by practically the whole church. Nothing else could be expected when a church has a wise, consecrated, enthusiastic leader like Brother Coltrane.

Forest Hill has growing congregations. Several have signed the tither's pledge. Brother Taylor is laboring in season and out, looking after every interest of the church. He teaches the Sunday school lesson on Wednesday night, and he teaches it, too. The Centenary will not be neglected.

Plucky Epworth and Center started out with a $250 raise in salary, refurnished the parsonage and are putting down a paved sidewalk in front of the parsonage. Congregations and Sunday school are growing every Sunday. Both people and preacher are happy and hopeful.

Kerr Street under the leadership of Brother Strider is going forward. The Sunday school enrollment is forty per cent more than church membership and still growing. Brother Strider and his crowd do things.

Concord circuit made a raise in salary of $200. Mount Olivet is raising $1,200 to $1,500 to put in new pews and finish interior of the church. The churches of the circuit raised $200 for Armenian and Syrian relief. Interest in the Centenary is good. All the Sunday schools will take a part.

I haven't a report from the other charges yet. I'll write something about them a little later.

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Rev. W. J. S. Walker, Mocksville, Davie charge, $15; Rev. J. T. Ratledge, Catawba charge, $9; Rev. J. F. Moser, Cherryville charge, $9.20; total, $33.20.

FOR WEAVER HALL

The Mount Airy circuit has lately added to the Weaver Hall subscription list $300. The following amounts were added March 6-10:

Elkin, $97 (now $303); Wilkesboro, $25 (now $142); Walnut Cove, $12.50; Stokesdale, $1.20 (now $130).

Weaver Hall, Rutherford College, list, March 11-14:

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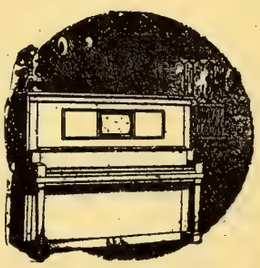
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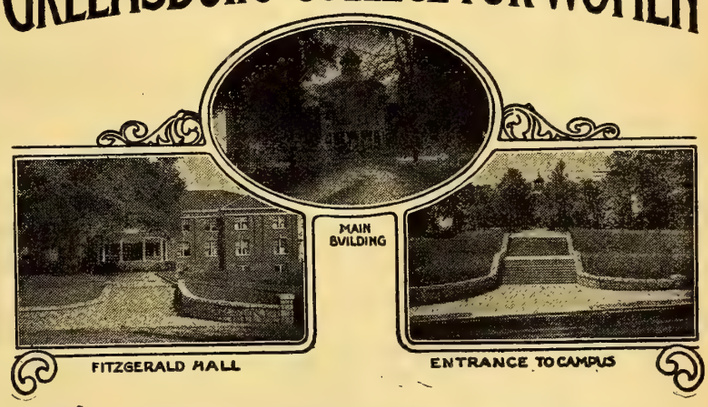


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She mixes dough so smooth and sweet,
Then she will roll, and roll;
But it is not a doughnut yet,
Until I make the hole.

And if I make the hole, I say
They's wholly mine, you see!
But Katie cannot take a joke ,
And never will agree.
So when they lie all brown and hot
And tempting in the bowl,
She says to me, "You may have one,
But do not eat the whole!"
—Abbie Farwell Brown, in the Lutheran.

CHILDREN OF MINISTERS LEADERS IN LIFE

It is the children of ministers more than any other class who in England and America have been leaders in art, science and literature. More than any others are they the authors, teachers, college professors, journalists and professional men of note. Nor are their names wanting among successful men in business and politics; witness Woodrow Wilson, the present President of the United States.

A few months ago an article appeared in the Popular Science Monthly containing the following statements: "The English Dictionary of National Biography gives these figures: A comparison of eminent men (of England) shows 1,270 to be the sons of clergymen, 510 the sons of laywers, 350 the sons of doctors, one and a half times as many of the former as of both the latter." Names of some of these were Ben Jonson, Cowper, Goldsmith, Tennyson, Coleridge, Addison, Keats, Kingsley and Matthew Arnold. Daughters of clergymen were represented by Jane Austen, the Bronte sisters, Mrs. Gaskell and Lucas Malet (the daughter of Charles Kingsley).

In America the Who's Who in a list of something less than 12,000 showed 898 to be the sons of clergymen. If the proportion had been the same as for the other professions and callings there should have been about fifty, but there were eighteen times that number. These included Justice Brewer, Senator Dolliver, Justice Hughes, Levi P. Morton and Presidents Faunce of Brown University, James of Illinois, Wright of Clark and Taylor of Vassar. Among famous professors are Lounsbury of Yale, James of Harvard and Sloane of Columbia. Others were the railroad king, Edward H. Harriman; W. H. Maxwell, superintendent of schools in New York city; Bishop Potter, Henry James, Governors Bates of Massachusetts and Kellogg of Louisiana, David J. Hill of the Department of State, Richard Watson Gilder, Lyman Abbott, William Hayes Ward; among the daughters are Catherine and Harriet Beecher, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Jeannette Gilder and Marshall Saunders.

The hall of fame at Washington has fifty-seven American names. Ten of these, almost a fifth, belong to the families of clergymen. They are Agassiz, Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry Clay, Jonathan Edwards, Emerson, Lowell, Morse, Bancroft and Holmes.—The Continent.

WHAT TOM'S PIGS DID FOR HIM

Tom was a twelve-year-old colored boy down in Mississippi, who belonged to a pig club organized by one of those wide-awake state supervisors of rural schools. The town bank agreed to buy pigs for the boys and girls if each one would sign a promissory note for twelve months at the local rate of interest, agree to work with the pig for that time, and pay the note from the sale of the pig's offspring.

Tom could hardly write his name. The banker called in the supervisor to help him make out the name and address. Tom borrowed $15 from the bank on September 9, 1915. "One day in July, 1916," says the supervisor, "I noticed Tom walking down the street on the opposite side, and he had a great big smile on his face. He saw me and he came running across the street, and said, 'Mr. H., I have something to tell you.' He pulled out of his pocket the cancelled note and said: 'It cost me sixteen dollars and a few cents, interest and principal,' and he had calculated the interest and knew exactly what it would be. He got one of his brothers to help him in this calculation, and when he went to pay the the note he knew the exact amount. That was not all. He pulled out of his other pocket a bank book. The bank had credited him with $76, as proceeds from the pigs he had raised that spring. That was the happiest boy I have ever seen, with that great big smile on his face, seeming determined to do greater things in life. I felt that was a turning point in the history of his life.

"Today Tom owns about $700 worth of pure-bred live stock, which he tells me he is going to make pay his way through high school and college."—Southern Workman.

THE ROBIN'S VISIT

Once a robin flew into a pretty room, and just as he went in the wind banged the window blinds so that he could not get out again.

At first he did not mind, but flew about and lit on the bright picture frames and wished his pretty wife were with him to enjoy the pleasant place. Then he rested on the back of a small chair, and then he saw another robin. "Oho," sang he to himself, "here is some one else. I must speak to him. Whew! Mr. Robin, glad to meet you. My name is Cock Robin. What do they call this place?" But the other robin did not answer. He only opened his mouth and jerked his head from side to side just as Mr. Cock Robin did. You see, the other robin lived in the looking glass and could not speak.

"A rude fellow," chirped Mr. Cock Robin to himself. "Ah, yonder are some cherries. I'll eat some." The cherries were in a bowl on the table. Mr. Cock Robin helped himself. Then he decided to try the other bird once more. "My friend," said he softly as he caught the stem of a fine cherry in his beak and flew to the chair again, "here is a fine cherry for you. O, O!" Well might Mr. Cock Robin say "O," for there stood the other robin on just such a chair, offering him a cherry in the most polite manner! "Thanks," said Mr. Cock Robin, "but, my deaf and dumb friend, as we each have one, we need not stand on ceremony."

So both began to eat. "He is a fine, sociable fellow, after all," said Mr. Cock Robin. The door opened and in came a little girl. "What's that?" cried Mr. Cock Robin faintly to himself. The girl clapped her hands for joy and ran toward him. Up flew Mr. Cock Robin in a great fright. He whisked past the looking glass and saw the other robin was badly scared also. Then he tried very hard to fly out of a closed window where there was no blind, but he dashed against some very hard air and hurt his sides. If he had been like you, he would have known that it was window glass and not hard air.

"Poor birdie!" said the little girl, as she threw open the window. "You shall go out if you want to."

In an instant Mr. Cock Robin was flying through the sunlight to his little wife. "Where have you been?" she chirped as he reached the nest.

"Oh, I've been on a visit," said Mr. Cock Robin, and he told her all about it.

Soon Mrs. Cock Robin said softly: "I should like to see that other one. Was he very handsome, my dear?"

"Handsome!" cried Mr. Cock Robin. "Handsome! Not at all, my dear; a very homely bird indeed, a very homely bird, and as deaf as a post."

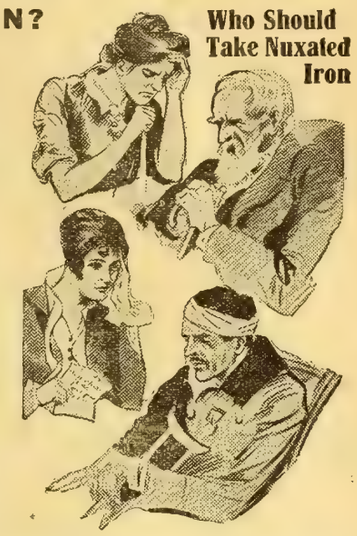
"How dreadful!" sighed Mrs. Cock Robin.—Exchange.

GRANDFATHER AND I

Sometimes, before the lights are lit,
Grandpa and I, we love to sit
Before the fire and watch each spark
Go dancing up the chimney dark.
And then we talk, and we both plan
Just what I'll do when I'm a man.
And Grandpa likes to tell what he
Did when he was a boy like me.
But sometimes Grandpa's voice is low,
And then I'm sorry, for I know
He's thinking boys can grow to men,
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—M. W., in St. Nicholas.

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Our Dead

SAUNDERS.—Daniel W. Saunders was born, October 10, 1878, and died, December 6, 1918, aged forty-one years, one month and twenty-six days.

On January 10, 1909, he was married to Miss Beulah Gammon. He was a kind and devoted husband and leaves behind to mourn his absence, a devoted wife and a host of friends.

In 1913, he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mt. Carmel. He was true to his church and lived a happy Christian life until his membership was transferred to the church triumphant.

His body was laid to rest in Mt. Carmel burying ground. A. R. Allison.

FITZGERALD.—Influenza, followed by pneumonia, took James Reid Fitzgerald out of this life into the Great Beyond. He was only thirty-two years of age, and consequently, so much needed in his home. Upon the shoulders of his young wife, has come a double responsibility, his and her own, that of rearing his three little children.

He continued to be, even after marriage, his mother's own boy. His love for her, and her love for him, was abiding and promised to be everlasting. -- sister and a brother remain to assist, cheer and comfort his mother and his family.

His circle of friends had a radius of unusual length. They loved him, too. Those who knew him best loved him most. He was a member of Wesley Memorial church. W. A. Lambeth.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst, our beloved sister, Mrs. Jessie Bryan Hunt, and whereas we, as a society and as individuals, feel that our loss is irreparable; therefore be it resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, knowing that His ways are best.

Second, That we here express our appreciation of her life among us, her noble character, and sweet and sunny disposition as displayed at home, in society and in the church.

Third, That to the bereaved husband and little children we exten our deepest sympathy and we pray that God may comfort and bless them.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to our church paper for publication, and a copy spread upon our minutes.

Mrs. W. H. McClure,
Mrs. R. E. Crawford,
Mrs. A. O. Allison,
Ladies Aid Society of Hayesville Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

HENSLEY.—Wilson Hensley was born March 14, 1839, and died January 16, 1919, being seventy-nine years, ten months and two days old. Brother Hensley has been a faithful member of the Bald Creek Methodist church for a long time. He was a good citizen and neighbor. He has held positions of honor and trust in both church and county. In his death the community has suffered a great loss.

He was also one of the few remaining confederate soldiers, having volunteered and served in company C, 16th, N. C. infantry. He was married, November 16, 1865, to Miss Harriett M. Proffitt, who still survives. To this union there were born five children, Mr. C. F. Hensley, Mrs. Ella Byrd, of Bald Creek; Mrs. Fannie Williams, of Erwin, Tenn., all of whom are still living. Mrs. Althea Wilson and David G. Hensley died several years ago. There are fourteen grand children and ten great grand children.

Brother Hensley has been in feeble health for some time, but his death came very unexpectedly to most of his friends, as he was not confined to his bed but a short time. He seemed to realize that the end, as far as his life was concern, had come, and said that he was not afraid to die. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

J. S. Mitchell.

CRAMER.—On Thursday, February 13, 1919, Mrs. Jennie Thomas Cramer fell on sleep. She was a kind affectionate woman who loved God and her Savior, and had a love for and abiding interest in her fellow creatures. Her relation to her Heavenly Father as His child, was attested by a long and faithful church membership which lasted for more than half a century. When the missionary society of her church was organized she became a charter member and counted her membership a privilege, always being a faithful attendant until her decling health interferred with this manifestation of her interest.

One of Mrs. Cramer's most notable activities was in connection with the music of the church. For many years she was the faithful and proficient organist.

She was endowed with a strong mind, a ready wit, and a genial disposition, always appreciative of others, and ready with a word of encouragement. She was an inspiration to a wide circle of friends, especially to her co-workers in the Missionary Society. She wrought well and we feel assured that our Heavenly Father has accorded the "well done" of those who are faithful.

Being duly appreciative of her beautiful and useful life and character, we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Main Street Methodist Church, Thomasville, hereby go on record as expressing this appreciation, and do now extend to her family our deep sympathy in the absence of the loved one gone before.

Miss Corrina Shelley,
Miss Lillian Yow,
Mrs. R. G. Tuttle,
Mrs. R. M. Courtney.

WAGONER.—George Odell Wagoner was born, December 15, 1902, and died January 23, 1919, aged sixteen years, one month and eighteen days.

He joined the church at Wesley's Chapel at the age of thirteen years, and was a faithful member, growing into useful manhood when called to the realm beyond. There are to consolations to the bereaved family and friends. He has gone to rest, also we are glad we knew him and loved him during his brief stay on earth. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall oe comforted."

E. M. Avett, pastor.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas God in the mysteries of His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst, our beloved class-mate and compaion, Glydys Blackney, on March 3, 1919. Therefore be it resolved:

First, That Glady was a member of the class of '21 for two years. She finished the Freshman year with high honors and was a very accomplished student during her Sophomore year with us. Her conduct was of the best, and her sweet disposition won the love of teachers and pupils alike.

Second, That we do hereby express to her bereaved family our sympathy for them in their hour of deepest distress. Their loss is our loss, and we will miss her very much in our daily work. But our loss is Heaven's gain, for Gladys had been a faithful member of Mount Carmel Methodist church for three years. We feel that the bereaved family has this precious thought to comfort and console them in this sad hour.

Third, That since Gladys has shown us by her life in the short time she was with us, how pure and sweet and holy a life one can live, we will try harder, as a class and individually, to become better and more like her in every way.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the members of her family, to the local papers, and to the Christian Advocate.

In behalf of the members of the ninth grade, Monroe High School.

Eleanor Armfield,
Berta Allen Houston,
Billie Phifer,
Ogburn Yates.

JOHNSON.—Dougan C. Johnson was born October 24, 1875, and died, March 3, 1919, aged forty-three years, four months and nine days.

He was the son of Rev. Dougan C. and Mary Johnson. His father was an Itinerant preacher in the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty-five years.

He graduated at Trinity College with honor in 1884 at the age of only nineteen years.

He made teaching his life-work and taught until a few weeks. before his death. He was married to Miss Lucy Ritchie in 1900. To this union were born four children, three daughters and one son, all of whom are now living. Two sisters, Misses Rosa L. and Emma Johnson, also survive him.

He professed religion and joined the church at the age of twelve years. He was a faithful Sunday school superintendent and steward.

To the widow, children and sisters we can say it is well with Brother Johnson. His life was noble and true. He always stood on the side of right and could not be shaken from truth and honesty The writer visited him often in his latter sickness and he spoke of everything being all right for the future. He said that had all been settled with God.

T. B. Johnson, Pastor.

MASON. — Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, daughter of Nancy and Jesse Conley, was born September 28, 1829, died February 24, 1919, being eighty-four years, four months and twenty-nine days of age.

At the age of twenty-one, she married Nathan M. Mason. To them were born eight children, five girls and three boys, two of whom survive, Mrs. Mary A. Baily and James A. Mason. At the age of sixteen she professed religion during a camp meeting at the Nebo camp meeting ground and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Nebo. Ever since that time she has lived a happy useful life, always attended church until she grew old and inactive. She died happy on Wednesday, February 24. Her funeral was conducted by this writer after which her body was buried in the Hunter cemetery beside of her husband, who preceded her some years ago.

May our lives and death be such as was hers. Joseph Fry.

CRAWLEY.—Julius P. Crawley was born November 2, 1860, died Feburay 21, 1919. In 1878 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Pinacle. This writer was with him on Tuesday before his death. Read, sang, prayed and talked with him. He expressed his willingness to die, and sang just before his death "I am going Home to die no more."

His funeral was conducted at Pinacle, February 23, followed by the burial in the church cemetery. The widow and six children survive. Joseph Fry.

ALEXANDER.—On the morning of January the 16, Ola Alexander bade farewell to earth and went o live with Him who doeth all things well. Ola was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alexander of the Hickory Grove community and church, of which the deceased was a faithful member. She was about thirty years of age, she joined the Methodist church when quite young. She loved her Sunday school, in which place she will be so much missed. Her gentle Christian spirit caused all who knew her to love her. She fought a good fight and kept the faith. While her place in the Sunday school, church and home is vacant, we know she has gone to live with the Father above, this being her own testimony. It was a real pleasure to be in the presence o such a Christian girl as Olo. We sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement and point them to Him who aid, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

R. H. Kennington.

RANDLEMAN.—William V. Randleman was born January 1, 1842, and departed this life July 3, 1918, aged, seventy-six years and two months.

He was married to Louise Kiger, February 21, 1866, with whom he lived happily the remainder of his life. He professed religion and joined the Methodist church about fifty years ago, and lived a consistent life until death came to relieve him of his suffering, for he had been afflicted since the civil war. He contracted some kind of bronchial trouble from which he suffered until death relieved him.

Brother Randleman was a good man for many reasons. First, he was a model husband, always gentle, loving, kind and considerate. The writer never saw husband and wife more devoted than Brother and Sister Randleman. Again he was good, because he stood for every thing that was for the betterment of his neighbor, or community. But one chief reason for calling him a good man was his loyalty to God and his church. He was an ardent old fashioned shouting Methodist, and he not only served God with his lips, but with his heart and all that he posessed.

His home was the preachers home and it was his delight to entertain God's ministers. This humble writer always felt better after he had been with brother and sister Randleman and talked with them about the deep things of God For seven years before his death ill health prevented his attending his church. It always seemed to do him so much good for his pastor to visit and read and pray with him in his home.

Religion was his theme and he could rejoice in God even in the midst of his afflictions.

He said at different times he was not afraid to die, that there was nothing in the way. At about noon on July 3, in the Twin City hospital, at Winston-Salem, he passed peacefully away and went to meet the God that he had loved and so faithfully served. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

J. W. Combs, Pastor.

PHILLIPS.—Mrs. Lucy Barringer Phillips was born December 17, 1857, and departed this life October 9, 1918. She was married to Paul M. Phillips December 13, 1877. To this union were born eight children: Capt. David B. Phillips, Oscar H. Phillips, Capt. P. M. Phillips, Jr., and Carl F. Phillips, all who are in military service in France. Prof. C. E. Phillips, who is principal of the Boy's High School of Atlanta, Bob Lee Phillips, Miss Lola J. Phillips and Homer Phillips, who still remain at the home in Rowman county. Her husband, Mr. Paul M. Phillips, also survives.

The subject of this sketch joined the Methodist church in early life and was a consistent member of the same until she went home to her eternal reward. Sister Phillips was a woman of excellent Christian character, and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew her. She was a woman of the deepest piety, and possessed a great faith in the God of Israel. She was a woman of much prayer. It was to God she carried all her difficulties, and judging from her own testimony, it was at the atlar of secret prayer that she saw God face to face. She manifested the deepest love for her family and was deeply interested in their intellectual and spiritual development and welfare. She was a friend to her church, to her pastor and to humanity. It was the joy of her life to make others happy. Her life seemed to be filled with the very essence of God. She is not dead, but has only entered into a larger sphere of life than it is possible for us to live here. We miss her, but our loss is her eternal gain.

R. C. Kirk, Pastor.

BLAKENEY. — Gladys Blakeney, daughter of Brother P. B. Blakeney, was born September 20, 1901, and died March 3, 1919 at the age of seventeen years, five months and thirteen days. The day after her death we laid her body to rest in the cemetery near Carmel, on the Prospect charge. Rev. H. H. Jordan, of Monroe, assisted the pastor in conducting the burial service. She had been attending the graded school at Monroe. On Friday she was taken very ill with influenza and was moved to her home. Pneumonia developed, which caused her death on Monday following. Many of her friends from the school, together with a host of other friends, followed her body to the cemetery to pay their last tribute of respect to one they loved and admired. Members of her class were the active pall-bearers.

Gladys had a bright mind and was studiously seeking those things which make life useful. We feel that her life would have proved to be one of real worth had she only been permitted to live. Who knows but that she will be of still greater worth in that realm which the Father above has permitted her to enter?

All who knew her loved her. This was natural, for she carried no frowns on her face for anyone, but smiles; smiles too that had a meaning; they interpreted a beautiful inner life. No where will she be missed more than in the home she has left.

But Gladys was also a Christian girl. At the age of twelve she professed conversion and joined the Carmel Methodist church. She lived the religion she professed. Those who knew her have no doubts as to where she is gone. May the Holy Comforter heal the broken hearts of those who have suffered most because of her passing. M. A. Osborne, Pastor.

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Second Round

March
Sulphur Springs 22-23
Central 23
Asheville circuit 23
Joint conference, Asheville .....April 7
District Council of pastors and church directors, Asheville 28
Fairview, Tweeds 29-30
Flat Rock, Fletchers, Fletchers 30
Saluda, night 30

April
Henderson circuit, Fruitland, (Conference on 5) 4-5
Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant 6
Chestnut Street, night 6
Leicester, Grace 12-13
West Asheville 13
Bethel, night 13
Weaverville circuit, Salem 19-20
Mars Hill circuit 20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 26-27

May
Weaverville Commencement 4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek 10-11
Hendersonville 11
Rosman circuit 18-19
Brevard 19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside 20-23

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
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Second Round

March
Ansonville, Cedar Hill, 11 a. m. 15-16
Wadesboro, night 16
Unionville, Zion, 11 a. m. 22-23
Mathews, Indian Trail, 2:30 p. m. .. 23
Dilworth, night 23
Marshville, Center, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

March
Pleasant Garden, Rehobeth 15-16
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 3 p. m. 16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m. 23
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night 23
Wentworth circuit, Lowes 29-30
High Point, East End, night 30

April
Deep River circuit, Worthville 5-6
Randleman, St. Paul's night 6
West Greensboro, Friendship 12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m. 13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant ...19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 20
Ruffin, 11 a. m. 27
Reidsville, Main Street, night 27

May
Uwharrie circuit, Union 3
Asheboro, 11 a. m. 4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill ..10-11
High Point, Main Street, night 11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

March
Jonesville, Maple Spring, 11 a. m. ..15-16
Elkin, night 14-16
Mount Airy circuit, Epworth 22-23
Mount Airy, Central, night 23
Pilot Mountain, Pinnacle 11 a. m.29-30
Rural Hall, Mt. Pleasant,, 11 a. m... 28
3 p. m. 30

April
Stokesdale, Mt. Carmel 5-6
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m. ..12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night 13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville 19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m. 26-27
Spray, 3. p. m. 27
and night 28
Leaksville, night 27

May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel 3-4
Danbury, Delta 10-11
Dobson, Rockford 17-18

MAIRON DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Old Fort circuit, Mill Creek 15-16
Marion station, night 16
Morganton circuit, Salem 22-23
Morganton station, night 23-24
Cliffside circuit, Hollis 29-30
Henrietta and Caroleen, Caroleen, night 30

April
Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. ..13-14

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

March
Jefferson circuit, Bethany 15--6
Creston circuit, Sutherand 22-23
Elkland, Hopewell 29-30

April
Boone, Fairview 5-6
Laurel Springs circuit, Chestnut Hill 12-13
Sparta circuit, Sparta 19-20

May
Avery circuit, Pisgah 3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma 10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's 17-18
North Wilkes Mission 24-25
North Wilkesboro station 24-25
Wilkes circuit 31-June 1
Wilkesboro station 31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

March
Shelby-Central, 7 p. m. 14
Polkville, Elliott's 11 a. m. 15-16
Bessemer, Concord, 7 p. m. 19
Cherryville, St. Paul's 11 a. m. 22-23
Belmont, 7 p. m. 28
Mayworth, Ebenezer, 11 a. m. 29-30

April
Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

March
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m. 15-16
Granite Falls, Granite Falls 7 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, 11 a. m. 22-23
Lenoir circuit, Littlejohns, 3 p. m. ..22-23
Catawba circuit, Hopewell, 11 a. m.29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 7 p. m. 29-30

April
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m... 6-7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m. 6-7
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 7 p. m. 6-7
Newton, Newton, 11 a. m. 13-14
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 13-14

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

March
Forest Hill, 11 a. m. 23
Concord, Central, night 23
Woodleaf, Gays 29-30
South Main, night 30

April
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 6
Badin, night 6
Cottonvile, Zion 12-13
Norwood, Randalls 13
New London, Bethel 19-20
Salem, 3 p. m. 20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul 26-27
Epworth, night 27

May
Gold Hill, Zion 3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night 4
Concord circuit, Carmel 10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m. 11
Kerr Street, night 11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill ..17-18
First Street, night 18
Salisbury circuit 24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage ..31-June 1

June
Kannapolis station 1
Bethel-Loves 7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
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Second Round

March
Bethel circuit, Bethel 22-23
Macon, Mt. Zion 29-30
Franklin station 30-31

April
Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May
Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
Highlands 11-12
Fines Creek 17-18

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Lexington circuit, March 11-12. Quarterly conference at Center, April 19, 3 p. m.

Davidson circuit, March 13-14. Quarterly conference at Good Hope, April 12, 2:30 p. m.

Denton circuit, March 15-17. Quarterly conference at Siloam, March 16, 2 p. m.

New Hope circuit, March18-21. Quarterly conference at Macedonia, March 20, 1 p. m.

Linwood circuit, March 22-23. Quarterly conference, Macedonia, March 22, 1 p. m.

Thomasville circuit, March 24-26. Quarterly conference at Zion, March 26, 1 p. m.

Forsyth circuit, March 27-31. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor, March 29, at 1 p. m.

Lewisville circuit, April 1-4. Quarterly conference at Sharon April 4, 1 p. m.

Kenersville circuit, April 5-6. Quarterly conference, Oak Ridge, April 6, 1 p. m.

Advance circuit, April 7-°. Quarterly conference at Advance, April 8, 3 p. m.

Farmington circuit, April 9-11. Quarterly conference at Wards, April 11, p. m.

Thomasville station, March 26, at night.

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The good citizens of North Carolina must wake up or else the moonshiners, blockaders and manufacturers of monkey rum will take our state. There is no denying the fact that for the past twelve months liquor manufacturing has been on the increase in this state. With this opinion, Mr. J. W. Bailey, collector of internal revenue, Mr. T. H. Vanderford, revenue agent for North and South Carolina, and others who are in a position to know agree. Letters continually coming to this office tell about the making of liquor and in some instances the threats of the blockaders not only verify this opinion, ut go to show that the lawless liquor traffic is growin very bold. The question to be decided in this state within the next twelve months, is whether the law-abiding citizens or the anarchistic citizens shall rule the state and dictate its policy.

Numbers of citizen are writing to the Anti-Saloon League and wanting advice concerning detectives, and wanting the matter of their correspondence kept a secret. The policy of the Anti-Saloon League is not to use detectives, but to insist and urge upon the people to insist that the law enforcement branch of our Government enforce the liquor laws. People throughout the state must insist that sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and other police officers give us relief from the situition that now obtains, and that the courts and prosecuting attorneys see to it that the blockaders get justice and that the penalties imposed are adequate to stop the offense.

It may be necessary in many communities of the state for good citizens to band themselves together in the capacity of law and order leagues and as such full co-operation to the officers of the town and county to break up blockaders.

As far as the state laws are concerned, we will be entirely dependent on local officers for enforcement, as the Legislature has refused to establish the much needed office of state marshal with authority to enforce the state-wide prohibition law in every nook and corner of the state.

After the first of July, when wartime prohibition becomes effective, we may get relief through federal officers and federal courts. But the state is thoroughly competent to enforce her own laws and the people ought to demand of the officers and the courts that they do so.

The trouble with our state just now, is that the good citizess are asleep at the switch. Too many have concluded that the work is all done and there is no longer need of activity. This accounts for the fact that the Legislature also has lain down on the job and that much needed and helpful legislation has been killed; and in the killing of this legislation the general assembly whether intended or not, has greatly encouraged the lawless element in North Carolina. As proof of this recent anonymous letter threatening good citizens for reporting blockade stills have been received in this state. Let me urge those who believe in law and order to get busy and help to break up the blockading in their county.

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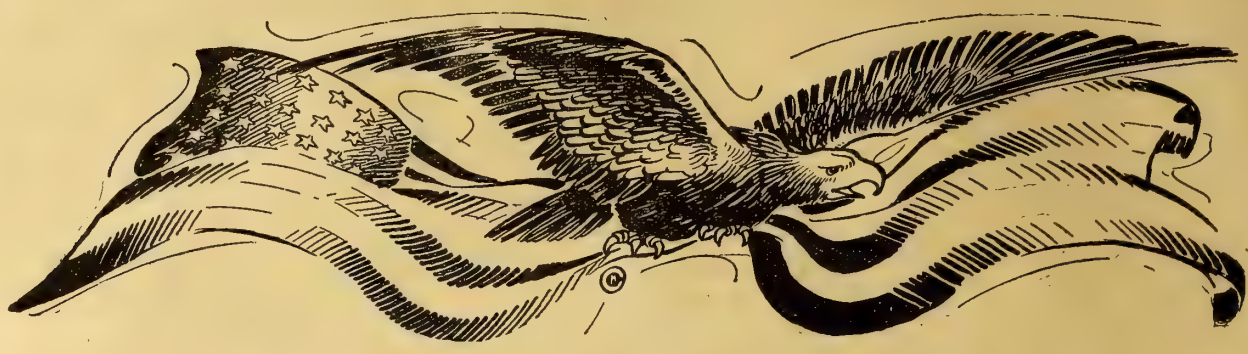


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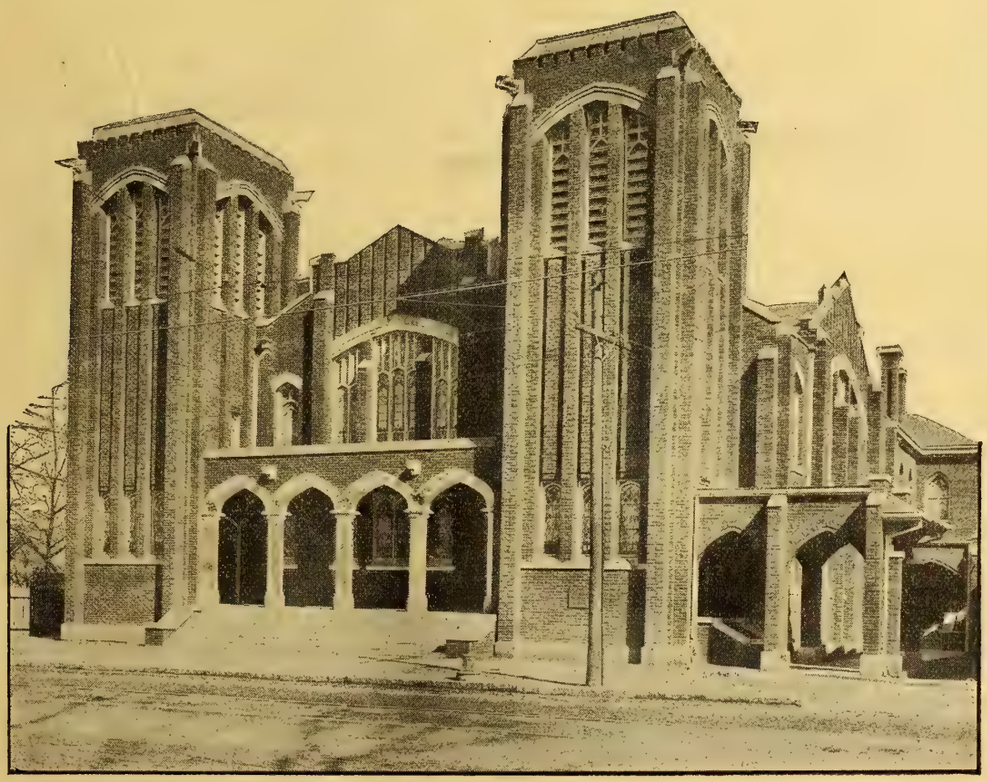
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Editorial

OUR SIGNBOARD

1. Be sure to read pages four and five. Dr. Pinson tells of his recent visit to the war-stricken sections of Europe, and Rev. James Willson gives us an interesting article on "The Great War; the Church's Unpreparedness and How It Should Be Met."

2. Look for the Centenary on page eleven and the Sunday school on page nine.

3. On page twelve the reader will find an interesting and helpful discussion of the tithe by Rev. W. B. West, of Waynesville.

4. Our news department, pages six and seven, is of unusual interest, and so is our editorial department. This issue of the Advocate is worth the annual subscription.

THE DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

As announced last week, on Saturday, April 5th, the churches in this episcopal district, embracing the four conferences in North and South Carolina, are called to unite in fasting and prayer for the blessing of God upon the great Centenary movement.

By a resolution adopted in the Greensboro District Council meeting held in Centenary Church last week the churches in the district are requested to hold special services on Saturday at high noon. All the people are requested to resort to their places of worship on Saturday at noon and hold a service of prayer. We hope that this will be announced in all the Sunday schools and church services next Sunday and that every church in the district will be open for service. Let all do without dinner and spend at least one hour at the place of worship.

If parents and children will join heartily in this service it will prove a great blessing to all. Let parents see to it that the children attend the service and that the day be not turned into a day of sport instead of a day of prayer.

On Sunday following pastors are expected to hold special Centenary services celebrating the organization of the first Methodist missionary society, April 5, 1919.

BISHOP McCOY ENTERS INTO REST

Our whole church mourns the departure of one of our chief pastors. A special from Birmingham dated Saturday, March 22, gave the sad message that Bishop James H. McCoy had passed away at his hame in that place early Saturday night.

It had been known for a year or more that Bishop McCoy was seriously afflicted and that he would not likely be able for active service again, though recently reports had seemed somewhat encouraging. His going away is peculiarly sad, since he was one of the younger members of our college of bshops, as well as a man who embodied many of the stronger and more attractive qualities of leadership.

Bishop McCoy was born in Blount county, Alabama, August 6, 1868. He was the son of Rev. W. C. McCoy, D. D., of the North Alabama Conference. He graduated from Southern University, Greensboro, Alabama, with the degree of master of arts in 1889. In the fall of that year he was admitted on trial in the North Alabama Conference. He served in the pastoral relation for fifteen years, when he was elected president of Birmingham College. He also served for eighteen months as editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate.

A great address delivered before the General Conference which met in Birmingham in May, 1906, drew attention to him as a man of uncommon ability, and he was appointed fraternal messenger to the General Conference of the Canadian Methodist Church. At the next General Conference, held in the city of Asheville, May, 1910, he was one of seven men elected to the office of bishop, being then only forty-one years of age. Thus he is cut down just at the time one enters upon the full strength of mature manhood.

Bishop McCoy was a man of many personal attractions, genial and companionable, and multiplied friends wherever he went. As presiding officer in our conference at Charlotte in 1913 his administration was in every way acceptable and satisfactory, and his pulpit ministry in every visit to North Carolina was greatly enjoyed. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

THE CENTENARY—WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT PROPOSES

There are still some honest souls who do not quite understand what all this Centenary is about. To be perfectly candid, we may as well confess that much which has been said and written on the subject has been somewhat confusing. In this, as is so often the case, speakers and writers have taken too much for granted. They have presumed that the people know a good many things which they do not know. So it may be well enough even at this late hour to give some primary lessons on the subject.

First, What is the Centenary? The Centenary is the celebration of the one hundredth year of Methodist missions. The first missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and therefore of American Methodism, was organized in New York city on April 5, 1819. So then April 5, 1919, will mark the one hundredth anniversary of organized American Methodist missions, and our Centenary is in celebration of this event. As to the propriety of such a celebration we need not take time and space to convince any one. Those who understand the great mission of the church to give the gospel to the whole world will not be hard to convince that this meeting in New York one hundred years ago was perhaps the most significant event in the history of American Methodism.

American Methodism has had one centenary celebration before this. In the year 1884 we celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of our church in America. The result is that many churches are now known as "Centenary," because they were either organized or their building enterprises were projected in that year. The force of that celebration expended itself financially in advancing local church enterprises and educational institutions. The elaborateness of the present movement as compared to that former centenary celebration is an indication of the vast growth of the church since that time, and more especially of the growth of the missionary conscience. Then the primary thought was to strengthen the home base; now the primary thought is to take in by one sweep of vision the whole world and see that adequate plans are laid for really doing in this generation what our Lord commanded us to do. Whatever may still be weak and inadequate in our domestic program is to be strengthened only that the combined power of all our educational and evangelistic agencies may be brought to bear at once in the great world movement to plant the standard of the cross in all parts of the world.

In a sense we have already given answer to the second part of our question, "What does the Centenary propose?" Perhaps all our readers understand by this time that the financial goal of the Centenary is the raising of $35,000,000 in five years for the enlargement of our missionary program. Incidentally, in doing this it has been recognized that a great campaign of education and inspiration is essential in order that the people called Methodists should be able to comprehend the real situation at the present time and see the great open door which stands before us largely on account of changes suddenly brought about by the war. For instance, all central and northern Europe will henceforth be one of the largest and most fruitful mission fields in the world. Practically the mission work of the Protestant church in these fields is to be built from the ground up.

Incidentally, the true doctrine of stewardship and the consecration of the individual to a life of service rather than a lfie of self-indulgence is to be promoted by the Centenary. Not the least of all that has been proposed as an object of this celebration is the saving of our people from a mercenary spirit in a time when this spirit threatens the life of the church. Suddenly, beyond all ordinary comprehension, our people have become wealthy. This wealth gives them the power so far as material resources are concerned, to send an army of workers into all the fields. On the other hand, it furnishes the opportunity for a self-indulgence which would destroy us as a religious force in less than a generation.

To come down to a more specific answer to our question, "What does the Centenary propose?" we answer in detail:

1. To raise $2,850,000 to maintain our strictly home mission work, and the inauguration of plans for reaching the neglected peoples in the great cities of the South.

2. To raise $2,140,000 to be used by the Board of Church Extension in building churches in foreign fields and in building churches and establishing institutional plants in territory in the United States that is distinctly missionary.

3. To raise $2,500,000 to be used in a more adequate support of the home mission fields within the bounds of our annual conferences.

4. To raise $7,870,000 to be used for a forward movement along all lines in missionary work in foreign fields.

5. To raise $3,000,000 for woman's work in the foreign department.

6. To raise $1,290,000 for the home mission department of the woman's work, in establishing and enlarging Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Houses and other needed equipment for this work.

7. To raise $5,350,000 for evangelistic preaching and gospel service among the broken and sorrowing people of France, Russia, Italy, Belgium and Serbia and other war stricken countries.

The foregoing makes a total of $25,000,000 which added to the annual sum of $2,000,000 already being raised by regular assessments and specials makes the $35,000,000 for the five years beginning with 1919.

Now it is proposed in the great drive which begins May 18 to have each congregation so organized as that each member of the church will be presented a card on which he is expected to write his pledge of the amount he is willing to contribute each year for five years. This Centenary pledge is to be separate and apart from what the member pays for the regular budget of his church. In other words, the aim of the Centenary is to raise a special fund without in any way interfering with the regular collections for the support of our work.

The sum of $35,000,000 in five years looks large perhaps, but when we realize that it represents only about one penny a day for each member of the church we wonder if the time will not come when we will be surprised that we did not undertake more. It can be done, and it will be done.

ANOTHER CITY MOVING

Methodism is just now enjoying an era of prosperity in Greensboro, as indicated by unusual activity in the matter of church building and otherwise strengthening our material epuipment. Every church in the city is now making, or has recently made, substantial improvements along that line, and in some places, entirely new enterprises have been started. And so quietly have these progressive measures been inaugurated that the conference at large has scarcely heard of them.

West Market Street

Has recently purchased a beautiful lot on North Elm street, between North Park Drive and Hendrix street, on which a great church edifice equal to the best in the state, will be erected in the near future. This is a commanding location, from which in the years to come, will be served one of the very best residential sections of the city from Fisher Park north to and including Irving Park, and from the city limits west over to St. Leo's hospital and Fifth avenue toward the east. This church will probably represent an investment of more than $100,000. Last Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Bain, the pastor, and Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, the presiding elder, conducted an impressive open air service upon the new lot, in the presence of a large concourse of people, this being the first of a series of such meetings to be held during the summer.

Spring Garden Street

Having outgrown her present quarters, is now perfecting her plans for the construction of a modern church building at a cost of something like $60,000. The building committee is composed of nine men, all of whom are signed tithers, also one hundred and twenty other members of the congregation are tithers. A few Sundays ago, pastor Kirkpatrick called for pledges on the new building and secured more than $30,000 on the spot. This church occupies not only a large and influential local field, but by virtue of being the college church for more than three hundred Methodist girls at the State Normal, just across the street, it occupies a place of influence throughout the state by touching the lives of so many students.

Centenary

Is taking on added life and efficiency under the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Plyler. She has just installed a new and up-to-date lighting system, besides beautifying the interior of the building throughout, and is placing cement walks about the grounds and otherwise beautifying the premises—at a cost of several thousand dollars. She is also interested in a financial way in other developments of our work in the city.

Glenwood

Zion church just outside the city to the southwest, and which had come to be wrongly located for the best work, is being abolished and a new church established in the important and pleasant suburb known as Glenwood, the present Zion membership forming the nucleus of the new church. This church is included in the Greensboro circuit under Rev. J. E. Woosley, and no wiser move has been made in our recent developments than this. This plucky congregation is making itself felt in the religious life of the city.

Bethel

Situated in the northwestern section of the city on the main thoroughfare to the Guilford Battle Ground is destined to fill a large place in the Methodist family of churches in this community. This is a comparatively new church, erected nearly three years ago at a cost of about $3,000. It has struggled with an indebtedness incurred by building, but is now nearing freedom from debt. Mr. T. C. Hoyle, a splendid Methodist layman of Greensboro, and the editor of the Advocate, have labored with the Bethel membership in bringing this church to its place of influence.

Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial

These two churches located in the villages of Proximity and White Oak respectively, are enjoying unusual success under the leadership of Rev. A. C. Gibbs. Recently Walnut Street has been greatly improved by the addition of more Sunday school rooms, while Carraway Memorial proposes to make similar improvements in the near future.

Parsonages

One of the best parsonages in our conference was built at Pomono last year by the West Greensboro people. It is now occupied by Rev. T. J. Rogers, who is in high favor with his people. Now the Greensboro circuit people whose parsonage is located in the Bessemer development, east of the city, propose to practically rebuild throughout their pastor's home. Then Rev. J. E. Woosley will wish that he had voted in the General conference to remove the time limit completely.

It is to be doubted whether any community in our conference is blessed with a wiser positioning of church buildings, or a sturdier type of Methodism, than is to be found in the Gate City of the Carolinas.

The Power Behind the Throne

A man of quiet demeanor yet always thinking logically, the presiding elder of the Greensboro district, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, has had his hand on the throttle for a little more than two years. The program of enlargement outlined above is to a great extent the result of his quiet planning and we predict that this will all be worked out to a finish by the end of his quardennium, and no denomination in the city of Greensboro will have a more efficient physical equipment than the people called Methodists.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Japan Has Raised a Protest against immigration laws which discriminate against her people, and wants the peace conference to interfere in her behalf. Great Britain and America agree that every country has a right to decide for itself who shall and who shall not become citizens. America will stand strong against the yellow peril on the Pacific coast, as a menace which must not be countenanced.

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Paderewski, the Spokesman of Poland, warns the peace conference of the dangers in the East because of the prospect of German domination in Russia, but which may be largely forestalled by a strongly supported Poland, which must have an outlet on the Baltic set for her commerce. He says that Germany is completely crushed in the west, but that her hope of exploiting Russia may give her a commercial victory yet, even if she is broken as a military power.

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The High Cost of Living has not yet been solved. The daylight saving law, which under the statute will automatically return on next Sunday, March 30, aims to help the people to save both fuel and time. It aims also to give the office man and every other worker more time in the evening for outdoor recreation, and one of the best ways to utilize that time is to spend it in cultivating the vegetable garden. It will be good for health and help to reduce the high cost of living, too. The food administration has sounded another warning about food conservation and urges all householders to magnify the vegetable garden, because the food problem is still serious in most of the world and every active patriotic man should help to solve it by producing in his own garden the vegetables that his own family requires.

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Evil Is Always Aggressive and when overcome at one point rallies its forces at another. The liquor evil for a long time fought in the open and commanded the support of many people of influence and respectability, but public sentiment grew so strong finally that decent society repudiated the saloon absolutely and its only champions besides ward heelers were newspapers and attorneys that served the institution for the large fees they could command. Now forty-five of the forty-eight states have ratified the amendment and after this year the saloons of America will close and the nation will be dry. The liquor evil, however, is dying hard. Its advocates have raised the technical point that in states which have adopted the referendum the question must be settled by popular vote and not by the legislatures. Every previous amendment to the constitution has been approved by the states just as this amendment was. They propose to carry the question to the highest courts and fight it out there. The friends of prohibition have no fears of the result. Prohibition gained its final victory in the legal way and has come to stay, and the saloon element must submit to the decrees of law.

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The Daily Press Reports of the Paris conference are watched eagerly by a waiting world. People wonder why it takes so long to arrive at permanent conclusions. Sometimes there are signs of serious misunderstanding among the allied friends. Then the word comes of speedy and satisfactory adjustment of all conflicting questions and the early submission of terms to Germany. Still we must wait for the final results and listen to all kinds of rumors in the meantime. The brilliant military critic, Mr. Simonds, referring to rumors true and false about the peace conference deliberations, says it is like one of our great national party conventions, where the factions meet and quarrel and threaten to bolt if they cannot have their way, with the result always that finally a candidate is nominated and all the delegates go home united for victory. So the peace conferees may have frictions and threaten each other, but finally will adjourn and all go home with peace treaties which they will abide by. We know the bloodiest struggle in history has ended, and the wisest representatives of the nations are gathered to adjust the complicated problems resulting, and we feel that these men will not fail in this responsible work.

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The Spring Equinox Is Past. It was the first anniversary of the beginning of the most terrific storm that ever beat against the forces of freedom, for just a year ago the blackest cloud that ever darkened the sky of history burst upon Europe with such pitiless fury that it swept the French and British armies far back from their lines and it seemed for days that the German hordes never could be stopped in their mad rush for Paris and the channel ports, but the storm finally spent its force, the allied lines were bent into all kinds of shapes, but they never broke. In all the records of war such heroic resistance has seldom been seen. German desperation exhausted its resources in that concentrated and protracted drive, and then finally the tide of battle turned, the allies changed their defensive to an aggressive offensive and forced the armistice which was signed in November. When the spring equinox returned last week it found the arrogant German army dejected and defeated and the German nation impatiently waiting for the peace terms to be submitted. A year ago the German military menace seemed all but victorious, but now is forced to yield and surrender on terms both humiliating and severe. Great is the contrast between March, 1918, and March, 1919. Peace has come and peace with victory. We trust and pray that the freedom which has been perpetuated at such heavy cost shall never perish from the earth.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE CENTENARY IN EUROPE

By W. W. Pinson
Missionary Secretary, M E. Church, South

The two deputations sent by the two Episcopal Methodisms to Europe were by a good Providence permitted to travel and make their observations together. The utmost harmony and good fellowship prevailed and the co-operation was as complete as could be. We had extraordinary opportunities for making our observations. The leaders in state and church gave us every consideration and encouragement we could have asked. Through the courtesy of the French high commission we were accorded audiences with their leading officials and men of affairs. Under official escort we were conveyed to the battle front, where we were permitted to see the scenes of the most intense fighting and of the most complete devastation.

Many interviews and public meetings were had with Protestant bodies and individual leaders. In every instance our purposes were given cordial consideration and a generous welcome. The deputations reached some definite conclusions, which will in a short time be jointly given publicity in the two churches represented. In the meantime I am in this communication making observations for which I alone am responsible. While my opinions were formed in conjunction and co-operation with the other members of the two commissions, I do not presume to speak for them until a joint statement, which is in course of preparation, is ready to be given to the public.

The facts are sufficient to convince one that Europe is a ripe missionary field. Whatever doubts one may have had of the wisdom and timeliness of Protestant work in these countries have dissipated by first-hand investigation of the situation. The right type of service at this crucial hour in Europe will tell mightily for centuries to come—Europe for centuries with a vital center of evangelical influences. The Gospel came to America from Europe. In this hour of Europe's need and crisis, when the plowshare of war has cut great furrows through her heart, and when she is on the eve of a reconstruction of her political and social life, it would be an act of ingratitude and of disloyalty for the churches of America to withhold their spiritual and moral help. This conviction is emphasized by the unparalleled popularity of America and Americans. Our part in the war welded the hearts of these people to us.

Nothing is more conspicuous nor more universal than this high valuation of everything American. It would be a chilling contradiction of the wholehearted and unselfish contribution we made to the winning of the war for the liberties of the world if we should now withhold the same co-operation with the spiritual forces of these nations for winning that greater victory for the Prince of Peace.

The need is apparent. The people are not receiving adequate spiritual ministry and nurture. The people are not being reached by any church, Catholic or Protestant. It is sadly evident and can be demonstrated by a vast array of incontrovertible facts that a very large proportion of the people of France and of Belgium are either confirmed rationalists or indifferent to religion. The antagonism of a hundred years between the governing classes and Catholicism is well known and has made a wide breach between a large part of the population and that church. Protestantism, never strong, is now weaker still by the loss of leaders and churches and through the necessary demoralization of war. They need help and will welcome it if given in the right spirit and in the right way.

Work undertaken by our American churches should be done with the fullest recognition of and completest sympathy with the existing Protestant bodies. There should be the closest co-operation with them in all our plans, such as will strengthen their institutions and second their efforts in behalf of their people.

There should also be full and hearty co-operation between the two branches of Episcopal Methodism. This has been taken into account in all our studies of the field and in all the plans to be set forth later. It is to be hoped that such plans may be wrought out as will be satisfactory to both churches and give to both the fullest opportunity for the largest service to the kingdom. This well accepted policy of modern missions is more emphatically demanded by the situation in Europe than in other mission fields where conditions are different.

The situation demands a pronounced evangelical appeal. It is a mistake to suppose that such an appeal will not win. These are a warm-hearted people. They respond to the Gospel of the warm heart. It is well known that the French are a highly idealistic people and that their emotions are capable of being set aflame by great moral truths. As with other people, so with them—the greatest need is the spiritual need, and the truths that wield the greatest power are those that concern the spiritual life. It is equally certain that a successful evangelical program for the purpose must be a large social element. It must carry ministry to the total life of the people. The war has necessarily wrought demoralization. The whole social and moral life of the people will need strengthening and upbuilding from their foundations. The evangelical appeal will need to be fortified by Christian life in action, even as Christ fortified His spiritual ministry with the helpful and healing ministries to the bodies of men.

Everywhere it was made manifest that the opportunities were greater and the difficulties fewer than we had thought. There will be difficulties and opposition, as in other fields, but not by any means to the extent I had supposed. The conviction grows, as the observations of these weeks are thought upon, that the hour is ripe, the call imperative and the possibilities inspiring. Indeed, there is no money for which we are asking in the Centenary that can be more wisely and more effectively used than that which the church is expecting to devote to missions in the war-torn countries.

While the commission of our deputation was limited to Belgium and France and our observations mainly centered in these fields, we were by a strange Providence permitted to get first-hand information concerning the needs in Poland. With the pathetic appeal that comes from this great people that has suffered so much and so long we were greatly impressed. The church should seriously consider entering Poland at the earliest moment possible. The recommendations which will be made to the churches will include Poland, together with Russia and other contiguous fields.

These statements are made pending the joint statement which we shall issue in a very short time.

THE GREAT WAR: THE CHURCH'S UNPREPAREDNESS AND HOW IT SHOULD BE MET

By Rev. James Willson

By the great war is meant the war which Jesus Christ inaugurated at the very beginning of creation and the fall of man, and which through the church he is waging against sin. Unlike the present world war of four years, which is now speedily closing, it is called the Great War because it is coextensive with the habitable world, touches and effects universal humanity and lasts through all generations until "the heathen shall be given to Him for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession."

He made the declaration of war against sin immediately upon the beguilement and fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, under the temptation of Satan, the old serpent, which brought desolation and death to the world, when he said to the serpent: "Because thou hast done this I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."

The object and mission of Jesus Christ in coming into the world was and still is to "destroy the works of the devil," to "abolish death and bring life and immortality to light." The work of the devil is to degrade and destroy the human race. The work of Jesus Christ is to counteract this, to lift up mankind and reinstate the race in the moral likeness and image of God. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is decked in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

The weapons used in this warfare are not carnal, but spiritual. The word of the Lord is the sword of the Spirit. It is "not by might, nor by power," not by an army or a military force with sword, rifle and cannon, "but by my spirit, saith the Lord." If victory is ultimately to crown the efforts of Jesus Christ through the church to overcome sin it will be by preaching the gospel, which the Holy Spirit will apply and make effectual to the pulling down and destruction of its stronghold. It is the only weapon authorized by our Lord to be used in this war. The kingdom of God is not to be promoted and carried forward to final victory by the sword. "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." The gospel is the power of God unto the destruction of sin and the salvation of human souls. It only needs to be rightly and earnestly preached and it will never return void, but shall accomplish that whereunto it is sent.

This war is to be fought and the victory won, if won at all, through human instrumentalities and agencies. If sin is overcome and the world transformed and brought into the kingdom of God, it will be done by the Spirit of Jesus Christ through the agency of His church. For this purpose it was founded and built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Himself as the chief corner stone. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." It is a co-partnership war and a co-operative fight. The one cannot win without the other. Jesus cannot win the war by Himself; nor can His church. "For we are co-workers together with Him." The devil and human agencies are co-operative. His work in the world is the work of His church. When in person He laid it down, He committed it to the church and said: "The works that I do shall ye do also; and greater works than these shall ye do, because I go unto the Father." And when he told them to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" and "teach all nations" and make disciples of them, he said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following."

When our Lord, the leader and chief commander of His army, led His little band of soldiers out as far as Bethany and committed them to this great war, He fully realized that they were unprepared for it; that they were few in number and inadequate to the task before them, and that they could not succeed by themselves and in their own strength. And when He issued the command to "go over the top" He instructed them to "tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high," and that they should "receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon them, and they should be witnesses unto Him both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." In their own strength these undeveloped and untrained soldiers were timid and cowardly. They were fleeing and hiding away from their enemies upon the death and burial of their Lord. But now that they have caught the sight and spirit of their Master and received the enduement of power from above they come out from their hiding and are bold to stand in public places, even before kings and rulers, and preach the gospel to their bitter and persecuting enemies, not counting their lives dear unto themselves, so that they might finish their course with joy and the ministry which they had received to witness upnto their Lord.

No generation of the church from the time God took "the vine," the church, out of Egypt and planted it in the wilderness, cast out the heathen and prepared room for it, and caused it to take deep root, and its branches spread over the hills and filled the land, was fully prepared for the task and to meet the responsibilities transmitted to it by the preceding one, neither before nor since the crucifixion and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, who was with that church in the wilderness and will be until the church of God is saved to sin no more. Or if it was, it did not maintain it very long before unbelief and backsliding set in and it lost its influence and power for usefulness in the world. "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken. I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider." "O that My people had hearkened unto

Me and Iserael had walked in My ways. I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned My hand against their adversaries, and the haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto Him." Their time should have endured for ever and God would have fed them with the finest of the wheat, and with honey out of the rock would He have satisfied them. But they despised the counsels of the Almighty and would none of His reproofs. "Even from the days of your fathers ye have gone away from Mine ordinances and have not kept them." "Ye have said it is vain to serve God, and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinances?" They lost their power and influence for good among the nations, and the kingdom of God was taken from them and given to another generation.

The history of the church under the Jewish dispensation is largely the history of the same church under the Christian dispensation in all generations since its inauguration. Under both there are numerous divisions and subdivisions, more under the latter than during the former. As the gospel spread both east and west during the earlier centuries of the Christian era the churches were called the Eastern or Greek and the western, the Latin or Romish churches. For seven centuries these churches maintained friendly relation, but in the eighth century disputes arose which caused them to separate, and they remained apart until now. These have each had other divisions. And in the earlier part of the sixteenth century other dissenting churches sprang from these two leading Catholic bodies, among them the Church of England, the Baptist, the Presbyterian and the great reformation led by Martin Luther which resulted in the organization of the Lutheran church. And now in the twentieth century the world is confronted by two great divisions of the Christian church under the ecumenical terms of Catholicism and Protestantism, disputing and contending against each other. And out of Protestantism have sprung the different bodies of the Baptist, the Lutheran, the Presbyterian, Moravian and Wesleyan or Methodist churches, all of them agreeing on the essential doctrines of Christianity, but disagreeing and contending over the non-essentials, and altogether contending "earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints," without being able to determine among themselves just what that faith is. These divisions have been so multiplied and so numerous are the societies and boards, with a great army of officers, that the finances and working forces are so scattered and weakened that the Christian church, including its almost countless divisions and organizations, is well nigh paralyzed and powerless for good among the nations and is very far from being prepared for the task and great responsibility now thrust upon it. And under present conditions it is absorbed and hidden away under the maze of visible organizations, and Christian people stand off with the world and look with wonder and amazement and ask, "Where is the church?" And the answer comes from every quarter, "Lo here," or "Lo there" or "Lo yonder," but it does not appear in any one of these, and echo answers, "Where is the church?"

This war is conducted and waged upon the basis of the meaning of two words, "faith" and "love." When these obtain in full force, the march is unto victory; but when either one or both of them is wanting, the battle wanes and is lost. "And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." The Christian religion rests and triumphs on these two words. Faith in God and love to Him and our fellow men are essential qualifications. It is impossible to love and please a God in whom we do not believe. Faith and love under the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit are the unseen power from the human side that moves the church forward in the fight and means success. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Not faith in the abstract, but faith in activity. "Faith without works is dead" and unavailing, "being alone."

"Thy saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar;
By faith they bring it nigh."

But how is this unpreparedness on the part of the church for this great war to be met? The answer is simple: By making the preparation; with diligence make it now. The present world war, just now happily closing, brings to the church such an opportunity as it never had before, and will likely never have again. The gates to the nations of the world stand wide open, and now is the best time the church will ever have to enter in and teach and make disciples or Christians of them.

When the entente nations and the United States of America entered the great world war none of them were so well prepared for it as the powerful enemy, the German nation, that was invading their territory and pressing the battle successfully upon them. Especially was this true of the American government. But they went to work, marshaling their forces and means on land and sea and in the air, and with superhuman effort very soon they had their armes, trained and equipped, at the front on the fields of battle. But then they were not unified, but were fighting each under its own command. The executive and directing authority and power were not centralized The armies had no generalissimo, and the God of nations and of battles seemed not to have been so fully recognized and His guidance and help invoked, and the battles were going very much against them. But when the forces were unified and the guiding and executive power was lodged in one supreme commander, and all the nations engaged fell down in prayer and supplication at the throne of power, the tide of battle turned the other way and speedy victory came. And on Monday morning, November 11, 1918, the great war was declared ended upon the abdication of the Kaiser, the German monarch, and the surrender of the German army. And now is the time for the fulfillment of prophecy by creating the "swords into plowshares and the spears into pruning hooks," and converting the great guns and engines of destruction of human life and property into implements of mechanical and agricultural industries, useful and helpful to the world, when "nation shall no longer lift up sword against nation and the people learn war no more."

And now the Christian church, including the Jews, the Catholics and Protestants, the universal church of God, should learn the lesson taught by the experience of the grfeat war and the strategic methods of its leaders, and stop wasting their means and exhausting their forces by erecting altar against altar and arraying army against army, struggling to hinder and tear down each other, rather than help and build up. They are fighting in a common cause with the same end in view. But they are fighting with many scattered armies, under as many different commanders, each fighting his own way and often fighting each other rather than the common enemy. They have no head except "the Chief Shepherd," and they are following Him by quite different routes. They should stop and consider and get closer together on the common basis of "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," and become one "in the unity of the Spirit." The church, without exception, should be federated and unified in a common democratic brotherhood with a supreme executive and guiding officer of their own choosing. No nation or corporation or church can succeed without it. And so unified and clad in the beautiful garments of righteousness they should take the lead in the organization of a peace league of the world and a common brotherhood of all nations, and go forth to this great war, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." This would be the beginning of a peaceful era, a millennium of a thousand years, a definite for an indefinite period, the only millennium that will ever come to our world.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

AN EPOCH-MAKING CONFERENCE

By A. C. Millar, D. D.

After a rapid tour through five or six provinces of Cuba, accompanied by Rev. E. E. Clements, superintendent of the western and the central districts, I attended the sessions of the Cuba Mission Annual Conference at Matanzas February 20-23.

On account of the illness of Bishop McCoy, which was deplored, Bishop Ainsworth presided and dispatched the business with ease and ability and with great satisfaction to the conference.

Under authority granted by the last general conference the Cuba Mission was rapidly transformed into the Cuba Mission Annual Conference, with the American missionaries, both men aid women, as members. The ten Cuban preachers who were eligible were soon admitted into full connection, and lay delegates were recognized on the basis of one delegate from each pastarol charge, and those who were present were seated. Among them was a Cuban woman, Senora Sar de Llanos de Martinez, who thus has the distinction of being the first woman in our church to become a lay member of an annual conference. Technically, she was perhaps not entitled to membership, but the bishop decided, in view of the peculiar conditions, not to rule against her. Four preachers were licensed, two admitted on trial and three ordained elders. Although on account of errors in reporting no increase in total membership will appear, still 209 new members were added during the year and 386 are under instruction as candidates for membership and 1,528 pupils enrolled in the Sunday schools. A church has been built at a cost of $1,757, and $2,569 raised for self-support.

No specific amount had been apportioned to Cuba and the conference was permitted to adopt its own centenary plans, but after the movement had been thoroughly presented the conference resolved to raise $4,000 this year in addition to its usual collections and adopt the following objectives: 1. The enlistment of 2,000 intercessors (practically the membership). 2. Two thousand tithers. 3. Ten natives called to the ministry. 4. Ten native ministers supported by the church in Cuba. 5. An average of 800 members a year on profession of faith. 6. Each pastoral charge to be represented in the church schools by at least two students. 7. An average increase each year of 800 in the Sunday schools. 8. An increase annually of 200 subscribers to the conference organ. 9. Each teacher and pupil in the schools a Christian, an intercessior and a contributor; volunteers for definite Christian service; co-operation of patrons and all teachers and students enrolled in the Sunday schools.

The Sunday schools are, in addition, pledged for $1,006 for support of native pastors.

During the past year by a special campaign the circulation of the conference organ had been increased 50 per cent and enough papers are sent out to reach every Methodist family. In this respect the Cuba Mission Conference leads the whole church. The publishing plant at Havana now has $10.000 worth of property, on which $4,000 has been paid. In two more years it should be out of debt.

Our schools and churches in Cuba are admirably located and the property is worth far more than it cost.

Our work in Cuba began twenty years ago, and under the continuous supervision of Bishop Candler for its first sixteen years it became firmly established and has been marvelously successful. All conditions are now favorable for a forward movement. The missionaries and native pastors are full of faith and courage and need only the larger investments of men and money which the church at home should make to show tremendous results.

A ONE-MINUTE SERMON

By H. L. Atkins

We, then, that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Romans 15: 1.

Christianity makes men and women democratic. To be in Christ is to love one's fellow men and want to help any weaker than oneself. The wise Christian wants to so help the weak as to enable him to become strong and keep up in the race of life. In a community of such Christians the tramp is not only kept over night and sent on his way, a tramp still, to get dirtier and more degraded every day. An honest and kindly effort is made to help him back on his feet and give him another chance.

In Christian society the weaker ones receive special attention. In Christian states the richest men and counties are taxed to give the children of the poor the same educational advantages as their own. The Christian church is especially considerate of its poorer members. The preacher is careful of their wants in his pastoral visiting and pulpit ministrations. "The poor have the gospel preached to them," especially prepared to meet their understanding and wants wherever the truly Christian minister goes. So let it be.

A LADY OF EXPERIENCE

"I can't see," said he, "why we may not become platonic lovers."

"I can," she replied. "The last platonic lover I had borrowed most of the insurance my husband left me."—Dayton News.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

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—Our readers will be glad to learn that Bishop Hendrix is reported as entirely recovered from his recent illness and as ready to meet all engagements.

—The West End Church, Winston-Salem, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 6th. Dr. F. N. Parker, dean of the Candler School of Theology, will preach the sermon.

—Rev. T. J. Rogers, West Greensboro charge, called on Tuesday and made his initial report for the campaign, and informed us that the canvass is on in the churches.

—Rev. R. E. Hunt, pastor at Clyde, spent a few days this week visiting relatives in Greensboro. He returned to Clyde the happy possessor of a new Ford presented to him by his brothers.

—We were glad to greet quite a number of our Greensboro district pastors as visitors at the Advocate office on Thursday. They were in the city attending the Centenary Council meeting.

—Rev. C. R. Canipe makes a fine initial report from the Polkville circuit and says they have been sorely afflicted with influenza, which has thrown them back, but assures us that "old Polkville" will come up yet.

—Main Street Sunday school, Gastonia, furnishes the leadership for two other Sunday schools in the growing suburbs of that hustling young city. These two schools are growing by leaps and bounds.

—Rev. J. L. McNeer, who did supply work in our conference for a number of years and in more recent years in the North Carolina Conference, has been appointed pastor of the McKendree circuit in that conference to supply the vacancy caused by the declining health of the pastor, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt.

—Rev. Walt Holcomb, evangelist, has been engaged in revival services with the First Methodist Church, Charlottesville, Va. On Sunday night, March 17th, there were seventy-eight accessions to the church, sixty-nine of them being on profession of faith. The congregations packed the church, many having to stand in the aisles during the services.

—Mrs. Henry B. Adams, widow of the late Hon. H. B. Adams, of Monroe, died last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Houston, in Concord. She was a stepdaughter of the late Hon. Clement Dowd, of Charlotte, a woman of fine spirit, faithful as a Christian for many long years, and a devoted member of our Monroe church. The body was taken to Monroe for burial.

—We learn with deep regret through the pastor, Rev. E. N. Crowder, that Brother Thomas Jason Caldwell, a faithful member of Williamson's church, on the Mooresville charge, passed away in Charlotte last week. He left assuring testimony of his readiness to enter into the rest prepared for God's people.

—A note from Rev. W. F. Sandford, pastor of First Street Church, Albemarle, brings a fine report for the Advocate campaign, with assurance of more to follow. We regret to learn that Brother Sandford has been suffering from a dislocated and crushed shoulder, which occurred February 18th. We trust he may soon be entirely well again.

—Rev. L. C. Delp, pastor of the Avery circuit, reports another good revival just closed at Jonas Ridge. There were several conversions and reclamations. Brother Delp speaks in high terms of the people there and says they will come up to the annual conference with a clean sheet. Of course this means Centenary, Advocate allotment and all.

—Plans for the new Sunday school building for Main Street Church, Gastonia, are being investigated preparatory to the immediate beginning of one of the best equipped Sunday school edifices in North Carolina. The congregation there is hurried into this building project because of insufficient room for its rapidly growing Sunday school. Their school numbered 437 last Sunday, more than could conveniently be accommodated.

—Rev. J. P. Rodgers was in the city on Thursday attending the Centenary Council meeting at Centenary Church. He made the Advocate office a pleasant call. We were glad to find him looking stronger than a year ago. He makes a very cheering report of his work as agent of the conference superannunate fund. He now reports $129,000 secured on the $200,000 proposed to be raised.

—A series of district Sunday school institutes will begin in the Western North Carolina Conference Monday, May 5th. Mr. O. V. Woosley, conference Sunday school secretary, will be assisted in these institutes by Mr. M. W. Brabham, of the Young People's Department at Nashville, and by Miss Marie Hansen, assistant in the Elementary Department at central headquarters. An institute will be held in each presiding elder's district.

—Rev. M. G. Ervin, pastor of Marion circuit, reports the dedication of Providence church, on that charge, on Sunday, February 23d, by the presiding elder, Rev. Parker Holmes. Providence is the strongest point on the Marion circuit and the church building is possibly the best country church in McDowell county. The membership represents some of the most substantial Methodists to be found anywhere. Brother Ervin is pushing his Advocate campaign.

—Rev. Walter B. West, pastor of our church in Waynesville, is giving his congregation a series of instructive and helpful sermons and lectures appropriate to the Centenary. For four successive Sunday mornings he will preach on some phase of the subject of tithing. In the evening services he gives them views of scenes in our mission fields with appropriate talks by representatives of the various church organizations. He presents the fields in alphabetical order, beginning with Africa.

—We have learned with sincere regret that Rev. D. G. Wilson, pastor of our church at Wilksboro, has been compelled to give up his work on account of ill health. Brother Wilson suffered much last year from some form of indigestion, but seemed improved in the latter part of the year. He will return with his family to their former home, near Linwood, Davidson county. We trust that Brother Wilson may soon find relief and be enabled to again take up his work.

—The recent death of Mrs. H. W. Bays at Rock Hill, S. C., brings sorrow to many friends in the Carolinas. She was the wife of Rev. Dr. H. W. Bays, once pastor of Central Church, Concord, but who transferred to the South Carolina Conference in 1892 and has since that time been one of the leading preachers of that state. Mrs. Bays was, before her marriage, Miss Herbert, of Haysville, and in young womanhood married Dr. Bays. The body was laid to rest in the Bays vault in Elmwood cemetery, in Charlotte. May comforting grace sustain the sorrowing husband and friends.

NEWTON NOTES

Pastor Hoyle preached a strong sermon the fourth Sunday on the Centenary, but he always preaches strong sermons.

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The Sunday school has assumed its share of the Centenary budget. The collection on this last Sunday was more than $34. Superintendent T. W. Saunders is endeavoring to lead the school to higher and better things. The primary department, under the leadership of Mrs. A. C. Sherrill and Mrs. Thurmond, will give an Easter program.

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Rev. B. J. Lucas, of Catawba College, preached a helpful sermon Sunday evening. His text was "Speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward."

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Pastor Hoyle conducted the funeral of Jas. L. Miller Saturday. He died at Rhodhiss and was brought here for interment. He was about fifty years old and was for several years the register of deeds for Caldwell county. He lived in Newton several years. Layman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Next Sunday, March 30 is the fifth Sunday. I am writing this to every Sunday school superintendent in the Charlotte district to urge that a collection be taken in every school for the Children's Home.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

All subscribers who do not intend to renew are requested to write to us at once and request the discontinuance of their paper. Please attend to this at once, as it is not our purpose to send the paper overtime to any who do not want it. Address your request to Christian Advocate, Greensboro, N. C.

So far no district in the conference has been able to report a collection taken in every school. Take the offering though it may be small, and send it to Brother Thompson, superintendent of the Home and let us have a one hundred per cent report for the first time in our history. The money is greaty needed. Most people will be glad to contribute if they are given an opportunity. Pastors, please call this matter to the attention of the superintendents and teachers. H. K. Boyer.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT NOTICE

The Waynesville district Centenary council will meet at Bryson City for its first session next Monday evening, closing Tuesday morning, April 1, in time for all preachers and delegates to reach home on trains going east and west. This is the most important meeting yet held in the district, and it is exceedingly important for all members of the district Centenary committee, all the pastors of the district and all charge and church directors to be there for one day. Don't allow any thing less than a first class reason to keep you away. Brother Courtney, our conference missionary secretary, E. A. Cole, our conference director, and we hope Bishop Darlington will be present.

Bryson City will give all in attendance generous entertainment. J. H. West.

GRANITE FALLS

We were a little late getting started with our church work here at Granite Falls because of the recent influenza epidemic, which caused about twenty-five deaths in our town. I think, though, that we were all made better Christians because of so much sorrow.

It is an inspiration to work with the people here at Granite Falls. They are right behind every movement which helps to make people better. The Centenary has right of way at present and our people are on fire with the idea and are "rarin' to go." Our Sunday school is doing its part and does not expect to stop with the $100 special. An Epworth League has been organized and will do its part well. The subject of tithing has been presented and seventy have pledged themselves to tithe. Nine of these are members of our official board. Seventy tithers, of course, marks an end to our financial problems, and we expect to do whatever we want to do that is right.

Stranger and visitor, when you are in town don't fail to visit our Baraca and Philathea classes and see them in action. They will cause you to feel that you ought to do better. H. G. Allen.

STOP! LOOK! READ!

One hundred and eight Western North Carolina Conference Sunday schools have joined the Centenary Movement. The Shelby district leads with seventeen, followed closely by the Charlotte and Greensboro districts respectively. Next week I want to give the names of the Sunday schools that are coming clean on this thing. Won't you get your school in by next Sunday so as to be counted among the Sunday school Centenary charter members. Get your card in by Monday morning.

From Nashville reports recently received our conference stands well towards the top in the movement. Let's lead the whole field. What do you say?

All money raised in the Sunday school counts on your church's quota. How in the world are you going to raise that big amount apportioned to your church so long as you fail to get at the very small amount asked from your Sunday school? The Sunday school that will not raise five cents per member per month for world betterment is not rated high in the Book of Life. Hurrah for the 108, but where are the 734?

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary.

GRANITE FALLS

On Sunday, March 9th, our pastor turned over the evening service to the Ladies' Aid Society. It was a very interesting and unusual service. We extended a vote of thanks to our pastor for giving us an opportunity to bring our society and its work before the people. In response he had the congregation extend us a rising vote of thanks for such a worth-while meeting. We gave the following program:

Song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."
Prayer .....By pastor
Scripture reading.....Mrs. H. V. Bolick
Song, "To the Work."
Introductory.....Rev. H. G. Allen
Welcome address.....Mrs. D. M. Cline
History of the Ladies' Aid.....Mrs. Lula Hickman
Reading, "It Can Be Done".....Mattie Lou Russell
Song, "Help Somebody Today."
The Responsibility of the Church for—
1. The Adult.....Mrs. A. D. Abernethy
2. The Child.....Mrs. D. W. Yount
3. The New Member.....Mrs. Henry Starnes
4. The Stranger.....Miss Julia Aiken
Song, "A Little Bit of Love."
Benediction.

A few things the Ladies' Aid Society has done, with fifteen members: Bought carpet for the church, put in gas light, paid a debt on our district parsonage, bought big bell, paid rent for parsonage for five or six years while we were without one, bought lot for parsonage and paid off a note at the bank on parsonage. The furnishings we bought for parsonage are too numerous to mention. We will say we have nice modern parsonage, with lights and screens. We also put electric lights in the church and had it screened and the outside woodwork painted; furnished our pulpit with handsome chairs and bought Bible and a solid silver communion service. We have been organized twelve years. We are proud of our record, and we are sure our Statesville district is also, and maybe our conference wouldn't turn us down. A.

FROM THE CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Praise the Lord, we are well of "flu" and again able to be in the Lord's work.

Our first meeting was with Brother A. Burgess, at Gastonia. He is a "holy man of God," deeply ingratiated in the hearts of his people to whom he is sincerely devoted. He is capable and worthy of any trust bestowed upon him.

The meeting was glorious. More than one hundred souls blessed and more than forty added to the church. Fifty pledged to tithe.

Next, we assisted Rev. W. T. Albright, at Ranlo. He is very much awake and is a fine pastor, prudent, alert, courteous and is doing a great work on his present charge. Sickness prevented me from staying but one week, but he continued and the results were good. He then organized a new church with one hundred members.

Then we spent a few days with John Green at Rhodhiss. Ten joined this church. Forty or more pledged to tithe. He seems to have the work well in hand and his people are responsive to the call of the church.

I am now with Rev. E. P. Stabler at West End, Gastonia. He is a man of mighty courage, pure heart, common sense and full of faith and is doing a marvelous work here.

The meeting has from the first service bid fair to be a great one. God is with us. Twenty-one professions last night.

I now say unto all concerned that Shelby district is moving toward Canaan. Perhaps no elder in our conference ever worked harder or ventured more large undertakings than Kirk. One cannot keep from admiring his firmness, seasoned with grace and fairness to all.

I venture to guess that seldom in our conference or any other, has a district had a group of pastors whose average abiity and adaptability to their charges were more satisfactory. Every pastor is making his job "go" and perfect harmony and love seems to prevail among them throughout the district. The spirit of Asbury's day seems to be upon them.

This makes four of ten weeks revival work this scribe has undertaken in Gastonia. When we get through here the other six weeks, we may write something of this growing town and its five new Methodist churches to be built, beginning immediately. Pray for us daily.

Jim H. Green.

TO PASTORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

We yield to the call for an extension of the Advocate campaign through April. The pressure is so great and the good work is going with such momentum that it must not stop. We now lack only about 600 of having the 10,000. Why can we not now buckle down to the task and by May 1st have 10,000, plus a big margin for good measure? Let all try. Some who have sent in the quota of new subscribers and a pledge to look after renewals have not yet responded with the renewals. It will not do to balk on this, for if we leave a hole in the bag they will go out at the bottom as rapidly as we put them in at the top. We can get nowhere on this proposition to increase circulation unless we take care of renewals. All together now for a mighty pull till May 1st. Then we must close our special offer and get out of the way of the Centenary drive.

NOTES FROM NORTH WILKESBORO

The Centenary is beginnig to take hold of our people and it is confidently believed they will subscribe their quota. The quarterly conference accepted our allotment and the Sunday school has agreed to pay five cents a month per member enrolled. Brother Courtney was with us the second Sunday in March and helped much in this great cause.

Ours is a loyal, faithful membership. The church was closed for four months except two Sunday's just after conference, yet the finances are up to date, the Children's Home assessment in full ($200); $120 sent to the Armenian-Syrian sufferers, and new Hymn books furnished the church. The attendance upon all the services is good. The people are kind and good to the pastor and his family.

Sunday, March 16, was a very rainy, cool day, yet the congregation was above the average in attendance. The service was one of the greatest I have ever witnessed. The sermon was on the Call to Christian Service. God was with the preacher and in the congregation. At the close of the sermon I told the parents I was going to ask them to do a hard thing. Then all who would give their children to go any where God might want them and to do any thing in His service to which He called them were asked to come and kneel at the chancel and front pews. A large number came with tears in their eyes and joy in their hearts. Then the young people were asked to come and give themslevs to God to go at His bidding into whatever field and service He might call them; and some twenty-five or thirty came and knelt at the alter with their parents in a holy consecration service. God was consciously and powerfully present. Many who were there will never forget that hour. From that service we prayerfully and confidently expect many laborers to go forth into the harvest fields of the Lord. The songs we sung were, "Jesus I my cross have taken;" and, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

If the Centenary amounts to nothing else to us locally, some of us feel like we are paid for all we are called on to do in this great cause.

Another good congregation assembled at night, and a prominent lawyer of the town came forward and renewed his covenant with God, desiring to serve Him in some definite way the rest of his life.

We are reporting to you, Mr. Editor, for the Advocate by this mail also.

The returning soldier boys come to our church and Sunday school. God is with us up among these hills. All praise to His holy name.

Sincerely yours, W. R. Ware.

P. S. On account of failing health Brother Wilson has given up his work at Wilkesboro and will soon move with his family to Linwood.

SHELBY DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS

The Centenary committee of the Shelby district met in the Main street church, Gastonia, and made the following apportionment to the several charges of the district of the Centenary fund, viz:

Belmont	$6,675.00
Belwood	9,585.00
Bessemer	4,120.00
Cherryville	9,585.00
Crouse	4,395.00
Dallas	6,275.00
Gastonia, East End	4,790.00
Gastonia, Eigth Street	1,000.00
Gastonia, Franklin Avenue	5,635.00
Gastonia, Main Street	15,600.00
Kings Mountain	8,870.00
Lincolnton	12,895.00
Lincolnton Circuit	6,735.00
Lowesville	8,870.00
Mayworth	4,120.00
McAdenville	3,890.00
Mount Holly	9,970.00
Polkville	8,870.00
Rock Springs	8,870.00
Shelby Central	12,895.00
Shelby Circuit	9,585.00
South Fork	4,395.00
Stanley	5,215.00

Only a Goal

The apportionment given above represents what the leadership of the church has set as a goal for us. It is no more, proportionately, than every other charge in Southern Methodism is asked to raise, and it is no less. The whole church is placed on the same basis, and has the same responsibility. These amounts are not intended as an assessment, they are only a post toward which we are to run, and beyond which we confidently expect to go. The big thing is that we get up enough enthusiasm to run, that the church get sufficinet life to go after something and to go after it hard.

Our Only Job

It should be understood that, for the next two months, the Centenary is the only job the pastor has, the only work the church has to do. We can well afford to sidetrack everything else for this time. The successful putting over of the Centenary means so much to the church, it means so much for the average pastor, that from a merely selfish viewpoint, the average preacher should put all that is in him into this task for the next seven weeks.

The Joy That Is Set Before Us

Since its is a big thing, the biggest the church ever tackled, it should be the pride of every Methodist preacher to see the Centenary through to a successful finish. Brethren, we must succeed, we must not fail. And when the battle's over, when the goal is won, when success is ours, how good 'twill be. Personally, I had rather succeed with the Centenary than with any undertaking placed upon me since I have been a Methodist preacher. Since I beleiv it to be the feeling of the preachers of the Western North Carolina conference, and with such a feeling, we shall have the joy of success, and the added joy of the approval of the Master, whose we are and whom we serve.

A Word of Exhortation

Let every preacher in the Shelby district enroll his quota in the league of intercession. Without this, he will not be ready for the next step. Then let him find the requistite number of praying men who are ready to sign themselves as God's stewards, as tithers of their income. On circuits especially, and in most instances on the stations, it will be necessary to enlist two minute men for each congregation for each Sunday until May 18, to present every phase of the Centenary to the people. Let them stress the necessity it burns its way into every conscience. This done, and the rest will come.

Now, brother pastor, the responsibility and opportunity are yours. Upon you and the laymen of your charge for the next seven weeks, will depend the success of the Centenary. I believe I know you well enough to say that not one of you in the district will fail. Call upon any of the district officers for any help that you may feel that you need. They will respond to the last ounce of energy that they possess. Use them and use your own talent, may you have great success.

John F. Kirk.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

ONE BY ONE

One step and then another,
And the longest walk is ended;
One stitch and then another,
And the longest rent is mended;
One brick upon another,
And the highest wall is made;
One flake upon another,
And the deepest snow is laid.

Then do not look disheartened
On the work you have to do,
And say that such a mighty task
You never can get through;
But just endeavor, day by day,
Another point to gain,
And soon the mountain which you feared
Will prove to be a plain.

—Selected.

MRS. HUME R. STEELE

Friends of Mrs. Hume R. Steele, educational secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, will be saddened to learn of the recent sorrow that has come to her in the death of her daughter a few days ago at Nashville, Tenn., following a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Steele was to have been in attendance at our annual meeting at High Point, but was detained by this sad bereavement. We extend to her our heartfelt sympathy and pray that God may be very near to her and comfort her in this sad hour.

MISSES TROWBRIDGE AND STEWART

Among our visitors at the recent conference were Misses Alma Trowbridge, representing the Brevard Institute, and Miss Agnes Stewart, city missionary of Charlotte. Both of these consecrated young women were presented to the conference and gave gratifying reports of the work which they represented. We were indeed glad to have them and hope they will pardon us for our oversight in last week's issue.

NEW MISSION STUDY SUPERINTENDENT

Among the officers chosen for 1919 at High Point last week was one new one, Mrs. R. M. Courtney, of Thomasville, who was elected superintendent of mission study and publicity. While new in the duties of this office, Mrs. Courtney is one of our tried workers and has always been most capable and efficient. For several years she was district secretary of the Winston district, and under her leadership the district showed an encouraging growth. We congratulate our mission study superintendents on having Mrs. Courtney as their conference officer.

AN INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ingram on Tuesday evening, March 1 ,1919, a son," was the announcement made to the conference at High Point on Wednesday afternoon of the meeting by the recording secretary, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett.

This announcement was of great interest to the friends of Mrs. Ingram, who for the past two years has been the live, efficient superintendent of mission study and publicity, and as an expression of good wishes for both mother and son the dear little fellow was presented by the conference with a certificate of life membership in the Junior Missionary Society. Congratulations

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

We are glad to announce the following new organizations and welcome each one of these societies into our midst:

Junior Society, Cherryville, N. C.—Miss Grace Beam, leader; president, Kathleen Dellinger; first vice-president, Bertha Moser; second vice-president, Lela Howell; corresponding secretary Ossie Seagle; recording secretary, Thelma Dellinger; treasurer, Lula Harrelson.

Junior Society, West End, Gastonia, N. C., 51 members—President, Mildren Short; vice-president, Stella Propst; secretary, Leonard Eury; treasurer, Sara Little; leader, Miss Mattie Turner.

Young People's Society, Brevard, N. C.—President, Miss Nell Aiken; first vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Carter; second vice-president, Miss Sallie Zachary; recording secretary, Miss Annie Marshall; corresponding secretary, Miss Amelia Galloway; treasurer, Miss Nan Kilpatrick.

Young People's Society has been organized at Mount Airy under the leadership of Mrs. G. D. Herman, with every member of the Philathea class a member of the society. We are sorry we have not the names of the officers.

YEAR BOOK

We are indebted to Mrs. W. E. Blair, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, for a copy of the Year Book of this auxiliary for 1919.

Besides being most attractive in appearance it contains the names of the committees, viz.: Program, social, Centenary Prayer League, Memorial, flower, publicity, music and parsonage, as well as the programs for each month. This society has been bereaved during the year by the death of six of its most valued members, and on January 13th a memorial service, appropriate and fitting, was held, with Mrs. L. H. Robertson as leader.

The officers of this society are: president, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett; first vice-president, Mrs. E. L. Bain; second vice-president, Mrs. C. C. Hinkle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. E. Blair; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Dickieson; treasurer, W. M. Transou; superintendent mission study, Mrs. E. L. Stamey; superintendent social service, Mrs. F. C. Odell; superintendent supplies, Mrs. J. M. Johnson.

For the benefit of our societies that are anxious to have the reports of the committees adopted at the annual meeting we will give in each issue for the next few weeks one of the reports. This week it gives us pleasure to present the finance and extension of work reports, and we want to urge a careful reading of these, as well as of all the reports that will be given from time to time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

It is with a feeling of great joy and thanksgiving that the finance committee come together and offer to our Heavenly Father praise for all the blessings showered upon us in the last year.

We do thank Him that in the face of many difficulties we attained our financial goal and passed it triumphantly.

1. We recommend that we lay much stress upon the power of prayer in meeting our obligations and that our auxiliaries shall take as their prayer specials for the year the financial work of the conference.

2. We feel that when all our women realize that they are indeed stewards of our Lord's money we will have no trouble in raising the collections. We therefore urge the importance of stewardship meeting each quarter. Splendid programs are provided in the Year Book. These should be in charge of the corresponding secretary.

3. If any auxiliary did not have a pledge meeting in January, this meeting should be held at the earliest opportunity. We urge the use of pledge cards in order to simplify and expedite the collection of pledge. As far as possible, payment of both dues and pledge should be made quarterly.

4. In order that we may have a great many of our auxiliaries on the honor roll, we urge that reports be sent in promptly on the first day of January, April, July and October.

5. Feeling we should receive credit for all the work done by our Methodist women, we urge each auxiliary to report the local work of the church.

6. That we appropriate annually $15 for literature for the use of the editor of the woman's page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

7. The Centenary calls for 500 trained young women from Southern Methodism. We wish to have our part in the training of these; therefore we ask that each auxiliary should feel obligated to make a contribution to the Lucy H. Robertson scholarship at Scarritt School.

8. In view of the fact that our church has launched a great Centenary movement, we recommend that our societies heartily co-operate in the great celebration and that the members pledge themselves to assume their share of responsibility in this great campaign. We would stress the necessity of making our Centenary gifts over and above our usual contributions. The council is depending on us to take care of our regular work. With this enlarged offering of money we would give also an enlarged offering of time, work and prayer, with fuller consecration of our lives to the Master's service.

Miss Lowry Shuford, Secretary.
Mrs. P. N. Pea ock, Chairman.

Asheville district	$2,200
Charlotte district	3,350
Greensboro district	3,500
Marion district	1,000
Mount Airy district	1,000
North Wilkesboro district	150
Salisbury district	2,300
Shelby district	1,000
Statesville district	1,000
Waynesville district	450
Winston district	1,550
Total	$17,500

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK

In this year of years, when the church is challenged to meet its obligation to help reconstruct and Christianize the world, we wish to emphasize the necessity of greater missionary effort to reach all the women of our churches. Therefore we would recommend:

1. That we again adopt the slogan a ten per cent net increase in membership, finances and organization.

2. In order that the women of the auxiliaries may have the reports of the annual meeting brought before them we would urge that the committee reports be made a study as soon as the minutes are received.

3. That we earnestly urge the observance of the week of prayer, and insist that one day of the week be given to both young people and children.

4. In compliance and sympathy with the thought of the Centenary plan of intercession we would again urge the formation of prayer leagues in each auxiliary and the adoption by each of a "prayer special."

5. Realizing the great need for consecrated workers, we recommend that the young people be one of our "prayer specials" and pray that many may answer God's call to service.

6. That we urge every society to contribute liberally to the Lucy H. Robertson scholarship fund, that any girl from the conference who may volunteer for service may be able to attend Scarritt Bible and Training School.

7. As recommended by the council, we would concur in an earnest effort to "rally our membership" and endeavor to become 100 per cent efficient in organizations and membership, in the spiritual life, in service, in intelligent knowledge of the cause, and the financial policy.

8. Believing that in the past we have been neglecting the business women and girls of our churches, thereby losing a valuable asset, we would suggest that as far as possible the women of the Missionary Society organize Business Women's Circles, that their meetings may be held at a time and place convenient for the young women, and that a suitable program be prepared for such meetings.

9. Knowing that our boys are drifting away from our missionary organizations as soon as they outgrow the junior societies, we recommend that special efforts be made this year to organize the boys of our churches into societies of their own, with suitable names and social life to interest and hold them.

10. And, further, believing that the Centenary movement is a part of God's great plan to save and Christianize the world, we as Christian women pledge ourselves to co-operate in every way possible with the pastors and Centenary committees.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Chairman.
Mrs. V. L. Stone, Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Young People's Society at Gilboa Church; post office address, Marshville, N. C., route 1: President, Miss Ora Greene; vice-president, Mr. L. L. Marsh; recording secretary, Miss Ruth Marsh; corresponding secretary, Miss Grace Edwards; treasurer, Mr. Raymond Snyder. This is the only young people's society in the rural district on the Charlotte district and it is doing a fine work. Though the membership is not large, they paid their pledge in full last year, and this year have made a much larger one. We congratulate them on their past record and hope for them greater things in 1919.

Woman's Society, Holt's Chapel; post office address, Greensboro, N. C., route 4: President, Mrs. W. W. Whittington; first vice-president, Mrs. John A Young; second vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Woosley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. E. Stanley; recording secretary, Mrs. G. W. Dawson; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Landreth; superintendent social service, Mrs. C. P. Ward; Voice agent, Mrs. E. Garrett.

Junior Society, Shelby, N. C.: President, Louise Lever; vice-president, Isabel Hoey; corresponding secretary, Junie Warlick; recording secretary, Frances Whisnant; treasurer, Hattie Gidney, agent Young Christian Worker, Virginia Langandge.

SHE SAVED 200 CHICKS

Mrs. G. Hancock, Sturgis, Ky., writes: "I hatched 200 chicks and didn't lose a single one with White Diarrhoea. I give Ready Relief the praise." Mrs. H. L. Sutton, of Ramona, Kas., writes: "My chicks were dying 20 and 30 a day. I got two packages of Ready Relief and now I don't lose any."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary

The news from the Centenary in the Sunday schools is of all sorts—good, bad and indifferent. Some of our schools are showing the finest kind of feeling, as shown by responses; others are enlisting in the great work in a sort of half-hearted way, while still others feel that they are exempt from doing their part because of not having yet started up operations after the past bad winter.

But I like to think of that growing number of our Sunday schools which insist on being at the front of good enterprises. Bless goodness, in the midst of indifference there are always examples of alertness. In the midst of a great volume of schools as yet unaccounted for there are a hundred or more which are letting deeds speak. More and more are joining this crowd every day. The recruiting station is to remain open throughout five years and we will take the eleventh hour recruit if he is not available earlier. Good worker, you who are trying to do what your school is not yet quite ready to undertake, don't stop at your first attempt. The frog in one jar of milk gave up and was drowned in the whiteness around him; the other kept kicking till it churned a lump of butter on which it could crawl and celebrate.

You might go over these lines every once in a while:

"Good, better, best,
Never let it rest
Till your good is better
And your better is best."

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Rev. J. A. J. Farrington, our big pastor at Randleman, is emphasizing the importance of well-organized Sunday schools. He reports that the organization outlined by the Methodist church is good enough for him and he is using it. Among other things he is getting new Wesley classes and is planning something for them to do. Recently three new Wesley classes were organized and he wishes more literature sent so the good idea may be doing further work with those who are not quite ready to launch forth. Brother Farrington takes the big end of the log when he agrees to put anything over so long as the information is forwarded to his people. When the field secretary heard that, he burst out with "Hallelujah!"

It is not necessary to add that the Sunday schools on the Randleman charge are bursting out of their old winter shells and are now hardly recognizable. Something is doing in those schools and the people want to be connected with them.

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The big thing for the Centenary in the Sunday school is not the money involved, but rather the educational training given to our young people. They need to know about our mission fields now while their minds are grasping for information. They need to have the opportunity for giving to these fields thrust before them while they are in a liberal trend, thus forming a habit for later life. If we start with our boys and girls now, a few years hence will witness a generation of tithers. So give the young people an opportunity to do their best on the Centenary. These are momentous days and the child that is now permitted to do his part will afterward be glad to read in history about the great movement in which he had a limited part. We had better have a millstone around our necks and be thrown into the midst of the sea than to stand in the way of our little ones.

Please remember to give information first. Don't start with the money plea. Pull off a few stunts dealing with live missionary matter and get some interest started. The Sunday School Magazine and the School Standard carry missionary programs monthly. After the facts and needs are presented in a dramatic way the boys and girls and men and women will do the rest. You will get a collection in keeping with your program.

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Another feature day in our Sunday schools is the "Sunday School Day." This day is usually celebrated the fourth Sunday in April, but was this year transferred to May 18, the third Sunday in May, to get out of the way of the Centenary. Now that the Centenary drive has again been encountered we are left to have our Sunday School Day at that time which best suits our convenience. We should by all means hold the exercises by the first of June, and thus get the benefit of the revived interest as early as possible. Programs will again be furnished free to all schools that will agree to forward a collection to G. F. Ivey, treasurer of our Sunday school movement. A letter will soon be mailed to every superintendent giving minute instructions.

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The last issue of the Adult Student carries some splendid suggestions for observing special feature days in the Sunday school. Programs are outlined for April, May and June. I am reproducing the April program for your reminder.

First Sunday—Old-Timers' Day

1 Former members welcomed with song of thanksgiving.
2. Special music for them.
3. Five one-minute talks on advantages of today over yesterday.

Second Sunday—Recruiting Day

1. New members welcomed and presented to class.
2. Five-minute "pep" talk by Sunday school superintendent.
3. New members invited to church and introduced to the pastor.

Third Sunday—Flower Day

1. Each member to bring a spring flower.
2. Reading on flowers.
3. Flowers collected and sent with greetings to shut-ins.

Fourth Sunday—Fathers' Day

1. Father and sons seated together.
2. Duet by father and son.
3. "Our Fathers," a tribute by a son.
4. Special church service for fathers and sons.

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Those Gastonia Methodists have certainly done a big thing on a big scale. They are entitled to be most heartily congratulated. And there is another band of Methodists going strong on big deeds. Last Sunday the Spring Garden congregation, Greensboro, subscribed over $34,000 toward the building of a $55,000 or $60,000 church plant. Now, the Spring Garden congregation is not a wealthy congregation; it is, however, a liberal congregation.

The congregation would not have contemplated getting in a mile of where it now is but for that band of 129 tithers in the church. Those tithers have set a pace that will show some of the rest of our people what giving is. And to cap the stack, these earnest workers are doing all this in addition to their Centenary allotment. Those Spring Gardeners don't stop to grumble about giving money. They give it freely and then rejoice over having done a good thing with a joyful spirit.

Our conference ought to help the Spring Garden enterprise. It ought to help those people, first, because they are helping themselves to the best of their ability, and, second, because the congregation will take care of hundreds of Methodist girls from throughout the state who go to the North Carolina College for Women, located as it is just across the corner from our plant. It was right for both the North Carolina conferences to go in together and aid in the support of a strong pastor for the boys at Chapel Hill, and it will be eminently right for North Carolina Methodism, particularly Western North Carolina Methodism, to enter heartily into the promotion of a church plant at Spring Garden that will take care of many of North Carolina's young women. The church is being planned for the convenience of these young women. It proposes to furnish them Christian fellowship for each Sunday they are away from their home church. The Spring Garden enterprise is one of the most promising enterprises I know about, and our people must by all means see it pushed to completion.

The church plant will carry the fourfold plan of usefulness:

1. It is to be a church home. It will keep open house throughout the week.

2. It will provide for the club features for both men and women.

3. It will be splendidly adapted for religious education. Its Sunday school will be departmentalized.

4. Ample provision will be made for worship. An auditorium seating at least 800 people will be available.

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One of our rural superintendents writes that his school has not been in session now for over twelve months and assigns the reason for the suspension to the fact that so much blockade liquor is made near the church that the neighborhood is demoralized. He thinks the county officers are derelict to their duty.

Brother Charles Ireland tells how a Sunday school led by a young girl put the whiskeyites to flight.

He says a young girl from the foothills of the Blue Ridge came to the Normal College. On Sundays she went to West Market Street Sunday school and caught the spirit of Sunday school service. She went back to her community to teach the public school, and while there proposed a Sunday school, only to be refused, the community being a "hard-shell" community. Finally she asked permission to teach her public school seven days in the week, substituting the Bible as the text book on the Sabbath day. Thus she got her start.

But there was a small country store nearby, in which liquor was easily obtained, and it was taking her boys from her grasp. Finally, the young girl went to the storekeeper, a rough old customer, and told him how he was hurting her work among the young people and besought him, in her gentle way, to stop ruining her young men. She asked him to help her with the neighborhood boys. The old fellow would not do it at first, but eventually the young lady's frequent visits brought him over. He shut up his store on Sundays, refused to sell any more whiskey through the week and joined the young lady's Sunday school, and when Mr. Ireland went up there to make a speech on a big day he, with drum in hand, led a procession of over a hundred youngsters as they marched by the reviewing stand on which were their proud daddies and mammies.

When you can't take the stronghold by direct assault get busy on the flanks. General Foch did this way Where there is a will there is a way

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Nashville Wesley Bible class headquarters announces the registration of the following classes from the Western North Carolina Conference during the two weeks ended March 19:

Adult—The "Friendly" class, Gastonia, certificate No. 7347; a mixed class of forty-seven members; Miss Janet Jenkins, teacher; Mr. J. A. Plyler, president.

Intermediate — The "Daughters of Wesley" class, Biltmore; certificate No. 2442; a class of twelve girls, organized March 2, with the motto "Onward"; Miss Eileen Profitt, teacher, and Miss Lucy Stevens, president. The "Knights of Wesley" class, Tryon Street, Charlotte; certificate No. 2445; a class of ten boys organized March 9; Mrs. L. W. Petrie, teacher; Master Jesse Bell, president.

Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

By A. L. Dietrich

"Most every baby comes into this world with a good-sized imitater, an' if we don't watch out, when he begins comin' to Sunday school his imitater may have more work to do imitatin' our frowns an' fault finding than our smiles and contentment. Always be before little folks what you'd like them to be when they're growed up."

"I ain't got much faith in doctors who practice hoss tradin' more'n they do doctorin,' nor in Sunday school teachers who think payin' to the church takes the place of prayin' to the Lord."

"Not 'ntil we reach the limit of our ability on all sides have we measured up to our obligations; an' I'm thinkin' if we ain't all th' while tryin' to increase our ability, why we ain't never goin' to measure up, that's all."

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Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

LEAGUERS GET READY FOR THE BIG CENTENARY DRIVE

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THE CENTENARY MINUTE MEN

In the plan of the Central office the Minute Men have a special mission to the Epworth League, for among the young people is our field of largest promise. Here we must find the recruits to man our enterprise at home and overseas. The vision which we give them today wil determine the plan upon which the church will move tomorrow. If there is any League in Methodism which does not have a Minute Man on each program, either the Leaguers or the chairman of the speakers is sadly at fault.

THE CENTENARY PRAYER SPECIAL PLAN

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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT UNION HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Friday night, March 14, at Haywood street church the Leagues of Asheville district held their regular monthly union meeting and it proved one of the most interesting meetings which has ever been held in the district. First of all there was a good crowd, approximately one hundred and fifty people, and they were given a feast by the speakers of the evening. Miss Rix Kidder, a Y. W. C. A. secretary gave a talk on "Real Religion." In the course of her talk she asked that all Christians let it be known just where they stood saying that this would prove both helpful to the Christian and sinner. After the devotional service four five minute talks were made on the Centenary. Mr. Phillip Schwartz explained just what the Centenary Movement is; Dr. L. W. Elias talked on "Stewardship;" The Reverend J. O. Ervin spoke on "Intercession," and Miss Emily Mathis made a touching call for volunteers for the foreign field. Miss Mathis was well suited for her place on the program as she has all ready decided to become a missionary.

The business meeting was interesting and the work passed off rather smoothly. Mr. Sam Burton was appointed by the president to collect the $140 which the various Leagues had pledged for helping two young ministers in Weaverville College. Biltmore League reported that they had in the treasury $105 and that Mr. Thomas had recently been elected as their president.

The social program under the direction of Miss Mary Hege proved very entertaining Miss Kathryne Willett gave a reading which all enjoyed. A male quartette furnish music for the evening. Other music was had by distributing songs, which had been cut into a number of pieces, to various persons and these persons gathered in groups and as they were called on they sang the songs drawn. Popcorn was passed around, thus adding still more to the evening of good things. The next meeting will be held at First Methodist church and a large crowd is expected.

TRUSTING

By James A. Burrow, D.D.

The devotional League topics for January, February, and March center attention upon "Our Relation to God," repenting, trusting, obeying. The heart of it all is the subject of this article—trusting. The Sunday School Teacher's edition of the Bible, in its headings to Psalm 91, indicates some of the divisions of that wonderful chapter: The state of the godly, their safety, their habitation, their servants, their friend, with the effects of them all.

Scriptural promises are always based upon certain conditions. Sometimes the conditions are implied; sometimes they are specifically stated as in this case: "He that dwellth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," and so on. Dwelling in the secret place, in the inner circle, necessitates the sort of trust that we are considering. Trust is not an abstract or hazy state of soul. Trust is as simple as trusting a friend, or father, or mother. If we believe God's promises, we are calmly confident and unafraid. If we doubt, we are ill at ease and grope in the shadows.

Trust is a matter of growth, of development, of culture. If young Christians would only remember this, and proceed to cultivate trust, as a gardener cultivates vegetables, their religious experiences would be both simplified and refreshingly exhilarated. The great Teacher once assured his disciples that if they had faith as a grain of mustard seed, they could remove mountains. Study that proposition a moment. Put a grain of mustard seed in a fire, or on a rock, or in a beaten road, and it will come to naught; but put it in rich ground, and see how it will almost jump in its growth. Gather the seeds which it produces and plant them in prepared soil; gather and plant again and again. We are startled at the multiplying possibilities. So with our soul's faith. A little bit of faith, if properly cared for, will produce more faith, and more, and more! It is the unanswered prayers which mock our trust. The answered ones thrill us and fill us.

Keep ever in mind the condition. Dwelling in the secret place means staying there. Permanency is opposed to the transitory, the temporary. Shifting trust is not trust, any more than hopping is standing steadily. To stay in confidence is to get the full benefit of divine favor. If our Heavnly Father were as spasmodic and fickle with his favors as we are with our service, we would be in a desperate condition. But as certainly as the sun rises in the east, so certainly do His promises hold and His love proofs abound. He is always kind and true. We are the unstable ones. When be become fixed in trust, and know that the experimental stage has passed, we become conscious of a deep satisfaction that we are in Christ to abide.

Trust is careful not to abuse its privilege. We do not presume upon our intimate friends in a reckless way. The very closeness and intimacy of the relation makes us considerate. We would not dare to be unfair to one we truly loved. A coarse and inconsiderate presumption is out of all harmony with true friendship or true confidence. So the trust we have in a loving Saviour, in a gracious Comforter, in a compassionate Father will not run blindly into a bold assumption that any thing wo do is all right. "What'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me," is not always true. If we are where we ought not to be, and doing what we ought not to do, God's hand is certainly not leading us. Trust carries with it no such presumption. Divine leadership is dependent upon human willingness to follw. We do not always follow. We pull aside to right or left, because we see coveted flowers or fruits of pleasure there. Let us be cautious and careful that our trust keeps within the limitations of reason and fidelity. Audacity is not, necessarily, a proof of humble confidence.

Trust in God softens the heart and purifies the spirit. This does not mean a flabby sentimentalism that expects protection from danger wether we try to get out of the way or not. God's loving oversight does not carry with it our exemption from our own blunders. It does not insure the accuracy of our judgment or the wisdom of our decisions. Moreover, it does not guarantee freedom from the aches and pains to which human flesh is heir. All the good of all the ages gone have suffered, more or less, from physical infirmities, from the sorrows which seem inevitable. Not one of them but had Gethsemanes, and in some sense a Calvary. Young Christians should not get the idea that trust assures full stomachs, full pockets, robust health, and always smiling skies of sunshine. The servant is not greater than his lord. Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Is it not infinitely better that God can take the humiliations, the disappointments, the shadows of life and make them work together for good to them that love him? If we trust when the skies are overcast, when the current of things is running counter to our wishes, when divine favor seems withdrawn, that is a test of trust which stamps it as the right sort. Anybody can trust when all goes well; but he who holds on to God in the dark days, believing that light is a head, will assuredly step out into sunshine by and by. Trust of the real sort is a vigorous, courageous grip on the promises of Him who holds and helps believing souls.

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THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Centennial Day

Saturday, April 5, is our Centennial Day. We are called to make that day a special day of fasting and prayer for the success of the Centenary. Don't forget. It has been suggestd that wherever it is possible to do so our people assemble in the churches for a brief service of prayer on Saturday, April 5.

Every Church Open

We are also called to have a Centenary service in every church on Sunday, April 6. I should like to hear from the men on circuits as to how this works out in their charges.

District Councils

The district councils which have been held within the past week in the Charlotte, Salisbury and Greensboro districts have been for the most part very gratifying. The attendance on the part of the pastors has been very fine. It must be confessed that there have not been as many of the church directors present as was desired. These church directors, along with the chairmen of the Methodist Minute Men occupy very important positions in the Centenary movement. Many of these men have been on hand and have received preparation for their important tasks.

Sermons on Tithing

Rev. W. B. West, of Waynesville, is preaching a series of sermons on the general theme "Four Fundamental Facts for Tithing." The subjects for the four sermons are as follows: "The Proprietorship of God Demands It," "The Word of God Commands It," "The Cause of God Needs It" and "The Blessing of God Attends It." These sermons are being preached at the morning services, and at the evening services he is having presented the mission fields of our church.

Minute Men

Minute Men saved the day in a crucial time in early American history. Methodist Minute Men have the opportunity of rendering a notable service in this all-important era of Methodist life. Those other Minute Men did their work with bullets; these Methodist Minute Men are to do theirs with the Centenary message. These Minute Men are setting the church on fire. Brother Charles H. Ireland says that the Minute Men are giving new life to West Market. Rev. C. L. McCain is testifying to the value of the Minute Men. He has a band of these men at work on the Weddington charge.

Another charge that has felt the effects of these men is Wentworth. Theirs and the pastor's work has been so effective that from Wentworth there came four directors and four chairman of Minute Men to the council at Centenary, Greensboro.

Rallies

How about a Centenary rally for your church or circuit? There are men, capable men, who can be procured to speak at these Centenary rallies. Brother pastor, if you need some one from outside your charge, communicate with your district chairman or with your divisional chairman. They will be glad to render assistance. If you have a good rally, report to the Advocate or to me. It will help others to know of your success.

Senator Overman

Senator Overman, who is a member of the Conference Centenary Commission, dropped in at the Salisburw district council and stirred our hearts with a brief address on tithing and the responsibilities of the church in these trying days. If the senator can find the time to do so he is going to make some Centenary addresses a little later in some of our leading cities.

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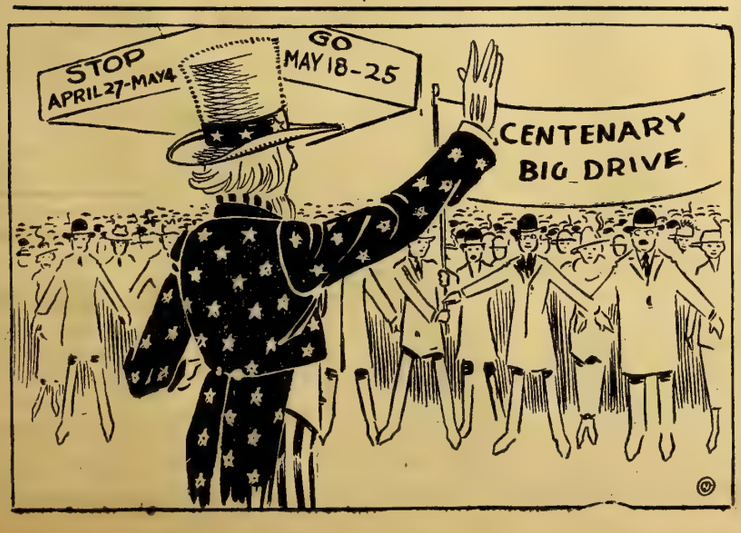
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FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR TITHING

THE PROPRIETORSHIP OF GOD DEMANES IT

By WALTER B. WEST

FACT ONE

The basis of man's stewardship is grounded in God's ownership. We must begin our giving by acknowledging this principle. The tithe is the minium return to God of His share in the profits. This conclusion is based on the direct revelation of the God-head. In the light of God's word this is not a debateable question. All material and immaterial things belong to God by right of creation, subsistence, and redemption. Therefore, God the owner demands a portion of our income as His right.

The Teaching of God the Father

In the Old Testament dispensation, Jehovah speaks unequivocally with reference to His absolute ownership. He says: "The land, the heavens, the earth with its fulness, the world and all its inhabitants, the beats of field and forests, the cattle upon a thousand hills, the silver and the gold and all souls are mine." God went further than this, when He declared, "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." But God's peculiar people forgot this teaching, and failed to recognize this principle of proprietorship. They used Jehovah's goods as their own, for we hear Him say: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes plus offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for y have robbed me." Fellow stewards, are we robbers or tithers?

In view of this direct revelation of the mind of our Creator, how can the creature say, "This possession is mine." This dollar belongs to me as it relates to you; but as it relates to the all-Giver, it is not mine, it belongs to God. He has made me its trustee and expects me to use it for Him. It is the failure of the church to recognize this stewardship that has retarded the coming of the Kingdom. In fact, it was the failure of Adam and Eve to distinguish between meum and teum that drove man out of Paradise, and made necessary the coming of the King. Brother steward, "as good stewards of the manifold bounty of God," let us "Honor the Lord with our substance, and with the first fruits of all our increase; so shall our barns be filled with plenty, and our presses shall burst forth with new wine."

The Teaching of God the Son

If there are members of God's church, who question the validity of argument, which their Father presents above in its applications to the New Testament dispensation, let them study with me this truth as presented by Him who said, "I am the truth."

Christ seldom dealt with externals. He preached principles practically. He knew that if the heart were in attune with His heart, out of it would issue right conduct. Nevertheless, this peerless preacher delivered one discourse on "Regeneration," and at least eight on, "The Relation of Money to the Kingdom of God." No principle in His teaching is so pronounced. The all-wise Master looked into the heart of His audiences, and saw that the "love of money is the root of all evil," that the sin of covetousness—"the sin we're afraid to mention"—was a popular sin; that men were dooming their immortal souls to everlasting perdition because they worshipped the almighty dollar instead of the Almighty God. This is the only satisfactory explanation for the re-iterated emphasis he put on this topic. It is a startling fact that "of all the New Testament characters in history or parable that are pictured as losing their souls, nearly every one went astray, either directly or indirectly, through the lure of money." It is equally suggestive that the only time the eternal Word lifted the veil that hides the world beyond, He shows us a rich man in hell, because he misused money God had entrusted to him.

Fellow stewards, "hear ye Him" as Christ preaches on this subject that always "spoils the sermon" for some hearers. In the Sermon on the Mount, He takes as His subject, "Heavenly Bank Deposits," and as His text, "Lay not up for yourselves treasurers upon earth—But lay up for yourselves treasurers in heaven—For where your treasurer is there your heart will be also." Christ's auditors were sailing between the Scylla of Greed and the Charybdis of Care, and were making shipwreck of their souls. So the Saviour warns them against treasuring up for themselves earthly treasure and about being anxious concerning bodily necessities. He points them to the bountifully fed birds and the beautifully clothed flowers, and says: "O ye of little faith, seek first the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." May the Giver of "every good gift" impel you to make more heavenly bank deposits, and to trust in Him to "supply all your need."

On another occasion, one of His auditors said to Christ, "Master speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." The Saviour replied, "Man, who made me a divider over you?" Then realizing that other brothers would quarrel themselves into hell over property, He began to preach on the subject, "The sin of Covetousness," from the text, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." Christ makes practical application of the text by telling the story of "The Rich Fool." While he slept, God poured sunshine and rain on his fields. As a result of this goodness this farmer had more produce than store-room. He said: "I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there bestow my fruits, and my goods, and say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Is there any indication of God's ownership and man's stewardship here? But God answered his soliloquy: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he (a moral imbecile) that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Fellow steward, are you accumulating riches for self, and for the curse of your children, or for the glory of God?

In Luke sixteen, Christ delivers a sermon on "The Worship of Mammon," using the text, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," He had just related to his deciples the parable of the unfaithful and unjust steward. The "covetous" Pharisees heard, and "derided him." Christ responded to their ridicule with the words, "that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God," and with the parable of the rich glutton and Lazarus the beggar. This man, like the rich fool, regarded his wealth as his own, and used it to buy costly clothing and sumptuous fare. He had no money with which to feed and doctor the beggar whom Christ had sent to his door. He "died, was buried, and in hell lift up his eyes." This is the goal of all who use God's money to purchase the "good things" of this life, and who neglect to use it so as to secure the gratitude of beneficiaries who will welcome them into everlasting habitations. Fellow steward, "If ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous riches, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

At another time, Christ's sermon was on "The Rich Man's Difficulty in Entering the Kingdom." The text was, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." The occasion of this discourse was the visit of a rich young ruler, who wanted to know what he could "do to inherit eternal life." When he said that he had kept all the commandments, "then Jesus beholding him loved him." Christ had purposely passed over the first commandment—supreme love for God—for His all-searching eye had looked into the innermost recesses of His questioner's heart, and he saw that he worshipped one thing above God. So he said: "One thing thou lakest, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven and come take up the cross, and follow me." But, "when he heard this, he was very sorrowful; for he was very rich." Immediately following his tragic departure to enjoy the "great possessions" which he preferred to fellowship with Christ, the disciples reveal the trend of their hearts in the words, "Who then can be saved?" Christ replies, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Then, in answer to Peter's inquiry relative to what they should receive in return for all that they had given up to follow Him, He closed the sermon with this answer, "manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Fellow stewards, what more do we want than this?

Finally, in parables of talents and pounds Christ clearly teaches that the servant as well as the goods belong to God—"His servants and His goods" and my "money." When they "render an account of their stewardship" they say "thy pound." Even the "wicked and slothful servant" said "thou hast that is thine." Observe how graciously their master commends and how richly he rewards the servants who have been faithful in the use of his goods; then note what scathing condemnation and fearful punishment he visits upon the unfaithful steward. Fellow stewards, the way we relate our means to God's kingdom will determine whether we shall hear Christ's "well done" or Christ's "cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness;" there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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SNOW STORIES.—II

A little way farther on the level snow was a curious path of zigzag tracks. They were deep and near together, and were evidently made by a walker, not a jumper, and by an animal that moved slowly and heavily.

I recognized it at once as the trail of the unhasting skunk. Other animals may jump and run and hurry through life, but the motto of the skunk is, "Don't hurry, others will." This member of the family had proceeded in a dignified way across the clearing to a rotten log, in which he began to dig, in the hope of rooting out some winter bound crickets or a few of his favorite fat white grubs. Converging on the skunk's trail was a series of fox tracks.

The trail told what had happened. At first the far-apart print were those of a hunting fox bounding along and ranging through the thickets and clearings. When he reached the skunk's trail the footprints became close together, and it was evident that the fox followed the trail in a thoughtful mood. He was evidently young and inexperienced or he would not have followed them at all. Finally, on the edge of the clearing he had sighted the skunk and stopped and watched him for some time, for the prints were melted deep into the snow. The snow showed what happened. By the log was a tangle of fox tracks mixed with flurries and ridges and holes in the snow, and finally leading off in tremendous bounds out of this confused circle; then came the neat, methodical trail of the unruffled skunk, who trotted sedately away, leaving a wiser and a smellier fox plunging and burrowing in the clean snow.

Along the edge of the slope ran a track made up of four holes in the snow. Two were wide apart and two were far apart. Suddenly the track seemed reversed. The far-apart marks now showed where the tracks that were near together had been. A little farther on the trail changed again. In front were still the far-apart tracks, but the two near-by ones were now in a line perpendicular instead of parallel to the front tracks. The trail was that of a cotton-tail rabbit. At first he had been hopping contentedly along with an eye open for anything edible in the line of winter vegetables. The far-apart tracks were the paw marks of the big hind legs, and in front of those came the marks made by the two forepaws as they touched the ground at every hop. Suddenly the rabbit sensed something alarming coming from behind, for the sedate hop changed into bounds. With each leap the long hind legs overlapped the fore legs and came down in front, so that the position of the marks was reversed, the far-apart ones now leading. A little farther the trail said that the rabbit had caught sight of its pursuer as it ran.

The tracks showed a frantic burst of speed. In an effort to get every possible bit of leverage the fore legs were twisted so that they struck the ground one behind the other, which accounted for the last set of marks perpendicular to those in front. A line of tracks which came from a pile of stones and which paralleled the rabbit's trail told the whole story. They were in a series of twos, side by side. Vertically from each track ran a straight shallow line to the track in front. The paw marks were small and dainty, but beyond each pad print were marks of fierce claws. It was the weasel, who moves in bounds like the uncoiling of a steel spring. With every spring the slim body bends until it touches the snow, making the long vertical marks in the trail. At first when the rabbit saw the weasel looping along its trail like a hunting snake it had darted out of sight.

Then a strange thing happened. Although a rabbit can run for an hour at nearly top speed, and in this case had every reason to run, after a half mile of rapid circling and doubling the trail changed and showed that the rabbit was plodding along as if paralyzed. One of the weird and unexplained facts in nature is the strange power a weasel appears to have over all the smaller animals. Many of them give up and wait for death when they find that a weasel is on their trail.

This night the rabbit, with every chance for escape, began to run slowly and heavily as if in a nightmare, watching the while its back trail, and when the weasel came in sight again the trail stopped and the rabbit crouched in the snow waiting for the end—and the reddened snow told the rest.

So the last story of the snow ended in tragedy, as do nearly all true stories of the wild folk. But better a thousand times the quick passing at the end of a swift run or a brave fight than the long weariness of pain and sickness that animals seldom know.—Samuel Scoville, Jr., in Sunday School Times.

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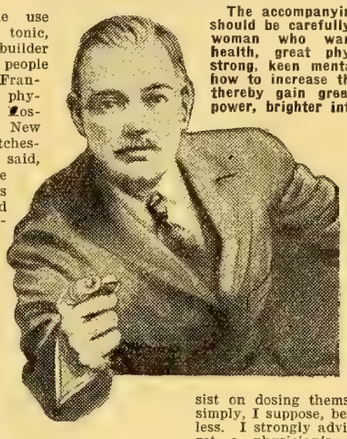
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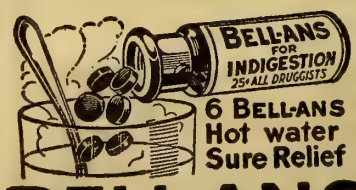
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Joint conference, Asheville .....April 7
District Council of pastors and church directors, Asheville 28
Fairview, Tweeds 29-30
Flat Rock, Fletchers, Fletchers 30
Saluda, night 30

April

Henderson circuit, Fruitland, (Conference on 5) 4-5
Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant 6
Chestnut Street, night 6
Leicester, Grace 12-13
West Asheville 13
Bethel, night 13
Weaverville circuit, Salem 19-20
Mars Hill circuit 20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 26-27

May

Weaverville Commencement 4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek 10-11
Hendersonville 11
Rosman circuit 18-19
Brevard 19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside 20-23

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
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Second Round

April

Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
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Second Round

April

Deep River circuit, Worthville 5-6
Randleman, St. Paul's Light 6
West Greensboro, Friendship 12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m. 13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant ...19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 20
Ruffin, 11 a. m. 27
Reidsville, Main Street, night 27

May

Uwharrie circuit, Union 3
Asheboro, 11 a. m. 4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill ..10-11
High Point, Main Street, night 11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

April

Stokesdale, Mt. Carmel 5-6
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m. ..12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night 13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville 19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m. 26-27
Spray, 3. p. m. 27
and night 28
Leaksville, night 27

May

Ararat, Carter's Chapel 3-4
Danbury, Delta 10-11
Dobson, Rockford 17-18

MAIRON DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

April

Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. ..13-14

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

April

Boone, Fairview 5-6
Laurel Springs circuit, Chestnut Hill 12-13
Sparta circuit, Sparta 19-20

May

Avery circuit, Pisgah 3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma 10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's 17-18
North Wilkes Mission 24-25
North Wilkesboro station 24-25
Wilkes circuit 31-June 1
Wilkesboro station 31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

April

Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May

Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

April

Mooresville station, 11 a. m. 5-6
Davidson-Hunt, Fairview, 3 p. m. .. 5-6
Mt. Zion station, 7 p. m. 5-6
Newton station, 11 a. m. 12-13
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 12-13
Cool Springs, New Salem, 11 a. m. .19-20
Olin, Snow Creek, 3 p m. 19-20
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m. 26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m. ..26-27

May

Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m.10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m.10-11

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

April

Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 6
Badin, night 6
Cottonville, Zion 12-13
Norwood, Randalls 13
New London, Bethel 19-20
Salem, 3 p. m. 20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul 26-27
Epworth, night 27

May

Gold Hill, Zion 3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night 4
Concord circuit, Carmel 10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m. 11
Kerr Street, night 11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill ..17-18
First Street, night 18
Salisbury circuit 24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage ..31-June 1

June

Kannapolis station 1
Bethel-Loves 7-8

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Second Round

April

Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May

Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
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New Hope circuit, March18-21. Quarterly conference at Macedonia, March 20, 1 p. m.

Linwood circuit, March 22-23. Quarterly conference, Macedonia, March 22, 1 p. m.

Thomasville circuit, March 24-26. Quarterly conference at Zion, March 26, 1 p. m.

Forsyth circuit, March 27-31. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor, March 29, at 1 p. m.

Lewisville circuit, April 1-4. Quarterly conference at Sharon April 4, 1 p. m.

Kenersville circuit, April 5-6. Quarterly conference, Oak Ridge, April 6, 1 p. m.

Advance circuit, April 7-°. Quarterly conference at Advance, April 8, 3 p. m.

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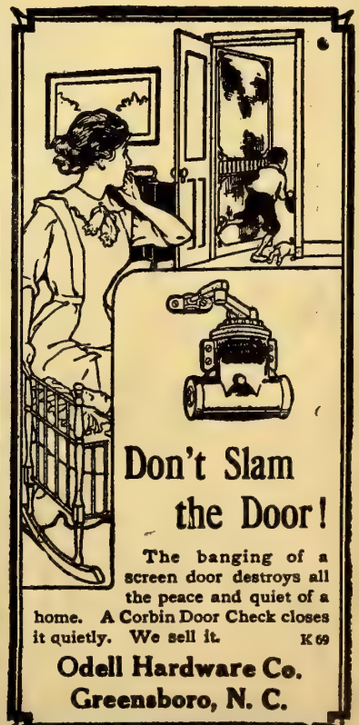
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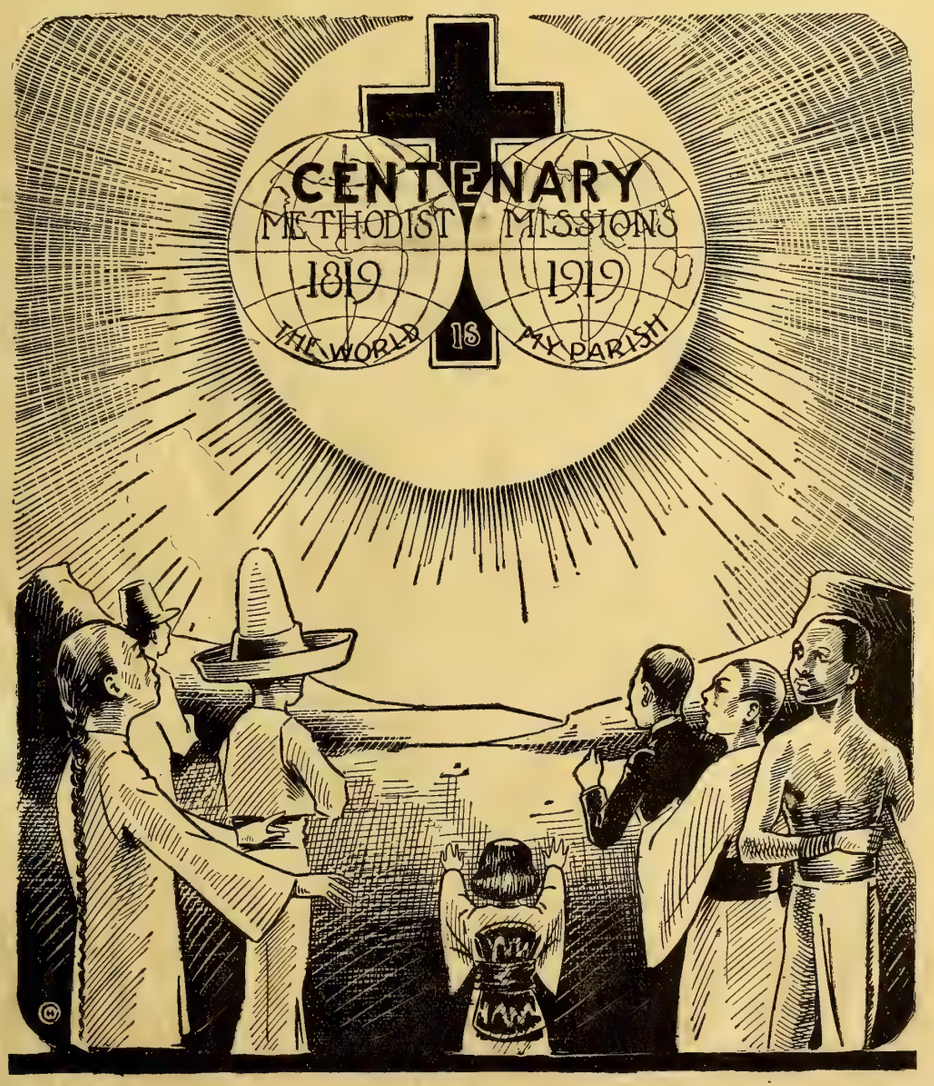
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Editorial

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

Let Advocate readers not forget that next Saturday, April 5th, being the centennial of American Methodist missions, is set apart by Bishop Darlington and the leaders of our Centenary movement in the two Carolinas as a day of fasting and prayer.

It is requested that where practicable the people meet in their respective churches on Saturday at noon for an hour of special prayer.

A CENTENARY GROUNDSWELL

The meeting of Methodist men held at West Market Street Church on last Monday night was one calculated to do immeasurable good. The notice was short, but a goodly company of representative men from the official boards of Reidsville, High Point, Jamestown, Pomona and other churches in the Greensboro and West Greensboro charges, as well as all the city churches, were present to the number of about one hundred. The ladies of West Market Street served a splendid dinner, after which Mr. C. H. Ireland, acting as toastmaster, introduced the speakers.

Bishop Darlington, the guest of honor, making his first visit to Greensboro, was the principal speaker. His coming had been anticipated with great interest and he found an expectant crowd. Any one could see at a glance that it was also a responsive crowd, and Bishop Darlington must have been at his best. He began as if feeling somewhat the weariness of the long journey which had brought him from his home in Huntington, W. Va., arriving just in time to be the last guest seated at the table. He had not spoken long, however, till he warmed up thoroughly and, getting his bearings, proceeded with a statesman-like presentation of the world situation which has suddenly thrust upon the church obligations and opportunities never dreamed of before. For an hour and twenty minutes he held his crowd with a grip which made him master of the situation, and we can hardly resist the conviction that it was the time to have taken the first pledges for the Greensboro district. However, while the fruit seemed to be ripe, it may be that a few weeks later may prove it to have been otherwise.

There seemed to be a conviction that results will show that the church has not undertaken an impossible task. Far from it, the bishop assured us that the heart of the church is responding to the call in such a way as to justify the prediction that when reports are all in we will see that she has laid the sum of $50,000,000 at the feet of the Master. Besides this, the church will have shed the garments of indifference and lethargy and will be ready for a program worthy of the Great Captain of our salvation. There will be a new sense of consecration, consequently a power of intercession and a conception of obligation and stewardship such as the church has never before realized.

The meeting was a genuine Centenary groundswell and everybody felt that a distinct advance had been made. A number of short talks were made by various Minute Men and leaders and the meeting came to a close on high tide at 10:30. Bishop Darlington's first visit to Greensboro will not soon be forgotten.

THE GOSPEL OF CLEANLINESS

If any preachers need to offer an apology for preaching the gospel of sanitation and health, Methodist preachers should be absolved from any such duty for the reason that Mr. Wesley, our great founder, set us the good example of teaching the people the principles of cleanly and hygienic living. So there need be no hesitation on the part of Methodist preachers preaching the gospel of sanitation and health.

Jesus Christ gave emphasis to the relief of the physical ills of the race, and in all the history of the church the effort to plant the gospel has been accompanied by the effort to relieve the physical sufferings of the people. Today in China and all the East the sick and suffering are coming in multitudes to the missionaries, and by ministering to their physical sufferings a sure way of approach is being made for the gospel of healing to the soul. So it will ever be, and in preaching the gospel in the home land we must not forget that to be saved from sin is to be saved from filth and filthy habits. Thus the gospel in all its fullness brings emancipation from sin and with it emancipation from filth, and in large measure immunity from disease and suffering.

Of course we do not say that there is the possibility of complete immunity from disease in this life, but there is no doubt that cleanly habits and the strict observance of sanitary laws will remove a vast amount of suffering to which the race is now subjected. Therefore let the gospel of health and sanitation be accorded its place in the system of teaching which the pulpit is giving the people of our day, and let the sick have some part in the comfort of that message our Savior gives to a suffering world when He says, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

THE STREAM WIDENS INTO THE SEA

The great missionary movement of the day is the logical outcome of Wesleyan teaching. Not that the spirit of missions did not exist before Wesley's time, but that spirit had not till his time become incorporated in such organic form as to start a definite movement which should lead necessarily to the final and complete obliteration of sectarian differences and the destruction of denominational antagonisms. It was this spirit that gave form to the doctrinal expression of truth suited to the universal church, and at the same time committed its promulgation to an ecclesiastical policy which is world wide in its adaptation.

No candid student of church history today will contend that Christian thought for a century has not been leading toward a broader spirit of fraternity and a more tolerant attitude between the various denominations. Nor will it be denied that the Wesleyan propaganda has been the chief factor in this movement. No one could proclaim the doctrines of free grace under a universal atonement without the response of a sympathy world-wide in its reach, nor could such a message be confined to race or section. When, therefore, Mr. Wesley declared, "The world is my parish," he uttered a prophecy of the final victory of his message in bringing about the estate for which our Savior prayed when he pleaded with the Father that "they might all be one."

The unifying of the people of God is the result of doctrinal teaching and not of organic manipulation. No mere resolve for the sake of expediency will ever bring together the scattered forces of the church. Unification is not the result of forces from without undertaking to regulate by setting up one and putting down another. It is rather the working of a force from within which silently, though powerfully, gives form to religious sentiment and conviction and automatically sets a man in thought and feeling in right relation to God and to his fellow man. This power brings all men face to face with each other, grasping hands in comman sympathy and walking together in cordial co-operation in the effort to lift all men out of ignorance and sin.

Even in the great movement for federation and unity going on at the present time there is danger that some may have zeal beyond measure and may undertake to accomplish by sheer physical force what can only be done by the silent leaven of the Spirit. If mere force or manipulation could accomplish the unifying of God's people it would have been consummated under Constantine in the fourth century. Nevertheless, the eighteenth century found them apparently more hopelessly divided than they were in the fourth. However, the leaven of a genuine unity which had continued to work in spite of confusion through all the centuries, received the most powerful impetus in the doctrinal teaching and polity of the Wesleyan movement of the eighteenth century, and this stream has been widening rapidly until now it is losing its identity in the great sea of a common brotherhood representing all the religious denominations.

The laymen's movement is the latest and largest evidence of the presence of this unifying power. Henceforth there is to be little or no distinction of denomination in the effort to give the gospel to the world. The conquering host is to be the army composed of detachments from all the churches and the glory of this movement is to be the fact that no one, in order to be identified with it, is to be called upon to pronounce a sectarian Shibboleth. Moreover, those denominations that have persisted in their devotion to a doctrinal fetish will shed their cumbersome and useless trappings as they join the quickstep in the final march against the citadels of sin.

What if some or even all of the denominations lose their identity in this compact for universal conquest? The new estate, if there be no new name, will more than compensate the loss of such identity. Methodism can well afford to lose itself in the larger and more triumphant body which is to be the final outcome of nearly two centuries of teaching and toil. The coming together of all God's people in spirit and effort, if not in name, is that for which we have labored. Our name was no matter of choice in the beginning. Why should we complain if by reason of the success of our efforts and the providential leading of this movement there should come a time when this name should disappear? When the Bride, the Lamb's wife, shall be taken into that full and intimate fellowship with Him, shall we not all have the "new name?" And shall we not be satisfied when

"All these wastes a dreary scene,
That make us sadden as we gaze,
Shall grow with living waters green,
And lift to heaven the voice of praise?"

There will be no need of name or denominational distinction when "we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man."

BOLSHEVISM INCREASING

The Bolshevic movement in Russia has spread beyond her frontiers into all the neighboring countries and produced a general situation in Europe which is, to say the least, threatening to world peace. The allied nations were not expecting a German surrender before next summer. Their plan was to continue the war, when, all of a sudden, Germany proposed the armistice, and the allies were at the time unprepared to submit peace terms. The four months suspense and uncertainty since the armistice has produced a serious condition of unrest and revolt among a war-exhausted and hungry people, who are unable even to plan for future stability until they know what kind of a peace arrangement will be adopted at Paris. Hungry, idle and disappointed, they have lost confidence in their governments and

are in a state of anarchy. It is the desperation of helplessness. Their methods are destructive rather than constructive. Better society or better government cannot be secured by destroying the foundations upon which stability and order must rest. Revolutionists finally discover and accept this fact. Such a state of disorder as that which today threatens Europe cannot long continue. Human passion will go its length and then exhaust itself. The peace conference is rushing its work and it is hoped that soon the terms of settlement and the boundaries of nations will be announced. We think this will help to solve the situation and restore stable government. Some are fearful lest the bolshevic wave may cross the sea and pollute our land, but the conditions out of which the revolution sprang in Europe do not abound in America. There the people have felt the terrible strain of a long-drawn-out war; they are poor, hungry and many without work. All commercial enterprise is paralyzed and the wealth which it took centuries to accumulate has been exhausted by the strain and cost of war. Here the people have plenty, labor finds employment at its own price, general prosperity exists throughout the land, and there is no ground or cause for revolution here. The bolshevists would foment strife and fire the passions of men, but American labor is 100 per cent American and will not tolerate the red flag so long as the Stars and Stripes wave for freedom.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Premier Romanones, of Spain, is pronounced in his support of the League of Nations in the same sense and scope of President Wilson, and pledges Spain to go the full length by making every sacrifice in her power to establish it.

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The National Woman Suffrage Association in convention last week in St. Louis heartily endorsed the proposed plan for a league of nations to enforce peace, and urged upon Congress the necessity of granting military rank to army nurses.

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An Equinoctial Blizzard struck New York March 28—a week late—was accompanied by low temperatures and a gale which moved at a velocity of ninety miles an hour, carrying destruction to small sea craft and great damage to property and life.

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The Belgian King and Queen made the trip in an aeroplane last week from Brussels to Chaumont to pay a three days' visit to General Pershing, and one of the interesting features of the visit was their review of the eighty-first division of American troops, which is composed of North and South Carolina and Florida boys.

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The Suez Canal is one of the greatest ocean thoroughfares in the world. It has been just half a century since it was opened to commerce. The festival given at that time by the Khedive of Egypt in commemoration of the event is said to have cost $23,000,000. Semi-centennial ceremonies will be observed this year if eastern conditions growing out of the war do not hinder.

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Von Hundenburg, who Never Had an exalted opinion of the Kaiser, comes to his defense now since he has taken refuge in a foreign land, and says that the Kaiser was loath to leave, but was forced by his best friends to abdicate and depart rather than stand by and see his kingdom forsaken by his people, including the soldiery, who were becoming restive and rebellious as they realized that final defeat was sure.

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The War Department has issued a call for 50,000 volunteers to take the places of soldiers now in service abroad, but who after long absence desire to return home. It is thought that many soldiers in American training camps when the armistice was signed, and who were disappointed at being unable to go across, will seize this opportunity and volunteer for the three-year term set forth in the call for volunteers.

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Two Aviators in the Southern field in Americus, Ga., last Thursday, when the temperature at the ground was 60 degrees, ascended with the purpose of flying four miles high, but when they went up three and one-half miles they struck a temperature of 20 degrees below zero, and the sudden drop of 80 degrees so shocked them that they lowered to seek a higher temperature.

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When the Boundary Line between Mexico and the United States was fixed at the conclusion of the Mexican war, in 1846, our government acquired at nominal cost that vast domain which reaches from the western border of Texas to the Golden Gate, including the vast states of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. It would have taken only another drop of ink to have added Lower California to this vast territory. By right of position it belongs to America and is today more a foreign possession to Mexico than a valuable and sympathetic province. It is a strategic point which the Japanese would like to utilize by planting there a military base, which would be a menace to our peace and safety. The protest has gone to Washington that such is the purpose of Japan and that the purchase of this peninsula from Mexico would relieve such fears and add to our domain a stretch of land where winter could be banished.

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The Divorce Evil Is Growing all the time, not alone in America, but also in North Carolina. Fifteen years ago the moral and religious forces of North Carolina concentrated their efforts on the legislature and secured the passage of a divorce law which reduced the ground for divorce to the single scriptural one. Nearly every legislature since has added another cause for divorce until now nearly every Superior Court docket is crowded with divorce cases, and it is getting time for the moral and religious forces to make another drive on the legislature like we did before. An impure home life is the sure sign of social degeneracy, and one never failing symptom is the divorce evil. South Carolina has no divorce laws. Once married, always married, is the law down there. North Carolina statistics show that the annual divorce decrees are 32 to every 100,000 population, or about 900 per year, and the number is constantly growing.

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The Dreamer Is the Man With a Vision. Joseph was such a dreamer. Rev. J. A. Baldwin is a dreamer and a practical one. A good many years ago he had a vision of an ideal mill community and has labored in season and out of season for the fulfillment of his plans. The Southern Industrial Institute, which he has for many years conducted near Charlotte, is well adapted to the needs of the pupils. Religion is magnified and the scholars are educated on practical and useful lines. His plans are growing with his experience, and among the necessary additions to the equipment is a modern cotton mill plant in which the students can work stated hours each day and earn the money as needed to defray their expenses in the school, while at the same time their experience in the mill will help to make them efficient in that work. Brother Baldwin has not perfected these plans; they are still in the making; but he has a faith which has hitherto removed mountains, and we trust he may be able to command the needed support to erect the mill and conduct both school and factory to the good of his student body and with a material profit which will grow into a substantial endowment fund.

SPARKS FROM BILLY SUNDAY'S ANVIL

Faith without works isn't worth shucks.

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God don't save men on the installment plan, like you buy furniture.

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Don't build a character like a woman fixes a sewing machine.

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The evangelism that does not hang on the nails of the cross is all wrong.

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In praying "Thy kingdom come" we ask that New York, New Orleans, Richmond and Chicago be made like it is in heaven. That's what it means.

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Lots of people roll up to church in a costly limousine, throw a nickel into the collection and wonder why the world is not saved.

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Some people are handcuffed when the collection plate comes around.

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Many a man says he loves his wife when she is manicuring her finger nails over a scrubbing board to support his family.

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Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is not trying to induce God to do something he does not want to do; but it is laying hold on God's willingness to do what I want done and what I need to have done.

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I would rather die on the way to the promised land and have my bones bleached in the wilderness than submit my back to the lash of cruel taskmasters and be forced by them to make bricks without straw.

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I would rather eat the manna from heaven as it falls in the wilderness than to have great big ladles of soup from the flesh pots of Egypt.

THE DIVINE AND NOT "THE DEVIL AND HUMAN AGENCIES"

In discussing "The Great War, the Church's Unpreparedness and How It Should Be Met" in my article which appeared in the Advocate last week I made the point that this war is to be fought and the victory won, if won at all, through human instrumentalities and agencies. If sin is overcome and the world transformed and brought into the kingdom of God it will be done by the spirit of Jesus Christ through the agency of His church. It is a copartnership war and a co-operative fight. The one cannot win without the other. Jesus cannot win the war by Himself, nor can His church, "for we are co-workers together with Him." The divine and human agencies are co-operative. But the types marred that sentence by putting the word "devil" in place of "divine," which I wrote, and made me say "the devil and human agencies are co-operative"—very foreign to the truth I intended to convey and impress upon the public mind.

Now, it is true "the devil and human agencies" may co-operate. In fact, they very often do; and sometimes those agencies may be in the church. His satanic majesty (if he has any) would like to go into copartnership with the church and co-operate with it in the fight, but not against sin and the pulling down of his own kingdom. The mission and work of Jesus Christ and His church in the world is to destroy the works of the devil, and the devil would not enter into a copartnership and co-operate in a fight against himself.

There are two or three other typographical errors in the article, but they are so slight the casual reader can easily detect them, and no correction is necessary.

James Willson.

Winston-Salem.

CONTRIBUTIONS

EUROPE'S SUPREME NEED

We count it a good providence that the two deputations from the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Chrch, South, had the privilege of studying the European situation together. By a happy coincidence Bishops T. S. Henderson and James Atkins and Drs. F. M. North and W. W. Pinson sailed together on La Lorraine on December 23d, 1918. This gave an opportunity for extended discussions of plans and purposes during the voyage. We were joined in Paris by the other members of the two deputations—Bishops W. F. Anderson and W. R. Lambuth and Dr. B. M. Tipple. The first full meeting was held in Paris on January 5th, with all the members of both deputations present, consisting of Bishops Anderson and Henderson and Dr. Frank Mason North and Dr. B. M. Tipple of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Bishops Atkins and Lambuth and Dr. W. W. Pinson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

We had exceptional opportunity for the execution of our task. By the great courtesy of the Protestant bodies we were accorded interviews with their leaders, and in public meetings as well as in official discussions we were given full opportunity for the expression of our purposes and for the gathering of facts and impressions concerning their work and needs and conditions of the country.

The French high commission gave us the unusual privilege of visiting, at their charges and under their escort, a large part of the war-torn area of northern France, and also the meeting of their great leaders. In this way we were able to get a knowledge of the unspeakable devastation of one-eighth of French territory and of the needy condition of the people, which otherwise would have been impossible.

We visited the main centers and some of the villages from Brussels, Belgium, to Naples, Italy, meeting everywhere the same welcome and the same generous treatment. Through the influence of Dr. B. M. Tipple, the sperintendent of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Italy, the serviceableness of whose work has commended itself to the government of Italy, with the kindly co-operation of the American ambassador, Hon. Thomas Nelson Page, we were honored by having an interview with the king, Victor Emmanuel III. Through these same agencies there was placed at the disposal of the two commissions a group of military officers from the supreme command, thus affording them an unrivaled opportunity to visit the Italian battle front from Trent to Trieste. When America once knows the extent of the devastation in Italy, and also the heroism and sacrifice of her soldiers and citizens, America will have an open heart and hand to minister to this most devoted and loyal ally in a thorough and adequate way.

Thus there was no lack of opportunity to study the conditions among the people and to get the viewpoint of their leaders. Availing ourselves of this opportunity during the limited time at our disposal, we have sought to gather the facts on which to base an intelligent conclusion. We can not now do more than state our conclusions in general terms.

1. We find almost unbounded enthusiasm toward everything American. It was as American Christians that we were received with such unusual manifestations of welcome. The Stars and Stripes float everywhere beside the tri-color, and the Marseillaise mingles its strains with those of the Star Spangled Banner. From President Poincaire and Marshal Joffre to the man on the street we heard words of unbounded commendation for America's part in the war and for Wilson's policies of world democracy. The same was true in Italy from Victor Emmanuel III, the "crowned democrat" of the Quirinal Hill, to the school teacher who in public address called President Wilson "the president of the world." It is recognized on all hands that the great reconstructive forces reside in America. The whole situation constitutes the challenge of the centuries to the Christian church of America.

2. The strategic importance of Europe in the program for world evangelization has been given a new emphasis in our thinking. We have been far too much content to leave Europe out of the evangelical reckoning, too prone to leave her to carry her own responsibility. Now that a world war has upheaved the continent and torn its old traditions asunder we are made to see things in a new perspective. It is not the needs of Europe alone that stand and cry in this world highway of the new order, but also the larger needs that lie beyond Europe. She is a sort of half-way house to the East. It is not easy to over-estimate the influence of Europe on the seething masses of the East, near and far. Her commerce, her colonies, her literature, the vast impact of her moral and social ideals are incalculable in their effect for good or evil. These will not be lessened but rather increased by the war and the new familiarity which has resulted from the ultimate contact resulting from the war and to follow it. The complete evangelization of the East will be most difficult, if not well nigh impossible, without an immense quickening of the evangelical faith of Europe.

3. Europe is on its own account a needy field. We will not here speak of the material needs, great and urgent as they are. These have been set forth over and over. But after all is said, the deepest and most fundamental needs of these needy lands are moral and spiritual. This will appear to any one from anything but the most superficial view. Added to the unbelief and immorality that existed in normal times, the people have suffered the almost inevitable demoralization of four years of war with its ruthless invasion and confusion of the social, moral and domestic life.

Let no one suppose for a moment that these needs are being met or can be met by existing religious agencies. Whatever may be said of the Roman Catholic church, one thing is certain, it is not effectively ministering to the people. In France alone there are about 30,000,000 people who are not in the fold of that church, or, for that matter, of any church. That is to say, nearly three-fourths of the population have drifted into indifference or, worse, into materialism. They are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. The native Protestant churches are feeble and have made but little progress in recent years. Altogether they have only 600,000 adherents. The same conditions prevail in Belgium. These churches, feeble before, are now almost helpless. Their forces have been weakened, property damaged, income greatly reduced, so that any aggressive movement to meet the unusual conditions is with them impossible. Evangelical help for these countries must come from without. They have no schools, no leaders to speak of, and no means of producing them. Thus without help from without the vast majority of the people are left without the comforts or restraints of religion in the midst of the demoralization and deep sorrow resulting from the war.

4. There is in Europe an inspiring opportunity. Whatever doubts or misgivings one may have had on that score have been effectively dissipated. The fields are white. The reaping will not be without difficulty. There will be opposition from the Catholic church. But the people are not Catholic. The governments are not Catholic, except the national government of Belgium. Even there this fact is offset by intensely liberal or anti-Catholic provincial government. In the midst of all their rationalism they are a people of the warm heart. They are idealists. They love things of the spirit and will respond to the gospel of the warm heartmediated to them by a ministry bearing the credentials of brotherhood. Of this we have seen tangible evidences in city and village where American Methodist Episcopal work has been carried on. This is strikingly true of Italy, where any one can find proof of what has been said above. A free church, without political ambitions, representing enlightenment, freedom of conscience and the democracy of the spirit will meet a ready response.

5. The situation demands a broad and aggressive policy. No narrow, restricted policy will win. The church must address her ministry to the whole man and compass his total need. This will mean a large and liberal program of social service. It will cost money and trained men and women. In so saying we do not lose sight of the main need of the saving gospel which must be given to the people in printed page and by living, loving evangelists. All of which should be done without delay. These conditions will not abide.

6. The two Methodisms should co- operate in this program. This should be done in such a way as to present one solid Methodist front to the people of Europe. We should combine to furnish the men and institutions needed on an adequate scale. A recommendation providing for such co-operation will be made to the boards for their consideration and action.

7. What we have said in this description of need applies in the main to France, Italy and Belgium. We would not, however, be true to the facts if we should leave unmentioned other fields in Europe. By a peculiar coincidence, which we can only consider providential, we were favored with first-hand information concerning the chastened and distressed land of Poland. The church should be ready to enter that land at the earliest possible moment. We should also mention the Czecho-Slovaks and the Balkan states. A survey of these fields should be made, along with Russia, as soon as conditions will permit, with a view to their occupation. Recommendations will be made to the boards on this point.

8. All this has driven home the conviction that America must be made really Christian. The compelling appeal of these desperate situations gives emphasis to that conviction. Our responsibility is immeasurable. God has set us in the breach in this great hour. Are we prepared? A nation only half Christian cannot meet such a challenge. We must get ready. If making the world safe for democracy, if the political needs of Europe and of the world moved our people to give lavishly of blood and treasure, what should not this greater need of Europe and the world inspire in the church of America? It would be a greater tragedy if we failed now than if we had failed in 1916. The issues are so much greater, as the soul is greater than the body. We have fought in vain if we lose the Armageddon of the kingdom.

FRANK MASON NORTH,
For the Methodist Episcopal Church.
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For the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

FIVE POINTS FOR WILLING WOMEN

By Mrs. M. L. Hargrove

1. Women can join the great Fellowship of Intercession and can assist in securing signers for this Fellowship of Intercession in the auxiliaries, districts and local churches.

2. Women can become tithers. Women have small accounts of money to tithe, but they can tithe every dollar that passes through their hands—allowances, salaries, wages and incomes—and bring these sums into the Lord's treasury, setting apart a certain amount for the Centenary.

3. Women can serve on the various Centenary commissions and committees, and by their counsel, pens and influence can mightily help forward the Centenary movement in conferences and districts and local churches.

4. Women can do much in securing the foreign and home missionaries required by this Centenary movement. They can do this by first laying their children on God's altar; by presenting the great needs of the hour to their Sunday school classes, Epworth Leagues, Young People's Missionary Societies and to their friends who are returning from the camps and from the front, where they have been learning the meaning of sacrifice and world brotherhood.

5. Women can be members of teams in the eight-day drive and bring in large sums by their personal and careful solicitations. They can dedicate to the Lord whatever time is needed to do their part wisely and well, and pledge their service to the Centenary.

THE CENTENARY CENT THE MINIMUM

By F. S. H. Johnson

We who owe all of our prosperity to Christianity must not profiteer on the blood of Christ. We must use our rich resources to carry on Christ's campaign to plant the cross wherever man is found. Tithing is approved to systematize our handling of God's means, but it gives only the minimum and should not be a mere mechanical device. The tremendous sum of $35,000,000 in five years proves to be only a paltry penny a day for each member. The Centenary Cent must be the minimum.

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—His friends in North Carolina will be interested to know that Rev. J. A. B. Fry is now pastor of our church in Seattle, Wash.

—Mrs. Frizelle, wife of Rev. J. H. Frizelle, of the North Carolina Conference, died recently at their home at Whiteville, N. C.

—Rev. G. W. Williams, of Walnut Cove, was in to see us on Monday and made his second report, finishing up his allotment for the year.

—Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Statesville district, says the Centenary is in full swing in his district and they are expecting to go over.

—Rev. J. W. Combs, pastor of the Pilot Mountain circuit, is holding revival services at Pilot Mountain this week, assisted by the presiding elder, Rev. W. F. Womble.

—Rev. D. A. Lewis, pastor of the South Lenoir charge, has been holding revival services at the South Lenoir church, assisted by Rev. J. E. Mehaffy, of York, S. C.

—Rev. E. O. Cole began revival services at Mocksville last Sunday with Rev. Jno. W. Moore, of Charlotte, doing the preaching and Rev. W. F. Elliott, of Pineville, leading the singing.

—Mrs. Buckner, editor of the Baraca-Philathea Herald and secretary of the state Baraca-Philathea organization, was in the city last week visiting the various local classes. She paid her respects to the Advocate by a call on Saturday afternoon.

—The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Z. Paris, of Concord, will regret to learn that Mrs. Paris has been quite ill at the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte. We are glad to learn that Sister Paris is doing well and that there is good hope of a speedy recovery.

—Mr. H. D. Scarboro, who for a number of years has been a resident of Mebane, has purchased a home near Asheboro and is expected to occupy it in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Scarboro have many friends in Randolph who will welcome them on their return.

—The familiar face of the Lenoir Topic, the original weekly paper published at Lenoir, has disappeared. It is succeeded by the Lenoir News-Topic, which is the result of the consolidation of the two local papers. We trust the new paper may have great prosperity.

—Bishop J. W. Bashford, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in Los Angeles, California, on March 18. He was sixty-nine years of age. He had rendered most of his service as a Bishop in the Orient, principally in China, and had done a great work.

—Many friends will be grieved to learn that Mr. Frank M. Johnson, of Mocksville, is reported to be nearing the end of his earthly pilgrimage. He has been quite feeble for a number of years and unable to go much from home. His pastor, Rev. E. O. Cole in a note dated March 28, says, "When conscious he speaks with clearness and perfect confidence about his future."

—Bishop Atkins has returned from an extenlded trip to the war zone, where he went with Bishop Lambuth and Dr. Pinson to survey the mission field and plan for Christian work among the war-weary people of Europe. Immediately upon his return home he went to Union City, in the Memphis Conference, to dedicate the new church there.

—Rev. J. S. Gibbs, of the Kannapolis circuit, was in the city last week visiting his brother, Rev. A. C. Gibbs. While in the city he made the Advocate office a pleasant visit and left a fine report for the Advocate. The full allotment of new subscribers, besides a goodly number of renewals. We predict that Brother Gibbs will never be among the slackers.

—Bishop Atkins, while in Europe, visited the grave of Edith Cavell. In the cemetery where rests the body of this noble nurse, is the grave of one German—a soldier who refused to shoot a woman, and who was shot by German authority for his refusal. That German should have a monument to his name and nobility of character.—Wesleyan Advocate.

—The Advocate was greatly honored and pleased by a visit from Bishop U. V. W. Darlington on Tuesday morning. He spent the day mingling with friends in the city, leaving in the afternoon for Gastonia, where he had an engagement for Tuesday night.

—Rev. L. A. Falls, of Mooresville, has been seriously ill in a Charlotte hospital, but the gratifying news is published that he has passed the crisis and is now on the road to recovery. We pray he may be fully restored soon and able to resume his pastoral work. He is a very useful and efficient preacher and appreciated highly by his Mooresville parishioners.

—Rev. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Centenary Church, and Mrs. Rowe are in Florida for a few weeks' vacation and have been at Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa and St. Petersburg. They expect to return home this week much benefited by the health-giving and balmy Florida air, which Dr. Leo Stewart says will sustain life as long as a man breathes it. The children are with Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Rowe, of Mount Airy, during the absence of their parents.

—An open-air service was held last Sunday afternoon on the lot in Glenwood recently purchased by the Zion congregation. Besides the pastor, Rev. J. E. Woosley, Revs. A. W. Plyler, E. L. Bain and M. C. Field were present and made talks. Mr. O. V. Woosley, Sunday school field secretary, was also present and made a talk. The church at Zion will be disposed of and a new church is expected to be erected this year. There was a large attendance and all seemed enthusiastic for the new enterprise.

—A note from Rev. R. M. Courtney, secretary of missions, informs us that he is confined to his bed at his home in Thomasville, and has been for several days, and is not likely to be out for several days to come. This accounts for the absence of his usual matter in this issue. He hopes, however, to be back on the Centenary battle line within a week or ten days, and this hope will be shared by all of our readers. Brother Courtney's services are valuable now, but we hope he will be prudent notwithstanding the pressure upon him.

—Rev. J. B. Tabor, pastor of the Table Rock circuit, reports to the Morganton News-Herald a heavy pounding administered by his people recently. He appreciates this the more because it comes in the midst of his third year as pastor. The people do well to remember their pastors thus and cheer them in their work. No more faithful man ever traveled a circuit than J. B. Tabor, and we feel sure this pounding was a genuine expression of appreciation on the part of these Methodists of Burke.

—One of our pastors referring to the Advocate campaign in connection with a supplementary report from his charge, says: "While we have gone over our allotment of subscribers the circulation is not what it ought to be. I hope this is the beginning of a better day for the Advocate." There is no doubt of this; but thinking from the other end of the proposition, how much better it is going to be for the church at large and for the individual member and his family. This is the dawn of a new day in every sense.

—Greensboro and vicinity were greatly saddened on Wednesday of last week by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Susan Duty Doub, widow of the late Prof. Will C. Doub, long a member of the faculty of old Greensboro Female College. Mrs. Doub had been in failing health for many months and her passing was no surprise to those in intimate relation to her. Mrs. Doub is survived by two daughters, Miss Laura Doub and Mrs. S. A. Kerr, of Greensboro, and one son, Harry Doub, of Honduras. She is also survived by one step-daughter, Miss Landon Doub, of Wake county, and two grand sons, William C. Doub Kerr and Samuel A. Kerr. The Advocate joins in expressions of sympathy for the bereaved ones.

—Grensboro college day was celebrated with great enthusiasm Friday by the students of that college. From the rising bell, the slogan of the day was perfect attendance and perfect lessons. Interesting talks were made at chapel by Miss Nannie Lee Smith and Mrs. W. C. Tucker concerning the past and the promising future of the college. The culmination of the day's merriment took place at 6 o'clock, when the student body marched in the beautifully decorated dining hall singing the college song. Each class seated itself under its own glowing colors, and the many spirited songs and yells added much to the spice of the meal. Greensboro college day is celebrated every spring—and is an event much looked forward to by the students.

—Last Sunday was a great day at Bethel Church, in the northwestern suburbs of the city. Church and Sunday school joined in celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday school. The Sunday school children joined heartily in a program of appropriate songs, and short addresses were made by Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the Advocate, who was the founder of this work; Mr. Charles T. Archer, a former superintendent; Mr. O. V. Woosley, field secretary, and Mr. T. C. Hoyle, present superintendent. These talks were interspersed by inspiring songs and two or three selections by a male quartet. At the close Rev. A. P. Ratledge, of Gibsonville, who was the first regular pastor of Bethel, preached a short but very appropriate sermon. The day closed with a sermon at 8 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Woosley. The attendance was good and the whole day was an inspiration.

NOTICE

The dormitory space in Greensboro College for Women is being rapidly reserved for next scholastic year. Those who wish to secure room in the college for next year will do well to make application soon.

S. B. Turrentine,
President.

A SUGGESTION

To all our preachers, Sunday school superintendents, Sunday school teachers and all who are interested in our schools:

If you are pleased with all the advertising matter in our magazine write the publishers and tell them so. If there is any advertising there that you think is out of place in Sunday school literature write them a courteous letter and ask them to eliminate it.

A. Shipp Webb.
Concord, N. C.

CHURCH EXTENSION ANNUAL MEETING

Inasmuch as the Board of Missions has changed its date of meeting from May 8th and 9th to June 3d, it has been deemed wise to call the regular annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension in Louisville on May 8th and 9th. This will avoid conflicting dates, as the bishops were planning to be in Nashville for the meeting of the Board of Missions on this date.

The meeting of the Conference Board of Representatives will be held in Louisville on the 6th and 7th of May, the days preceding the annual meeting of the board.

H. A. Boaz.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE LEAD

A comparative statement just received from J. L. Neill, Nashville, shows the Western North Carolina conference leading all Southern Methodist conferences in the number of Sunday schools forwarding pledges on the Centenary. He credits our conference with 139, the next nearest being the North Alabama conference with 101. He adds that some of the conferences are coming strong next week.

Greensboro is the first Methodist center to go over, all five of her Sunday schools having lined up. Spring Garden, whille not shown in the honor roll, has forwarded nearly $50 to J. J. Stowe. Charlotte and Concord are nearly over. What about it Winston, Asheville, Salisbury-Spencer, Gastonia, High Point and other Methodist centers? Take a look at our honor roll and see who's who in Sunday school Centenarydom. Just as well get on, we're gone from here.

Please forward all money to J. J. Stowe, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn., and get receipt. Ask for missionary committee treasurer's book. Every Sunday school that signs up is due a 100 per cent certificate. See that you get it.

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary.

REVIVAL AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Carrying out the custom of several years, a revival meeting was held at Rutherford College, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The meeting began Thursday, March 13, and closed Thursday, March 20.

Brother C. C. Totherow, general evangelist, was with us and did the preaching. Brother Totherow is a man of deep piety and strong religious convictions. His sermons were characterized by earnestness and zeal, and demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit were manifest throughout.

Mr. George R. Hawks, of Cornelius, N. C., ably conducted the singing and his great work had a telling effect upon the people.

The efficient labors of these brethren resulted in twenty-three conversions and reclamations. The entire community received a great spiritual blessing and the college students were especially benefited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PREACHERS' WIDOWS

Some weeks ago information was furnished to me from the various conference claimants which under the new law I am required to supply to the secretary of the General Board of Finance. He now requests me to supply additional information from the widows of our deceased preachers, and I will thank each one of them to mail at once to me a postal card containing answers to the following questions:

1. What was the date of your marriage to your deceased husband?

2. How many years was your husband actively in charge of churches as pastor before he was superannuated or deceased?

3. How many of these years were you his wife?

This information must be in my hands not later than April 15th in order to get into this year's report, and it is important that this information be in hand in order that proper consideration may be given to each widow in the distribution of the claimants' fund.

Wm. L. Sherrill,
Charlotte, N. C. Secretary.

NORTH LENOIR

Our presiding elder has just notified me that the Centenary apportionment for North Lenoir mission is $2,500, or $500 per year for five years. As it will be some time before I preach at some of the churches perhaps the best way to bring it before the people will be through the Advocate, as quite a number of our people take the Advocate now.

By churches the distribution will be as follows: Harper's, $450; Hudson, $900; Collier's, $250; Zion, $450, and Hermon, $450.

The annual amounts by churches will be as follows: Harper's, $90; Hudson, $180; Collier's, $50; Zion, $90, and Hermon, $90.

Approximately it will not be more than an average of $2 per member annually. It will not pauperize any one to pay $2 annually for five years in celebration of the organization of American Methodist missions. Asbury would turn over in his grave "with groanings that cannot be uttered" if we do less than that. This is really an opportunity of a lifetime. Before another centenary celebration comes we'll all be in Abraham's bosom, unless his Satanic majesty persuades some of us to locate in the torrid zone, where the climate is somewhat warmer and where the Bible's rich man lives—or, rather, dies.

John M. Price.
Lenoir, N. C.

COTTONVILLE AND OAKBORO

Please permit me space for a few lines in the Advocate, as I have not written anything in a long time. On the evening of the 15th of March we came in to find a number of our people from Rehoboth church and a couple of our good Baptist sisters at the parsonage, and that with good things to eat, and it was with glad hearts that we received the pounding. It was at an opportune time, as our meeting began on Sunday, the 16th, at Cottonville. Rev. John H. Green came to us on Monday night and did the preaching, and he did it well. He preached the plain, simple gospel of our Lord. It was a great meeting, having twelve conversions. Four united with the Methodist church on Sunday, the 23d, and others will join later. We had just completed the repainting of the church a week before, at a cost of $88, not including the work of the pastor and some of the brethren.

Sunday was a glorious day to all of us. We raised practically that amount in cash and subscription, and, best of all, at the evening service Brother Green preached a sermon on tithing, and thirty-eight signed the tithing card. The church was wonderfully blessed. Nearly all came forward and pledged themselves to be more faithful to the church and to their God. Brethren, pray for us. We are laboring and praying for the best year of our four.

We are expecting a good quarterly meeting, which will convene at Mount Zion the 12th and 13th of April. We are always glad to have our beloved presiding elder with us. We have secured fifteen new subscribers to the Advocate, and since the time has been extended we hope to secure some more.

Respectfully,
J. C. Brown, P. C.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS

The Centenary committee for the Statesville district met at First Church, Newton, on Tuesday, March 26th, and made the apportionments to the several charges of the district. The quota of each charge is as follows:

Alexander	$8,500
Catawba	8,500
Cool Springs	8,500
Davidson-Huntersville	3,000
Dudley Shoals	2,500
Granite Falls	6,500
Hickory, First Church	25,000
Hickory circuit	3,000
Lenoir, First Church	13,500
Lenoir circuit	2,500
Maiden	8,500
Mooresville station	13,500
Mooresville circuit	6,500
Mount Zion	13,500
Newton	13,500
North Lenoir	2,500
Olin	5,000
Rhodhiss	1,100
South Lenoir	1,100
Statesville, Broad Street	25,000
" Race Street	4,000
" Circuit	3,000
Stony Point	8,500
Troutman	8,500

Dorman Thompson, Secretary.

MARION DISTRICT CENTENARY APPORTIONMENT

1. Bakersville circuit	$1,350
2. Bald Creek circuit	2,920
3. Broad River circuit	6,750
4. Burnsville circuit	5,000
5. Cliffside circuit	6,700
6. Connelly Springs circuit	7,400
7. Enola circuit	900
8. Forest City circuit	10,100
9. Henrietta and Caroleen	8,600
10. Marion station	10,750
11. Marion circuit	2,475
12. McDowell circuit	5,280
13. Micaville circuit	2,485
14. Marion Mills	4,755
15. Mill Spring	3,715
16. Morganton station	14,510
17. Morganton circuit	7,825
18. Old Fort circuit	6,120
19. Rutherfordton circuit	9,700
20. Spruce Pine	5,850
21. Table Rock	6,250
22. Thermal City	5,140
Total	$134,575

The Blessings Which Will Attend Our Centenary

I am sure that the church in this movement has a great privilege, and that the Centenary is freighted with a blessing for every member of the church who will avail himself of this sacred obligation. These precious opportunities and sacred obligations are shimmering with divine possibilities. Oh, may we awake and spread wide the mantle of life and use these divine blessings. Prayer alone is not enough. "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord; but he that doeth." Lord, teach us how to give as well as how to pray. This movemnt furnishes an opportunity for sacrifice and self-denial and service. Through these alone are we privileged to make our religion concrete and a blessing to the world.

I am sure that this Centenary has already been a blessing to our people in the Marion district.

Yours sincerely, Parker Holmes.

TO THE MINUTE MEN OF THE GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Please do not fail to make a talk on some phase of the Centenary movemenut on next Sunday in your church. If you do not make the talk yourself, please see that some other layman does it. Next Sunday, April 6th, each congregation ought to be reminded of the fact that one hundred years have passed, almost to the day, since the first Methodist missionary society was organized. This took place in New York city. The exact date was April 5th, 1819.

W. A. Lambeth,
District Chairman of the Minute Men.

NOW FOR THE GOAL

In this issue of the Advocate the secretary of the Centenary committee for the Statesville district gives the apportionment for the charges of the district quota. The committee was composed of members from the leading stations of the district, but the first work they did was to study the district as a whole. Finding that some of the charges would be called upon to bear a heavy share of the burden if the regular manner of distribution were followed, they first assigned to these weaker charges the amount they thought wise and just. The purpose of the committe was to make an equality of effort throughout the district.

After a full day of prayerful consideration they reached the decision as given in their report. No finer Christian spirit was ever manifested by a body of people seeking to forward the kingdom of Christ.

I feel sure that every charge in the district can reach the goal. Of course this will require effort, but such effort as may be required is that exercise which makes for the growth of the church. Every member of the church should be willing and eager to bear a part in this the greatest work our church has ever undertaken. Every director and minute man should feel his responsibility and opportunity. Every preacher should hear the voice of the Master calling to supreme effort. God is with us and we shall win in His name. We have more than 13,000 Methodists in the Statesville district. Our daily prayer is that not one may fail our blessed Lord in this day when He would save a world. Talk with Him until you know His mind and then try to do His will.

Just seven weeks of effort and the goal will be passed. After that the "well done" of our Great White Captain will make us glad through all the years.

W. A. Newell.

A DELIGHTFUL SRUPRISE AND BIG POUNDING

We are moving on smoothly and pleasantly on the West Greensboro charge. The thoughtfulness, kindness, liberality and generosity of the good people of this charge remind us almost daily that the "lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." Since conference hardly has a day passed that some one has not shown us a courtesy or kindness.

On Thursday night, the 25th, we were surprised and delighted by the good people of Muir's Chapel and Friendship coming in a body to our home. They came on foot, in buggies, autos and trucks. They did not come empty-handed, but loaded down with good and useful things; just such things as make glad the heart and happy the home of the pastor and his family. Yes, they brought wheat, flour, corn meal, eggs, molasses, coffee, potatoes and other things too numerous to mention. Yes, and money for the pastor and a purse for his wife. We wish through the Advocate to assure each donor that we greatly appreciate each gift or donation.

To add to the pleasure and joy of the evening Brother Tom Jimison and our pleasant and popular presiding elder, Brother J. H. Barnhardt, were on hand. Brother Barnhardt, by force of habit, when the good things brought by the people were placed on the table, without hesitation called the twenty-third question. After a short talk by the writer expressing the thanks and appreciation of the family and himself to the good people, Brother Jimison made an interesting talk to the crowd; then, after a song, Brother Barnhardt made a talk and led in prayer.

A great deal more might be said of the good people of this charge, but because of the possibility of Tom Jimison, Brother Barnhardt or perhaps the editor of the Advocate casting sheep's eyes on our prosperity I will say no more. May God bless abundantly each donor, is our earnest prayer.

T. J. Rogers.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

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MRS. FANNIE PERSON ADAMS

It is with sincere sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Fannie Person Adams, of Monroe, N C., which occurred recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Houston Concord, N. C., after an illness extending over many weeks.

Mrs. Adams was a good woman and delighted in doing good to those around her. A loving mother, a faithful friend, a devoted loyal Christian. She will be greatly missed. We extend to Mrs. Houston, our Conference Distributor of literature, and the other bereaved ones, our tenderest sympathy.

CONCERNING THE CENTENARY

We are glad to give the following brief communication from our conference corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, and hope that it will throw light upon a subject which has been puzzling th minds of our missionary workers concerning the missionary Centenary offerings. Let us read this article with great care and familiarize ourselves with the duty of the missionary societies regarding this fund.

The question has been asked, more than once, since the annual meeting, "Shall we as a missionary society make a pledge for the Centenary?"

I think from all we have heard and read, we can say, No. We will make our regular pledge for the Missionary society with our 10 per cent increase, and as much more as we wish, but when the Centenary drive comes, we will make our Centenary pledge through the church, not through the Missionary society.

We will give as generously as we can, hoping to be able to pay the same amount for five years, this to be over and above what we are to do through the Missionary society for the woman's work.

We must keep up our regular work, for the Centenary plans expect that to be done, and the apportionment for each church is made with that in mind. We are to work for the Centenary as lay members of the church, not as members of the Missionary society.

POSTERS

A beautiful set of posters, 22x34 inches in color, ready to mail; to be used in all mission study groups. Price 50 cents for the set of seven; postage included.

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ADDITIONAL PRAYER SPECIALS FOR GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Margaret Foster, West Market Street church, Greensboro, Miss Nina Troy. Miss Siler in Japan, and Miss McKinnon, Virginia school in China. Asheboro society, Africa; Muir's Chapel, Changehow, China; Wesley Memorial, High Point, Miss Blanche Howell, Daisy Davies, High Point, Miss Blanche Howell; Wesley Memorial Young People, Miss Blanche Howell; Walnut Street, Greensboro, Changhow, China; North Reidsville, Mexico; Ladies Aid Society, Wesley Memorial, High Point, Miss Leila Tuttle; Evening Circle, Wesley Memorial, High Point, Moka Garden Enbroidery Mission, Miss Frances Burkhead.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION STUDY AND PUBLICITY

Realizing that the inspiration to extend Christ's Kingdom on earth comes from a larger knowledge of the conditions at home and abroad and that such knowledge comes from the study of missions—we urge

First. That a mission study class be organized in every missionary society possible.

Second. That an earnest effort be made to enroll the congregation in the mission study class by the use of the minute men and the books recommended by the Centenary committee, "Making America Safe," "Adventuers in Faith in Foreign Lands."

Third. That the societies strive to widen the circulation of the Missionary Voice, the Young Christian Worker, and our own North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Fourth. That we take adavntage of our North Carolina Christian Advocate through which to scatter information; also do we urge the use of our secular papers as a means of letting the world know that ours is a wide-awake organization.

Fifth. Especially do we urge systematic Bible study and the formation of prayer circles.

Sixth. We urge that the conference officers be given a correct mailing list and all reports be sent promptly.

Mrs. W. R. Harris, Chairman,
Mrs. G. C. Brinkman, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Your committe on Social service offers the following recommendations: In view of the fact that our Legislature has just passed some important bills, on public health, child labor, schools, juvenile courts and reform schools, and deeming it our part to uphold and help make these laws effective, we urge:

1. The study of these laws in every auxiliary that we may know their provisions, and the penalties attached to their violation.

2. The study of social legislation of previous years such as finding of the age of consent, provisions for reformatories for women and girls, laws governing women in industry and those pertaining to housing.

3. We further urge that each auxiliary, under the direction of its social service committees, study local conditions with respect to these laws, finding out whether they are enforced or not.

4. We urge the auxiliaries making such studies to take steps necessary to secure enforcement of laws and ordinances.

5. That we work unitedly to secure the passage, at the next Legislature, of a bill to raise the age of consent to eighteen years

6. That we work unitedly to secure the passage of suitable laws governing the housing of women wage earners and the conditions under which they may work.

7. That we work zealously to secure the passage of the bill to prevent the issuing of marriage licenses to persons suffering from venereal diseases, and requiring such diseases to be reported and quarantined, and also the bill requiring the father of an illegitimate child to educate the child.

8. That the function of adult superintendents as advisers to the junior societies be used in questions of dress, amusements and social hygiene.

9. We further recommend that you, as a conference society, request the council superintendent of social service, to prepare leaflets of instruction in matters of sex hygiene for children and adolescents, young women and young men, in order that parents and social service superintendents may give this instruction where needed with the sanction of the church and in the most wholesome way.

10. We urge the study of appropriate games and sports, especially Calisthenic and folk games as a substitute for cards and dancing with young people.

11. We urge th extension of missionary societies in rural churches under the help of the nearest auxiliaries for their social and educational as well as religious value.

12. We urge a more general and frequent visitation of jails for religious services, distribution of literature and cheer.

13. We urge the auxiliaries to visit their county homes, inform themselves of conditions there and do all in their power to make the inmates comfortable.

Mrs. W. A. Newell, Chairman,
Mrs. C. S. Stone, Secretary.

LEAGUE OF INTERCESSION

April, 1919—Prayer and Efficiency

It may be asked, "What has prayer to do with efficiency?" In the minds of many there is no connection between the two. Indeed some fairly good people think they have the spirit of St. James whe they speak of prayer as the occupation of dreamers and idealists who as a rule are not practical workers.

The actual experience of many eminently successful men, however, proves that there is a vital relation between prayer and efficiency in every-day life. Luther prayed most on the days when his work was greatest. Washington, Jackson and Foch considered prayer the best means of making their generalship more efficient. Woodrow Wilson, Lansing and Daniels take time to pray and are the more efficient as leaders because of prayer.

God has chosen to condition all efficiecy in the Christian life upon prayer. This statement is true whether applied to the life of the individual Christian or to the corporate life of the church. Success in our religious life and experience depends wholly upon prayer. As important as are talents, education, culture and the habit of study, they get us nowhere unless they are energized by prayer. The most learned and gifted Christian who neglects to go into the secret place at regular intervals soon finds himself shorn of his strength and bereft of his joys; while his less favored brother who lives in communion with his Lord enjoys his religion and is his superior as a soul-winner.

As intercessors we need to realize that our prayers contribute to the efficiency of the missionaries, and our failure to pray definitely for them robs them of the support they most need. "We have no right to send out missionaries unless we mean to back them up by prayer." "The neglect of prayer by the church at home means defeat at the front of battle." Progress in the Orient, or Latin America, or the dark places at home is slow because of our small volume of intercessory prayer.

What has prayer to do with efficiency? Why, everything. It is as steam to the engine. The greatest contribution we can make to the Centenary is our daily intercession on behalf of the men and women who are now engaged in the missionary enterprises of the church, and those who are to be sent out. Surely it were utter selfishness to withold from them this fundamental support.

A Plea for Efficiency

The following request from Rev. R. A. Hardie, Seoul, Korea, needs no comment:

"Please request that prayer be made for such an increase of the foreign missionary force that the efficiency of its indiivdual members may be secured."

Thirty new missionaries are needed now to measurably insure the efficiency of our present force.

After the Drive, What?

With the great financial drive approaching, it is natural that for the time being that goal of the Centenary shall be uppermost in our thoughts. We need, howeevr, to guard against allowing ourselves to become utterly absorbed in the money side of it to the exclusion of the spiritual. Dare we for a moment enter upon the money drive without committing ourselves and our all by constant prayer into the hands of our Great Leader? To take a single step without seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance would be to imperil the success of the movement. Let us not be tempted in these days to pray less. Rather let us recognize the danger at this point, and redouble our efforts at great intercession, praying always "that the financial appeal may be made in a spirit and the money secured by methods that will enrich the life of the Church and inspire it with new faith and courage."

The campaign for $35,000,000 is an important incident in the Centenary Movement. It is soon over, but let us not think for one moment that our work is done. Indeed the Big Drive is little more than the beginning. Its success increases the resposibility of the church and its leaders.

When money begins to pour into the Lord's treasurey, workers will be needed. This need furnishes the members of the Fellowship of Intercession with an object for daily prayer that should never be omitted.

Great leadership on the part of bishops in charge of mission fields, of secretaries of the Board, and of missionaries as never before. It would be worse than folly to place men and money at their disposal and then fail to support them by our daily prayers.

The "Efficiency Program" made possible by the success of the 'Big Drive" calls for an expenditure of large sums in bettering the equipment on each field. Are we not under obligations to pray daily that this equipment may be provided in such a way as to prove a blessing to the native churches?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Centenary Sunday Schools

The following Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference had up to Monday morning, March 31, enlisted with their contribution of five cents per member per month in the Centenary movement:

Asheville District—Bethel, Elk Mountain, Riverview, Biltmore, Bethany, East Flat Rock, Edneyville, Big Sandy, Sardis, Shaw's Creek, Rosman, Pleasant, Horseshoe; 13 out of 88

Charlotte District—Belmont, Calvary, Hawthorne Lane, Tryon Street, Trinity, Seversville, Trinity (Seversville), Marshville, Central Monroe, Morven, Pineville, Peachland, Mill Grove, Mineral Springs, Waxhaw, Union; 16 out of 79.

Greensboro District—West Bend, Caraway Memorial, Walnut Street, West Market Street, Mount Pleasant, Jamestown, Oakdale, Bethany, Liberty, Ebenezer, Fairview, Trinity, Reidsville, Hickory Grove, Concord (Uwharrie), Bethlehem (Wentworth), Wentworth, Centenary; 18 out of 62.

Marion District—Cliffside, Connelly Springs Caroleen, Henrietta, Bethlehem (Mill Springs), Penland; 6 out of 87.

Mount Airy District—Dobson, Elkin, Madison, Stoneville, Antioch, Glenco, Stokesdale, Morehead, Summerfield; 9 out of 78.

North Wilkesboro District—Mill Creek, North Wilkesboro; 2 out of 55.

Salisbury District—Central Albemarle, Bethel, Central Concord, Kerr Street, Westford, Olivet, Cedar Grove, Cottonville, Bethany, Bethel (New London), New London, Shiloh, North Main (Salisbury), Cleveland, Stony Hill; 15 out of 70.

Shelby District—Palm Tree, Concord, Bethlehem, Cherryville, St. Paul, El Bethel, Lincolnton, Asbury, Mayworth, South Point, McAdenville, Mount Holly, Bethel (Rock Springs), Bethany, Denver, Lebanon, Marvin, Mount Pleasant, Rehoboth, Webb's Chapel, Central Shelby, Zion, Dallas, High Shoals; 24 out of 77.

Statesville District—Concord, Hopewell, New Salem, Rocky Mount (Dudley Shoals), Granite Falls, Lenoir, Fairview, McKendree, Mount Zion, Newton, South Lenoir, Bethel (Statesville); 12 out of 84.

Waynesville District—Whittier, Shoal Creek, Canton, Clyde, Salem, Fincher's Chapel, Waynesville; 7 out of 79.

Winston District—Center (Davie), Concord, Bethel (Forsyth), Oak Summit, Kernersville, Daub, Sharon, Wesley Chapel, Macedonia, Southside; 10 out of 83.

West Market and the Centenary

West Market Street has the honor of sending in the largest Sunday school pledge to the Centenary from the Western North Carolina Conference. Superintendent F. C. Odell agrees for his school to pay $35 each month, and adds with the agreement that the $35 will not begin to be all his school will do. If any one doubts Mr. Odell's statement he needs only remember that the West Market school raised over $600 in one Sunday recently for the Children's Home.

The First 100 Per Cent Circuit

The Rock Springs circuit is the first circuit in our conference to register 100 per cent on the Sunday school Centenary movement. The eight Sunday schools of this inland charge have delivered the goods and have refused to slack. Three of the schools on this charge have just been permitted to open, following severe influenza epidemics, but they have subscribed to the Centenary and desire that their subscriptions date back to the first payment in January.

Rev. W. B. Shinn, our pastor on this charge, has had great help from his Minute Men, and the Centenary has been before the people so long that they are alive to its importance. Some of these Minute Men should go to several of our larger congregations and impress upon them the importance of getting busy.

One Month of Leadership

According to a report just out from the Teacher Training Department, Nashville, for the month ending February 20, the Western North Carolina Conference led the whole connection for the month in the number of standard training classes enrolled, there being ten enrolled, with 151 students attending. But since that time there has been a let-up in the good work.

As soon as the Centenary has been put over we must get back to the important duty we owe to our schools, that of providing intelligent leadership. Some definite plans are being worked out for furthering this work.

Centenary, Greensboro

The training class at Centenary, Greensboro, is flourishing beyond the fondest expectations. Starting with some six or eight members a few months ago, it now numbers over twenty, and others are clamoring for access into its ranks. It will have to seek other quarters before further additions can be accommodated.

Mr. M. B. Andrews, principal of one of the Greensboro schools, is the teacher of this class. He says the book used, "Life in the Making," is thoroughly liked by his class. He regards it as being the best seen for prospective teachers.

Training School at Jamestown

The good news of another stirring teacher training class has just arrived. Three weeks ago the training class of Jamestown was organized under the direction of Mr. E. J. Coltrane, principal of the Farm Life School at that point, and now the class numbers thirty-two members. It is reported that the class is greatly interested and will work toward taking the examination for credit toward the teacher training diploma.

Every point where a training class is promoted finds itself being livened up in many other ways. The old, worn-out methods fail to satisfy and an enlivened enthusiasm directs systematic research into the ways and means of things. It pays to get a good teacher to take hold of a promising group of young people. It pays now and it pays hereafter. Try it, won't you?

The District Institutes

The plans for the district Sunday school institutes which begin Monday, May 5, are rapidly materializing and most probably definite announcement regarding places and dates can be given by next week.

Miss Marie Hansen, who has recently been added to the strong staff of workers at central headquarters at Nashville, will have direction of work in the institutes dealing with the child under thirteen years of age. She will be particularly glad to meet a large group of teachers whose work is confined to the younger children. Her work will carry home, since she will use apt illustrations and profitable demonstrations.

Mr. M. W. Brabham, who has for six or more years been a most successful field secretary in the North Carolina and Virginia conferences, will devote special emphasis to the teen-age pupil and to the adult work. He will deal with the problems of the organized class, and also with the Sunday school organization as a whole. Mr. Brabham will direct from an abundance of first-hand information gathered from field work.

Since the institutes will embrace only one day, it will be necessary to make every minute of the sessions count. Most probably the delegates will be divided into two sections during part of the day. Those doing work in the elementary department will meet with Miss Hansen and those desiring to know more about the work of the teen-age and adult departments will meet with Mr. Brabham. The institutes are to be real institutes dealing with real problems, and should be well attended.

How to Organize a Small School

A school numbering fifty scholars is called a small school. This school, while easily surveyed, presents some problems that are hard to solve. The proper gradation and arrangement of students in groups presents more difficulty than in large schools. Probably the following arrangement will do better than any other:

After the superintendent, secretary and treasurer and organist are selected collect all children up to and through eight years of age into what may be called the primary class. As soon as possible select some one to direct the attention of the four and five year old pupils in this class.

All boys and girls ranging from nine to and most generally through twelve years of age should be placed in the junior class. Those coming next up to seventeen might well go into the intermediate class. Young men and young women from seventeen to about twenty-three should compose the senior class, and the fifth class should be composed of the adults, the married people. The last three classes should by all means be organized into working units and called Wesley classes.

There may, of course, be some variations of this arrangement, but if there is no special reason for not complying your school might well follow this outline. Age is the basis for proper Sunday school gradation.

OUR TWO TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR LEADERS—THE JUNALUSKA SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL OF THE WEST

The General Sunday School Board in co-operation with the Conference Sunday School Boads is working out a system of high-grade training schools designed ultimately to reach through all the conferences and centers of the church.

As a model and as an inspiration for these training schools, and as a means of training the leadership for better Sunday school work throughout the church, the General Sunday School Board three years ago established the Junaluska Training School for Leaders. This year in order to reach more effectively our leadership in the west a school of similar character as the training school of the east has been inaugurated and will this year be held in the buildings of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., June 10-17. The school of the east will be held at Lake Junaluska July 23-August 6.

No pains have been spared in securing for each of these schools the foremost lecturers and teachers in religious education and Sunday school work to be found in this country. A mere reading of the list of speakers and instructors engaged for each of these schools is sufficient evidence that the General Sunday School Board is offering to the leadership of the church in these schools the very best that the country can afford.

The following speakers and teachers will lecture or offer courses of instruction for Sunday school leaders at Lake Junaluska: Bishop Warren A. Candler; Dr. H. H. Myer, Sunday school editor of the M. E. Church; Dr. Shailer Matthews, of the University of Chicago; Dr. Andrew Sledd, of Emory University; Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of the Board of Education, M. E. Church, South; Dr. Edward Porter St. John, well known author, formerly of the Boston University; Dr. W. J. Young, of Emory University; Dr. Frederick F. Shannon, pastor Reformed Church of the Heights, Brooklyn, an author of considerable note; Prof. H. H. Harris, of Emory University; Dr. Wade Crawford Barclay, as sociate editor teacher publications for the M. E. Church and familiar to our Sunday school leaders through his writings; Dr. Wm. S. Bovard, superintendent adult department of the Sunday schools of the M. E. Church; Miss Frances Weld Danielson, associate editor Sunday school literature of the Congregational Church and well known writer and expert in the field of elementary work; Mrs. W. M. Walker, primary specialist of Birmingham; Miss Mary Ann Moore, of the department of pedagogy, State Normal College, Denton, Tex.! Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, elementary superintendent M. E. Church, South; Rev. E. Hightower, superintendent young people's and adult work, M. E. Church, South, and Mr. M. W. Brabham, associate superintendent of the young people's department of the General Sunday School Board of the M. E. Church, South.

A program pamphlet, giving details of the program of each of these schools, also information regarding entertainment, railroad rates, announcements, etc., will later be issued. Meantime the scope and strength of the program is assured and those who desire to attend personally or who are interested in securing the attendance of others should begin at once to plan accordingly.

For the present all requests for program and information should be addressed to John W. Shackford, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

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OUR CHRIST AND OUR CONTINENT

In his reminiscences of his visit to America Max O'Rell, the clever French lecturer, says that the first thing the average American asks a foreigner is "What do you think of America?" The title of one of his books descriptive of the United States is "Ponathan and His Continent." If the citizen of the United States has what seems to the inheritor of the old civilizations of Europe a somewhat exaggerated appreciation of the material greatness of his country, the offense is a venial one. It is impossble to overestimate the vastness of the resources of the continent of North America, the larger part of the habitable space of which is covered by the United States. Adding the resources of the great nation to the north of us, which, though not so much in the temperate zone, is yet fabulously rich, the continent is endowed for the use of man beyond the dreams of magic.

Take the item of size alone. Within continental United States there is room for eighteen states each as large as Spain or thirty-one as large as Italy. Great Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark and Greece could all be laid three times upon the surface of the United States west of the Hudson river.

Nor do we have to do with mere vastness. With one-fourth the population of China, the United States possesses arable land far in excess of China and with scientific agriculture could sustain two-thirds of the present population of the earth and each year have five billions of bushels of grain left for export. Texas alone is as large as Germany and is capable of supporting easily one-half the population of the United States.

The wealth under the soil is also great and has been hardly more than touched. The forests have been wantonly treated, but are still capable, under scientific forestry, of supplying the needs of any population that the land may sustain.

Subjected to the test of war, we have proved that the United States has resources the development of which makes her economically self-sufficient. It was proposed that certain chemicals must be imported from Germany, but the blockade of Germany proved to be the occasion of home development of untouched mineral resources. Kelp was drawn from the sea to supply potash; nitrogen was obtained from the air by hydro-generated electricity; wasted by-products of coal were turned into commercial acids and dyes; on every hand new developments met new needs.

The national training gained in the process of subduing the continent has made us a nation of quick-witted people with a marvelous capacity for initiative and invention. There is no other record of inventive genius equal to that in the United States patent office. Though not a militaristic nation, in the United States were invented the turret ship, which revolutionized the navies of the world; the submarine, which has forced upon the world a new doctrine of the freedom of the seas; and the aeroplane, which has eliminated from land warfare the element of surprise. Modern warfare must be carried on with the instruments of war that originated in peace-loving America.

But, however vast, material resources alone count for nothing. The wealth of the continent was only potential when red men roved over it hunting, fighting and sleeping. It required the coming of a population capable of wanting something better, with faith to see what industry and ingenuity could call forth out of soil and mine and forest, to give worth to the opportunities bestowed by God. From sturdy Anglo-Saxon stock with the love of freedom in their blood, from France with the sheer intellectuality of the Gallic mind, from Holland and the Scandinavian countries with their industry and breadth of mind, from Germany with her patience and idealism, the settlers came. The Puritan from England, the Presbyterian from Scotland, the Lutheran from Scandinavia and Germany, the Catholic from southern Europe and France, they came to make their several contributions of blood, culture and tradition to a new nation, which has become all of them, yet none of them. Idealism has ever ruled America, despite the seductions of unprecedented material prosperity and wealth, which have enabled our country to carry on the most costly war operations of all time without even a sense of effort.

With a divided church life, legally distinct from all political organization, the faith of those who originally sought America's shores, whether with the crusader's motive of conquest for Christ or the Pilgrim's determination to seek a set of conditions in which he could worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, has pervaded our institutions and formed the moral ideals of the nation.

"O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

"O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thy every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

"O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!"

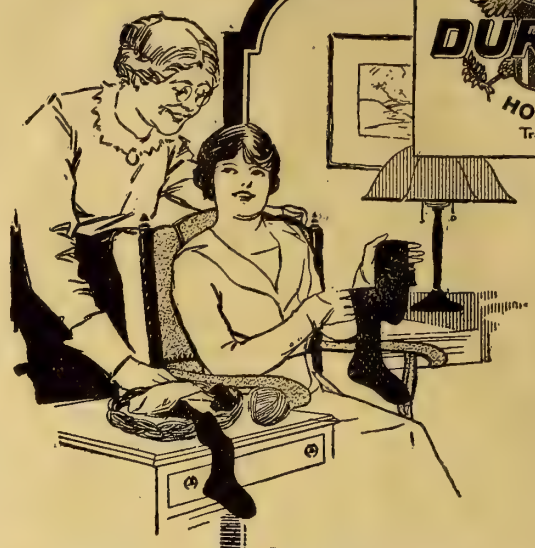
—Katherine Lee Bates.

Greater, as God is greater than man, is our Christ than our teeming populations. Paul's phrase, "the riches of Christ," means far more than all the material and all the spiritual wealth of our continent. Conveying far more of promise for men than all our advantages and all our achievements and all our hardly gained political and educational advantages is the faith of Christ. Within and over the American commonwealth must be set up the realm of Christ, without which the crowning political achievement of the ages will become a crown of disgrace and end in failure. The chief concern of every devout soul looking out upon this land of ours should be to bring it under the dominion of Christ. It is yet far from that goal, very far. We may indulge ourselves in an unwarranted optimism by shutting our eyes to the serious problems that must be solved, lest the very mercies of God becomes a menace to our civiliaztion.

It is recognition of the unparalleled need of a home mission program proportionate to the vastness of our country and its problems that the Centenary Commission has proposed to devote a large part of the gifts that will be made to evangelizing our continent. Our Christ is for the salvation of our continent; our continent is for the kingdom of our Christ.

The Centenary program of home missions takes account of the immigrant. No one can now predict what will be the effect of the world war upon immigration. It may be that from the industrial and financial ruin of Europe there will come an unprecendented number of people seeking the plenty, the opportunity, and security of America. But even if immigration should be prevented by the inhibition of governments jealous of their waning man power, there are within our borders so many unassimilated foreigners that we shall have a foreign problem for many years. At least one-third of our population is of foreign birth or parentage. Some of these millions have risen by sheer ability and are self-sufficient; others are struggling in the midst of in difference. They must be taught what evangelical Christianity and free church life are.

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Our American passion for education has followed the lines of separation of church and state with a rigor that all educators realize has brought about the grave condition of education that does not make a proper appeal to the springs of conduct; that neglects heart and conscience. The churches through their Sunday schools do much, but fail to reach two-thirds of the children of the land. We shall find ourselves a nation of infidels, unless we Christianize the educational processes to which the children and youth are subjected in the public and private schools.

America is the hotbed of fad religions. False Christs rise up and deceive many. All the way from the crude immoralities and intellectual frauds of Mormonism to the refined pantielism and mystical falsehoods of Christian Science, the one grossly materializing the soul, the other illogically spiritualizing the body, we have strange altars and misleading faiths that are not of Christ. If the anathema of Paul rests upon them, what shall we say as to our duty to correct them by the pure doctrine of Christ?

Fad political doctrines may be more dangerous than fad religions. The democratic doctrines of our fathers have undergone such modifications that it would be difficult to find a political disciple of Washington and Hamilton, and the followers of Jefferson are not more numerous. Men have everywhere risen from the submission that is supposed to be the proper attitude of the wage earner and now demand their part of the provision that God and industry have created for the welfare of man. Christianity does not teach these men to acquiesce in a social state that oppresses them for the benefit of a few unscrupulous or even highly intelligent and benevolent citizens; but Christianity alone can teach them to act not from passion but in reason, and not in selfishness but from motives that include the good of all. Russian Bolshevism is as cruel and unjust to the privileged classes as these ever have been to the wage earners. A safe democracy is to be the product of Christ's gospel. Any other democracy is the rule of a mob, destructive, blood-thirsty, passionate, lawless.

Great cities present one of the most baffling problems to the evangelist and the Christian statesmen. The fall of man occurred in a graden, but the greatest obstacle in the way of a redeemed humanity is the city; yet the vision of the seer of Revelation is that of a holy city. From a nation predominantly rural, the United States has become an urban population. It is true, half of the people still live in the country and the villages, but it is the cities that give EPWORTH LEAGUE GAL—THREE direction to affairs; the cities attract and hold the ablest men in all the professions, including the ministry; in the cities the political organizations intrench themselves; in the cities vice becomes commercialized and defiant and allies itself with government and thence sends forth its polluting streams throughout the land. No great city in America is really Christian, not even in the broadcast sense. Materialism, vice, predatory wealth, unwholsesome conditions that shorten life and subject men and women to overwhelming temptations obtain in the cities. The conquest of the continent for Christ involves the taking of the Gibraltar of the city. It can be done if the people of God will put their time, their wealth, and their talents to use for the evangelization of the city.



Last month our Chapters celebrated the Centenary of Methodist Missions by appropriate services and pledged themselves to the support of the Centenary. At this time it is impossible for us to say how much was actualy pledged of the seventy-six thousand that is to be our Epworth League Special this year. Our thought has probaly been chiefly occupied with the needs of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, where our great mission enterprises are carried on. Let us think closer to home this month, of our own land and its needs. The other we must do; this we must not leave undone. The special task of the Epworth League for the home field is to provide for the needed buildings at Paine College for Negroes. Ten millions of these our colored neighbors live in our Southland; it is our shame that we have done so little for them. We hear much adverse criticism of the Negro; it is equivalent to a judgment of our more privileged white race in that we have done so little for the disadvantaged Negro. In providing additional buildings at Paine College, the Epworth Leagues are giving a most important service for the solution of one of the unsolved problems of our country and doing much for the winning of our continent for Christ.

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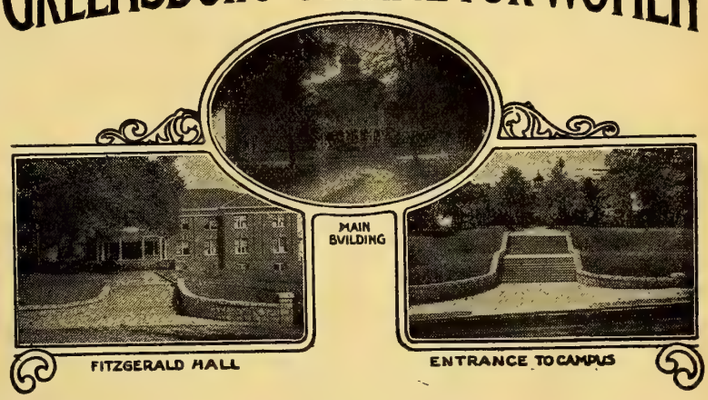
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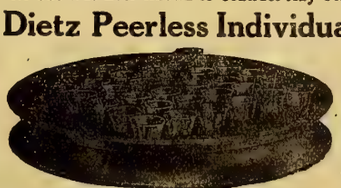
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FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR TITHING

THE PROPRIETORSHIP OF GOD DEMANES IT

By WALTER B. WEST

FACT 2

We are commanded to obey all the laws of God. Nevertheless, the great majority of God's professing children flagrantly disregard the law of the tithe. It is not our province to choose the commandments which we want to obey and to ignore those which we dislike to observe. James says, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." If the Methodist church will go to the inspired Word of God and study this subject of the tithe with an unbiased mind, we will far exceed our goal of a "million Methodist tithers." It is not a question of what you believe about the tithe, but it is a question of what God says about it. The terse statement of our lamented friend, Dr. C. F. Reid, to disbelievers in missions, "neither does the devil believe in it," is pointedly pertinent in this connection.

The Tithe Is Ultrabiblical

When the tithe was instituted by God we do not know, but we do know that it was a generally recognized principle long before the Bible was written, and that it was later practiced by pagan peoples, who never saw the Holy Book. The most barbarous and the most civilized races observed the law of the tithe. Chinese, Egyptians, Babylonians, Indians, Arabians, Persians, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Saxons, Germans and others paid the tithe. An authoritative writer says: "Some nations may be found that did not offer sacrifices, but not one can be found that did not observe the tithe."

This historic fact, substantiated by such profane writers as Pliny and Plutarch, suggests that this law was given by God to Adam; that it was religiously transmitted through succeeding generations to Noah; that it was handed down from the ante-deluvians to the post-deluvians by Noah, and that, when God "scattered them abroad upon the face of the earth," it was carried by them to the ends of the world.

At any rate, the general acknowledgment of the tithe by these infant races seems to indicate that the tithe is one of those universal, primal laws directly revealed out of the mind of the Omniscient God. It is highly probable that this law of the tithe, or one-tenth of man's income, is almost as old as the law of the Sabbath, or one-seventh of his time. Certainly the well-nigh world-wide practice of this law by primitive peoples seems to signify "that far back in the dim beginning of time, before there was Hebrew or Greek, Arab or Roman, God planted in the mind of man a financial plan" which would be a recognition of His ownership and an acknowledgment of man's stewardship.

This theory harmonizes with other laws originating in the great "common law of God." Cain, for whose offering the Lord had no respect, was a murderer before God commanded "Thou shalt not kill." Lot was a covetous man before God declared "Thou shalt not covet." Jacob was a thief before God affirmed "Thou shalt not steal."

The Tithe Is Pre-Mosaic

If opponents of this minimum method of financing the kingdom deny the validity of the above argument, they must admit that "Abram gave tithes of all" to Melchizedek, who "was the priest of the most high God." They are compelled to concede also that Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, testified to the law of the tithe in his generation when he made the following vow to God: "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

The Tithe Is Mosaic

The origin of the tithe, as we have seen, is not Sinaitic. God renewed it through Moses in these words: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord * * * and concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock * * * the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27: 30). The tithe is due to God.

But under the law the Jew gave more than the tenth. In conformity with the direct command of God, the Jew gave a tenth for the service of the Levites (Num. 21: 24), a tenth for financing the feasts (Deut. 14: 22-24) and a third tenth every third year for the succor of the poor (Deut. 14:28-29). Furthermore, this two and one-third tenths was not all. In addition the Jew laid at the feet of Jehovah frequent free-will or love offerings, which increased his total return to God to about one-third of his income. Moses, in his immortal farewell message, re-emphasizes the tithe (Deut. 26: 10-15).

The Tithe Is Post-Mosaic

We find that the children of Israel, in the main, obeyed the law of the tithe after their great leader's death on Mount Nebo. In the days of the kings we read that Hezekiah appointed officers to receive the tithe which he had commanded to be given. In response to his order we read: "The children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, oil and honey and of all the increase of the field, and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly" (II Chron. 31: 5). Nehemiah, in the tenth chapter, in enumerating details of God's law, which they had "entered into an oath to walk in and to observe and do," calls especial attention to the law of the tithe (vs. 37-39). Solomon also, recognizing the source of all his wealth, enjoins the people to "honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase" (Prov. 3: 9).

However, when His people disobeyed the law of the tithe, God condemns them in unmistakable terms for their sin. Hear Him in the third chapter of Malachi, as He speaks directly to His erring people: "Will a man rob God? Yet we have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house." Is it not reasonable to conclude that God wants us, who, like the Jews, "are gone away from His ordinances and have not kept them," to return unto Him with the stolen tithe?

The Tithe Is Christian

It is passing strange that there are church members who, although open to conviction on other subjects, resort to every ingenuity of argument and circumlocution of interpretation in order to evade this God-given principle which is as old as civilization itself. A possible explanation of their attitude may be found in the words of a young lady who was reading with me and two girl friends the little book on tithing, "The Victory of Mary Christopher." We observed that whenever we began reading she would go to her room. On being questioned by her rommate she said: "If I heard that story through I would be convinced that I ought to tithe, and I do not want to tithe."

Critics of the tithe, compelled to admit facts presented above, contend that the principle is not applicable to the Christian dispensation. By what authority they reach this conclusion nobody knows. Until a law is repealed it is in force. This law has never been abrogated. It is still on the statute books. There is not a syllable in the New Testament that directly or indirectly annuls the law. On the other hand, Christ gives it indirect and direct indorsement. He affirms: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law * * * I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil; for verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5: 17-18). This is sufficient to eternally fix the statute if there were no direct affirmation. But Christ says: "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin; these ought ye to have done" (Matt. 23: 23). This is more definite than any word of Christ on Sabbath observance, and what child of God would be so foolish as to advocate the abolition of God's holy day?

Another specious argument is to the effect that when Christ became our eternal High Priest, the Levitical priesthood was abolished and that the law of the tithe went with it. This is inconsistent with Christ's teaching above. We must remember, too, that the tithe was instituted before there was an Aaronic order of priests. Besides, a close study of the seventh chapter of Hebrews reveals the fact that Abram in paying tithes to Melchizedek paid tithes to Christ. In other words, this priest belonged to the eternal order of priesthood, of which Christ is the everlasting culmination. Carried to its logical conclusion, such argument would abolish all the law.

In conclusion, if the command of God did not remove this law from the realm of debate, we could not justify ourselves in giving less to God than pagan and Jew. If God needed about one-third of Hebrew income in the days of the theocracy, does He need less than one-tenth of Christian income in this modern day which is pregnant with possibility and omnipotent with opportunity? Which is the more impelling, the law of Moses or the law of love?

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And so he's singing loudly
To tell the flowers and trees
It's time to start their blossoms,
And welcome birds and bees.
—Harriet G. Brown.

HOW MARJORIE SAW THE LIBERTY BELL

When it all came out in the papers that the beloved Liberty Bell was going to pass through Merivale village, Marjorie was so happy that she could not keep still.

She danced about and clapped her hands so gayly that you could not have told how many feet or how many hands she had, for they were flying in every direction at once.

'I've always wanted to see the Liberty Bell," cried Marjorie happily, "because I want it to make me feel free, so I'll not have to mind anybody, but just be inderpendunt!"

Marjorie's father and mother laughed aloud at that, because they knew that her kind little heart would always make her not only free, but bound to help others.

"Of course you want to go down to the station with us in the automobile," said Marjorie's father to her on the day when the big bell was to come.

"Of course I do not want to," said Marjorie. "I'm going to march with my school."

Marjorie's father was the richest man in the little town where they lived, and the president of the school board, but Marjorie insisted on having things just as the rest of her playmates had them.

"I don't want to get things done for me because you deserve them. I only want to get them when I deserve them," Marjorie had said to her father one day, and he felt that she was right; so that was why she could say "No" so plainly when he asked her whether she wished to go with him to see the Liberty Bell.

"I want to march with the rest of them," she said. "I just want to be a plain American citizen when I see the Liberty Bell, because the teacher said we must all stand together if we want to be a free nation."

"I see," said Marjorie's father, winking one eye at Marjorie's mother.

And so "plain American" was all that Marjorie was as she marched down the dusty road to the railway station at 10 o'clock in the morning of that glorious autumn day when the Liberty Bell came.

When they got to the station and the great train rolled in, with the big bronze bell all decorated and mounted on a platform so that the children could see it, there was a pushing and shoving, and then, with a quick rush of little feet, the orderly procession broke into a scramble for a place to see. Then, because they were not orderly, they had to waste a good deal of time getting into line again, and for a little while it seemed that no one at all would have a chance to see the Liberty Bell.

When they did get back into some sort of line Marjorie found herself on the outer edge of the crowd, with a little crippled Japanese boy right in front of her and a little brown-eyed Mexican girl clinging to her skirts behind.

"Oh, these two are the very helplessest ones of the whole school," she said to herself. "And of course I'll never get away from them, but," she added in her friendly little mind, "some one has got to help 'em out, and it might just as well be me."

Pretty soon a big, strong man came up right behind them. He was a friend of Marjorie's father and mother, so he said: "Hello, Marjorie! Here, jump up on my shoulder and I'll take you up front, where you can see."

Marjorie thought of the two helpless ones and answered cheerfully: "Please take little Adachi first. He's crippled, you see, and he'll never get there alone. Besides, he's only just learning to be an American, and seeing the Liberty Bell will do him so much good, and I've been an American all my life."

The big man smiled, but he took the little crippled Adachi up on his shoulder and carried him forward through the crowd until the little brown boy could see every bit of the big Liberty Bell.

When the little crippled boy looked at the big bell something warm stirred in his heart and he thought to himself: "It must be a grand bell and a grand country where such a beautiful little girl makes way and gives the first place to a little crippled foreign boy like me."

When the man came back with Adachi he said: "Jump up, quick, Marjorie, and we'll see it yet."

"But please," Marjorie answered, "take little Marcela first. She's so little she'll never get there herself, and she ought to see it, because she's only been a real American for three weeks."

Then the man swung little brown Marcela up to his shoulder and went forward through the crowd again until she, too, had seen the big bell.

"It's a good American bell," little Marcela thought to herself. "It makes a nice, kind teacher, and a pretty school and a good little girl like Marjorie."

Then the man came back again and put little Marcela down very gently by the little crippled Adachi.

"Now jump quick, Marjorie," he said. "We shall have to hurry. The train is starting, but maybe you'll see it yet."

Then up on his big shoulder Marjorie jumped, and away they hurried as fast as they could, but the big engine was already puffing and smoking and ringing its bell, and before the big man and the little girl could get very close to it away it went, screeching and whistling out across the pirairie and taking the beloved Liberty Bill with it.

"Did you see it, Marjorie?" the big man asked, with something lovely shining in his darw-brown eyes.

"Only just the very tip-est tip-top of it," Marjorie said with a laugh. "But, anyway, that much of it made me feel good inside of me, because I helped it to make two nice, new, good Americans today."

"And that's even better than touching it with your hands," said the big man gently. "You've helped to make four good Americans today—the little crippled boy, the little brown girl, yourself and a big man like me."

"Oh, goody! L'm so glad! And thank you so much!" said Marjorie, jumpink down and running away to take her place in the school line.—Francis McKinnon Morton.

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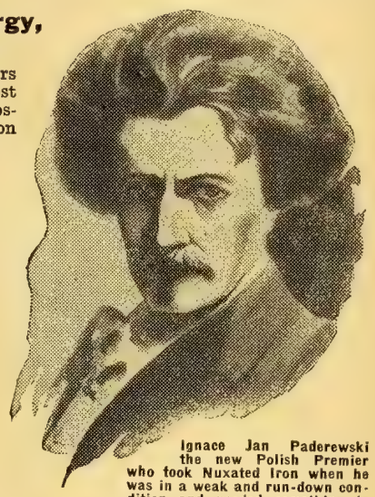
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We bow our heads in humble submission to the Master's call and say "The Lord gave. The Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." R. H. Kennington.

FITZGERALD.—J. R. Fitzgerald, a great nephew of the late Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Fitzgerald, in High Point, N. C., January 10, 1919. Death was caused by pneumonia, follwing an attack of influenza. Deceased was thirty-two years of age and leaves a wife and three children. He is also survived by his mother, one sister and one brother. He was a member of Wesley Memorial Church. A Friend.

COMAN.—Carrie Smathers Coman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Smathers. She joined the Methodist church when just a girl. On December 16, 1908, she was married to Wm. M. Coman, with whom she lived in happy union until March 1, 1919, when God called her to Himself. She was twenty-eight years and eleven months of age. She was an obedient child, an affectionate sister and friend, a loving wife, a true Christian. Sister Coman was a loyal member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Canton. As members of this society we shall long miss her quiet, modest presence. As members of the Missionary Society we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

"There is no death—what seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

"I cannot say and I will not say
That she is dead; she is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.
And you, oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of her passing on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of her still as the same, I say;
She is not dead, she is just away."

MRS. G. L. HAMPTON.
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THOMPSON.—John Locke Thompson was born October 2, 1848, and died March 9, 1919, aged seventy years, five months and seven days. Mr. Thompson was three times married. His first wife was Miss Laura Richardson, to whom he was married December 20, 1870. Of this union there was one son, Jesse Franklin, who died in early manhood. His second marriage was to Miss Sarah Austin, who lived as his wife, without issue, for nineteen years. His third wife was Miss Minnie Wagoner, who survives, with five living chidren and two dead. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Concord, Davie circuit, November 12, 1880, and lived a consistent member for thirty-nine years, to the time of his death. During his long life he lived on the same farm on which he was born, just a mile from the church of his choice, Mr. Thompson was a quiet, peaceable man, loyal in his church relations, a trustee and most of the time an efficient steward, and a valuable helper in the Sunday school. He was very much esteemed by his neighbors, who crowded the church, many going to the gallery, at his funeral, which was conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. C. Ballard. His body was tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery near the church by the loving hands of six of his affectionate nephews, who acted as pallbearers, filled the grave and arranged the floral tributes, attesting their high esteem and sincere love for their deceased "Uncle Johnnie," as he was familiarly called by all of his nieces and nephews. A good man is gone, a leader in Israel has fallen. May a kind Providence deal gently with the bereaved wife and little children. A FRIEND.

SWAIM.—Our beloved brother, J. H. Swaim, quietly passed away February 2, 1919. He was fifty-seven years of age, a most devoted husband and loving father and a friend who is much missed by all who have known him. Mr. Swaim leaves an aged mother, a wife and twelve children, six girls and six boys, also twenty-nine grandchildren, to mourn his departure, but God in His infinite wisdom knows best for His children. Brother Swaim spent his last days at the home of one of his sons, near his old home place. He was one of the truest members and a faithful steward in the Tomotla church for about fifteen years, and was always ready to lend a helping hand to any good cause. The burial service was cooducted by Rev. J. W. Ingle, and the remains laid to rest in the Tomotla cemtery. A. A. GODFREY.

GARDNER.—Leona Mae Gardner, wife of Thomas E. Gardner, was born in Randolph county November 18, 1886, and died after a short illness at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, N. C., March 16, 1919. She was therefore thirty-two years, three months and twenty-six days old at her death. About fourteen years ago Mrs. Gardner was happily married to T. E. Gardner, of Guilford county. Soon after their marriage they came to the village of White Oak to live. Here their congenial manners and beautiful home life won for them many friends. Here Sister Gardner lived, loved and was loved till God spoke from heaven and said, 'It is enough, come up higher." In May, 1913, Sister Gardner, with her husband, joined Caraway Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her life as a church member needs no apology. It was consistent and beautiful throughout. Never did her interest wane or her efforts slack in the cause of her Master. Even to the last, on her death bed, her face would light with a smile and her eyes glow with enthusiasm at the mention of any good wok accomplished by her church. Her steady and helpful hand, her wise counsel and, above all, her sympathetic and inspiring presence will be sadly missed. May God help us all to learn to say, "Thy will be done, not ours."

Deceased is survived by her husabnd and four children, Voig, Herman, Howard and Marshall; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lowdermilk, of Guilford county; five brothers, E. E. Lowdermilk, of Chester, Pa., R. E., H. C., C. V. Lowdermilk, of Greensboro; five sisters, Mesdames U. T. Land and C. Heath, of this city, Misses Ethel, Della and Gladys Lowdermilk, also of Greensboro. May God, the Father of all, comfort these sad hearts. Sister Gardner was a faithful companion, a good mother, a dutiful daughter, a kind sister, a considerate and helpful neighbor and all will miss her. All that loving hands could do was done for Mrs. Gardner during her illness. Her bed of suffering was a veritable shrine of devotion for her kindred and friends. There they came to linger, to minister and to be ministered unto. There was no one who did not long and pray for her recovery, but God knows best and He willed it otherwise. So just as the closing anthem was being sung on this Sabbath day in the little church she loved so well her beautiful spirit went out to join the choir above. We laid her to rest in Greene Hill cemetery There we left her sleeping beneath a mound of flowers.

A. C. GIBBS.

BROWN.—C. R. Brown was born July 6, 1867, and died March 2, 1919, making him fifty-one years, eight months and fifteen days old.

Brother Brown joined the Methodist church at Stokesburg in 1886, but has been a faithful and loyal member of Love's church, Walkertown, for about fifteen years. He was a teacher in Love's Sunday school and was loved by the people of this community. The community had the utmost confidence in his religion and they knew what side of any moral issue to find him on.

Brother Brown at his death was the secretary and treasurer of the Junior Order of our town. His fellow members bear testimony to the fact that he was as faithful an officer as the lodge had ever had, and his place will be difficult to fill.

About twenty-one years ago he was married to Miss Dora Keller. He made a splendid husband and was faithful and true and devoted to her.

As neighbor, citizen and friend he will be missed by the people of Walkertown, and especially by Love's Sunday school and church.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, two brothers of High Point and two sisters, one of Kernersville and the other of Mount Airy. J. C. HARMON.

IN MEMORIAM

Tribute paid to the late Mrs. B. E. Moore at memorial service by Woman's Missionary Society of Wesley Memorial Church:

Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon the Savior's breast.
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best.
Good night!
Only "good night," beloved, not farewell;
A little while and al his saints shall dwell
In hallowed union indivisible.
Good night!

Our dearly loved sister, Kate Pierce Moore, beloved wife of B. E. Moore, passed into "God's other room" January 18, 919. Like lightning out of a clear sky came the news early Sunday morning that "Mrs. Moore died last night." It seemed to cast a gloom over the entire Sunday school and church, and all over town those who knew her were grieved and saddened.

She leaves a husband and five children who will sadly miss her, for she was a mother who lived so close to her family. Miss Edith M. Moore, a Red Cross nurse, in France; Mrs. Hannah Agnes Lippincott, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lorenzo Pierce Moore, of Wilmington, Del.; Lieut. Benj. T. Moore, who is in France, and Miss Genevieve Moore, of High Point. Sister Moore was born in Hightstown, N. J., and graduated from Pennington Seminary and was married at Hightstown in 1883.

In early life she gave her heart to God and was faithful to Him to the end. She was a most devoted wife and mother and truly her children can "rise up and call her blessed." Oh, the loving memories they have of her sacrifice, her encouragement, her faith in them and her daily ardent prayers.

Prayer was her life. When listening to the earnest petitions of this dear woman we could feel and know she lived in close companionship with her God. She has left to her children the record of a praying mother and to the church a record of devotion to her Heavenly Father which should inspire us all to a nobler endeavor. She never forgot to ask God's blessing on her pastor, his family, the Sunday school superintendent and the missionaries. The last time she attended service at the church was prayer meeting. She prayed that night, oh, so pleadingly, that God would spare two of our sisters who were then very ill. She was always ready to help in any way when called on and never refused. We feel so keenly the loss of our dear sister in the missionary society and the W. C. T. U., which she was president of for fifteen years, and in the Woman's Club. With the loss of her advice, her leadership, her devotion to all public work, how we will miss her.

She was the first president of the Woman's Club, and was president of the Home Missionary Society for five years before the societies combined; was also leader of mission study class. The members of the Woman's Missionary Society have been drawn close together in love and devotion to each other and to the Master on account of her companionship with us.

She was naturally religious. The earth in which she lived was holy ground and life itself a holy trust. Always loyal to her Lord, we know how she scattered roses of human kindness in the desolate lives of those whom she knew. How she befriended the helpless, the sinful, the outcast! She learned in her deep devotion to God to love the unlovely. She was sympathetic and comforting to those in trouble, covering her own anxiety for her children in France, she tried to lend courage and comfort to other mothers who were passing through the same ordeal.

She wove the spell of her beautiful life into the fabric of human hearts, and the beauty of that spell will long, perhaps for ever, remain a restraint and an inspiration. Interested in all public good, always ready to give herself and her time in every public enterprise, her history is rich in service and she has entered into a glorious reward.

She had the courage to stand by her convictions, and when she knew she was right she stood firm. A woman of high ideals, fine intelligent, keen intutive powers, refined nature and unselfish in all things. As a teacher and leader she was endowed with exceptional abilities.

The day we laid her away was a beautiful day bathed in golden sunshine and with that the beautiful flowers speaking together of the glory of the mystic relationship of the snow white purity and fragrant and beautiful eternal life.

Now the laborer's task is o'er,
Now the battle day is past,
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.

Father, in Thy gracious weeping
Leave me now The servant sleeping.
"Earth to earth" and "dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say.

Left behind, we wait in trust
For the resurrection day.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave me now, Thy servant sleeping.

MRS. FRANK GURLEY, Ch'm'n,
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MRS. C. D. SMITH,
Committee.

PENNINGTON.—Nora B. Hampton was born June 9, 1874, departed this life February 21, 1919. She was first married to J. C. Graybeal. To this union was born two children. One died in infancy; the other is still living. After Brother Graybeal's death she was married to Dr. S. E. Pennington, of Sturgills, Ashe county, N. C. To this union was born two children, both still living. She professed a hope in Christ early after her first marriage and lived a devoted Christian life until death. She was a model woman, always ready to do her duty as she saw it. The preachers at the parsonage will miss her. The Sunday school and church will find a good and loyal friend gone. The neighbors will miss her, as she was always ready to help in time of need. She left good evidence that she nas gone to rest. The bereaved have our sympathy. The burial service was conducted by H. Littlewood and the writer.

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Second Round

April
Henderson circuit, Fruitland, (Conference on 5) 4-5
Biltmore-Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant 6
Chestnut Street, night 6
Leicester, Grace 12-13
West Asheville 13
Bethel, night 13
Weaverville circuit, Salem 19-20
Mars Hill circuit 20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek 26-27

May
Weaverville Commencement 4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek 10-11
Hendersonville 11
Rosman circuit 18-19
Brevard 19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside .... 20-2[illegible]

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

April
Morven, Morven, 11 a. m. 6
Calvary, 11 a. m. 13
Hawthorne Lane, night 13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m. 19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m. 26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

April
Deep River circuit, Worthville 5-6
Randleman, St. Paul's night 6
West Greensboro, Friendship 12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m. 13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant ... 19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 20
Ruffin, 11 a. m. 27
Reidsville, Main Street, night 27

May
Uwharrie circuit, Union 3
Asheboro, 11 a. m. 4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill .. 10-11
High Point, Main Street, night 11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

April
Stokesdale, Mt. Carmel 5-6
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m. .. 12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night 13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville 19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m. 26-27
Spray, 3. p. m. 27
and night 28
Leaksville, night 27

May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel 3-4
Danbury, Delta 10-11
Dobson, Rockford 17-18

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

April
Table Rock circuit, Mountain Grove 5-6
Forest City circuit, Salem 12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m. .. 13-14
Enola circuit, Enola, Friday 18
Connelly Springs, Mt. Harmony ... 19-20
Spruce Pine, Concord 26-27
Bakersville, night 27

May
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville at Burnsville 2-3-4
A Centenary rally beginning Friday night.
Thermal City, Pisgah 10-11
Marion circuit, Pleasant Garden .. 17-18
Mill Spring, Bethlehem 24-25
Missionary rally.
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa .. 31-June 1

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

April
Boone, Fairview 5-6
Laurel Springs circuit, Chestnut Hill 12-13
Sparta circuit, Sparta 19-20

May
Avery circuit, Pisgah 3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma 10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's 17-18
North Wilkes Mission 24-25
North Wilkesboro station 24-25
Wilkes circuit 31-June 1
Wilkesboro station 31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

April
Lincolnton, 7 p. m. 4
South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m. .. 5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m. 16
Lowesville, 11 a. m. 19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m. 21
Franklin Ave., West End, 7 p. m. .. 22
Main Street, 7 p. m. 23
Eight Ave., 7 p. m. 24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m. 26-27

May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 4
Stanley, 7 p. m. 7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

April
Mooresville station, 11 a. m. 5-6
Davidson-Hunt, Fairview, 3 p. m. .. 5-6
Mt. Zion station, 7 p. m. 5-6
Newton station, 11 a. m. 12-13
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m. 12-13
Cool Springs, New Salem, 11 a. m. . 19-20
Olin, Snow Creek, 3 p. m. 19-20
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m. 26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m. .. 26-27

May
Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m. 10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m. 10-11

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

April
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 6
Badin, night 6
Cottonville, Zion 12-13
Norwood, Randalls 13
New London, Bethel 19-20
Salem, 3 p. m. 20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul 26-27
Epworth, night 27

May
Gold Hill, Zion 3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night 4
Concord circuit, Carmel 10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m. 11
Kerr Street, night 11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill .. 17-18
First Street, night 18
Salisbury circuit 24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage .. 31-June 1

June
Kannapolis station 1
Bethel-Loves 7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

April
Franklin circuit, Iotla 5-6
Robbinsville 12-13
Murphy circuit, Marble 13-14
Judson, Maple Springs 15-16
Tuckaseegee 19-20
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel 26-27

May
Hayesville, Oak Forest 3-4
Glenville 10-11
Highlands 11-12
Fines Creek 17-18

WINSTON DISTRICT
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Davidson circuit, March 13-14. Quarterly conference at Good Hope, April 12, 2:30 p. m.

Denton circuit, March 15-17. Quarterly conference at Siloam, March 16, 2 p. m.

New Hope circuit, March 18-21. Quarterly conference at Macedonia, March 20, 1 p. m.

Linwood circuit, March 22-23. Quarterly conference, Macedonia, March 22, 1 p. m.

Thomasville circuit, March 24-26. Quarterly conference at Zion, March 26, 1 p. m.

Forsyth circuit, March 27-31. Quarterly conference at Mt. Tabor, March 29, at 1 p. m.

Lewisville circuit, April 1-4. Quarterly conference at Sharon April 4, 1 p. m.

Kenersville circuit, April 5-6. Quarterly conference, Oak Ridge, April 6, 1 p. m.

Advance circuit, April 7-[illegible]. Quarterly conference at Advance, April 8, 3 p. m.

Farmington circuit, April 9-11. Quarterly conference at Wards, April 11, [illegible] p. m.

Thomasville station, March 26, at night.



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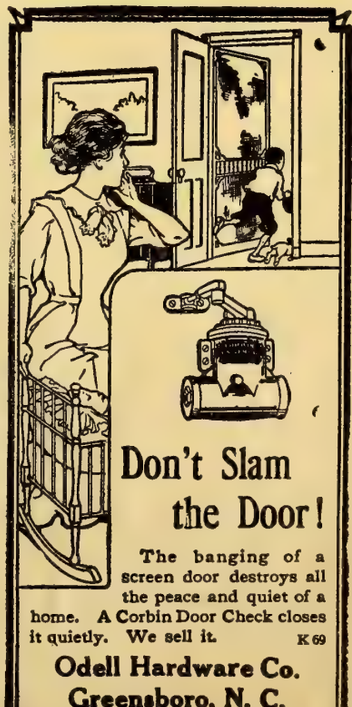
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Editorial

It might be well for us to make a re-study of some of our doctrinal statements in the light of recent events. What about the depravity of human nature as exhibited in the life and conduct of the most advanced(?) nations in recent years? The struggle in Europe resulting in a veritable reign of terror in many intellectual centers and now threatening to spread all over the continent, has been sufficient to give pause for the time being to those who for years have sought to discredit the Wesleyan doctrine of the depravity of the human heart. It may be that God purposes to let us learn by sad experience what He could not convince us of through the ordinary channels of revelation and grace.

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Here is what we teach in our seventh Article or Religion: "Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam, but it is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil and that continually." It would be hard to improve on this as a diagnosis of the case of the world today in the tragic history it is making. Many have been asking, "What is the matter with the world? What is the matter with modern civilization?" The best answer we know is this article of our faith. For quite a while this doctrine of our church has been tabooed by the critics and a studied effort has been made to discredit the doctrine as well as the men who dared to proclaim it. The history of our General Conference legislation during the past two decades will show the animus of our leaders with reference to this doctrine. Afraid to attack directly the foundation of our doctrinal structure, they have confined themselves to making war upon our ritual at every point where there was the least recognition of this great and vital truth. So much so that as a result we now have an emasculated form of what was once the sublimest expression of truth ever given to the world. It is enough to make angels weep to compare the Methodist ritual of today with that of thirty years ago.

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We would not be disposed to put this so strongly if we did not know that it involves one of the basic scriptural truths—one upon which the whole superstructure of our plan of salvation is built. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Once the people are led to believe that there is only a little bias—that sin is only a superficial ailment and not a matter for deep concern—there can be no profound conviction of moral turpitude and consequently no application of the divine atonement for sin. Our Lord said "they that are whole need not a physician," and He might have said with equal truth, "they that think they are whole will not seek a physician."

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For a good many years social reformers have been endeavoring to substitute the gospel of sanitation and health for the gospel of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ as the only hope of cleanliness and health in this life and of happiness here and hereafter. They have derided the bold prophet and faithful preacher of righteousness who dared to say that man's trouble is innate depravity, and have rung the changes on that delicious morsel, "there is something good in every one." Most of these spiritual opiates in the form of social service and teaching, and which have tended to make unconverted men and women so well pleased with themselves, were in reality "made in Germany," where many of our spiritual guides of the last generation finished their education. Our doctrine of human depravity is not only vindicated in this wild outburst of savagery in Germany and elsewhere, but it is plainly evident that war conditions exhibit man's tendency to revert to the savage. How can we account for this except upon the theory that "man is by nature very far gone from original righteousness?"

NEXT ISSUE A SPECIAL

We hope our friends will not ask for space next week, as we have promised to give the whole issue as nearly as possible to the Centenary. Let correspondents wait till the following week and then condense what they have to say.

A STRONG UTTERANCE

Recent events indicate a strong purpose on the part of those who defy the liquor laws to render null and void the constitutional amendment, and turn public sentiment against prohibition. It is time to stir the forces of righteousness and secure their co-operation in an effort to bring about a strict enforcement of the law in every county in the state. On our fourth page this week we are reproducing an editorial from last week's Raleigh Christian Advocate, which we consider one of the strongest and most timely utterances we have seen on this subject. Brother Massey gets right under the hide of the violators of the law and says what ought to be said better than we could say it; so we urge every one to look up this article and give it a careful reading.

BURKE CULPEPER AT CENTENARY

It had been announced some weeks ago that Rev. Burke Culpper, of Memphis, Tenn., would begin a meeting at Centenary church, this city, April 2d. On account of a slight indisposition Mr. Culpeper did not arrive till Friday afternoon, but his singer, Mr. Robinson, was on hand and conducted the services on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Mr. Culpeper took charge on Friday evening and large crowds have been in attendance. There is evidently a growing interest in the services and the preacher is making an impression for good.

Mr. Culpeper is an evangelist somewhat on the order of Billy Sunday. A man of commanding appearance, with a strong physique, he makes a decidedly pleasing appearance in the pulpit and, barring a rather rapid utterance, he is a pleasing speaker. Decidedly dramatic, Mr. Sunday has little advantage of him in stage action and manner, while he has decidedly the advantage of Mr. Sunday in steering clear of shocking instances of irreverent speech. If he is in any sense an imitator of Mr. Sunday he deserves credit for having been wisely discriminating in this respect.

Mr. Culpeper preaches sound doctrine. He holds fast to the anchorage of Methodist doctrine and traditions, even contending that the mourners' bench has its place in the program of evangelistic work among Methodists. His sermon on Sunday morning on the love of God as expressed in the incarnation was unique. Argumentative in its framework, it was yet flavored with pathos and the best sort of appeal to the emotional. Many have entered prayerfully into this meeting and we trust that not only Brother Plyler and his congregation will reap great blessing, but that all Greensboro churches may be greatly quickened.

DEDICATION OF WEST END CHURCH, WINSTON-SALEM

A note from Rev. R. H. Daughterty, pastor of West End church, Winston-Salem, says:

"We dedicated our church yesterday morning. Dr. F. N. Parker was with us and preached a great sermon on 'The Conquering Christ' to one of the largest congregations ever gathered in the church. In the evening Dr. Parker preached another truly great sermon at Centenary church, his theme being, 'Paul, the Christian.' The Centenary and West End congregations worshipped together at both services, at West End in the morning and at Centenary in the evening.

"The West End people have bought a new parsonage, a lot with a house on it. The lot and building cost them $9,000. They are going to spend $1,000 on repairs on the house, thus making it a $10,000 parsonage."

We congratulate the West End congregation on these signs of substantial growth. They have one of the most attractive and comfortable houses of worship in the Conference and the congregation is composed of many of the most substantial people of the city. They have a promising field for service and we trust they will be able to project a great saving power from this center which now seems so wisely chosen.

THE TARDY METHOD

Our method of doing things in the church is educative. Some of the prevailing habits out of which we would like to lead our people are the habits that have been formed by suggestion. That a pastor or collector for the church should send out a card to the members of the congregation making appeal for contributions for the various causes represented in our conference collections and suggesting that the amount be paid "next October" is a remarkable example of the tardy method. Why not request that the contribution be made immediately, if possible, or at least within thirty or sixty days? There is hardly a doubt that the response would be fare more prompt and that the money would be forthcoming within the time specified.

It is really an unkindness to the people not to press these claims early in the year and get them off before the pressure of many things is upon them in the latter part of the year. On the other hand, our people should be led to understand that many who are dependent upon these funds are to be cared for during the year and that the tardy habit necessitates the borrowing of money and the payment of interest. There is no excuse for a method which practically invites our people to keep the Lord's money all the year and turn it over to Him only after many hundreds of dollars have been lost by reason of this tardiness.

Another reason why we should abandon the tardy method is the fact that some are liable to die during the year, or for some other cause fail to make a contribution at all if they fail to make it early. He takes the best and surest chance who takes it now. Tomorrow is always an unknown quantity in the equation of life, and it should be eliminated from all our plans. Today is not only the day of salvation from sin, but it is pre-eminently the day of salvation from leakage and loss in church collections.

"PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH"

This old adage may well be applied to many of our leading churches. The policy pursued, or rather the lack of policy, in many of these churches justifies this characterization. They spend large sums of money on what may justly be classed as religious luxuries, and let vast opportunities for practical good go by default for lack of means while the whole body of the church suffers irreparable loss for lack of

workng opportunities that might be opened to them. The almost disgusting trend of the religious life of our time in many of these places is the expending of energy and money, too, upon mere show and performance.

Our Sunday school leaders have for years been agitating the question of better financial support of our Sunday schools, also better physical equipment for their accommodation, and this is beginning to bear fruit, but the change of sentiment and attitude comes very slowly. One reason for this lies in the fact that so many of our leaders do not seem to get it clear in their minds that the Sunday school is the church at work, and that money spent in providing for the Sunday school is money spent for the church.

The following, taken from our Sunday School Magazine some years ago, sounds the slogan for what should be our policy today:

"Notwithstanding the fact that 85 per cent of our converts come from the Sunday school, it is estimated by those who have investigated the matter that something like sixty per cent of those who pass through our Sunday schools are never brought into the church. A fact so startling as this demands serious consideration. Why this astounding and deplorable loss? Surely it is not necessary. What, then, is the cause, and what the remedy? Is it possible that, after all, the layman of whom we have spoken was right in declaring that many of our pastors are not really and vitally interested in the Sunday school? At any rate, the mending of this sad matter rests primarily with the pastor. That the church at large is not profoundly and intelligently interested in Sunday school work is beyond dispute. The average congregation makes almost no provision for the Sunday school either in its building and equipment, its order of worship, or its annual budget. Two thousand dollars a year to pay a choir to sing anthems to which no boy or girl ever listens and not a cent to furnish adequate equipment for the teaching and training of the young is by no means uncommon in our great city churches. When a new church building is to be erected, the main thing thought of is the auditorium. That must be elegant, bright, commodious and handsomely furnished; but any kind of dismal, meagerly furnished basement is good enough for the boys and girls, who meanwhile do not frequent the auditorium very much, partly perhaps because all the songs and anthems and sermons are arranged or prepared for grown-up people. Is it not the pastor's business to see that, so far as he can control the matter, the children are remembered in all these matters? To be sure, a change so radical as is here suggested cannot be brought about in a day; but by intelligent pastoral instruction and leadership it can be brought about within the space of a few years. The pastor, however, who helps to do it must himself be profoundly impressed with its importance."



WEST END METHODIST CHURCH, WINSTON-SALEM
Rev. R. H. Daugherty, Pastor

This church was dedicated Sunday, April 6th, Rev. F. N. Parker, D. D., preaching the sermon.

WHAT THE CHURCH STANDS FOR

It will be a great relief when a few fads now flourishing in the church wear themselves out as they surely will. One of these affects the pulpit and greatly weakens the appeal of the preacher to the conscience of his hearers. We refer to the notion that, in a learned fashion the great mysteries of divine revelation are to be cleared up and shown to be scientific.

Not long ago the editor of the Advocate, returning from church, fell in with a lawyer, of more than ordinary ability and standing in his profession, but who has recently connected himself with the church and shown marks of a decided change of attitude toward matters of religious faith. Referring to the sermon we took occasion to say that the preacher had carried his hearers through deep water. The fact is that the preacher had discussed the doctrine of the incarnation in a way that was, to say the least, quite interesting, if we might not say satisfying, to one who would care to follow a philosophical disquisition. After a little pause the lawyer replied: "Do you know, it was such stuff as that that kept me out of the church for more than twenty years?" Continuing, he said, "you can't reason the thing out that way. The only thing to do is to hold up Christ and tell the people He can save, and to look to Him, just as Moses held up the serpent in the wilderness and told the people to look on it and live. I tried to follow the preacher today, but I got so tired trying to wade through that I gave it up."

The foregoing are not the exact words of the attorney, but they express the thought and we confess that, coming from the source they did, we were profoundly impressed. After all, what does the church stand for, and what should be the theme of the minister? What is our mission? Are we to turn aside now to hold a controversy with the doubters and proceed on the theory that the world by wisdom can find out God? Even Paul did not undertake this, but proclaimed Jesus as the "wisdom of God and the *power* of God." "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

We shall never forget the pathetic look on the face of our friend as he said, referring to the profound reasoning of the preacher, "If we have to work it out that way there is no hope."

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Another fad which we long to see spend itself is the notion that the matter of primary importance in our church services, is entertainment. Discussing this, our neighbor, Dr. Mebane, editor of the Greensboro Patriot, recently had the following preachment which we endorse:

"If the Church of Christ is to enter into a contest with the world on a basis of entertainment, we are of the opinion that the contest will be a glorious victory on the side of the Prince of this world.

"Recently in a church up in Massachusetts a Sunday program was something like this—in fact it was said the notice read thus in regard to the program for Sunday evening, 'Smoking will be in order throughout the evening.'

"With midweek suppers and dancing at the Young Men's Christian Association and other methods used to entertain the young people, it seems that the modern churches have entered into contest with the world. Moving picture shows and vaudevilles will be next in order at the churches, if the church is to keep up its side of the game.

"We wonder what the saints in Glory Land would think of some of the modern performances that are carried on in the name of their Lord and Master in these modern days.

"We do not have any patience with the idea that we must meet the world on a basis of entertainment. We think there ought to be a clear and distinct line of demarkation between the church and the world. If the church has no divine origin and the religion of Jesus Christ has no power over the lives and souls of men more than the world has, then there would be some excuse for adopting the world's method of church work.

"We like the definition of James as to what religion is. He says: 'Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.'

"Let the church be a holy place, a sacred place to worship God. Let it not be made a place of mere entertainment, a place of amusement and frivolity."

NOTE AND COMMENT

President Wilson has gone through terrible physical strain since we entered the world war and during the meeting of the peace conference it has been intensified. Last week he was suffering from a deep cold and threatened influenza, and great anxiety was felt lest the conditions might be serious, but the latest reports indicate improvement, with the hope of his early restoration. The steamship George Washington has already been ordered to be in readiness to bring the President and Mrs Wilson home.

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The Filipinos Are Wanting a government of their own, and a delegation has reached Washington from Manila asking our government to consider their petition to set up housekeeping on an independent basis. They have practical independence now and America has no desire to restrict their liberty, but if they should be granted full independence even then we would be obliged to guardian their rights. As it is they are as free as Canada, and Canada is content with her present relation to England.

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The Work of the Peace Conference, which has seemed to make haste slowly, is now reported to be so well advanced that it may be completed by Easter and presented to Germany before the month shall end. Report is that President Wilson, Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando are practically agreed on all essential points and that rumors of a lack of harmony have been greatly exaggerated. The situation in Russia is at least no worse than a week ago, and if an early peace agreement is reached the probability is that the Bolshevic movement will be largely neutralized. The sentiment of America for the league of nations has grown materially since the recent agitation and the opposition seems to be crumbling. Hon. Elihu Root has expressed his views favoring the league with certain restrictions, and we predict that in the final Senate vote, after all the talk, the measure will go through by a good majority.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Columbus, Ohio, June 20th to July 13th, 1919

By R. D. Smart

The Centenary celebration is coming more and more to the fore in the thoughts of Methodists, Northern, Southern and Canadian, and also of not a few from other denominations. There has been more publicity given the development of the plans for the celebration of late, and as a result ever increasing numbers are making their plans to go to Columbus this summer.

The attractions which the celebration will afford divide themselves into four general heads:

1. The exposition buildings, in which will be reproduced the life of those foreign countries in which Methodism is working, and illustrations given of the several branches of Methodist home mission work. In these buildings will be found materials showing the ordinary pursuits of everyday life of the foreign countries, and so giving the atmosphere or background. Then there will be exhibits showing the development of missionary work and foreigners giving life to these exhibits. There will also be stewards or guides to explain the meaning of everything and to take part in demonstrations illustrating the life of the countries represented.

2. The pageants. The pageants to be given at the celebration will probably be among the most beautiful and elaborate the world has ever known. Miss Barstow, who is writing the pageants and has been traveling around the world getting the proper setting for those episodes which will represent the different countries, is now working together with other experts in the production of pageants which will be both instructive and uplifting. The music for the pageants is under the supervision of a noted expert, Prof. Kraft, and it is possible that a full volume of centenary music will be the result of his efforts.

3. Special speakers. Every effort has been made to have the most noted speakers from all over the world to address vast gatherings in the tremendous Coliseum. It is not permissible as yet to give out the names of those who are under consideration, but doubtless this one feature alone of the celebration would be worth the trip to Columbus.

4. Special days. On almost every day of the celebration some special feature of our national or international life, religious and patriotic, will be given prominence. For instance, July 4th will naturally be the patriotic day; July 1st will be the day on which a great world prohibition movement will be launched. This day is especially fitting, being the one on which the President's prohibition edict takes effect. It will certainly be a rare privilege for those who are permitted to be there on that day and have even the very smallest part in launching a great world prohibition movement. Other special days and programs are being arranged for.

Through it all there is the special fact to be noted that this is the one phase of the Centenary movement in which all of Methodism is uniting. There will be meetings held in the grandstand, in which 100,000 people can be seated. Imagine the thrill of being one of those 100,000 to join in singing praise to God and giving thanks for the development of missions through the last one hundred years and the prospects which lie out before us.

GENUINE GRATEFULNESS

M. B. Andrews

Every organized Sunday school class in North Carolina might well undertake to support an orphan. There is perhaps nothing calculated to do a class more good than to undertake that service.

The Baraca class of Trinity Methodst church in Durham decided, about the year I entered Trinity College, to support a girl in the orphanage at Raleigh, and from that time until the present that has been one of the best and most inspiring organizations of young men I have ever known.

The year the class began the service, the girl was a mere child wearing short little white desses and bobbed hair. Now she is right on the eve of graduating from the institution, and I can personally testify that she is one of the most attractive and accomplished young women in the state.

Just before last Christmas I sent her a card of greetings, and here is her reply:

Raleigh, N. C., January 19, 1919.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

"I was greatly pleased to hear from you. You can't imagine how happy I was when I saw your name at the bottom of your beautiful Christmas card.

"I would have written you earlier, but in some way I misplaced your address. I have never forgotten what you did for me while you were in college, and it will perhaps never be possible for you to understand how much you have meant to me. I often wish it were so I could see you now, but it seems that I cannot.

"I finished the eleventh grade in June and am scheduled to leave the 'Dear Home' the first of July. You haven't seen me since I started to taking music. I have already had two sessions and a half. The first year I paid the tuition myself, working during spare time. It amounted to $20. Since then my friends in the Trinity Baraca class of Durham have been paying for me, and I think it is wonderfully good of them to do so. They sent me a white sweater and a black silk parasol at Christmas, and they were wonderfully beautiful too. Then a few of the others sent me something separately.

"The members of that class are so good and kind to me I don't know when to stop thanking them. I trust they may know some day how grateful I am to them.

"I forgot to tell you that I won the prize last year in music. Miss Mary Cole is my teacher, and she awarded me a real pretty bar pin. So I can play some for you the next time I see you.

"Did you know that we have an infirmary now? It is the very prettiest building on the campus. Miss Laura Breeze has charge of it, and she is very good to those who get sick. We haven't had but one case of influenza, however, and I hope we don't have any more. Here is hoping that you have not had it.

"We were indeed sorry to give up our pastor, Mr. John W. Potter. He is one of the best men in the world. But everybody says that our new pastor, Mr. C. W. Robinson, is also a splendid man.

"Give my love to Mrs. Andrews, and tell little Bushnell something sweet for me.

"From your little girl, (Miss) Lessie Webb Hunt."

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In connection with the Centenary Movement, the Methodist church of this country has inaugurated a campaign for a million tithers, under the inviting title, "The Methodist Million."

To tithe, as every one knows, is to contribute one-tenth or more of one's income to worthy causes.

Few men believe themselves to be superior to Moses, and Moses was a tither.

The Apostle Paul urged his followers to set aside a given portion of their income weekly and contribute same to worthy causes.

The Founder of Christianity was, so authorities think, a faithful tither, and he commended the practice to all Christians everywhere.

Examine the subject; then, if convinced, join "The Methodist Million," and contribute a part of your income to the support of an orphan.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto any one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

A ONE-MINUTE SERMON

By H. L. Atkins

For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. Isaiah 35: 6.

What happiness and prosperity may come from the breaking out of a stream in desert! The other day our spring, dry since early last summer, began to flow again. As the clear, life-giving and life-saving water flowed down the ravine, filling the holes so the animals and fowls could once more refresh themselves, I thought of this Scripture and of revivals I have known in some churches after seasons of spiritual drouth. Oh, that the revival streams may begin to flow again like the old spring! And they will when the people become thirsty.

"They that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled." I have seen the cattle and horses go to the old spring, showing signs of great thirst and find no water. Not so the thirsty soul who comes to the foot of the cross. He may take the water of life freely.

Brother, can you so preach as to keep your people hungry and thirsty for God, for righteousness? If so, the revivel will go on, for the water of life still flows at flood tide.

All that thirst, come to the waters.

AN OMINOUS SITUATION

We do not wish to be an alarmist, nor would we knowingly throw a cloud in the sky that is not real and that does not threaten with danger; but he is simply blind who denies that we are passing through a serious and critical time. There is a world of unrest about us, and much of this unrest manifests no response to the call of moral obligations. It is wild, lawless, desperate. It attacks red-handed the most sacred institutions of society and threatens to destroy just to the extent of its power.

That the liquor interests should be responsible for much of this is just what was to be expected. Those engaged in the organized liquor traffic have always been the enemy of law and order. They have lived and fattened on lawlessness, and now that the abominable traffic has been outlawed in the United States and is in a fair way to be outlawed in the whole world, these men are going to desperate lengths in their enraged fury. They are not only appealing to the courts for injunctions against the enforcement of laws enacted by four-fifths of the population of the country, but in defiance of the direct order of the government we are informed that the brewers are continuing their business of brewing beer. They are challenging the Department of Justice at Washington to stop them. They are assailing war-time prohibition in the courts and are organizing for a strenuous propaganda to make the constitutional amendment, ratified by all the states of the union save three—and they are small states—forever inoperative. About ninety-five million people live in the states that have ratified national prohibition—ratified it in most instances by enormous majorities, averaging 82 per cent or 83 per cent dry—while less than five million live in the three states that have refused so far to ratify it. Utterly regardless of this overwhelming defeat, they vociferously declare that they will prosecute their nefarious business.

And we need not leave North Carolina to find this state of lawlessness. Honest and law-abiding citizens of Wayne county, if the reports in the papers are to be believed, have been warned that if they do not leave their homes and go to other parts they will be killed. Who gave the warning? The silence of the night is the only answer. For what offense were they thus warned? They dared not to name their charge, but it was understood that these men had been interested in suppressing whiskey lawlessness. It seems that this was merely a matter of suspicion. But suppose it to be true; they were only doing what every law-abiding citizen ought to do. And the evil is not confined to Wayne county. So persistent are the reports that this illicit business is being carried on, and that it is flaunting defiance into the very face of the law, that it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that it is only a part of a nation-wide campaign on the part of the liquor interest in a final effort to batter down the sentiment that has arisen in the last decade and outlawed the whole business. The last two sessions of our legislature have so uniformly refused to strengthen our prohibition laws, and the temperance people of the state have been so profoundly asleep, that the liquor interests have selected North Carolina as a safe field for their operations. We sincerely trust that they are going to be disappointed in this as in many other matters; but, if it proves so, our temperance people must wake up and make themselves felt.

Just now some of our people are having a case of hysteria over conditions in Virginia. Some prohibition officers have been charged with shooting and killing some bootleggers whom they were trying to arrest, and—horror of horrors!—they have been searching some Pullman cars for illegal liquor that was being shipped into or through the state. We do not know the particulars of this Virginia situation, and hold no brief for those officers, but it is always a safe presumption to side

with the man who is seeking to enforce the law until good evidence is produced to show that he has overstepped the bounds. Certainly it is an unsafe course to condemn on the basis of newspaper dispatches that are often inspired by the slush fund of the liquor forces. A more praiseworthy course for North Carolinians today would be to throw the weight of their influence on the side of law enforcement at our own doors. Virginia is quite as able to take care of her own as we are.

But this liquor influence is at work in many ways. It is seeking to lay its hand upon labor, and in some measure is succeeding. The Industrial Workers of the World (save the mark!) are working hand in hand with the liquor interests. The "no beer, no work" slogan is of the same stripe. The notorious "German Alliance" in this country had upon it the same stamp, and is still doubtless under cover giving its influence to the brewers' interests. The truth is that this nefarious business was at the bottom of about the only sympathy that Germany had in this country during the terrible stress of war through which we have passed—everywhere the arch traitor of righteousness and the despoiler of men; and yet men are strangely quick to criticise every honest effort to destroy the unholy business.

There is one thing that we must learn about this liquor business about which many good people seem yet to be ignorant. The enforcement of laws against it demands drastic measures. Gloved hands will never suppress it. Courts that impose trivial fines for violations of it are only aids to the liquor anarchists. Newspapers that make sport of violations of the prohibition laws are abettors of the men who are doing it. The press of the state needs to learn that this is no joking matter. Politicians need to be required to stand up and be counted against it, or shown the back door that leads to private life. Far more is involved here than the average man is dreaming of. The whole fabric of our civilization is at stake. The question has resolved itself into one between law and anarchy, and in the end law must prevail. But to accomplish this end men must be brave to stand up and be counted for it in the face of the tremendously strong anarchistic tendencies of this day.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

HIS STRONG POINT

Mrs. Crane was looking over a copy of the conference minutes and remarked to her husband: "I see that Brother Stebbins has gone to Ryders Falls. That's quite an advance. He gets a thousand instead of eight hundred."

She began to laugh as she let the book fall into her lap, and continued: "I don't understand how any charge can really want him—he's such a little, near-sighted, innocent-looking creature."

"He is indeed," her husband responded, "but he seems to get along all right, in spite of his peculiar appearance and—his wife."

Mrs. Crane laughed again as she exclaimed: "She looks enough like him to be his sister, and the way she trots up the aisle after him is too funny. You saw them at conference, I know, but did you notice her hat? Well, I mustn't laugh, but I do wish I knew how they win their way."

"So do I, and when I have a good chance I'll find out. I often meet men from Cedar Valley, his last charge."

A few days later a man brought a load of wood for the parsonage fireplace—a luxury highly prized in coalless days— and Dr. Crane soon discovered that he was from Cedar Valley. As he was paying for the wood he said: "You've lost your old pastor, I see. He was with you five years, wasn't he?" and with a hospitable air he invited Farmer Blake to a seat on the piazza.

"Yes, five years, but we hated to have him go," the farmer answered, settling for a welcome rest while his horses nosed the edges of the lawn.

"He gave you good sermons, did he?"

"Yes, yes; but he's not a good preacher; I've heard better myself."

"What seems to be his strong point?" pursued Dr. Crane.

"Well, now, I don't know's I can tell. He's awfully near-sighted, you know, but he can see folks pretty good, and he knew us all. I guess we won't ever have a man that's acquainted with all of us as he was."

Farmer Blake sighed, then continued, with a shrug of his shoulders: "He's strong for temp'rance, and I guess he done more'n any other man to get no-license in our town. And then, after we got it, he just kept after the men he thought needed looking after. Gracious! It did seem as if he happened 'round where he wa'n't wanted. It was like the hymn, 'Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.'

"I was in the drug store one day and Lon Smith come in to get a glass of hot malted milk, he said. Well, I knew Lon's weakness, and we knew the druggist would bear watchin', so I felt sort of anxious when I see Lon wink at the clerk, who took his glass into the back room. Well, just then in come Brother Stebbins. He shook hands with me, and then with Lon, and says he: 'I was up to your house yesterday, Mr. Smith, and saw that fine boy of yours. I never saw such a smart four-year-old—but I guess you know it,' and then he laughed and took out some bright cards for the boy, and talked some more, and when they parted he says: 'You've got a good deal to live for—such a neat little home and a nice wife and such a boy. May the Lord help you to bring him up just right.' The clerk come out, but when he saw the minister he skipped back in a hurry. Smith went out to his team—he's our expressman—lookin' real pleased, though I'll bet my boots he'd have had something stronger'n malted milk if it hadn't been for the minister.

"This happened the first year he was with us. Some folks called it 'snoopin' 'round,' but somehow he did it so innocent nobody could get mad. A man from the other church says to me: 'Blake, how do you like to have that little, near-sighted man lookin' after things the way he does?' And I says: 'I'm a farmer, and if my fences get down there's Texas to pay! I guess our minister knows what he's about lookin' after his fences.' And that's the way he was—always takin' care of us. Whoa, there, Nero! My horses don't know it's a lawn. What you doin', Tam?"

This word brought forward a fine, large collie that had been behind the cart. He walked in front of the horses and they "backed" respectfully, while he quietly stood on guard.

"He seems to know his duty," said Dr. Crane.

"Good dog, Tam is. But I declare I must be gettin' along home. Just want to tell you how Brother Stebbins got hold of our Bert. He'd got to an age where he din't want to go to church, and when he went he'd draw pictures of the minister and other folks—great with a pencil, Bert it. Well, we was worried, of course; but the minister, he went to the field or the garden, wherever the boy was, till he fairly won him over. Yes, sir," Farmer Blake's voice grew husky, "Bert's a good, workin' Christian now and in the church."

There was a little silence and Dr. Crane asked: "Did your church increase its membership while Stebbins was with you?"

"Yes, yes, by about fifty. You know Cedar Valley is a small place. They come in one or two at a time, and good cases they be; they haven't backslid yet, I'm sure."

"And his wife helps him, does she?"

Farmer Blake shot a quizzical glance at his questioner, but replied soberly: "Yes, she does. My wife gets sort of distressed over her hats, but that's her business, I guess. They work together like a—like a pair of scissors. She lives for him—and, well, we liked 'em both. They're good—just plain good, and we shan't never forget 'em, never! If you ever come to Cedar Valley, make yourself to home at my place. I've had a good rest; much obliged. Get up, Nero! Pick up your feet, Liberty! Good-bye!" and Farmer Blake drove away briskly, with Tam trotting behind.

Mrs. Crane had wondered that her husband could talk so long with the woodseller, but listened with much interest to his rehearsal of the conversation.

"And did you decide what his strong point is?" she inquired.

"I should call it a sort of sanctified common sense," he answered, "and I think perhaps I can learn something from his methods."

And then Dr. Crane went into his study and shut the door.—Amelia Langworthy, in Zion's Herald.

BREVARD SCHOOL AND ITS PLACE IN THE CENTENARY

By Mrs. F. H. E. Ross

In the "Land of the Sky," 'far up toward the beautiful sapphire country of North Carolina, there is a little town nestling among the hills called Brevard, in which our own Brevard Institute is located.

In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Fitch Taylor were praying to know the Father's will concerning what He would have them do. The answer came, and the result was the establishment and opening of Brevard Epworth School, for the mountain girl who wanted a "chance."

We quote from a letter written by Mrs. Taylor: "The school and home life went steadily on for seven years, each month paying all demands, but not knowing where the next month would find us. Philippians 4: 19, 'but my Lord shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ,' was our motto, and each month verified to us this blessed promise."

The school has grown far beyond the expectations of the friends who view its small beginning. It is now known as Brevard Institute and offers an opportunity to the mountain boy who wants a chance as well as to the girl.

To meet the needs of the girls and boys, vocational departments have been added as rapidly as available funds would allow, until we have seven departments—literary, music, commercial, domestic art, agriculture, normal and household economics. There are no servants on the campus. Work is assigned each pupil and thus most of the work is done by them as part of their training. There are a few industrial scholarships which help some of them to defray their expenses.

From the very beginning the students of Brevard have carried back into their homes the impress of its domestic life. The religious instruction has broadened and strengthened their characters. Life means more to them than bare existence with dissatisfied longings. These transfigured lives have changed the moral and religious tone of their respective neighborhoods. Could one ask a larger return from an investment?

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—This week the Advocate, for the first time in its history, has a regular edition of more than ten thousand.

—Rev. Raymond Browning, evangelist, of Hendersonville, is holding a meeting in Nashville, N. C.

—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, pastor of Main Street Church, Reidsville is leading his congregation in revival services this week.

—Rev. W. M. Smith and his congregation at Ramseur are planning for overhauling and enlarging their house of worship.

—Attention is directed to the schedule of district Sunday school institutes appearing on the Sunday school page. They are going to be worth your while.

—A bronze tablet to the memory of Bishop A. W. Wilson was unveiled at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, on Monday night, March 24th.

—The general impression is that the cold snap of last week injured the fruit crop very much, especially the peach crop. Apples were not in bloom, consequently they are not damaged.

—Rev. Dr. C. C. Woods, former editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, has accepted appointment as supply pastor at Appleton City and took charge last Sunday. He and Mrs. Woods spent the winter in Florida.

—Bishop Hoss continues very ill at his home in Muscogee, Okla., according to latest reports. He no longer recognizes his friends and no hope is entertained for his recovery.

—Winston-Salem Methodist Sunday school workers are considering a standard training school for the seven charges of that city. Such a school carries many helpful features for church usefulness.

—The Charlotte Methodists celebrated with a banquet last night with Bishop Darlington and Dr. T. N. Ivey as the guests of honor and principal speakers. We hope next week to report the function in detail.

—Rev. R. H. Daugherty, pastor of West End Church, Winston-Salem, began revival services in his church on Monday evening. He is doing the preaching and, being a good pastor-evangelist, we predict good results.

—Rev. R. M. Taylor, pastor of our church at Forest Hill, Concord, called on Tuesday and gave a very cheering account of things in his charge. He was on his way to Mount Airy for a few days' visit.

—Rev. F. W. Cook sends a good report from the Deep River circuit and says his Sunday schools are very enthusiastic for the Centenary campaign. They held a circuit Centenary rally last Sunday and things are looking good for the drive.

—The Alabama Christian Advocate has reached a circulation of 20,000, and Dr. Branscomb, the editor, is receiving the congratulations of his friends. The Alabama Christian Advocate has two patronizing conferences.

—We regret to learn that Rev. J. F. Usry, formerly a supply pastor in our conference, but recently working in the North Carolina Conference, has had to give up his work on the Shallotte charge on account of failing health. Rev. W. F. Underwood has been appointed to succeed him.

—We are sorry to learn that Mrs. A. R. Surratt, of Calvary, Charlotte, who has been quite sick during recent weeks, is improving very slowly. Her sister, Mrs. Z. Paris, of Concord, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at a Charlotte hospital, is getting on well.

—Mrs. Morrison, wife of Bishop H. C. Morrison, had a fall some days ago from which she has been in bed for some days unable to turn herself. The church will anxiously watch for news concerning her condition, hoping, praying in the meantime for the best.—Wesleyan Advocate.

—A press dispatch from Corsicana, Tex., dated April 5th, announces the death of the well known evangelist, Abe Mulkey. He was a unique character and was highly appreciated by his Texas brethren. He was seventy years old.

—A recent visitor to the magnificent new First Church, Salisbury, says that it is a beauty from every point of view, but shows to best advantage when brilliantly lighted. That temple is an honor to Salisbury and a splendid tribute to the loyalty and faith of that congregation.

—The good news has been received in Winston stating that Rev. G. T. Rowe, who was forced to give up his work at Centenary some time ago, would this week return to his work with restored health, ready to resume the arduous duties of the present momentous times.

—The annual conference of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in session at Memphis, Tenn., this week. Mrs. Robertson, president of the Western North Carolina Conference society, is in attendance.

—Rev. W. C. Jones, pastor of the Ruffin circuit, submitted to a surgical operation at a hospital in Danville last week for appendicitis, and his friends will be glad to learn that he is recovering nicely and expects to be able to return home in a few days. The operation seems to have been entirely successful.

—Dr. H. A. Boaz, secretary of the Board of Church Extension, has been elected as one of the committe of one hundred for the great Inter-Church World Movement of North America. He has also been selected as a member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

—We see it announced that Lieut. John N. Wilson, Jr., of Greensboro, has been selected from the 81st division as one of the officers to take a university course in France, and has been assigned to Cemont-Ferraud University. Lieut. Wilson is a grandson of the late Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D., of the North Carolina Conference.

—Rev. F. O. Dryman, of the Bethel charge, Waynesville district, keeps marching along. In his report a few days ago he says: "We had a good day yesterday. Three services are being held each Sunday and I am a circuit rider even if I have to walk. We are enjoying the work and some signs of real progress are being observed."

—Friends of Rev. L. A. Falls and family will be concerned to know that Brother Falls is still at the sanatorium in Charlotte and may have to submit to a surgical operation. Let our readers join in the prayer for his safety in this ordeal. Revs. J. W. Jones and E. N. Crowder have been filling his pulpit in Mooresville.

—Following a stirring appeal from Mr. L. L. White, principal of Winston high school and a good steward in Centenary Church, the congregation at Grace Church gladly and cheerfully oversubscribed last Sunday a long-standing debt of $700. Pastor Robbins took the collection in the old-time "nigger" way.

—Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of the North Carolina Conference and pastor of our church in Washington, N. C., has many friends and relatives in this conference who will rejoice to learn that his congregation has been greatly blessed recently in revival services conducted by Evangelist McLendon, of South Carolina. On a recent Sunday morning there were ninety-one names added to the church membership.

—Rev. S. T. Barber, of the Morven circuit, keeps the mail warm with Advocate reports from his big charge. He has had good help. Mrs. R. E. L. Northcutt, of McFarlan, and Mrs. M. H. Lowry, of Morven, came to his help and deserve high praise for their splendid co-operation. We always come out a little ahead when the good women help.

—The recent meeting held at Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, resulted in the addition of a large class on proefssion of faith, and Dr. Marr, the pastor, announced last Sunday that the present membership is nearly five hundred. This congregation was organized three years ago with about sixty members and will soon be one of the largest in the conference.

—Many Advocate readers will learn with deep regret of the death of Miss Myrtle Hickerson, of Elkin, which occurred at her home in that place on Thursday of last week. Miss Hickerson was a sister of Mrs. A. Chatham, Sr., of Elkin. She was a member of the Episcopal Church and was buried with the rites of that church at the old family home, Ronda, N. C. The Advocate joins in expressions of sympathy for the bereaved ones.

—Rev. F. L. Townsend, who, by the way, has beaten his own record in the Advocate campaign, sending in his last report says: "We had a great quarterly meeting yesterday and the day before at Lowe's. Had two services each day. Had large congregations and fine preaching by the presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, and a splendid sermon in the afternoon Sunday by Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, of Reidsville station. Interest in the Centenary is growing."

—Rev. J. P. Rodgers, conference agent for the superannuate endowment fund, is succeeding well in his work and has nearly one-third of the second $100,000 secured in cash and pledges. Our people should give him the right of way, together with liberal pledges, so that by next conference we may have the full $200,000 aimed at by the end of this year. Brother Rodgers is at work in Asheville this week.

—Rev. D. M. Litaker, of Lincolnton, is taking good care of the Advocate list in his charge. In his note accompanying his last report he says: "I have found in my congregation in Lincolnton a most interesting and attractive woman, who tells me that she was married seventy-two years ago, in 1847, and began taking the Advocate then and has taken it ever since. It may be that her unusual intelligence and vivacity may be attributed to the character of her reading matter. Her name is Mrs. Kate Shuford."

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

The following is the apportionment made by the Centenary Committee for the Mount Airy district:

Ararat circuit	$1,500
Danbury circuit	3,000
Dobson circuit	5,000
Draper	3,500
Elkin	15,000
Jonesville circuit	2,225
Leaksville	10,000
Madison circuit	9,500
Mount Airy circuit	6,500
Mount Airy, Central	18,500
Pilot Mountain circuit	6,000
Rural Hall circuit	6,000
Spray	6,000
Stokesdale circuit	6,500
Summerfield circuit	6,500
Walnut Cove circuit	6,000
Yadkinville circuit	5,000

W. F. Womble.

AN INQUIRY

1. I believe in tithing, and preach and practice it but is the duty of Christian tithing deducible from Matt 23: 23, as tithing advocates so generally teach? This is one of several verses in each of which Jesus scathingly rebukes the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees for emphasizing the non-essentials and ignoring the essentials, and in this verse he most clearly makes tithing inferior to "the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith."

2. In saying "these ought ye to have done" Jesus was addressing, not his followers of a future age, but subjects of a legal dispensation, who ought to have done many things we ought not to do.

3. After all, is there a single Christian on earth who does these things, who "pays tithes of mint and anise and cummin?" Ought Christians to pay such tithes?

4. Is not the use tithers make of this verse an unfortunate misapplication of Scripture?

Inquirer.

WHAT ONE SMALL CHURCH HAS DONE

Rev. A. R. Bird, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., noting that many soldiers thronged Pennsylvania avenue on Sunday evenings and were lined up by the theaters, first borrowed a half dozen automobiles and, parking them on the avenue, went on the sidewalk and invited a score or more of men to share a supper provided at the manse and spend a pleasant evening at the church. These machines, after discharging a load at the church, returned and carried another until "the house was filled." After a few Sundays of service of this sort arrangements were made to have a street car cleared and held for this special service, and so for more than a year this program has been carried on.

During this time more than 7,000 men have been entertained by this church of about 200 members

on Sunday evening, furnished with a good supper, good home influences, a social welcome and intercourse with young people, and a Gospel service. Many men have attended these services who had never been to church before in their lives. Some who are permanently stationed in Washington, having once been introduced to this congregation, have regularly returned every Sunday for service.

The congregation has supplied the refreshments in the form of a good supper furnished these men every Sunday night.

Who can calculate the spiritual results of such a practical ministry? "My word shall not return unto Me void."

WAXHAW

We have had a good revival at Waxhaw, but I have been so busy I have not reported it. We had nearly a hundred professions, most of them church members. The fourth Sunday in March I received five men and boys on profession of faith, and I think there will be more later.

The greatest need of today is a revival in the church, the resurrection of dead churches and church members. A revival of religion, not a religious revival, but a revival of the principles and practice of religion; a revival that changes the character, the disposition and the conduct of our people, makes them bring the tithe into God's storehouse, keep the holy Sabbath, study the Bible, attend church and work in the Sunday school, or at least take an interest in it; have family prayers and seek to glorify God. I am undertaking everywhere I go to bring about such a revival.

We are taking out our gasoline light plant at Waxhaw and putting in an acetylene plant.

We trust we are in and moving with the Centenary movement. We have some splendid people on this charge and are expecting great things for the year. Yours fraternally,

E. Myers.

RHODHISS CHARGE

We are still on the job fighting the Devil to a finish here.

I want to say that our good people are pushing right along. The Sunday school is just fine. Nearly all seem to be interested in the church work. Thank God for it. Brother Newell, our good presiding elder, held our second quarterly conference March 30. And to be sure he preached us a good sermon and looked into the interest of the church with care. I think we have the best elder in the conference. He looks after his preachers and the work in general. Even the children love him, young, old and all. Thank God for such a man. By his noble leadership we are going to bring things to pass in this district.

The board of stewards at our quarterly conference last night raised the pastor's salary $150, making in all about $1,100. God bless the kind-hearted men and keep them in the center of His will, is my prayer. I must say that our people are doing fine work now. Our church is moving upward. We have about twenty-five tithers here now. Brethren, pray that we may be able, through God's help, to accomplish something for the Master this year and help us to be humble and prayerful.

Sincerely, John H. Green.

REPORT FOR WEAVER HALL

The following amounts have been added lately to the subscription list for Weaver Hall at Rutherford College. The amount in parentheses indicates total from each of these charges, including amount lately added:

Connelly Springs, Rutherford College, $17 ($1,352.62).

Charlotte — Trinity, $62.50 ($589.50); Tryon Street, $130 ($1,244.55); Hawthorne Lane, $50 ($691.95); Dilworth, $30 ($85).

Winston-Salem—Centenary, $51 ($1,085); West End, $361 ($1,631); Salem, $15 ($42); Southside, $25 ($31).

Thomasville, $16.50 ($571.50).

Farmington, $5.

Hickory, $5 ($1,662).

Charge unknown, $5.

Greensboro—Centenary, $27 ($558.25); Spring Garden, $50 ($413); West Market, $45 ($1,550.50); Greensboro circuit, $50 ($181).

Total added lately, $945.

April 7, 1919. J. R. Walker.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our special campaign for the Advocate has been extended till May the first. After May the first all renewals and new subscribers must pay $2.00 per year except where the conditions of our special offer have been complied with. Our special offer is as follows:

To give the $1.50 rate to charges where the full allotment of new subscribers is secured and the renewals secured and sent in by May the first. Now, this does not mean that the renewals are to be sent in one at a time without any assurance that all will be looked after. It requires concerted action and we advise individual subscribers who wish to take advantage of the offer to take the matter up with the pastor at once and see that the canvass is made. Otherwise we shall expect individuals to remit $2.00 for renewal. All pastors who have had lists charged to account must send money in by May the first. We have never proposed to keep these accounts on our books after the expiration of the time specified.

DOING VERY WELL, THANK YOU

Sunday school centenary pledges continue to come along. It is an inspiration to note the good feeling shown by many of our small schools, schools that have been closed all winter because of bad roads and bad sickness. They are reviving and as they start up they come clean with the Centenary. Watch the honor roll next week.

Remember that all money raised in the Sunday school and forwarded to J. J. Stowe, Nashville, counts on your church's quota on the Centenary.

Cherryville is the second 100 per cent circuit. Several others are near. Come on. We're looking for your contribution.

Will you just listen at this? "Our Sunday school observed its first Centenary Day yesterday and the result was very gratifying. From 149 present we received the amount of the inclosed check, $76.55, which you will please place to our credit, and oblige. You will please send us a missionary committee treasurer's book, which I believe we need. Sincerely, G. B. Howard, Treasurer, Mount Holly Sunday School."

This good news was sent to J. J. Stowe, Nashville. It will be remembered that the Mount Holly school has a scholarship of $130 at Davenport College to pay each year. Mount Holly, blaze the way! We're coming after you.

O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary.

A GREAT DAY IN WAYNESVILLE MEHTODISM

Waynesville Exceeds Her Centenary Quota

April 6th was observed as Centennial Sunday by the Waynesville Methodists. Looked at from every viewpoint, it was a high day. At the morning hour the subject for discussion was "The What and the Why of the Centenary," based on the text "But ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The following program was given: "What Is the Centenary and Why Now?" by Prof. E. J. Robeson; "The Centenary and the Waynesville District," by J. Dale Stentz; "The Centenary and Foreign Missions," by Mrs. J. K. Boone; "The Centenary and Home Missions," by Mrs. J. H. Way; "The Centenary and Conference Missions,' by the pastor; "The Centenary and Church Extension," by Captain Alden Howell; "The Centenary and the War Work Fund," by J. M. Queen; "The Centenary and the Financial Goal," by J. M. Mock. This was an intensely interecting service from beginning to end.

It was announced that seven Centenary canvassing teams would call on the membership between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, and that the amount subscribed on quota of $10,500 would be announced at the evening hour of worship. During the three weeks prior to this the pastor had, with about four hours' effort, secured $7,500 of the quota from forty members. Due to the fact that the congregation expects soon to launch its new church enterprise for at least $40,000, it was deemed wise to ask nobody for more than $250. Twenty contributed this amount and twenty $125.

At the evening service, just before stereopticon general Centenary pictures were thrown on the curtain, Church Campaign Director J. M. Mock announced that $10,684 had been subscribed with about thirty members yet to hear from. At least $1,000 more will be secured. Add to the above amount $3,030 included in annual budget and the grand total already pledged aggregates $13,714, or $3,214 in excess of our quota.

Waynesville, N. C. W. B. West.

THE LAYMAN'S GREATEST OPPORTUNITY

Never in the history of our church has a greater opportunity for real service been given our laymen than is afforded by the Centenary. This is particularly true of our local church directors and their organization. They are absolutely essential to the success of the movement in their own churches. Oh, that these men might get the great conception of this as a call from Almighty God to His service. I firmly believe that they are waking up to their supreme opportunity and are going to spare no time or effort to do this great work in a manner that will merit divine approval and bring upon each of them its attendant blessing.

Brother laymen, let us pray daily for a deeper consecration and a bigger spiritual vision of our great and divinely appointed task. If we do this and through heavenly guidance go to our job with a determination to do it as our great Master would have us do it, and allow nothing else to hinder us from doing it, then it is going to be done as it deserves to be. For us to do it in any other manner is to be more or less disloyal to our great church and to God.

Let all the church pray that we may be equal to our big task and fully appreciate its possibilities for service. Horace Sisk.

CAMPAIGN DOTS

Brother West just could not hold his Waynesville people longer, so they went over last Sunday and set a high pace for the Centenary in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Rev. J. A. Bowles, pastor of the Norwood charge, gave us a big jolt this week, sending in a list of twenty-five new subscribers and nearly as many renewals, promising more to follow.

Rev. R. A. Swearingen, pastor of Cool Springs charge, gave us about the biggest and best surprise we have had one day this week. After having reported the number allotted him more than twice over he sent in sixteen new subscribers and about as many renewals, and wound up by saying we might expect more. He always sends check with order.

Rev. D. V. Howell puts the Waynesville circuit on the good list and is still pursuing.

Rev. W. I. Hughes, Weaverville circuit, holds his honor roll record in spite of difficulties.

Rev. P. H. Brittain places the Denton circuit on the honor roll for the first time in its history.

Rev. Jno. H. Bradley, Canton station, goes twice over the top and says there will be more.

Rev. Z. Paris, in spite of family afflictions, places Central, Concord, on the honor roll.

Rev. C. M. Carpenter brings the Leicester circuit right up to the requirement and says look for more.

Rev. E. L. Shelton sends an honor roll report from the Mill Spring charge.

Rev. L. C. Delp sends a good report from Avery circuit. He holds revival meetings works for the Advocate circulation at the s time.

We will have to dismiss for this week and tinue the subject next week.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

PLEDGE DOUBLED DURING FIRST QUARTER BY CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY AT SPENCER

We are glad to give first space this week to the Children's Missionary Society of Spencer, N. C., who have shown by a recent record that they are a band that does things and does them now. Under the leadership of Mrs. E. E. Williamson they have more than doubled their pldege for 1919 during the first quarter. How they did it is told in the following communication from the conference vice-president, and we want to ask that all our workers give this a careful reading. What this auxiliary has done it may be that some others in our conference can do, and we hope it may prove an incentive to many of our auxiliaries to make the attempt. Suppose some of our young people's societies adopt this plan. We congratulate Mrs. Williamson and her band of faithful workers:

"At the first meeting of the year the Children's Missionary Society of Spencer decided to give $30 on their part of the council pledge. They lost no time in making plans by which they were to raise this amount, and I want to tell you the method they used.

"The first of February their leader, Mrs. E. E. Williamson, divided the membership into three circles and asked each circle to see how much they could secure by the close of the quarter. As Mrs. Williamson writes, 'they went to work with a vim,' and last Friday, when they brought in their reports at a little party she had planned for them, imagine, if you can, the excitement that prevailed among those dear, happy children when it was found that they had $78.02.

"With all our hearts we congratulate this enthusiastic band, and we predict great things for them in the future.

"This is the first time we have known a society to pay its pledge in full the first quarter of the year, but this one has gone a long way 'over the top,' having pledged only $30.

"At our recent annual meeting held in High Point the committee on children's work made their portion of the council pledge $100 in advance of last year, making it now $1,500. If all our societies will go to work with the same enthusiasm as has been shown by the Spencer children we shall not only pay this pledge, but again will go 'over the top.' Will not our second vice-presidents who read this article do your very best to bring about such results?

"Miss Amy B. Hackney
Conference Second Vice-President.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Adult society.—South, Point, Shelby district, Belmont, N. C., R. F. D. President, Mrs. Justus Armstrong; vice-president, Miss Lucy Leeper; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. John W. Gaston; recording secretary, Miss Ola Beatty; number of members, 18.

Children's society.—Lenoir, N. C.; 36 members. President, Elizabeth Matherson; first vice-president, A. Y. Foard, Jr.; second vice-president, Carrie Miller; corresponding and recording secretary, Ruth Todd; treasurer, Mary Galeness Sherrill; superintendent study and publicity Cecil Hailey; superintendent social service, Mary Pulliam; auxiliary second vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Downum.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF W. N. C. CONFERENCE

Has your auxiliary adopted a prayer cial? One of our workers or one our fields of work in which you are ecially interested? One of our tenary aims for this year is 100 per t in intercessors and tithers, and by adopting a prayer special we go far toward reaching this aim. Several of the auxiliaries have already done so and we hope to hear of others who are daily asking our Heavenly Father for His blessings on our work and workers.

The Young Peoples Society at Newton has adopted as their prayer special "The Centenary Movement and All Our Missionaries."

A most interesting feature of our recent annual conference in High Point was the reading of three-minute missionary papers by representatives of three of our young people's societies in the conference. We hope to publish each of these papers, and this week are glad to give space to the following on "God's Call to the Young People of the Western North Carolina Conference," read by Miss Bessie Tate, of Marion, N. C.

GOD'S CALL TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

God's call has ever been to the young. Eli, Samuel, Isaiah, Paul and thousands of others since their day were called and responded in the days of their youth. Jesus at the age of twelve had felt the divine imperative and spoke out of a consciousness already dedicated to an exalted nation when he said to his mother," Wist ye not that I much be about my Father's business?" The reason why God calls the young is first of all based in the necessity for a period of preparation, and it is therefore a call to prepare.

The mature have neither time nor disposition to enter into a long period of preparation which is necessary for successful leadership in the age in which we are living. Soldiers must be trained before they can win victories for civilization. God knows that it is only the minds and muscles of the young that can withstand the rigor and discipline that a successful career requires, and for this reason He calls those whose minds are plastic and whose muscles and mind move with the music of the army. In this day of splendid schools, with efficient teachers and with their modern equipments and up-to-date methods of instruction there is no reason for any one entering life without the necessary preparation. The ambitious youth who hears the call of God interprets that call in terms of preparation, both for mind and heart. He knows that no life can count for one hundred per cent efficiency without thorough preparation. There must be years of training, of hard study and diligent application to duty. The world will no longer follow an untrained leader.

Dedication, which means the giving of one's self to a task or an ideal, is the next rung in the ladder of success. Every successful career has grown out of a dedicatd life voicing the Pauline declaration, "This one thing I do." In the midst of a time when so many things bid for our young lives it is well for us to find some definite task, and to that task dedicate all powers we possess. What is more beautiful, what is more soul inspiring than to see a young life well fitted into a life-long career? What is sadder than a young life without a purpose drifting aimlessly and heedlessly upon the sea of time?

Finally, the call is for action. There has never been a time when God needs youthful workers as He does today. The new era upon which we have entered with so much hope demands the power, the prowess and the vision of youth. The millions who are sleeping in the blood-red soil of France were the flowering youth of the world. They heard the call of their country and went out to do and die—for an ideal. Their heroic example should ever be an inspiration to the on-coming youth of the Christian world. They, like God, cry unto the youth of the land to take up the work of universal brotherhood for which they gave their all, and carry it on to a successful fruition. We shall be unworthy of the blessings which they have bought for us if we do not heed their call. In the spirit of sacrifice and devotion the youth of America must make their dreams a glorious reality in the world in which we live.

The armistice has been signed and we have won everything for which we fought, but still comes the cry from a million mounds:

"Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from fallen hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep,
Though poppies blow in Flanders fields.

Rsolutions adopted by the Woman's Missionary Society of Lenoir, N. C.:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our dear friend and fellow worker, Mrs. W| H. Bower, therefore be it

Resolved, first, That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Seond. That in the death of Mrs. Bower we have lost a faithful and devoted member.

Third. That we herewith express our appreciation of her beautiful and useful life, both at home and in the church.

Fourth. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the Woman's Page in the church paper, and a copy spread on the minutes.

Farewell, dear friend, you sail away
To where the lighted home lands are;
Your face is turned to radiant day
From glimmer of the sea and star;
Close your tired eyes until you gain
God's haven, where is no more pain.

Be not afraid of hurt or loss;
It is a peaceful way you take;
The night will see you safe across,
And when you land the day will break.
Then, ah, the dear ones gone before
Will welcome you along the shore.

Farewell! You vanish from our sight
And into the shadows softly glide.
Oh, beloved friend, bound for the light,
They watch you from the other side.
All joy and blessing go with you,
Who go to God—farewell—adieu!

—Mrs. N. H. Gwyn.
Mrs. J. L. Nelson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

Realizing the responsibility of the women of our church with reference to the training of our children in the missionary work, we, your committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. That all members, and especially the mothers, keep in close touch with the children, co-operating with the second vice-presidents in their work, that this department may measure up to the standard for which it is intended; that our slogan be a ten per cent increase in auxiliaries, membership and funds.

2. That every second vice-president should inform herself of the by-laws governing the children axiliaries, and thoroughly organize the children of the church; that a greater effort be put forth this year to interest the boys of our church in missions; that the number of baby divisions and junior divisions be equal; that two meetings be held each month and at least one executive meeting be held each quarter to look over and plan the work of the society.

3. That Christian stewardship and systematic giving be taught the children; that a greater effort be put forth to use our pledge cards, as this has proven to be the best method of teaching our children to give, and that mite boxes be distributed to every member of the baby and junior divisions.

4. That the Young Christian Worker be placed in every home in our church where there is a child, and that we make our goal 1,000 subscribers.

5. That one day of the week of prayer be given the children and the offering go through their channel; that this shall be made a standing rule.

6. That at least one public meeting be held during the year for the children, and mothers' meetings be held frequently.

7. That mission study classes be formed in every junior division.

8. That we express our appreciation of the high-class of literature furnished the children.

9. That we assume as our part of the conference pledge $15,000.

10. That every auxiliary endeavor to attain the roll of honor for 1919.

Miss Amy B. Hackney, Chairman.
Mrs. J. C. Siceloff, Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1919

Adult society, Mills River, Asheville district—President, Miss Hattie Posey, Horseshoe, N. C., R. F. D.; first vice-president, Miss Lucy Ellen Osborne, Fletcher, N. C., R. F. D.; treasurer and second vice-president, Mrs. S. E. Greenwood, Fletcher, R. F. D.; recording secretary, Mrs. J. A. Warlick, Horseshoe, R. F. D.; corresponding secretary and superintendent social service, Mrs. W. F. Cathey, Fletcher, N. C., R. F. D.; superintendent supplies, Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Fletcher, N. C., R. F. D.; local treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Brittain, Horseshoe, N. C., R. F. D.

Young People's Society, Whittier, N. C.—President, Miss Eula Duckett; vice-president, Miss Sue Zachary; secretary, Miss Thelma Moody; treasurer, Miss Vivian Rhea; organist, Miss Willie Parks.

Young People's Society, St. Paul, Shelby district; Post office address, Waco, N. C.—President, Miss Ellen Harmon; secretary and treasurer, Miss Bloun Lisk; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Craft.

TELLS WHY CHICKS DIE

E. J. Reefer, America's foremost poultry expert, 4254 Poultry Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free his valuable chicken book just off the press entitled "White Diarrhoea and How to Cure It." This book tells how to prepare a simple home solution that will cure this terrible disease over night and will actually save 90 per cent. of every hatch. This book is worth $1 of any poultry raiser's money, but Mr. Reefer is sending it absolutely free as long as the present edition lasts.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

District Institutes

The following places and dates will show where and when the district Sunday school institutes will be held. It will be noted that each district is visited except the North Wilkesboro district. That part of this district, east of the Blue Ridge, will be asked to send the delegates to Walnut Cove and affiliate with the Mount Airy district institute. Later in the season an institute will be held in the territory embraced west of the Blue Ridge.

Monday, May 5, Concord.
Tuesday, May 6, Statesville
Wednesday, May, 7, Lexington.
Thursday, May 8, Asheboro.
Friday, May, 9, Reidsville.
Saturday, May 10, Walnut Cove.
Monday, May 12, Monroe.
Tuesday, May 13, Lincolnton.
Wednesday, May 14, Rutherfordton.
Thusday, May 15, Hendersonville.
Friday, May 16, Waynesville.
Saturday, May 17, Morganton

The institutes will extend just through one day but that day will be full of good things. During part of the day, two sessions will be going on at the same time, Miss Hansen doing work with the Elementary workers and Mr. Brabham directing the Secondary and Adult divisions. Put the date of your institute down in our note book and arrange to attend it. If you want to make your school count for more you can't afford to miss your district institute.

Leaksville, Spray and Draper charges are asked to send delegates to Reidsville and affiliate with the northern half of the Greensboro district institute. Walkertown charge is asked to affiliate with the Mount Airy institute at Walnut Cove.

Over the Top at Wadesboro

"Of course you may enroll Wadesboro on the 100 per cent list. We never expected anything else. Just a little slow in reporting. Also you may report Hanna's Chapel. It is a mission school under our church here."

Thus writes Rev. E. R. Welch, our new pastor at Wadesboro. Brother Welch is thoroughly interested in Sunday school work, he having been for the past four years chairman of the Sunday School Board in the West Oklahoma conference. Brother Welch is particularly interested in adult class work and those in reach of him will do well to enlist his services in promoting the organized Wesley class. It is a satisfaction to have Brother Welch in our midst.

Superintendents Please Answer

During the past week 650 letters had to be mailed out to our superintendents who had failed to use the self addressed stamped envelope for reply stating what their schools would do on the Centenary. The first request was mailed out the sixth of March.

It is hoped that by this time our Sunday schools will be able to state what they will be willing to do on the Centenary. It is hoped most earnestly that each school will line up to do something. We want a 100 per cent record on this Centenary business. Of the 200 schools responding so far only two have declined to either give now or to promise to begin giving by the fourth Sunday in April. These two will turn about face when they have a little more time for reflection.

Reader, will you not, the first opportunity you get ask your Sunday school superintendent if he has lined up his school on the Centenary If one hundred should ask the same man it will be well. If he has done well with the business he will be glad to so state If he has so far failed to do well your reminder will put him to thinking.

Sunday School Membership Campaign

There is to be a church-wide Sunday school campaign for Southern Methodism beginning May 12 and ending May 24. It is hoped that every single Methodist Sunday school will put forth an earnest effort by this time to get its territory canvassed for all recruits attainable. When the time for this campaign was selected it was thought that the Centenary would have completed. Now that the Centenary has been delayed, it will be well for your school to get at the membership drive as soon as possible.

Leaflets, visitation cards and wall mottoes for use before and during the membership campaign will be furnished free on application to Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

The Western North Carolina conference is looking for 20,000 new Sunday, school scholars. If we get what we are looking for each school must do its part. No school ought to be satisfied with less than a Sunday school scholar for each church member.

Greensboro District Secretary

Mr. Hugh Parks, district secretary for the Sunday schools of the Greensboro district, is anxious to be of service to his fellow workers in the district. He is getting out a letter to the sitxy-two superintendents asking that they get two points of the ten point standardized school complied with right away. He is emphasizing the observing of Sunday School Day and also the putting on of the Sunday school membership drive.

He is reminding his superintendents that Sunday School Day programs will be furnished them free by the Conference Sunday School Board provided they forward the collection taken to Mr. G. F. Ivey, treasurer, to be used in furthering Sunday school work. Mr. Parks never does things by halves. He proposes to keep the Greensboro district Sunday schools informed as to their opportunities.

Caraway Memorial and the Centenary

Caraway Memorial, Greensboro, pledged its Sunday school to give at least $11.50 the month to the Centenary and finds itself giving over $20 each clip. Last fourth Sunday the collection amounted to $24.67. Brother D. E. Matthews, a live young man, is the superintendent in this hustling school and he is rendering a good account of himself and of his school.

Brother A. L. Beal, a former superintendent of Caraway Memorial, is an able lieutenant to the present superintendent. In addition to helpful advice and planning, Brother Beal directs one of the livest Teacher-Training classes to be found.

How about the changing of superintendents at least every four years? It might be a good idea to give some young member of the church a chance to show what he will be able to do with your school with the co-operative help of one or two good ex-superintendents. Of course there are some superintendents too good to take out of the harness and there are some to sorry to keep in the harness, but I guess all such live beyond the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference, Let's have a little fruit basketing of our Sunday school talent.

Who Can Beat This Record?

"Centenary Shots," a weekly news letter published by our church headquarters at Nashville, has the following to say about the good work done on the Rock Springs circuit: "Rev. W. B. Shinn, pastor of eight churches at Denver, North Carolina, had a campaign director for each of the eight churches present at the district council at Shelby, sixty-five miles from Denver. He also had twelve of his twenty Minute Men present A Minute Man is delivering a two-minute speech in every meeting in each of the eight churches of the circuit."

It is no wonder that the eight Sunday schools of this charge have signed up on the Sunday school part of the business. There is no hemming and hawing over the Centenary over there. Those fellows are not quite sixty-five miles from Shelby, as the news item has it. In fact, they are not far away from anything that is good. They are nearer heaven than some of the rest of us.

> By all means, give the Sunday school right of way. This is the tender shoot out of which shall spring the greater church of tomorrow. Let all the sons and daughters of Wesley bring their splendid energies to bear upon the task of making them bigger and better everywhere.
>
> J. H. Barnhardt.

John Franklin Spruill

One of the best friends that a mortal ever had is John Franklin Spruill, a promising young lawyer, of Lexington, N. C. He never did a job in half-hearted manner in his life. At present he is delivering the goods in no limited way, as he directs the publicity end of the Centenary for the Winston district. Two weeks ago he had thirty-six speakers holding services where the pastors were not, and last Sunday forty men filled appointments under his direction. The congregations of Forsyth, Davie, Davidson and a portion of Randolph counties are having no dearth of news from the Centenary.

Mr. Spruill has his district charted and he keeps up with what is happening at each church in the district. Each Sunday morning finds automobiles carrying speakers out from Winston-Salem, Lexington and Thomasville to the remotest parts of the district with messages for the people who want to get the facts concerning the Centenary.

Report From Training Class, Spring Garden

The Teacher-Training class of Spring Garden Street Church, organized at the beginning of the year, is enjoying their text book, "Life in the Making" so much that we gladly recommend it to any prospective class.

Our class has not lost the wonderful inspiration given us by Mr. O. V. Woosley, on the day of our organization. We are still number sixteen in the Sunday school.

Each month we try to add some special interest in addition to our regular text book. In January, Mrs. F. E. Stafford, elementary superintendent of our school, and also of the Guilford county Sunday school association, brought a class of beginners to our room and rendered a typical program, illustrating the lessons just finished by the class.

We had a delightful social Washington's birthday at the home of our teacher, Miss Jennie Hunt. Had a nice time and became better acquainted.

We had a real treat March 30, Miss Martha Dosier talked to us about the problems of the juniors. After hearing Miss Dosier, we will enjoy our present lessons more. Every one enjoyed her being with us exceedingly, our teacher being called away on account of sickness.

Our class has signed the Tither's League and recently made a generous pledge toward the building of our new church.

We are hoping to have another visit from our conference secretary, and also Miss Dosier soon.

Mary Lee. Watson.

The Flinn Wesley Class

Mrs. F. M. Flinn, wife of our superintendent at Leaksville, has a group of fourteen intermediate girls who are thoroughly interested in their class work. They are always glad to be of service in any good work outlined for them. Mrs. Flinn tells me that there is not a girl in the class who will not gladly lead the class in prayer at any time she calls on her. Of couse Mrs. Flinn is proud of her fourteen consecrated young women.

Without premission from any one, I am hereby naming this good class, "The Flinn Wesley Class." I think such a good class ought by all means to be enrolled into our Wesley organization and I am also sure that if the girls had the opportunity, they would insist on naming their splendid class after their splendid teacher.

More About the Membership Drive

Later news from Nashville changes the dates for the Membership drive to May 1 to 15, thus getting away from the Centenary Drive. The first day of May comes on Thursday. Let's get busy on that day, if not on that day, let's be sure to make the first Sunday a Membership Sunday.

The following charges have so far enlisted with Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, Nashville Tenn: Waxhaw, Marshville, Ruffin circuit, (two schools), Morganton, Crouse circuit, (four schools), Cherryville circuit, (five schools), Mooresville, Shady Grove(Jonathan circuit), Robbinsville, Canton. Just eighteen schools had up to March 31 sent agreement to headquarters to try to get new scholars into their Sunday school. However, there is worlds of others that will join in before the first of May. Winston-Salem Methodist schools went on record yesterday(Sunday) agreeing to put on town-wide campaign.

REPORT OF MAIN STREET, THOMASVILLE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, 1919

Our Sunday school for some time past has taken on new life, since the "flu" and many other drawbacks have been over come. Last Sunday, for instance, we had 386 present (the school has passed the 400 mark since). Our average for January was 223, for February 299, and so far for March 358.

The general spirit of the Sunday school is fine and the indications are that we are going to have a fine year.

Our missionary Centenary committee has been appointed and is now at work. This committee expects to have a regular monthly program ready for April and each month afterward.

All bills for Sunday school have been paid up to and including March 15, except two or three small bills that have come in since, for which there is money in the treasury.

Here's to our splendid presiding elder and splendid pastor, with the hope that our school will be able to make the best showing at the next annual conference of any school in the Winston district, and, for that matter, in the entire state.

Chas. F. Lambeth, Supt.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"The' ain't so much diff'rence after all. We demand that our public school teachers have a *nomal* education, and our Sunday school teachers a *nominal* education."

"Does your scholars get the san idea of Christ from your doin' th they do from your talkin?

"Let's not forget that if good i pulses is aroused an' then ain't giv a chance to do somethin" they die a it ain't so easy to 'rouse 'em ne time."

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Growing Enthusiasm

Reports from every part of the conference indicate that there is a constantly growing enthusiasm for the Centenary. The Missionary Secretary was deprived of the privilege of attending the district councils in the Marion, Asheville and Waynesville districts. Mr. E. A. Cole, our conference director, was present at each of these councils, and writes as follows: "I have just returned from the western part of the state where I found great enthusiasm and splendid confidence on the part of the leaders in that section."

Fellowship of Intercession

I want to pass on to the readers of the Advocate part of a letter just received from Dr. S. A. Neblett, secretary of the department of Spiritual Resources in the Centenary Movement. Dr. Neblett says, "The Western North Carolina conference has 6,306 intercessors according to our files. By district they are distributed as follows: Asheville, 555; Charlotte, 833; Greensboro, 679; Marion, 418; Mount Airy, 588; North Wilkesboro, 225; Salisbury, 332; Shelby, 901; Statesville, 501; Waynesville, 466; Winston, 808

"There is quite a discrepancy between the number in our files from some of the conferences, and the number reported by presiding elders to their conference missionary secretaries. I do wish our preachers might be brought to see the importance of sending in the signed enrollments. I thank you for what you have already done for us along this line, and will be grateful for anything further you can do as occasion may offer during the next thirty days.

"There are two reasons why I am anxious to clean things up in April. The first is, that this part of the Centenary campaign is vital to the rest of it. The second is, that we wish to send acknowledgments to each signer before the Big Drive, together with literature for the cultivation of the prayer life, and we can not do this until we have the signed cards."

From Jonathan Charge

Rev. L. P. Bogle, pastor of Jonathan charge, writes:

"On the fourth Sunday in March, we had a great Centenary rally at Shady Grove church. This was for the whole charge and was an 'all-day' meeting, with dinner on the ground. A great concourse of people were present, representing not only this charge, but neighboring places, Clyde, Lake Junaluska, Fines Creek and Waynesville. Prof. Reynolds, Mr. J. Dale Stentz and Mr. J. D. Kerr, of Canton, were present and made inspiring addresses. It was a great occasion. No question about Jonathan going 'over the top.' We have a band of twenty tithers so far, and hope to increase this number before the Drive."

Organization and Cultivation

While we are perfecting our organization for the Big Drive, May 18-25, let us not neglect to carry on our work of cultivation. Those who are enlisted in the Fellowship of Intercession and enrolled as Tithing Stewards will doubtless be the nucleus of that great Methodist army which in the years to come will do much, very much to establish the Kingdom of our Christ in all the earth.

"I Choose"

"I choose the intercessor's place of toil and victory, and pass out into the conflict, never to leave the battle field until life is laid down, or until the crown is placed upon the brow of Christ, and this prodigal world is brought back to our Heavenly Father's heart.

Began Early

A certain well-known American whose contributions annually to foreign missions are $300,000 says that he counts it one of the greatest blessings of his life that he was taught in his home to give away a portion of his income. When he was a boy receiving 10 cents a day for his work he began to tithe. Now this man is contributing his millions for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Centenary Treasurers

Very soon there will come into the hands of all the pastors cards on which they can report the names of their church Centenary treasurers. These Centenary treasurers should be individuals different from their regular church treasurers. As soon as the names are sent in to Dr. J. J. Stowe, Nashville, Tenn., there will be sent to these treasurers instructions about their work.

THE CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Owing to the fact that in many quarters of the church there seems to be some misunderstanding concerning the part the Sunday school is to take in the Centenary campaign, the following statements and instructions are given for the use of all Centenary workers:

1. The Centenary campaign in the Sunday school is just as much a part of the whole Centenary campaign as the eight day drive.

2. The Centenary in the Sunday school has two main objectives: (a) educational, (b) financial. The two go hand in hand.

3 The money raised in the Sunday school for the Centenary is just as much a part of the $35,000,000 as the subscription of any individual.

4. All money raised in the Sunday school for the Centenary is credited to the local church quota just as that of any individual member.

5. The Centenary allotment to each Sunday school is an amount equal to a total of 5 cents a month per pupil enrolled. The enrollment includes Cradle Roll and Home Department.

6. Every Sunday school should assume this allotment at once, to fill out the Sunday school pledge card and send to J. L. Neill, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

7. The money, in payment of this pledge, is to be raised on Missionary Sunday each month and sent to Dr. J. J. Stowe, Doctor's Building, Nashville, Tenn

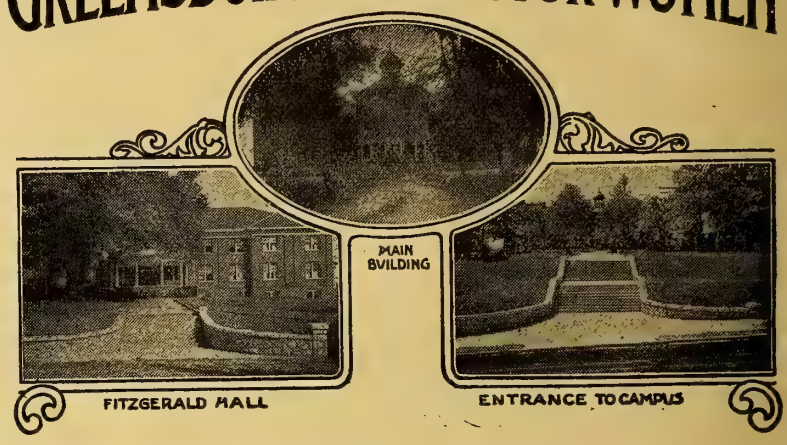
8. A most attractive list of Sunday school specials will be mailed each pastor and superintendents at close of the Eight-Day Drive from which, schools, classes and departments may select special items which will have a real educational value In assuming these specials the school will not be limited to the Five Cent Allotment Both the Five Cent Alottment assumed before the Eight-Day Drive and all additional amounts assumed and raised after the Eight-Day Drive will be credited on the local church quota, if the local church so desires.

9 At the close of the Eight-Day Drive, each church will be asked to fill out a report showing the total amount of money subscribed to the Centenary. There will be a space on this report indicate the pledge made by the Sunday school

W. B. Beauchamp, Director General.

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Total: $406.91.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

M. L. Allred, Climax, Bethlehem SS, $8.56; R. N. Marion, Siloam SS, $3.50; G. F. Hinshaw, Winston-Salem, West End SS, $55.18; C. E. Snider, Kings, Trinity SS, $3.30; Mrs. W. J. Worsham, Ruffin SS, $4.67; R. W. Shropshire, Mayodan SS, $8; D. W. Alexander, Connelly Springs SS, $3.25; Thos. F. Murdock, Hiddenite SS, $2.25; Rev. A. G. Loftin, Stony Point SS, $2.65; M. J. Lynch, Lincolnton, R. 6, Laboratory SS, $3.13; C. C. Hensley, Morganton, R. 3, Mount Pleasant SS, $3.50; J. F. Query, Hudson SS, $1; P. L. Wooten, Statesville, Broad street SS, $62.78; L. P. Zachary, Cooleemee SS, $6.72; R. L. McWhirter, Wingate SS, $2.25; C. A. Wise, Bakersville SS, $3.33; Rev. J. R. Warren, North Monroe SS, $3.30; W. M. Clark, Greensboro, Rehobeth SS, $3.05; Mrs. D. T. Knight, Balsam, Maria Memorial SS, 70 cents; Rev. J. A. Fry, Nebo SS, $2.48; James C. Goforth, Dysortville SS, $2.38; Rev. D. S. Richardson, Harris, Wesley Chapel SS, $1.18; C. S. Brann, Mocksville, Hardison's Chapel SS, $3.30; P. W. Allison, Linwood, Wesley Chapel SS, $4.25; P. R. Webster, Stokesdale, Eden SS, $3.75; Emmet E. Hyatt, Lexington, Midway SS, $7.33; Samuel Turner, Monbo, Concord SS, $3.41; G. W. Owenby, Candler, R. 4, Acton SS, $4.80; D. C. Moir, Walkertown, Love's SS, $12.73; A. F. Ross, Norwood, R. 2, Cottonville SS, $4.21; J. S. Bell, Elkin SS, $19.69; Thomas C. Hoyle, Greensboro, Bethel SS, $4.40; L. A. Strupe, Tobaccoville, Antioch SS, $2; Geo. L. Hackney, Lexington SS, $110; J. M. Brady, Ramseur SS, $45.61; E. A. Routh, Franklinville SS, $33.65; T. P. Snuggs, Norwood, R. 1, Randall SS, $5.15; N. L. Snuggs, Shankle, Fork SS, $4.15; W. I. Hatley, Albemarle, R. 3, Salem SS, $7.45; G. B. Goodwin, Lincolnton, Asbury SS, $13.08; C. B. Davis, Rockford SS, $1.22; Jas. T. Smith, Wentworth SS, $5.12; C. L. Firesheets, Reidsville SS, $100; W. J. Swanson, Pilot Mountain SS, $3.72; Miss Flossie Barham, Reidsville, R. 6, Lowes SS, $3.07; F. H. Washburn, Charlotte, Hawthorne Lane SS, $28.28; J. E. Starnes, Monroe, R. 4, Prospect SS, $6; Miss Edith L. Mock, Pfafftown, Brookstown SS, $2.30; M. L. Scerey, Glass R. 1, Unity SS, $2; J. C. Thomas, Monroe, R. 3, Canter SS, $3.07; Miss Laura E. Smith, Liberty SS, $11.56; L. L. Walker, Rural Hall, R. 1, Oak Summit SS, $1.25; Jos. T. Moore, Wadesboro, R. A, Bethel SS, $13.44; F. M. Yandle, Monroe, R. 6, Matthew SS, $1.62; D. C. Miller, Salisbury, Bethel SS, $6.04; A. W. Lemmond, Waxhaw, R. 3, Buds Grove SS, $3; Z. N. Anderson, Mooresville SS, $17.65; Jno. L. Price, Monroe, R. 5, Wesley Chapel SS, $1.50; H. S. Walker, Mocksville, R. 5, Center SS, $1.33; J. C. Grose, Forest City, Pleasant Grove SS, $2.28; D. E. Ader, Advance SS, $2.60; W. J. Mode, Rutherfordton SS, $8.19; Miss Sallie Warlick, Lincolnton, Marvin SS, $2; E. N. Washburn, Bostice, Salem SS, $1.84; L. H. Rotherock, Gold Hill SS, $2.55; T. A. Palmer, New London, New Mount Tabor SS, $2.65; Mrs. Nora Ward, East Bend SS, $3; W. B. Ward, Concord, Central SS, $10; Miss Weeta Elliot, Elkin, Jonesville SS, $4.03; G. B. Howard, Mount Holly SS, $15; G. A. Leffler, Mocksville, Liberty SS, $4.13; Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., Shelby, Central SS, $24.29; Allen C. Burton, Reidsville, R. 3, Bethlehem SS, $6.17; Miss Ama Lankford, Saluda SS, $3; Mrs. E. C. Cranford, Trinity, Fairview SS, 50c; Mrs. J. C. Ramsey, Hendersonville, R. 1, Moores Grove SS, $10.25; Miss C'eo Johnston, Hendersonville, R. 2, Fruitland SS, $1.50; J. A. Lackey, Morganton, Oak Hill SS, $3; Geo. W. Miller, Richfield SS, $1.40; W. C. Massey, Trinity SS, $7.64; Miss Annie B. Pearson, Greensboro, R. 5, Center SS, $3; J. M. McMichael, Stokesdale, Goshen SS, $2; W. E. Griffith, Winston-Salem, R. 1, Pine Grove SS, $2.25; J. W. Wilkinson, Catawba, Pisgah SS, $2.03; L. P. Eckard, Denver, R. 1, Mt. Pleasant SS, $4.59; C. L. Eaker, Cherryville, Bethlehem SS, $1.21; Robert L. Hartsell, Bosts Mills, St. Pauls SS, 75c; B. W. Hall, Canton, R. 1, Harmony Grove SS, $3; Jas. B. 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Brown, Belwood, Fallston SS, $1.50; Rev. Dwight W. Brown, Belwood, St. Peter's SS $3.53; Rev. Dwight W. Brown, Belwood, Kadesh SS, $5; J. D. Pullin, Hendersonville SS, $9.35; S. B. Lee, Polkton, R. 2, Weightman SS, $2.80; J. A. Scater, Concord, Mount Olivet SS, $8; T. O. Nixon, Davidson, R. 2, Salem SS, $1.20; Rev. W. S. Cherry, Lilesville, Olivet SS, $2.20; Rev. W. S. Cherry, Lilesville SS, $2.80; J. A. Boles, Pinnacle SS, $2; W. H. Bogle, Ansonville, Cedar Hill SS, $5.18; Jas. Swaringen, Kings Mountain SS, $51.86; L. R. Moore, Hayesville, R. 1, Tusquitta SS, $1.25; Eli Taylor, Connelly Springs, R. 2, Mount Harmoney SS, $2.50; Glenn Clark, Waxhaw, R. 4, Union SS, $1.51; Mrs. W. A. Brown, Cowarts, John's Creek SS, $3; R. J. Roans, Whittier SS, $21.41; R. R. Richmond, Winston-Salem, Liberty SS, $8.86; W. H. Speas, Winston-Salem, R. 7, New Hope SS, $4.62; W. G. Lewis, Brim, Hatcher's Chapel SS, $2; A. W. Lemond, Waxhaw, R. 3, Bonds Grove SS, $3.68; D. F. Mass, Valle Crucis SS, $8; R. E. Scarboro, Bessemer City SS, $10; Rev. J. M. Barber, Moravian Falls SS, $1.46; W. P. Whitley, Concord, Kerr Street SS, $10.35; H. G. Clark, Waxhaw SS, $3.67; Mrs. H. G. English, English, Bright Hope SS, $1; Z. A. Presley, Indian Trail SS, $2.60; J. E. Taylor, High Point, R. 3, Ebenezer SS, 85c; Miss Willena Boring, Yadkinville SS, $2; T. R. Gray, Cullasaja, Salem SS, $4; S. A. Goforth, Kings Mountain, El Bethel SS, $5.25; Thos. M. Hovis, Bessemer City, Concord SS $5.50; T. P. Morgan, Asheville, Haywood Street SS, $12.25; T. A. Moss, New London, Bethel SS, $1; A. A. Johnson, Greensboro, Centenary SS, $21.67; E. N. Hauser, Pfafftown, Doubs SS, $2; Z. T. Cranford, Albemarle, First Street SS, $10.50; J. M. Zink, Greensboro, R. 3, Zion SS, $2.40; Mrs. Alice H. Martin, Wadesboro, Mt. Vernon SS, $1.28; F. R. Mayes, Mooresville, Doolie SS, $2.60; D. F. Simpson, Troutman, Wesley Chapel SS, $1.25; A. R. Johnson, Hendersonville, R. 5, Shaws Creek SS, 75c; First National Bank, Lenoir, First M. E. SS, $24.35; W. M. Carter Hayesville, Sweetwater SS, $1.10;

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Number of Sunday schools on conference roll, 842. Number reported, 194; Average contributions of schools reporting, $7.40.

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TRAINING SCHOOL AT TRINITY COLLEGE

The second session of the Training School for Sunday school workers has just been held at Trinity College with gratifying results. More than two hundred enrolled for actual work and more than half of these worked for and received credit on the various courses. The school, while held at the college, was under the auspices of the Methodist churches of the city of Durham, and was even attended by teachers of other denominations. More than fifty college students enrolled in the school and quite a number of these finished the requirements for the diploma offered by the Teacher Training department of the Southern Methodist Church.

Lunch was served each evening by the churches of the city and by the college and at this hour good fellowship was in evidence. Interesting talks were made by President Few, Presiding Elder, J. C. Wooten, Brother M. Bradshaw, Rev. J. W. Shackford, and Professor J. H. Montgomery.

Eight definite courses were offered in Sunday school work. These courses and the teachers who offered them follows:

The Pupil, Dr. W. I. Cranford. Professor of Philosophy at Trinity College.

The Teacher, Mr. Holland Holton, instructor in debating at Trinity College.

Junior Methods, Miss Annie Hansen, assistant superintendent of elementary work for Southern Methodist Church.

Primary Methods, Miss Ethel Smither, elementary superintendent Virginia conference.

Intermediate-senior Methods, Rev. H. E. Spence, professor of religious education, Trinity College.

Adult Methods, Prof. J. H. Montgomery, Sunday School Field secretary, Virginia conference.

The Program of the Christian religion, Rev. J. W. Shackford, superintendent Teacher Traing Southern Methodist Church.

Professor R. N. Wilson, of the college, was Dean of the school and to his tireless efforts is due much of the success of the school The college is making greater efforts each year to be of assistance to the church in training its workers to meet the demands of these trying times.

PASTORAL CHARGES FOR OUR PASTORS

The following calblegram was received from Bishop Charles H. Brent, Senior Staff Chaplain of the American expeditionary froces:

"Request assurance from various denominations that their chaplains serving in A. E. F. will receive due consideration at annual conference. They can probably return by August first. Many anxious to return in time for conference to obtain assignment. We need their services here."

The Administrative committe of the Federal council passed the following action on basis of the information contained in the cablegram:

"Voted: That the constituent denominations be notified of the request of Chaplain Brent and urged to give special consideration to the religious needs of the army during demobilization, permitting the pastors in service to remain as long as needed and that the future interests of the chaplains when dismissed, be carefully regarded."

"It was voted that publicity be given this action and that it be referred to the General War-Time Commission for the completest possible fulfilment."

Dr. W. Stuart Cramer was instructed to communicate with the denominational war-time commission urging upon them the importance of taking whatever steps may be practicable in their respective churches for the securing of appointments of and calls to the chaplains in order that they may not be embarrassed in the absence of pastoral engagements when they return.

"The chaplains have had experience in which they have qualified themselves for unusual service in the church in the important work of the ministry. As one denomination with whom we have conferred on this subject states it—'Our chaplains are at a premium with our people and many of them are already being called in anticipation of their return.'"

Our war work commissions will be glad to serve as an intermediary in helping place our chaplains as they are discharged from the service.

E. O. Watson, Secretary, War Work Commission of the M. E. Church, South.

FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR TITHING

By WALTER B. WEST

FACT III—THE CAUSE OF GOD NEEDS IT

This caption is not intended to signify that the Creator of all things material and immaterial is dependent upon His creatures for funds to finance His Kingdom. He, to whom the gold and silver belong, says, "If I were hungry I would not tell thee: for the world is mine and the fulness thereof." We would not degrade the great God of whom Paul so eloquently exclaims, "of him, and through him, and to him are all things," by intimating that He is a pauper who begs His covetous stewards for money to establish His eternal church. We would not demean the soverign Christ, "Whom God hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds, and who upholds all things by the word of his power," by representing Him as a beggar, who goes hither and thither soliciting means for the maintenance of the Kingdom which "is not of this world."

The almighty God doesn't need our substance for the extension of His Kingdom to the ends of the earth. When His church was in its infancy, He did not command the wealth of the Roman Empire, neither did He depend upon the Jewish church for missionary money, to preach the gospel of Christ to hungry souls. All He did was to send out Paul, and others "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," with authority to teach and preach. They "provided neither gold nor silver, nor brass in their purse, nor scrip for the journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves." Paul wrought at tent making and with his own hands ministered unto his necessities, and labored night and day, because he would not be chargeable unto any man in preaching unto him the gospel of God. Not only this, but he also took collections from his mission churches for the upkeep of the church at Jerusalem. Thus without resources was the gospel preached throughout the known world. Then it was that men and women gladly suffered martydom for the cause of Christ. The blood of these martyres was the seed of the church.

The omniscient God could have provided other media for the exangelization of the world. He would have sent flying seraphim from the resplendent glories of the supernal realms to preach this gospel to ruined humanity. These heavenly missionaries would have had no need for physical things. They could have long since carried the sowing story of "Jesus and him crucified" to the remotest "isles that wait upon the Lord."

The Church Needs the Tithe

But the all-wise God knew that His church would need to give the tithe. He realized that His children would develop a passion for accumulating money that would militate against the cultivation of a passion for the salvation of sinning souls. The angelic plan of preaching the gracious gospel did not commend itself to God because the very life of His church hinged on making the church the cannel for the out-flow of His truth to others. How long can a saint remain a son with this glorious gospel of the grace of God locked up within his art unspoken, unsung—unshared?

So the ever-lasting God made mortal an a co-worker with Christ, whom e sent out not to condemn, but to ve the world in the salvation of mself as well as in the salvation of ners. Mere man has been delegat- to co-operate with Christ in preach- g a gospel that angels would rejoice proclaim; he has been honored with the revelation of truth that the holy "angels desire to look into" but cannot. The eternal destiny of sons of God and of sons of Satan will be determined by the publishing abroad of the "glad tiding of great joy, which shall be to all people." It is not a question of how many heathen will be saved with or without the gospel, but rather, how may many church members will be lost because they fail to obey the command to go and to send.

Miscsions Born of God

The very soul of the gospel is missionary. This is true because the gospel had its inception in the heart and mind of God. He didn't come in person, but He sent the Person nearest and dearest to His heart. In the councils of deity, before the foundation of the world, it was determined that the Father should send the only-begotten Son of His bosom to the mission field of the world (1 Pet. 1:18-20) "God is love," and because of His boundless and fathomless love for a needy and a perishing world, He gave His Son to humiliating ignominy and contumelious shame, to bring to it everlasting life. What this gift cost the Father, we can never know. Paul gives his conception of the sacrifice he speaks of "the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Christ the First Missionary

Christ manifested marvelous love for a lost world by voluntarily coming and vicariously dying "to seek and to save that which was lost." He came first to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," but when "his own received him not," and finally rejected Him, He sounded the death knell of the Jewish church, and turned to the Gentiles to find a medium for the transmission of His missionary message to all the needy world.

Christ's Church Missionary

Christ, "the Lamb of God, which beareth away the sin of the world," commissioned the church to proclaim this good news to the uttermost end of the earth and to the ultimate end of time. He says: "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom: Go ye into all the world and preach th gospel to every creature: All power is given unto me in heaven and earth—go therefore—and lo, I am with you alway; Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit; As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The church or the individual that wilfully ignores these last words from the lips of the blessed Master is doomed to death here and hereafter.

The World Needs the Tithe

But it takes money to go or send. Paul writes: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" Rom. 10:14-15.

If Southern Methodists will place in God's storehouse the approximate sum of $80,000,000 of her $107,000,000, which she withheld from the Lord in 1918, we can rapidly man and equip our mission fields, and preach this great gospel to the 1,055,000,000, who do not know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal. If our Master had not placed His direct approval upon the tithe, the world's crying need for Christ in this hour of chaotic tragedy would be sufficient justification for its general observance.

How has the church of the living God responded to the Great commision responded to the Great commission spoken by Jesus on Mount Olivet, immediately before He ascended into heaven? Nineteen centuries have passed, and "the fields are yet white to the harvest—the laborers are yet too few." The divine promise fell from the lips of our Lord nineteen centuries ago and nearly two-thirds of the world's population still walk in darkness—and dwell in the land of the shadow of death." We are compelled to confess with shame that the church has been recreant to the sacred trust, disobedient to the sovereign command.

Eleven years ago this month, at Chattanooga, one thousand laymen assumed as the proportion of our church forty million non-Christians in foreign fields. They estimated that, in order to evangelize this number within twenty-five years, we must raise our giving from $800,000 annually to $3,000,000, and must increase our missionaries from 253 to 1,600. This goal was less than $2 annually per member, and less than one missionary to every thousand of our membership. Last year at the close of a decade, we raised only approximately $1,000,000 aud had about 270 missionaries.

Thank God for the Centenary of Methodist Missions. We are going to at last do what Christ so long since told us to do. We are going to lay $50,000,000 at the feet of our ever-reigning Lord. When Jesus "saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." He laid down His life for the sheep everywhere, that there might be "one flock and one shepherd." Fellow Methodists, 20,000,000, sheperdless Chinese, 7,000,000 Japanese, 5,000,000 Brazilians, 5,000,000 Mexicans, 2,000,000 Koreans, 1,000,000 Cubans, and 200,000 Africans extend their hands to us in prayer and say, "Come over and help us," We must go or send.



METHODIST MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The following is copied from the minutes of the last Annual Conference:

Report of Committee on Church Property

"The statistics show that there are 859 church buildings, valued at $3,183,770, a decrease of two churches and an increase in valuation of $168,124.

"The number of parsonages is 214. The value of parsonages is $591,501, an increase of $49,114.

"On this property we are insured to the amount of $1,070,425, an increase over last year of $94,007.

"While our people have shown increased interest in making our church property safe, yet the larger part of our property is uninsured.

We therefore recommend our own **Methodist Mutual Insurance Company** of Statesville, N. C., and urge upon our people the great importance of insuring our church and parsonage property."

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Bubbles, drifting bubbles,
Rising everywhere;
Half a score of bubbles,
Lighter than the air,
Floating to the rafters
Up the winding stair.

Many-colored bubbles,
Dazzling to the sight,
Flashing in a splendor
Fairer than the light,
Fairer than the rainbow
In its curving flight.

Fragile little bubbles,
Just a breath can make;
Just a breath can turn them
Any course they take;
Just a breath can stay them,
Just a breath can break.

Bubbles, bursting bubbles;
Lo, the bubbles seem
Like a childish fancy,
Like a happy dream—
Melting into nothing
When we catch the gleam.

Fragile, flashing bubbles
Drifting toward the sky;
Let us climb the stairway
Where they float and fly.
Can we catch and hold one?
Maybe—by and by!
— John Clair Minot.

GRANDMA'S GRANDMA

Once grandma had a grandma;
How very odd 'twould be
If she were here to tend grandma
As grandma tends to me.

I wonder if, when grandma's sick,
She'd carry her upstairs;
And would she tuck her into bed
And hear her say her prayers?

Should grandma's grandma chance to keep
Her pockets filled with candy,
Whene'er she gave some to grandma
I'd always be real handy.

I really hope she would not kiss
Her wrinkles all away,
For she'd not be a grandma then
And stories tell each day.
—Alice May Douglas.

"I MUST DO MORE FOR MOTHER"

"Do you need a boy just now, sir?" asked a boy, as with glowing cheeks he stood before a banker.

"No," said the gentleman, "there is no place at present which you can fill. Who told you that we require a boy? Who recommends you?"

"No one, sir," said the boy. "I only thought I would come and see."

There was a look in the face of the lad which pleased the banker and made him anxious to know more about him. So he said :"Why do you wish for a place?"

The boy was at first unwilling to answer, but at last he said: "I must do more for my mother, sir."

Brave words and a good token of success anywhere. Boys who care for their mothers are pretty sure to care for their masters; so the banker took the hand of the wondering boy and said: "Tell me your name, and why do you need to do more for your mother?"

Tears came into the boy's eyes as he replied: "My father is dead, my brother and sisters are dead, and my mother and I are left alone to help each other. It will please her, sir, that you have been so kind to me."

Not very long after the boy received an invitation to come to the bank, where a position awaited him. Later he became a director and his mother was well cared for.—Exchange.

A SWING IN AN ELEPHANT'S TRUNK

A circus was passing through a country town. In the animal parade there were several elephants. The people stood watching the procession, when a little baby, just able to walk, toddled out into the road directly in front of the elephants. Everybody stood expecting to see the little tot crushed by the big feet of the elephant. It was not so. The leader of the herd gently picked up the baby with his trunk and swung him out of danger, depositing him on the side of the road, none the worse for his remarkable swing in the trunk of an elephant.—Exchange.

THE RESCUE OF YOUNG LINCOLN

A few years ago there was still living at Hodgenville, Ky., Austin Gallagher, the only surviving childhood companion of Abraham Lincoln. His great claim on fame is that without him there might never have been a war president named Lincoln, for it was Austin who rescued "Abe" from drowning. This is the way he told the story:

"I never forgot that incident, for I was worse scared than I have ever been in my life. You see, it happened in this way: We were playing together one Sabbath morning down beside the little stream over the hill. It was much swollen from recent rains and was very swift. Directly I spied a flock of partridges from over across the creek and called Abe's attention to them.

"'I'll go over there and kill them,' Abe said.

"We were at a loss, however, to find a way across. Finally Abe said:

"'Let's coon it.' And going up the stream a little farther we found a log that had been thrown across for the work hands to reach the other side. I started first and landed safely.

"Then Abe started, but after getting half way across he fell in. Not being able to swim, he was fast being carried down stream. Seeing his danger and not knowing how to swim myself, I got a long pole and handed him one end. Abe, who was more dead than alive, grabbed the pole and I dragged him out.

"When I had pulled him ashore he sank into unconsciousness. I rolled him over and began jumping up and down on him, and the water just began spurting out of his mouth. After a little while he was all right. I tell you that was a narrow escape from death."—United Presbyterian.

CHILDREN'S SAYINGS

Said a little boy who stood at the door of the spinster: "Would you kindly let me get my arrow, madam? It has fallen in your garden."

"Certainly, my little man; but do you know exactly where it fell?"

"Yes—in—the side of your cat."—Youth's Companion.

He was the four-year-old offspring of the beloved minister of a well known and popular church, a minister renowned for his eloquent appeal to life. One day the young son and heir was having trouble with his go-cart, when a neighbor passing by was appealed to for help. The neighbor felt incompetent to advise, and asked: "Why don't you go to your father and find out what's the matter? He'll know." "No use," said the little chap in disgust. "He won't know. He don't know anything except about God."—Harper's Magazine.

WHY WE ARE TRIED

Suppose I made a very wonderful steam engine and put it into a ship to make it into a steam packet. It is all beautifully made and complete, and I want to "try" whether it is all good, whether the machinery is right and works well. Where should I send it? Into a smooth sea or a rough sea? Should I send it "up against the rapids," up the river, against the stream, to see whether it would go up? I should. So God does with you. He furnishes you with everything you want, then puts you up "the rapids," send you on the rough water, just to "try" you, to see what you are made of. In this way, then, it is a good thing to be "tempted."

THE DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER

When Daddy signs his name
He always writes M. D.;
That's so the people all will know
That he belongs to me.

For M. D. means My Daddy,
Or something just the same,
And that is why he always
Puts these letters on his name.

Some letters in his name are small,
But these are not, you see.
He always makes them big like that
Because he's proud of me.
—Leo S. Robinson.

EXCUSES

"Elinor, did you leave that door open?" called mother. It was hard to keep the house warm anyway, and when the outside door was open it was much harder. And mother was always asking the children to remember to latch it.

"My hands were full," said Elinor, "and then I wanted so much to get in where it was warm, mother, and the door doesn't latch very well anyhow, and——"

"Well, you seem to be able to get hold of excuses enough, at least," said Uncle Talfrey, who was calling at Elinor's house.

It was just before time for Uncle Talfrey to go that Drintha, who had been detained at school, came in. She shut the door and thought it latched, but it didn't. Elinor looked up a moment afterward and saw it was ajar.

"Why, Drintha Jermyn," she cried, "you left that door open, and you know what mother told us. I should think you'd remember."

Uncle Talfrey looked up reflectively. "Wouldn't it be nice," he said to nobody in particular, "if only we made just as many excuses for other people as we do for ourselves?"

Drintha looked at him in surprise.

Elinor turned red suddenly, while "Uncle Talfrey meant," said mother, "that Elinor left the door open, too, Drintha, and I think she was really more careless about it than you."

"I didn't mean to," said Drintha, "any more than she did. Probably it flew open after she shut it to."

"Why, Drintha does know how to make excuses for other people," said Uncle Talfrey, in great surprise. Drintha does and Elinor doesn't."

"I—I guess I will next time," said Elinor, whose cheeks were still red.

"Well, I must go along," said Uncle Talfrey.

He opened the door and, as he thought, shut it, but he hadn't stepped onto the street before it flew open, and back he came.

"Even Uncle Talfrey left it open," was what Elinor began to say, but suddenly she remembered. "Mother," she said, "Uncle Talfrey didn't mean to leave the door open. He thought it shut, and then he isn't used to the lock, anyhow, and——"

"Good for you, chicken," chuckled Uncle Talfrey. "Keep it up when somebody else is concerned besides your old uncle."—Marion Wonson, in Child's Gem.

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Our Dead

HEAFNER.—Jno. F. Heafner was born in Lincoln county, N. C., September 10, 1869, died March 28, 1919. The whole community was shocked by his almost sudden death. After a few days of terrible suffering he went to his reward.

The death of such a man is of too much import to happen by chance. It is an important instrument in God's plans of mercy and judgment. Such a death is a public calamity. Greater than architecture, painting, sculpture, the wonders of the chisel and the pencil, nature in her mountain majesty, the rolling ocean and the woodland vale—all that is lovely and sublime—is a good man.

Brother Heafner is no more. His pleasant voice is hushed, his place in the church is empty, and a place is vacant in the home that never can be filled. The form that moved among us but a little while ago, shrouded, confined, sleeps in death, awaiting the revelvation of the Son of Man.

D. P. Waters.

GREER.—Rev. William Kelly Greer was born in Ashe county, N. C., April 7, 1852, and died January 16, 1919. His health has been failing for several years, but he was able to be up and about until November, 1918 when he was stricken with paralysis from which he never recovered. He was married to Elizabeth Houck, October 18, 1872, and to them two daughters were born, and they, Dora Crysel and Belle Wilcox, together with his wife and twleve grand children and many friends and relatives survive him and feel deeply grieved at their great loss.

Brother Greer professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when he was very young, and from then on until the Master called him home he loved God and loved the church and loved all that the church stands for.

He has been a licensed minister in said church for more than twenty-five years, and in this work as a local preacher, he did great good. He preached with great earnestness and often with great power. Many sinners were converted under his ministry, and the hearts of the Christian peope were powerfully stirred under his burning messages of gospel truth. His soul was often filled with God's love and his cup would run over. He loved his wife and children and neighbors, and was loved by all. He studied the Bible much; and he "set his affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

His influence will still live. 'He being dead yet speaketh."

May Heaven's blessings rest upon his wife while she waits on this side of the river, and upon the children and the grand children and all his people, and may we all meet him in heaven where there is no more death, is my earnest prayer.

T. J. Houck.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESP CT

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst, our beloved sister, Mrs. Loenah M. Gardner, and whereas, we as a Sunday school class and Aid Society, feel that our loss is irreparable. Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, knowing that His ways are best.

Second, That we here express our appreciation of her life among us, her noble character and her sweet and sunny disposition as displayed at home, in class and society.

Third, That to the bereaved husband and little children, we extend our deepest sympathy and we pray that God may comfort and bless them.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, one to our church paper for publication, and a copy be spread upon our minutes.

Daughters of Wesley Bible class and Ladies' Aid society, Denim, N. C.

Mrs. P. H. Brown,
Mrs. H. W. Branson,
Mrs. Geo. Sleight.

CURTIS.—Stanford Rodes Curtis was born March 20, 1836, died in Old Fort, N. C., March 11, 1919. aged eighty-two years, eleven months and twenty-two days. He professed faith in Christ when a young man under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Howell, and joined the Methodist church, being a loyal member till death. Served through the civil war, losing one eye. Was united in wedlock to Miss Sallie Henline, with whom he lived a life of true devotion till she was called home. To this union were born five children, Gilkey Curtis, of the western North Carolina rail road; Mrs. Mollie Early, Mrs. Sallie Saban, Miss Laura and Miss Emma Curtis.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. F. Mock, and his remains deposited in Old Fort cemetery by his loved companion. The deceased was a great sufferer, but cheerful. Nothing gave him more happiness than to have his pastor visit him and listen to his story of the pleasure he had in piloting Itinerant preachers through the mountains to their work.

Fully consecrated to his Lord, he would talk of the joy of redeeming love and till his voice failed him would sing the old songs he loved so well. His last effort at singing was "I am going home to die no more."

It is joy to know this aged veteran is at rest. He has simply stepped from suffering into rest, and heard the plaudit "weary pilgrim welcome home."

Our sympathy goes out to the children. May Heaven's blessing rest upon them; and when the summons comes may they be ready to meet father and mother "Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more" is the prayer of the writer.

Mrs. Emma J. Sherrill.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual memorial service will be held at Oak Grove, on the Cliffside circuit, on the 8th of May. The people will meet at the church at 10 a. m. and spread the flowers. This will be followed by preaching at 11 a. m. Dinner will be served on the ground, and a good social hour will be enjoyed, followed by a sermon at 2 p. m., besides some talks by other speakers. The preaching will be by Rev. Mr. Tate, pastor of the Caroleen and Henrietta Baptist churches, and Rev. W. R. Shelton, pastor of Henrietta-Caroleen Methodist charge. All are cordially invited. This announcement is made at the request of Mr. J. M. K. Randall.

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Be willing to take in Bible truth now and then, little by little. The truth of one verse remembered is better than the truth of a whole chapter read and forgotten.

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Do you lack for something for which to pray? Have you prayed that the prisoners in your county jail might have a Christian jail-keeper, and kind treatment?

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Have you prayed that your county home for the aged and infirm might have a real Christian man for superintendent?

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Have you prayed that the right kind of a man might be selected to superintend your county road convicts; that those selected as guards might be kind-hearted and gentle-handed?

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Did you ever hear your pastor pray for these things, or that the state and county authorities whose duty it is to appoint superintendents for state and county institutions, both penal and charitable, might be led to seek divine guidance in the discharge of this most important duty? By the way, how long has it been since you visited your county jail, city prison or county home for the aged and infirm? Not ready to suggest it to your pastor if you have been failing to do this for Jesus yourself.

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Have you prayed for your servant? May be that is why you can't keep one. From the eternal point of view God thinks as well of your servant as He does of you. Humble yourself and believe it. Open your heart and receive it. Read Matt. 8:5-7; Eph.6:5-9 Paul's letter to Philemon. Pride prevents prayer. No use to pray for folks if you feel that you are better than they.

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Do you have pleasure in prayer? Have you power to bring things to pass through prayer? Do you keep a record of prayers with answered prayers checked off? What will God's record of your prayers reveal?

Washington, D C. D. H. Tuttle.

A SPLENDID STATEMENT

The following interpretation by the Greensboro, N. C., News of the nation-wide thrift campaign now being conducted by the Treasury Department through the Federal Reserve Banks is one of the best we have seen:

"It (the thrift movement) has become more, much more, than a means of raising part of the extraordinary revenues made necessary by war expenditures and engagements. The government not only evidences a realization of the fact that the spread of the practice of saving would be a good thing for the nation as a nation, and for the individuals themselves.

"It is clear that the government believes the unprecedented experiences through which the country has passed in recent years make possible a fundamental change in the habits of the people, a very considerable number of them.

"Not only makes it possible, but affords an opportunity which only needs systematic and vigorous cultivation, and presently we shall see a plant, hitherto occurring but sparsely in this country, in vigorous, prolific growth. The government not only recognizes these circumstances, but is determined to fulfill an obligation which exists in this connection."

In other words, to increase the practice of saving (1) is good, (2) is possible, (3) is opportune, and (4) is an obligation resting upon the government which the Treasury Department is determined to fulfill by enlisting the co-operation of every available agency.

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West Asheville	13
Bethel, night	13
Weaverville circuit, Sale—	19-20
Mars Hill circuit	20
Spring Creek, Spring Creek	26-27
	May
Weaverville Commencement	4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek	10-11
Hendersonville	11
Rosman circuit	18-19
Brevard	19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside	20-23

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
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Second Round

	April
Calvary, 11 a. m.	13
Hawthorne Lane, night	13
Polkton, Hopewell, 11 a. m.	19-20
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m.	26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
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Second Round

	April
West Greensboro, Friendship	12-13
West Greensboro, Muir's Chapel, 3 p. m.	13
Greensboro circuit, Mt. Pleasant	19-20
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m.	20
Ruffin, 11 a. m.	27
Reidsville, Main Street, night	27
	May
Uwharrie circuit, Union	3
Asheboro, 11 a. m.	4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill	10-11
High Point, Main Street, night	11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
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Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

	April
Walnut Cove, Palmyra, 11 a. m.	12-13
Madison-S. Stoneville 3 p. m. and night	13
Yadkinville, Yadkinville	19-20
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m.	26-27
Spray, 3. p. m.	27
and night	28
Leaksville, night	27
	May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel	3-4
Danbury, Delta	10-11
Dobson, Rockford	17-18

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	April
Forest City circuit, Salem	12-13
Broad River, Providence, 3 p. m.	13-14
Enola circuit, Enola, Friday	18
Connelly Springs, Mt. Harmony	19-20
Spruce Pine, Concord	26-27
Bakersville, night	27
	May
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville at Burnsville	2-3-4
A Centenary rally beginning Friday night.	
Thermal City, Pisgah	10-11
Marion circuit, Pleasant Garden	17-18
Mill Spring, Bethlehem	24-25
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa	31-June 1

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	April
Boone, Fairview	5-6
Laurel Springs circuit, Chestnut Hill	12-13
Sparta circuit, Sparta	19-20
	May
Avery circuit, Pisgah	3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma	10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's	17-18
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North Wilkesboro station	24-25
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Wilkesboro station	31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

	April
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South Fork, Palm Tree, 11 a. m.	5-6
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m.	12-13
Kings Mountain, El Bethel, 7 p. m.	16
Lowesville, 11 a. m.	19-20
East End, Bethesda, 7 p. m.	21
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Eight Ave., 7 p. m.	24
Rock Spring, 11 a. m.	26-27
	May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	4
Stanley, 7 p. m.	7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
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Second Round

	April
Newton station, 11 a. m.	12-13
Maiden, Mays Chapel, 3 p. m.	12-13
Cool Springs, New Salem, 11 a. m.	19-20
Olin, Snow Creek, 3 p m.	19-20
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m.	26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m.	26-27
	May
Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m.	10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m.	10-11

SALISBURY DISTRICT
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Second Round

	April
Cottonvile, Zion	12-13
Norwood, Randalls	13
New London, Bethel	19-20
Salem, 3 p. m.	20
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul	26-27
Epworth, night	27
	May
Gold Hill, Zion	3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night	4
Concord circuit, Carmel	10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m.	11
Kerr Street, night	11
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	June
Kannapolis station	1
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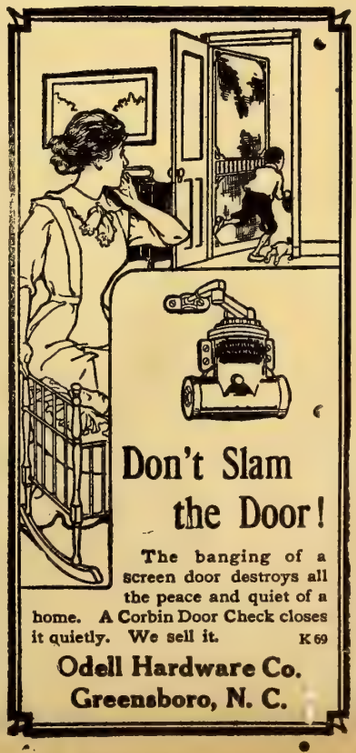
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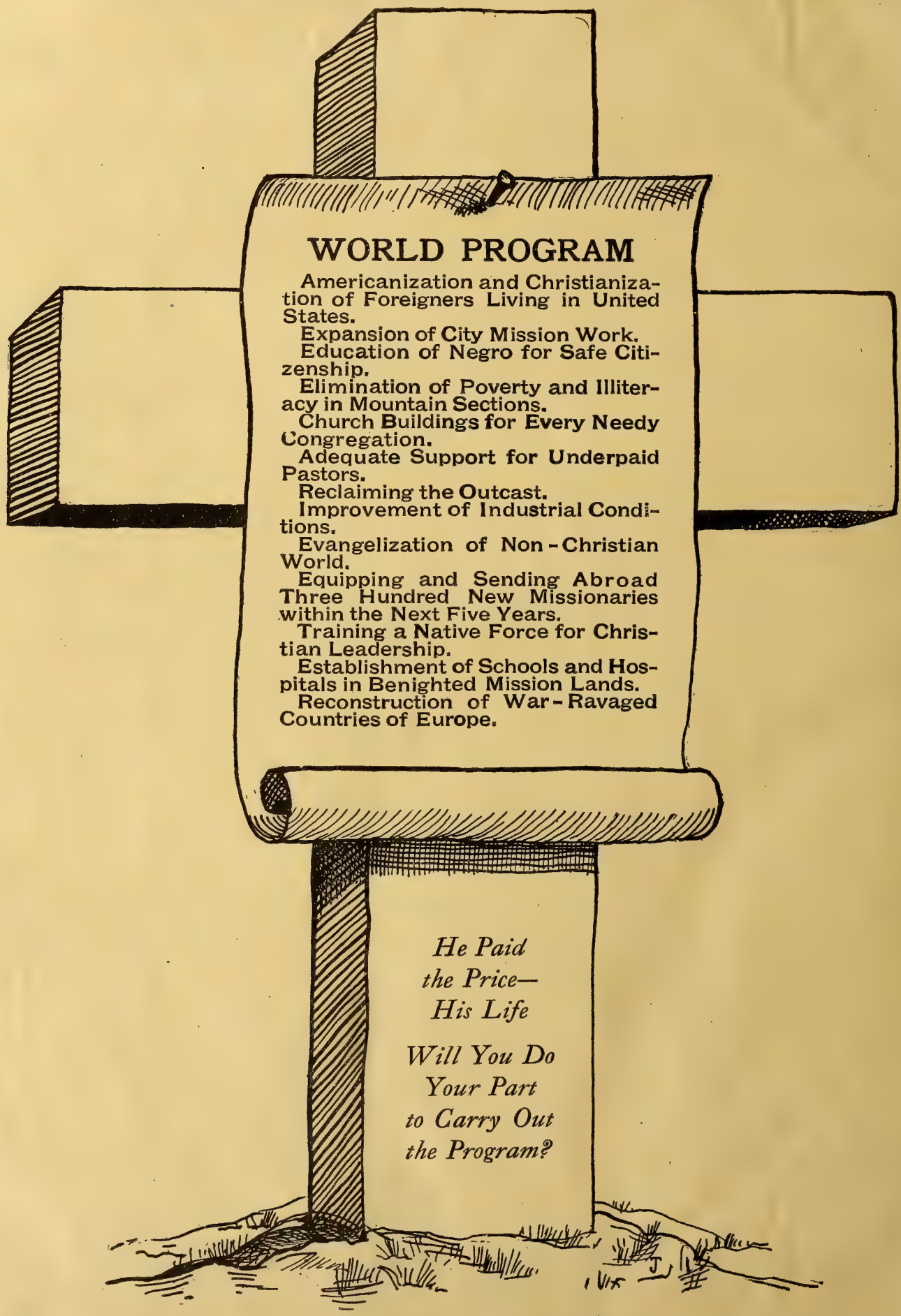


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Editorial

CENTENARY NOTES

The reader will find Advocate campaign report on page 11.

The Centenary column of Rev. R. M. Courtney is on page 7.

Sunday school Field Secretary O. V. Woosley occupies a seat on page 9.

The overflow of the Centenary this week looks to the big drive, May 18-25. Let everybody get ready for the drive.

A little break in the dike at Waynesville last week, but it is thought now that all others will hold steady till May 18-25.

Do not spoil the fun by going over the top before the word is given. May the 18th is just one month off and in some places they are not ready.

The pledge you are to make May 18-25 is a pledge to be paid in five annual installments, over and above your contribution to the regular church budget. Have faith in God and do the big thing.

If you do not get your Sunday school in line you will miss the greatest opportunity. What the Sunday schools do in the five-cent plan counts in the regular Centenary asking, and the children want to be in it.

The object of this Centenary is to "break the Hindenburg line" which has been the great hindrance to progress for centuries. The other name for that line is littleness—smallness of vision. North Carolina had much to do with the breaking of that line in the great war; now let her lead in the breaking of this one, and truly she will be covered with glory.

THE CENTENARY GOING OVER

We are yielding nearly all our space this week to special matter prepared by our leaders in the Centenary movement. These touch almost every phase of the work. We have a good many more contributions, which we find to our regret we can not give space for this week, but we will give these in later issues.

The fact is that nearly all editions lately have been Centenary specials, and this must have right of way till the great drive is over, May 18-25. At that time we hope to be able to report every charge in the conference over the top, which will be the greatest achievement in the history of our conference.

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

In our advertising columns the reader will find the advertisement of the summer school of Candler School of Theology, Emory University. We hardly need to call attention to the value of this summer school to ministers who are aiming to complete their studies in the seminary, or any others interested in preparing themselves for a more effective ministry. But our university is young and there are still many whose minds have not been turned toward this school of the prophets.

Every young minister who aspires to the greatest usefulness in his great calling will endeavor to secure for himself the very best preparation. He should take time and be willing to deny himself of many comforts in order to make himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Many young men who are rushing into the work practically untrained are going to find themselves stranded after awhile because they were not willing to take the time and make the sacrifice necessary to prepare themselves for the work. The Advocate would advise every young preacher or candidate for the ministry to get in communication with Rev. Dr. Parker, dean of the school of theology, and see if it will not be possible to attend this summer school.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The National Prohibition Plan will be effective July 1, and the burden of enforcing the dry law will fall largely upon the United States district attorneys, and, judging by the past record of federal courts, they can be depended on to do their full duty.

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Let Us Trust that we have seen and felt the worst of war. The boys who went across are coming back with victory, and we who with heavy hearts saw them go away should with glad hearts give them welcome back. The 120th regiment of North Carolina troops, the boys who forced their way against German bayonets and finally broke the Hindenburg line, arrived in Charleston last week and proceeded to Camp Jackson. But North Carolina wanted to give them a genuine welcome home, and yesterday in Charlotte the greatest demonstration ever made in the state was the welcome back to North Carolina of the immortal 120th. They did not all come back. Four hundred of these brave lads sleep in the soil of France. They died for freedom and their brave deeds will be perpetuated in song and story as inspiration for the generations to come, for loyalty to the flag and to the cause of human freedom.

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The Fifth Liberty Loan Campaign for the sale of four and a half billions of Victory bonds will begin April 21 and end May 10. The bonds will mature in four years and bear interest at the rate of four and three-quarters per cent. They will be free from all taxes except inheritance and surtaxes, and convertible if desired into bonds bearing three and three-quarters per cent free from all taxes. This is the most liberal contract offered by the government since the first Liberty loan and we believe large investors as well as men of limited means will seize this opportunity for a safe and lucrative investment, which at the same time will help the nation to finish the heavy task of financing the great war. We have no doubt of the success of the campaign, because the loyal people who have thus far borne the burden of the war will not be satisfied without carrying the load to the finish.

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The Armistice Was Signed November 11, four months ago, since which time the peace conference has been busy reaching an agreement as to the terms of peace. Sometimes it seemed that the work moved forward slowly, but it takes time to wisely solve great problems. Some uneasiness has been expressed because of many rumors of discord among the delegates. Most of those, however, have been the mere surmisings of imaginative correspondents. The latest reports indicate that Mr. Wilson, Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando, who represent the great powers, are a unit on practically all the questions at issue and the final terms will soon be ready to submit to Germany. The French, who were reported as being greatly dissatisfied, are now content as regards Alsace and Lorraine, and the Saar region will be placed under French control to supply her people liberally with both iron and coal. Rumors and counter rumors are still current and will be until the last draft is signed and published, but we believe that the peace conference has reached an agreement on most essential points.

MILES OSBORNE SHERRILL

Tribute Read at the Funeral by Rev. H. M. Blair

Miles Osborne Sherrill, son of Hiram and Sarah Osborne Sherrill, was born in Catawba county July 26, 1841, and passed away at his home in Greensboro on Tuesday, April 8, 1919. He was happily married to Miss Sarah R. Bost, of Catawba county, May 1, 1867. To them were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, all of whom survive, this being the first time this happy family circle has been invaded by death.

The career of our departed brother was in many respects remarkable. Early in life he consecrated himself to the service of God and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the church of his fathers. The community in which he was brought up was at that time one of the best in Western North Carolina, and while like most young men of his day his educational opportunities were cut short by the war, he had the advantage of the very best moral and religious training and better educational opportunities than most young men of his day. Making the best use of these advantages, he soon began to manifest those qualities which drew men to him and qualified him in the best sense for leadership.

Just as he was entering upon young manhood the civil war broke out and he at once responded to the call of his country. He was a brave soldier and gallant officer, and received wounds at Spottsylvania which resulted in the loss of a limb.

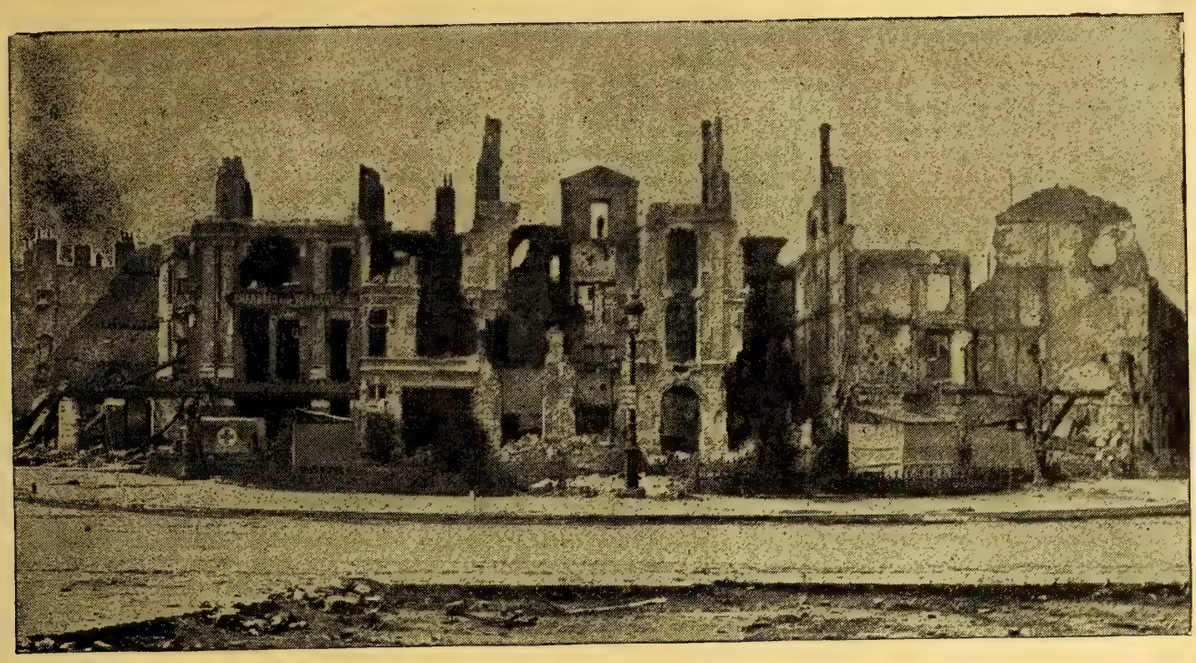
He was a man whom the people trusted, and it was not long after returning from the war that people of his county called him into public service, and from that time till his physical strength failed him, about two years ago, there was only a short period that he was not serving in some public capacity. Modest and unassuming, he did not push himself forward, but responded simply to the call of his fellow citizens, always rendering faithful and efficient service. His was a genuine case of the office seeking the man. No matter how much confused political conditions might become, it did not affect him. The people wanted him and voted for him, not because he was this or that, but because they knew they could trust him. When I first knew him in Catawba county he was serving as clerk of the Superior Court. He was four times elected to the legislature, serving in both the house and senate, two terms in each. Twenty years ago, in 1899, he was chosen state librarian. He continued in this office till his health became so impaired that he could no longer serve.

Brother Sherrill was a model citizen. Gentle in spirit and kind in his attitude toward evil doers, he was yet uncompromising in his attitude toward evil, and was always the staunch champion of every real movement for reform. In all the long struggle against the saloon he never sounded but one note, and that was the true note. He was the patron of education and always strove for the best possible for his family and for his community. He did not try to lay up treasure except as he invested it in the education of his children and in the intellectual and social betterment of his community. He set value upon things that are really worth while—things that endure. His children may well rise up and call him blessed.

Brother Sherrill's religious life was not of the demonstrative type, perhaps. I am sure it was not in any sense spasmodic. He loved the church, the great universal church, yet he was a Methodist in every fiber of his being. He loved her doctrine and discipline; he even loved her traditions, and cared little for those things which have a tendency to carry us away from that simplicity of worship which characterized the church in the earlier days. Nevertheless, even in his latest years, he was no reactionary, but ever had the forward look. He was pre-eminently a man without guile. He knew the meaning of that expression of the Holy Book, "First pure, then peaceable." He had no enemies. He provoked no one. His religion was of the victorious type, conquering all the world, after having triumphed over self. Those who knew him well know how truly he conformed to the conception of a perfect man, as set forth by St. James in these words: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." I think Brother Sherrill exemplified almost unconsciously in his life and conduct this admonition of St. Paul: "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Christ also hath forgiven you." It was this, perhaps, more than anything else that made him a great power for good wherever he went. One of the finest tributes that could possibly be paid him, and one that will remain with his family as a priceless memento, is a letter from the janitor in the state library, written the day before his death, trying to tell what a blessing his life had been to him and how much he was indebted to him for helping him in his quiet way to be a better man.

How can we appraise such a character? How can we estimate his value to this and succeeding generations? Who shall be found ready to stand in the place made vacant by his departure? It would seem that such a man should live always, and indeed he does, for

"There is no death.
Our loved ones fall to rise upon some fairer shore;
They are not dead, although unseen;
Their spirits for awhile have fled;
But all the boundless universe cries, All is life,
they are not dead."



The ruins of Arras, France. Row of houses demolished by German gunfire, facing the railway station at Arras. The Centenary will spend $5,000,000 for rehabilitating such towns, caring for the orphans and re-establishing the people in their homes.

THE SOUTH'S LARGEST IMMIGRANT GROUP

By Mrs. R. W. MacDonell

The largest group of foreign people to whom the Southern Methodist Church is called to minister is the Mexicans. A million and a quarter are located along the border lines of our two countries. In Texas alone there are half a million. One-third of the population of Los Angeles is Mexican. Since the United States government has laid aside its immigrant regulations as regards Mexico to accommodate our industrial problems, the Mexicans have been coming in large numbers to our ranches, railroads and mining centers. There are several thousand in the quarries of Pennsylvania.

For the most part these people are wretchedly poor, illiterate and industrially unskilled. To make these people Christian, to train them into an industrial asset, is the opportunity of the Centenary.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is already at work among these people. They maintain twenty-four preaching places, seventeen traveling preachers and forty-five Sunday schools with 2,255 officers and pupils.

There are four splendid mission schools for Mexicans in Texas—Holding Institute at Laredo, with 300 stdents; the Texas Methodist Mexican Institute at San Antonio enrolls 150; the beautiful Lydia Patterson Institute at El Paso has 150 students; the Effie Eddington Day School at El Paso also enrolls a number of students locally. At Nogales, Arizona, the Womans' Missionary Council has recently opened up a new school.

The Wesley House at San Antonio reaches in a social, educational and industrial way a large group of Mexicans. The Homer Toberman clinic and Wesley House does a large work among the Mexicans living in Los Angeles. A trained nurse, an interpreter, and mothers' clubs are active forces. Fort Worth, Texas, also reaches a number of Mexicans.

The Centenary must bring to these people five missionaries, three kindergartens, eight deaconesses and twenty preachers. The Centenary call is not only for money, but for volunteers to dedicate life service to these Latin peoples living in our own land. Who will answer this call?

OUR INDIAN WORK AND THE CENTENARY

By O. E. Goddard

Sec. Dept. Home Missions

The undivided Methodist Church began work among the American Indians in 1822. When the Five Civilized Tribes were moved to what was called Indian Territory, Methodist missionaries accompanied them. Later the Indian Mission Conference was organized. In 1845, when the Indian Mission Conference convened in Riley's Chapel, Bishop Morris in the chair, the question as to which branch of Methodism the Indian would adhere was submitted by Bishop Morris. The Indians voted unanimously to adhere to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Since then our branch of Methodism has been responsible for Methodist work among the Five Civilized Tribes. We have spent more than a million dollars in missionary work among these tribes. Many stalwart saints have been produced among them. Most of them have heard the call of the church triumphant.

At the last General Conference authority was given to organize the Indians into an Indian Mission. (For many years the Indian members and preachers have been but a small minority of our work in Oklahoma.) In keeping with this authority from the General Conference Bishop Mouzon met the Indians in Shawnee, Oklahoma, in November, 1918, and organized the mission. The Indians voted unanimously to name their mission "The Brewer Indian Mission," in honor of Rev. T. F. Brewer, who in his young life came with his cultured bride to spend his life as educator and missionary among them. At this writing Dr. Brewer is still a most useful member of the East Oklahoma Conference. He was the chairman of this delegation to the last General Conference. Bishop Mouzon appointed Rev. R. T. Blackburn superintendent and Revs. Orlando Shay and Johnson Tigers district superintendents. We have about thirty preachers among the five tribes and three among what has hitherto been called the "wild tribes," the Kiowas, Comanches and the Apaches.

It costs $5,000 per annum to maintain the work among the five tribes and $1,000 among the "wild tribes." The Muskogee district in the East Oklahoma Conference has asked for the privilege of supporting the work among the five tribes with a part of their Centenary offerings. Some individuals have assumed part of the support of the wild tribe work. A fitting school is to be organized for preparing young men for teachers and preachers among their own people. Some conference ought to assume the support of this fitting school for five years with its Centenary offerings. As the number of pupils will be small, it will not likely cost over $5,000 per year to maintain the fitting school. Correspondence solicited relative to this matter.

CHRISTIAN AMERICA

By O. E. Goddard

It is the business of home missions to make the United States solidly Christian. Only then will our impact upon non-Christian nations be solely for good. Whether we will it or not, our impact upon non-Christian lands is just what we are, all that we are. The ship that carries the missionary carries governmental representatives and their attaches, the investors, the exploiters, pleasure seekers, grafters, debauchees. Each shipload is a miniature American civilization. These people land on foreign shores to help and to hinder, to bless and to curse. So it will be until our country becomes solidly Christian. Or contact with heathen contries will be mixed with blessings and cursings so long as we are but partially Christian at home.

The business of home missions is to make the resources of this country as available for the program of Jesus Christ as they were available a few months ago for the program of Woodrow Wilson. Our property, our lives and the lives of our children were not too dear to carry out the program for universal democracy. Thus it should have been. Such patriotism is most commendable. But what about the program of Jesus for the universal reign of Christ? What part of our resources are available for His program? Not half of our people are members of any church. More than 50,000,000 are not identified with any institution that calls itself a church. Perhaps not half of those in the church have said to the Savior, "Here am I, here are my resources, and, so far as I can control them, my children, for the program of Jesus." Two tremendous tasks before the home mission workers—reach and save and mobilize for a world program more than 50,000,000 now unsaved, and to so deepen the spiritual lives of 26,000,000 Protestant church members that they and all they possess and control may be made available for the world program of Jesus. The Centenary will spend several millions to this end.

THE CENTENARY AND THE NEGRO

By Miss Estelle Haskin

There are in the South 8,000,000 Negroes, a great majority of whom still need education and the principles of the Christian religion. To do our part of this great task we as Methodists are conducting our school in Augusta, Ga., and two Bethlehem Houses, one in Augusta, Ga., and one in Nashville, Tenn. In addition to this we give occasional and limited help to the work of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. This is the sum of our work, and yet service for the Negro is our greatest home mission opportunity. The Bethlehem House work is carried on by the Woman's Missionary Council, and Paine College as a co-operative work, the Council furnishing the teachers and the equipment for a large community of people, and is also a training center for the students of Paine College in community and personal service.

The Bethlehem House in Nashville serves a threefold purpose: 1. Uplift work in two communities carried on through the kindergarten clubs and industrial classes. 2. Serving as a practical center of social service training for the senior students of one of the very best Negro schools in the country. These students are, many of them, becoming social workers and are already serving over the entire South. 3. Doing a work in racial co-operation. The best and most educated Negro people of the city are carrying on the institutional work in co-operation with the white people. At these two settlements we need model cottages for

the residence of the workers; cottages that shall be examples to the community in the conduct of a Christian home life. We need administrative buildings and halls in which to carry on the institutional work, and a third great and urgent need is for public laundries that shall relieve the crowded homes where the living is made by taking in washing.

For these two community centers and for the enlargement of Paine College industrial department the Council is asking for $243,000. Through this we hope to train leaders among the Negroes to help their own people. These Bethlehem Houses we hope will be the beginning of what there shall be in time to come in every city in the South.

The Centenary call is for intercession, for gifts. The Centenary call is for lives to be given to the missionary enterprise. This does not mean simply a few hundred missionaries, but the consecrated service of every church member. The Centenary call of the Negro is for the church to rise from its knees to see that justice is given to a weaker race; through the demonstration of a helpful racial cooperation to teach this dark-skinned race the meaning of Christian brotherhood, and to have a share in bringing this portion of God's people into a safe citizenship.

THE SUPREME TASK OF THE CHURCH

By Bishop John C. Kilgo

There is no more depraved form of infidelity than that form which refuses to accept the universal mission of the Gospel, and the church that lags in missionary activities lacks that soundness of faith and vigor of life necessary to keep it alive at home. The Jews clung to their provincial belief and spirit, and although the church was born among them it passed to the Gentiles, and through the Gentiles into its work among all peoples. It was at Antioch, not at Jerusalem, that the Holy Spirit inaugurated missions and sent the church to its world task, and He has withdrawn His administration from every section of the church that has fostered a local faith.

The redemptive sovereignty of Christ is boundless and, any sort of limitation imposed upon it is in all reality a denial of Him. The emphatic truth He put into the commission of His apostles was the unbounded sweep of His authority in heaven and earth. This is the supreme truth He put at the historical foundation of His churche's prerogative and its mission. The command to go into all the world is a logical corollary of His universal lordship, and the ascension is His heavenly credentials to this solitary sovereignty. All missionary faith has at its center this supreme truth. Behind it rises the throne of the exalted Christ, and all sluggishness in it is nothing less than a denial of the resurrection and ascension of Christ.

While it is the aim of this Centenary celebration to devote large sums of money to the execution of missionary plans, by all means the one thing which should be supremely above all other aims is the renewal in the church of the assurance of His lordship. Even the religious, to say nothing of the secular, benefits to un-Christian people should not be allowed to compete with this one central and supreme truth in the Gospel. Humanitarianism promoted in the name of Christ and employing the terms of the Gospel is no more Christianity than paganism is Christianity. Neither is it adequate to the task of preaching the Gospel of salvation to all people. The church in this day of confusion and secular enslavement needs to discard all these entangling motives and give itself to the solitary task of preaching Jesus the Lord.

CUBA AND THE CENTENARY

By Rev. S. A. Neblett

The Cuba mission is about to become of age just as the Centenary Efficiency Program for Five Years begins to be realized. It will be twenty-one years next fall since a bishop, a missionary secretary and prospective missionary surveyed the land, drove down the first stakes and mapped out the field where Methodism was to spring up, take root and develop in Cuba. The four original stations have expanded into more than fifty stations and outstations, and the youthful church is pushing on toward the five thousand mark in membership.

The Centenary comes at a most opportune time for our work in Cuba. The past quadrennium was one of abnormally adverse conditions. An arbitrary limit as to appropriations in a measure restrained us from occupying new fields or expanding in our present territory. The high cost of living, the increased cost of property and equipment, the scarcity and high price of building materials prevented our leaders from planning any large movement. We would have been less or more than human could we have come through the quadrennium with the buoyant stride of ten years ago.

Nevertheless, the beginnings of the Centenary did not find the Cuba msision in the doldrum. Our workers were not pessimistic, nor were they marching under the banner of General Apathy. Indeed the past quadrennium was one of real development in many ways. The mission addressed itself more seriously than ever to finding on the field a solution of its problem. Like the youth of twenty, we desired more and more to make our way with as little help as possible from our parents. Our membership enjoyed a healthy growth, our colleges and schools outgrew their present buildings and equipment, the native preachers and teachers grew in grace, received a training that increased their efficiency and gave evidence in many ways of their fitness for leadership. Our important publishing enterprise was started in Havana and the output of literature greatly increased.

The Cuba mission responded quickly and ardently to the purposes and plans of the Centenary. Dr. Rawlings 'visit and messages to the preachers gathered in their annual institute last August enlarged their vision and enlightened the eyes of their understanding. Since then the Centenary subcommission has mapped out its plan of campaign and it is being carried out. Goals have been decided on and all are moving toward them. The intercession and stewardship drive is now on and is meeting with much favor.

The Cuba mission proposes to put something into the Centenary. It is significant that the amount per capita to be subscribed by the church in Cuba toward the Centenary fund is greater than that for the church in the homeland. Really, when we come to consider the relative financial ability of Cuban and American Methodists the proposed offering of the Cubans will be much larger than that of the Methodists in the homeland. Out of their poverty they will offer to their Lord more per person than the Methodists of Texas, Georgia and Virginia. Cubans know how to sacrifice and give to a cause they love. During the revolution of 1895-1898, which with American help resulted in political freedom for the beautiful island, their sacrifice and heroism were comparable to that of the Southern people in '61 to '65. Thousands of Cubans working in the United States gave from one-fourth to one-half of their daily wages to furnish the sinews of war to starving insurrectos. Cuban Methodists will make similar sacrifices if necessary to raise the $66,000 additional Centenary offering.

Putting into the Centenary her prayers, her service and her substance, the church in Cuba is to get out of this great movement that spiritual enrichment which will enable her to be a greater factor in evangelizing this strategic gateway to Latin America. New missionaries will come from the United States to help bear the burdens now so great on a few; our colleges and schools will be able to care for double the number of students; churches and chapels will be erected to house some homeless congregations; Macedonian appeals will be attended to; better provision will be made for giving the people a Christian literature. In answer to prayer God will raise up more native preachers and leaders. Methodism will emerge from the five-year Centenary period strong for high and holy destiny in Cuba.

THE TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION

By Elmer T. Clark

Publicity Director of the Centenary Movement

There is little doubt that the world today contains more suffering, misery and social confusion than at any other moment in its history. There are millions of little white crosses in the poppy fields of France and Flanders, and each cross represents untold sorrow—a bereaved home, a wife made widow, orphaned children and blighted prospects. Fifteen thousand square miles in northern France and nearly all of Belgium have been devastated with all the thoroughness of which devilish ingenuity has been capable; the homes and churches, schools and industries, fields and factories have all been destroyed, and a thousand villages lie in ruins. The people have all been driven away from their homes, and now they are wandering vagabonds over the face of the earth, living upon strangers' bounty. If perchance they should find their way back to their homes nothing would be there to greet them save shapeless piles of debris. It will require six hundred million days of labor, a million men for two years, to rebuild the ruined homes of France.

Nor is that all. The wealth and material resources of the nation have been shot away. Debts have been shouldered which may not be paid for a century. Eighty per cent of the students in the French preparatory schools are dead. Women have for four years been doing all the work of men, while the latter, from sixteen to sixty, stood in the trenches to beat back the foe. Immorality of the most virulent type sweeps Europe like a pestilence. All of this I have seen with my own eyes in five European countries, but it is not in the range of possibility to make American people appreciate the exact situation. Perhaps this will help: If America had gone in the war as deeply as Scotland, in proportion to our population, we would have sent nineteen million men overseas, and if we had made the same sacrifices, proportionately, which France was forced to make we would have more men dead than we ever had under arms.

Now, when all this happens to a people it disorganizes all the normal processes of life and brings confusion. So it is in Europe today. The social structure lies in ruins, wrecked by war. It must be rebuilt from the ground; out of the present wreckage a new social order must arise, and upon the character of this new order will depend the whole future of the race.

What is the Centenary task in the premises? It is to make sure that when society in Europe is reconstructed it will be Christian. The principles of justice, morality and human brotherhood must be woven into the very warp and woof of the new social fabric for the very safety of the world. France ignored these principles once, and in the resulting reign of terror the streets of Paris ran red with human blood. Russia ignores them now, and hence she wanders in hopeless anarchy. If history means anything it surely teaches us that a stable social order must be Christian.

For democracy is not enough. What shall it profit us to make the world safe for democracy unless the democracy be safe for the world? This governmental theory with which the world has become intoxicated will of itself never save a people or insure peace to the world. China is a democracy, and so is Russia, and so is Mexico, yet one of these lands is numbered among progressive and civilized nations, while the other two menace the world. These democracies are not safe because they are founded on illiteracy and superstittion. There is not today a single Protestant nation on earth which threatens the world's peace or must be overguarded by more enlightened people. It seems clearly evident that if the world is to be a place of civilization, of peace and safety for all the people its democracy must be permeated by the principles and spirit of Christ. The modern world must be either Christian or Bolshevik.

If the social order which is now in the rebuilding is to be Christian, the task of making it so is clearly upon the shoulders of American Protestantism, for Roman Catholicism is not equal to the task. If left to the tender graces of this faith it is only a question of years until the continent of Europe is thoroughly atheistic. The anti-clerical movement now so widespread and serious will grow into a positive repudiation of all religion. There are two reasons for this:

One is the fact that the autocratic genius of Catholicism is directly opposed to the spirit of democracy which has captured the imagination of the people. As is well known from the facts of history, the genius of the Roman Catholic Church is inherently opposed to democracy in all its phases. This ecclesiastical institution believes in, encourages and thrives under a regime of secret treaties and diplomatic manipulations similar to that which made the war unavoidable. The people know this, and they will not long tolerate in their religion what they repudiate in their politics.

Another reason for the hostility toward the church lies in the fact that the people believe the hierarchy was against them while they were fighting for their homes and liberty. They remember that the Catholics of Ireland rebelled with enemy aid, and that the Catholics of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Ireland opposed conscription almost to the point of revolt. They know that the least of the German spy system in Italy was Guerlac, a high official of the Vatican, who was a

former officer in the German army. They are mindful of the fact that the Pope induced the allies not to bomb German cities on Corpus Christi day, that the enemy took advantage of the situation to bomb Paris, and on the same day to destroy a church, and that the pope made no protest. These and a multitude of other facts have convinced most of the people that the church wished the triumph of the enemy.

Thus they are suspicious, and while the war ensued an enchantment of religious feeling, it accelerated the movement away from the church. And this movement is destined to continue unabated. It means that the continent will become positively irreligious and atheistic unless the people grasp the values of a sane and liberal Protestant faith.

That is the situation in Europe today. In all nations Bolshevism contends against orderly government, and in some nations it is conquering. Labor troubles are rife everywhere. Russia is in the grip of the red terror. Poland, Bohemia, Finland and all the states of the Balkans are groping for light and life. Mexico menaces us because of her illiteracy, and Japan menaces the world because of her Prussianized paganism. All the voices of heaven and earth call us in the name of Christianity and civilization to the task of world reconstruction. Unless we disappoint Christ and prove recreant to our trust we must attempt the task on a scale commensurate with the need and the opportunity. The Centenary must not fail. It shall be done!

REBUILDING THE WORLD

By Hoyt M. Dobbs

At the end of every great war two great perils have confronted those engaged in the work of reconstruction.

The first one is created by the wave of prosperity which usually follows war and which brings the temptation to profiteering and the lowering of ethical standards.

The second one is caused by a reaction from a high emotional idealism to the mental and moral relaxation which comes after every period of stress and storm.

At such times in history all thoughtful men pause and take the long look forward toward the new day. Unquestionably we have reached such a point in the development of the race. There are two ways in which the world tragedy may be related to our thinking. We may yield to despair or cheerfully accept the opportunity to "learn the moral uses of dark things."

It is always the mark of a high intellect to discover the significant features of every experience. A sane and sober optimism is always and everywhere the equivalent of moral horsepower.

The Centenary movement is commensurate with a gigantic need. It is well timed. Behind it are not only the forces of evangelical Christianity, but also the momentum of the purposes of the Master and Savior of men. In it the passion for souls is "a palpitating actuality." Religious education is the only process by which we are going to be able to rebuild the world.

The new internationalism has superceded the old nationalism. To live in a world of relationships men must therefore be very careful how they handle their lamps.

The world cannot be saved half rotten and half sound. It cannot continue half Christian and half non-Christian. It will ultimately be either the one or the other. The life of a man is now so complex that it seems that Christian principles are the only ones which will fit into the structure of the world.

The successful realization of the proposed program will mark a new date in modern Christianity, from which the church historian of the future will reckon both time and events.

AMERICAN METHODISM VS. A WORLD TASK

By W. B. Beauchamp

The call of the world task has been tremenodously emphasized by the war and the world situation which that war has produced. We find ourselves compelled to become a part of the world situation. We can no longer think of our nation or of our church as a body separate from all the rest of humanity. We are face to face with world needs; the door to world service swings wide open; whether we would or not we must hear the world call.

No church can find her place in this generation which has not an adequate program to meet the world-wide needs. Every local church and the last member of that church must find his place in this universal program. We can no longer think of ourselves as working apart from world forces. The fact is that any church which does not in this day take into consideration the whole world program cannot serve this generation. There must be a most complete and definite mobilization of religious forces.



MRS. MO
China's Oldest Bible Woman

The Centenary of Methodist missions comes in a strategic and providential hour. History and providence make conjunction in the hour of humanity's greatest need. In the providence of God American Methodism finds the largest opportunity which has ever come to her for Christian serivce. We dare not close our eyes to the "signs of the times." We must meet this enlarged opportunity for service with an enthusiasm and loyalty that will compel the largest possible service for the kingdom of God. If the manifest world needs do not stir our church to the largest Christian activity in this hour, the future is hopeless for us. It is the great hour for leadership for the pastors of today; it is the great hour for service of the layman of the church. The Centenary comes at such a time as to give place to every man who is willing to lift, in order that through Christ the world may be reconstructed.

The response to this world situation and to the world call on the part of American Methodism is most inspiring. We confidently believe that the people called Methodists will make good in this great world crisis which has come to us.

WHAT THE MISSIONARY CENTENARY MEANS TO ME AS A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

By D. L. Munpower

1. New workers to enter new fields which for centuries have been ripe unto the harvest, to prevent the gaps caused by furloughs and sickness and to meet the crying needs in the work already established. I am sure the experience of all our foreign missions is the same in regard to workers. We haven't one-tenth as many as we could use. In some fields there is only one pastor for cities of thousands of people; in others, but one physician or perchance a lonely nurse for a territory as large as the two Carolinas; in still others, one industrial man tries to do the work that would tax two men.

2. More specialized work. As a physicion I am interested in setting broken bones, but not especially in setting fence posts, and yet I have had to do as much of the latter as of the former. The pastor at one of our stations had to devote two hours of his time each day to healing the body, when he should have been busy with teaching his evangelistic class how to preach the Gospel. Our industrial man has had to teach the active Christians how to to sing hymns, when he should have been teaching the native boys how to make chairs. The Centenary means that much of this side-stepping from one department into another won't have to be done, and that each one of us can stick more closely to the work for which we have spent years of training. No missionary objects to doing anything that comes to his hands, but without doubt nothing hinders thorough, painstaking work in one department so much as being constantly called away to do something else in another department, and while we on the field don't expect to be able to specialize there as much as can be done here, still we feel that the Centenary will do a great deal in taking much of the outside work off of men and women trained for special work.

3. Better equipment. "A good workman never quarrels with his tools." neither should a missionary whine about his equipment; yet it is a notorious fact that our material progress in our missions has not kept pace with our other progress. Native people do not usually respect the white man who lives in huts no better than their own, neither will they respect our God if we house Him in tumbledown sheds or second-hand shops. We can learn a lesson from the Catholic in this matter, much as we can teach him of the weightier matters.

4. A better informed and therefore more sympathetic home church. To me this is one of the best features of the Centenary, and I sincerely hope that the movement will not cease until our entire membership is thoroughly informed concerning all the salient facts and problems in our home and foreign fields. We can never sympathize with the sorrowful until we have ourselves been bereaved; to pay aright, to pray aright, we must know aright. Our church is willing to do great things for God when it knows the need, and even as 20,000 four-minute men spread information and enthusiasm for the American government, so may our Methodist minute men do for the Centenary.

5. A praying church. If it were necessary to make a choice between paying and praying we would all say "pray." A man can pay without praying, but he can't pray without paying. Speaking of my own experience and of that of those with whom I worked, I can truthfully say that nothing sustained us so much as the prayers of the home church for the successful inauguration of the Congo mission. To know that you were praying for us helped us through many a bad hour, to say nothing of greater dangers which God, in answer to your prayers, mercifully kept from us.

CHINA'S CALL TO THE CENTENARY

By A. P. Parker

China's need is her call to the Centenary. Her people need the kingdom of God. They need our Christian civilization. They need our help in establishing a stable government. They have broken loose from autocracy and are experienced in the ways of true democracy. They need strong men, educated men, honest men, such as are prepared only in Christian schools, in working out the great experiment of popular government. They are trying to develop their republic on the American model. They think that the United States has the best government in the world, and they want a similar government in China. This is one of the reasons why America has the right of way in China, and why an American, whether missionary or merchant or diplomat, has such a preponderating influence in that country.

Another fact that makes an American a persona grata with the Chinese is that the government of the United States released the Chinese government from paying $11,000,000 of the Boxer indemnity fund, which fund is now being used to educate Chinese students in America. There are at this time more than 1,200 Chinese students in the colleges and universities of the United States, and they are coming over every year in companies of eighty to one hundred to enter our great institutions of learning. After taking their academic courses many of them remain to take professional courses in law, medicine, engineering, surveying, electrical engineering, etc., and then go back home to be leaders in the development and growth of their great country. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the Chinese are to listen to what an American has to say on almost any subject.

The agricultural and mineral resources of China are practically unlimited. The one great need of the country is capital and skilled engineering, and China is looking to America more than to any other nation for the men and the money with which to develop her resources.

Idolatry and superstition are losing their hold on Chinese, and the opportunity for Christianity to replace false beliefs is greater than ever before. Scientific truth as taught in the mission schools and in the general literature circulated by the missionaries is enlightening to the people, and especially to the youth of China, in regard to the physical universe, and is driving away hoary superstl-

tion. They know now, for instance, that there is no such thing as the god of thunder, but that the electric spark made on the machine in the laboratory is the same in substance as the lightning and thunder in the skies. And Christianity, which is rapidly spreading through the country, is teaching the people at large the absurdity of bowing down in worship to a piece of wood or stone. Thus their many superstitions and errors are fleeing like shadows before the morning light as the sun of righteousness rises upon the land. Past success encourages and emphasizes the call for increased effort to spread the Gospel among the people of China.

The Chinese need our medicine and surgery. The crude methods of the medical practice followed by their doctors, and their utter ignorance of anatomy and surgery, render them wholly incapable of meeting the needs of the people in their many and varied ailments. The work that has been done in the more than one hundred years of evangelical missionary operations in China has been a boon to sufferers all over the land, but the demand for such work is practically without limit. The call for more medical missionaries is urgent. The medical missionary does valuable work along three lines: He heals disease, and thus alleviates suffering and saves lives. In the second place he opens the way for the entrance of the Gospel. Many people hear the word of truth through the medical missionary who otherwise would never hear it. Again, he trains Chinese doctors in western medicine and surgery, and so multiplies himself and beneficent work many fold.

Thus we see that China's need is threefold, covering evangelical, educational and medical missionary endeavors, and the practical point for us is that China is realizing her need along these lines, especially the last two.

The fact that China is awakening to her need is of most tremendous importance and significance. It does mean that China, realizing her need, lies in a passive state waiting for some one to supply that need. China is going to get modern civilization, modern scientific development, modern education.

This presents to us the practical question, Shall we allow China to take on modern civilization without at the same time taking on the real foundation of modern civilization, namely, the religion of Jesus Christ? The line of least resistance, so far as China is concerned, is to take on that superficial form of modern civilization which results in materialism and utter disregard of the religious element which is fundamental in true civilization. And she will do it if left to herself.

And to bring this matter still nearer home to us, Southern Methodism is working one of the most thickly populated sections of eastern China, extending between Shanghai and Nanking and down toward Hangchow, embracing possibly twenty million people. The Centenary askings for China incorporate what the missionary force working in China feels is necessary for the Southern Methodist Church to adequately meet its share of the responsibility for those twenty million people. It is inconceivable that the Southern Methodist Church will fail these people. They will not fail them.

FACING NEW CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

By L. B. Newberry

The results of the last eight years of revolution in Mexico are worse than it will be possible to describe. Thousands of lives have been lost; millions of dollars of valuable property have been destroyed; families that were once well-to-do are now living in the misery of penury; starvation and diseases, which usually follow close behind revolutionary movements, have walked up and down the land and have claimed their toll; brigandage has spread over the country; every legitimate enterprise has suffered; educational institutions have been paralyzed; the nation has been discredited, and the country has plunged itself into an indebtedness which will be the burden of several genuerations to come. Mexico has passed through the crucible. The experience has been most severe. Even yet she is not through with her troubles, but it is safe to say that in the future Mexico will be a different and better country. A new day is dawning.

Now that the clouds are passing away we are beginning to see some of the changes that have taken place. Democracy is here, and while it will always have its local color it will be democracy, not autocracy. We would not misrepresent the progress that has been made in this line. As yet many hard battles must be fought. Where seventy-five per cent of the population is unable to read and write progress must necessarily be slow. But the people have heard the trumpet call to go forward and they are determined that the government of this country in the future will be "for the people, of the people and by the people."

The revolution has also brought about needed social changes. Three very distinct social classes have existed in Mexico in the past. These distinctions are not now so evident. Men now have an opportunity to stand on their merits, regardless of the class in which they were born. The apparel of the people is undergoing a needed reform. The evils of the drink habit have been recognized, and as a result partial prohibition exists in several states and large cities. The bull fight, which has been a stumbling block to civilization in Mexico, has been stopped in some places and is destined to extinction altogether.

But perhaps one of the most remarkable changes in Mexico has been in reference to religious thought and attitude. The yoke of Romanism, which has held Mexico's millions in thraldom for three centuries, has been broken. The Roman Catholic Church is no longer able to command the masses to do her bidding. Dumb idols and superstitious teachings do not appeal to a progressive people. The Bible is obtaining a larger circulation than ever before. A number of Protestants have been elected to the national congress. Several of the governors of the states are Protestants. The editor of the leading daily paper of the country, El Pueblo, is a member of our own church. Religious freedom is growing as never before in the history of the country. Will this mean that Mexico will find the Way, the Truth and the Life, or will it mean that the nation will drift off into New Thought, Spiritualism and infidelity? The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will have to decide the question as far as the states of Chihuahua, Durango, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and a part of Tamaulipas are concerned, as these states represent our responsibility to Mexico.

I cannot close without further emphasizing our Centenary opportunity. Mexico has always been a needy field. It is now ready and accessible. I have not visited any place in this state but there has been a demand for Christian schools. The Mexican people are now reading everything. As a result never have tracts and Christian literature had a better chance. The country is passing through a transition period. The Christian people of the United States not only have the privilege of determining in a large measure the kind of neighbors they will have for generations to come, but have a direct share in preparing souls for God and eternity.

GRANBERRY COLLEGE

By H. C. Tucker

The Granbery College was founded at Juis de Fora, in the state of Minas Gerase, Brazil, in the year 1890 by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Bishop John C. Granbery had visited the field in the years 1886 and 1888, conferred freely with the workers and studied carefully the needs of the work and the lines along which development and enlargement should be made. He reported that one of the most urgent needs was a school for the education of and the training of young men for the ministry. A well qualified man was sent to open the work and to build up the needed school. Among the thirty-eight students enrolled the first year were several young men who desired to study for the ministry.

Granbery grew in favor with the people and the attendance increased from year to year. In the course of a few years the request became urgent for technical and professional education after American methods and under the moral discipline for which the school was becoming so well and favorably known. The demand seemed to furnish an opportunity for extending the influence of the school as an evangelizing agency.

From the beginning the college has stood for high educational ideals and for up-to-date methods. The example has impressed teachers and all in the community who were interested in modern education. This influence has helped to popularize education among the masses and to stimplate interest in the great world of thought and ideas possible only to those who can read.

The work of the college and the results achieved during the last quarter of a century have served to emphasize the breadth and the intellectual and spiritual nature of the missionary message. This phase of the problem is very important in a field where a large percent of the people are illiterate, where plans and provisions to educate the masses of the people are inadequate and poorly defined, and where the prevailing religious idea is of blind obedience to forms and to ecclesiastical requirements rather than that of intelligent fellowship with the Creator of the Universe and the Redeemer of Mankind. The agencies that would regenerate must educate.

There have been definite results in the conversions and accessions to the church of individuals from the student body. The faith and spiritual life of many young men have been maintained and strengthened by the influence of the college through the several testing periods of their life. There are to be found here and there, active in the service of the church, prominent in business and professional life, young men who were educated at Granbery College.

In the three annual conferences there are twenty-nine native Brazilian pastors in the active ministry; twenty-two of these were educated in the seminary of the college. Several others who were trained along with these have passed to their reward on high, while a few others have turned aside to secular pursuits.

A larger number still who have not yet come into the fellowship of the church have gone out into the varied fields of activity with higher ideals and a more thorough preparation for life's tasks than they would have received if Granbery College had not existed. They are friends to the cause of the Gospel and to the messengers of the cross. Their homes are open to the preachers and they encourage the spreading of the truth.

As men now turn their faces from the battlefields and hospitals of Europe and the bloody scenes before which the world has stood aghast for four years they will be seeking more earnestly and more intelligently than ever before the forces that build character and work for righteousness and peace. Christian education will stand in the very front rank of the institutions to be organized for the great world program. Brazil has stood with the allies in the struggle and made her contributions to the cause. She will be adopting the new program for reconstruction. The times are strikingly propitious for Christian educational institutions to make a large and lasting contribution to the solution of Brazil's problem and to the plans of bringing the nation to a prominent place of power and influence in the great brotherhood of nations.

The relations between the United States and Brazil are most cordial. Leaders in both countries are endeavoring to strengthen the bond of friendship and to bring the two nations nearer together. Nations, like men, may be educated into good fellowship. The American missionary may now find that one of the largest contributions he can possibly make to the welfare of his brothers under the Southern Cross is through the well equipped and the wisely directed Christian college. A man trained in the Christian school who was for years at the head of a leading university has had the good fortune to be a leader in setting forth and fighting for the highest moral and religious ideals ever brought before nations in their struggles one with another. A system of education and training that gave to the world such men as Woodrow Wilson and his associates at this time will undoubtedly be sought after by all who desire the new program for democracy, righteousness and peace.

The Christian forces in the United States can now through their Centenary response make one of their largest contributions to Brazil by fully equipping and endowing such institutions of learning as Granbery College.

SHE DID CAST IN ALL SHE HAD

The following letter, inclosing a dollar bill, has been received by Dr. J. J. Stowe, treasurer for the Centenary. The writer says:

"I am an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home. I inclose one dollar for the Centenary. A friend gave me this dollar, and as I might be tempted to spend it before the big drive I send it to you."

A wonderful "white gift" this from a wonderful woman—a woman who, judging from her letter, comes from a cultured family and who has been

brought up to the comforts and luxuries of life. While she herself is now poor and has no one to care for her save an institution, she realizes how fortunate she really is to have a home at all, a roof over her head and food and fire. She realizes that there are millions of people on this earth who do not have sufficient food, clothing or shelter. She realizes, too, that if some one does not help them they will perish. So instead of spending her dollar for some personal luxury she unselfishly sends it to the Missionary Centenary, for she knows that through the Centenary the hungry will be fed, the homeless will be cared for, the friendless will receive consolation. While her dollar alone will not go far toward making this world a better place to live in, added to the many dollars which loyal Southern Methodism is going to give that dear old lady's sacrifice will be of real value.

This simple, unselfish act of this sweet old woman throws down a challenge to Southern Methodism which cannot be ignored. She has not given a tenth of her wealth. Like the widow of old, she has given her all to the Master. Is it not as little as the rest of us can do to give, or pay, our tenth into the Lord's treasury?

THE NEW WOMAN'S MEDICAL SCHOOL IN SHANGHAI, CHINA

By Miss Mabel K. Howell

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Of the Centenary askings for woman's work none are more important or more appealing than the askings for the new woman's medical school in Shanghai, China. The facts in the case are these:

For twenty-five years the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have been conducting in Soochow, China, the Mary Black Hospital and the Soochow Woman's Medical School. Since 1909 they have also been conducting a nurse training school in connection with the hospital. The medical school is the oldest medical school for women in all China, a pioneer in the training of Chinese women in the medical profession. It was developed by Dr. Margaret Polk, and has been continued by Dr. Ethel Polk, Dr. Hattie Love, Dr. Louise Ingersol and Miss Mary Hood, R. N., and Miss Alma Pitts, R. N. During the years it has rendered a most effective ministry to the women and children of central China.

For several years, however, the council has realized that the equipment of past years would not meet the needs of the great new day in China. They have known that if the work was to be continued and maintain its high standard of other years it must be conducted on a larger schale, with better buildings and laboratories and a larger staff of workers. Then, too, the development of the Laura Haygood Normal School has created a demand that the adjacent property of the hospital and medical school be turned over to them. The experience of the years has also taught that Shanghai, with its population of over a million people, affords a larger clinical opportunity and a greater opportunity to secure an adequate staff for a medical school than does Soochow. All these considerations led the council two years ago to vote to move at as early a date as possible its medical plant to Shanghai and to seek to secure adequate buildings and equipment for the new school.

During the last few years a careful investigation of the medical needs of women and children in China has been made, and it has been found that one hospital and medical school in central China is the only institution of its kind in the rich, fertile Yangtse river valley, that stretches from the coast 1,500 miles to the western border of Thibet, including eight provinces with a roughly estimated population of 226,000,000, half the entire population of China, a population more than double that of the United States. The council has been convinced that this unparalleled opportunity could not be met by one board alone, and that the medical school should be a union enterprise of all the woman's boards working in central China. Other boards were approached, and the result is that a union medical school for central China, to be located in Shanghai, is about to become a reality.

The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, desire to take a full share in the capital stock of the new enterprise (which will take the place of their former work in Soochow), and are proposing to erect the administration building. They will also share with other boards in staffing the institution and in providing annual maintenance. The money needed for this new enterprise is being asked through the Centenary. The askings for the work are $75,000 for land and buildings, $22,900 for equipment, and $3,000 each year for five years for annual maintenance, a total of $112,900. This money, together with the money in hand for this purpose and the assets of old medical school and hospital, will make it possible for the church to do her full part. The item termed "equipment' can be subdivided into smaller items. This money will be used for furnishing and equipment of class rooms and laboratories, each of which can be a named room and taken as a "special." The foreign department, woman's work, can supply such a list. The Centenary affords no more attractive "specials" and "big gifts" than the medical school. It is a call to give medical help to the millions of Chinese women who because of the absence of medical care live lives of unspeakable physical suffering, and through this medical means an opening is made to point to the greatest of all physicians.

THE CENTENARY

By Rev. R. M. Courtney

The Question of the Hour

A short time ago folks were asking, "What is the Centenary?" Now the question is "How goes the Centenary?" And more often than otherwise the answer is "good," "splendid," "fine" or some other such answer that indicates high hopes for the success of this great movement.

The Last Member

We have been saying from time to time that we must reach the last member of our church with the Centenary program and message. Now, I verily believe that this is being done in the Western North Carolina Conference. Letters and cards from preachers all over the conference are saying, "We are preaching on the Centenary," "We are enrolling our people in the Fellowship of Intercession," "We have —— tithers.' ' Then the Methodist Minute Men are busy from one end of the conference to the other.

The Minute Men

Dr. Elmer T. Clark has just sent me a report of the progress of the Minute Men in our conference, as it appears in the records of his office at Nashville. This is given by districts and is as follows:

Asheville district; H. A. Dunham, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 19; charges not yet heard from, 1; percentage of efficiency, 95.

Charlotte district; D. E. Henderson, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 22; charges not yet heard from, 3; percentage of efficiency, 88.

Greensboro district; Rev. W. A. Lambeth, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 18; charges not heard from, 3; percentage of efficiency, 85.

Marion district; G. E. Gardner, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 21; charges not yet heard from, 2; percentage of efficiency, 91.

Mount Airy district; J. H. Allen, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 16; charges not yet heard from, 1; percentage of efficiency, 94.

North Wilkesboro district; F. D. Hacket, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 8; charges not yet heard from, 7; percentage of efficiency, 60.

Salisbury district; T. F. Hudson, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 26; charges not yet heard from, 2; percentage of efficiency, 96.

Shelby district; J. L. Beal, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 17; charges not yet heard from, 6; percentage of efficiency, 73.

Statesville district; F. P. Bunch, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 22; charges not yet heard from, 2; percentage of efficiency, 91.

Waynesville district; A. C. Reynolds, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 178; charges not yet heard from, 6; percentage of efficiency, 75.

Winston district; J. F. Spruill, chairman.—Charges which have Minute Men, 21; charges not yet heard from, 4; percentage of efficiency, 84.

The average per cent of efficiency for the whole church is 76. The average per cent of efficiency for our conference is 86.5. But there are in Southern Methodism 33 districts whose per cent of efficiency is 100. Which will be the first 100 per cent district in the Western North Carolina Conference?

Eight-Day Drive a Team Game

The eight-day drive is a team game. No one church wins unless we all win. A few churches feel that they are ready and indicate a desire to put on their eight-day drive before May 18th. Nothing at this time could be more disastrous to the success of our effort for $35,000,000. We earnestly beseech every church to keep step. Victory in this stupendous undertaking demands a solid front, each of us feeling the loyalty and comradeship of the other. Where one church is ready to put the standard plan into operation, fifty churches scarcely know what it is. Each church that has made fast progress should carry the inspiration and blessing of the Centenary to the church that has not had an equal opportunity.

Fourteen thousand churches in our denomination have preaching only once a month. Every one of these churches should be visited every Sunday by teams of laymen, sounding the challenge of a mighty church reborn through the Centenary program. Every church that is itself ready should be a radiating center for these teams of visiting laymen. No church is ready if there is a church within ten miles which is not ready.

We appeal to the supreme loyalty of all to come to this wonderful task, shoulder to shoulder, to help the other fellow; to make every church a hundred per cent church.

Respectfully, W. B. Beauchamp,
Director General Missionary Centenary.

OUR MISSION FIELDS

Taking our mission fields one at the time there will appear on the Centenary page a brief summary of facts gathered from the Missionary Centenary World Survey, under the following heads: "What we have," "What we are doing," "The task before us," "What we propose to do." This week we take a look at Africa, our newest field.

Africa.—What We Have

We have thirteen missionuaries, six men, four married women and three single women. We also have seven native preachers, fifteen Sunday schools, ten schools and one hospital.

What We Are Doing

Two men and one woman, with the help of two native evangelists are engaged in evangelistic work, carrying on Bible classes at the station, preaching in neighboring villages and traveling two circuits, giving daily instruction in reading and writing, training teachers and evangelists, beginning industrial training; 5,000 treatments given in the hospital.

The Task Before Us

To assume our share in the evangelization of the 15,000,000 Africans in the Belgian Congo, one-third the size of the United States and with immense natural resources for the support of a great population.

To co-operate with other missions in reaching the more than one hundred tribes, in reducing the language to writing, and the education and elevation of the ignorant and superstitious people.

To educate and train a body of native teachers and evangelists through whom the remotest villages can be reached and a native church established which shall be self-supporting and self-propagating.

To combat the diseases that are so prevalent in Africa.

To utilize medicine and surgery as the most effective means of removing prejudice, overcoming superstition, and winning the confidence of the people.

What We Propose to Do

Send ten men and eight women within the next five years. Two of the ten men should be doctors and two of the eight women should be nurses.

Train 100 teachers and 50 evangelists.

Build 14 houses for missionaries, 4 school houses and 53 churches, the churches being built by native contributions of material and labor.

Build three workshops and three small hospitals, the latter having accommodations for from eight to ten beds.

Set up small printing press to do the printing of the mission.

Provide small steamer for the transportation of missionaries and supplies.

Reach with the gospel every village within the distance of five days' walk.

Establish 25 village schools.

For all this work we are asked to raise $228,750.

When we look at our task and what we propose to do we are not at all surprised that one of our leading North Carolina business men said, in speaking of the Centenary askings for Africa, "We are not asking for half enough."

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

CHRIST IS RISEN

Send the message far and wide
On this gladsome Eastertide,
Christ is risen, Lord of glory,
Let all earth repeat the story;
Easter bells in gladness ring,
Welcome to our risen King:
Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

Saddened hearts in silence wept
While the guards their vigils kept;
At the dawning loved ones bring
Sweetest spices to their King—
Found the stone was rolled away,
Sat an angel where he lay
With the message: "Christ is risen."

Send the word to Galilee
Christ is risen, from death he's free;
Tired disciples hear his voice,
Cease from weeping and rejoice.
Death hath lost its power to sting,
Heaven and earth rejoice and sing,
"Hallelujah! He is risen."

Waft the news to every land—
To Africa's gloom and India's strand,
To isles of sea, kingdoms dying—
"Christ is risen," death defying;
Easter songs in gladness sing,
Death has lost its venomed sting,
Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

—Exchange.

RESIGNATION OF MRS. R. W. MACDONNELL

The news of the resignation of Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell, one of the Administrative secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council, will be heard with regret by her numerous friends throughout the W. N. C. conference. Mrs. MacDonnell has been identified with the work of the Council for a number of years always doing splendid and efficient work and she will be greatly missed as a council officer.

Mrs. J. H. McCoy was named as her successor and will enter at once upon her duties. Mrs. McCoy is one of the most splendidly equipped women in our Southern Methodist church and we feel sure will fill the office most acceptably. Our best wishes for her in this new field of activity.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Woman's Missionary Council which was in session last week in Memphis, closed Wednesday afternoon after a busy and profitable meeting. We are sorry not to give in this issue an account of those days proceedings but will do so as early as it is possible. Mrs Lucy H. Robertson and Mrs. H. A. Dunham our conference representatives who were present, returned home Thursday.

MORE NEW ORGANIZATIONS

From Mrs. J. V. Wilson, district secretary of Greensboro district, comes the announcement of another adult society on her district, this time at Pleasant Garden, N C. Following are the officers: President, Mrs. W. C. Tucker; first vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Sherrill; second vice-president, Mrs. Robert Smith; recording secretary, Mrs. Julia Osborne; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. F. Ross. (Names of other officers not given.)

At Belmont Park, Charlotte, a new young people's society has been organized with fourteen members, with Mrs. A. L. Aycock as leader. Officers are: President, Miss Snow Davis; first vice-president, Miss Margaret Mulivee; second vice-president, Miss Beulah Carpenter; recording secretary, Miss Ethel Aycock; corresponding secretary, Miss Eunice Caudle; treasurer, Miss Agnes Reid; superintendent study and publicity, Miss Lucy Sullivan; superintendent social service, Miss Grace Sherrill; superintendent supplies, Miss Bertha Phillips.

Officers of Wadesboro Young People's society 1919.—President, Miss Louise Ross; first vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Hyatt, and vice-president, Miss Julia Cameron; recording secretary, Miss Lillian Gray, corresponding secretary, Miss Ann Lillie Masemore; treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Snyder.

HOW TO DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1919

Miss Mamie Voss

How to double our membership for 1919! This would seem to be a rather hard and difficult task, but it is not, however, impossible.

So many of our young people are afraid of the word "mission," forgetting that life is a mission and that the highest life emphasized within man is the Christian life and the Christian life is a life of service. He went about doing good. We must be missionary or give up our religion. We should try to make the young people realize that the world needs Christ—yea, even cries out for Him—and that they have something to do in helping to answer the cry. When Jesus saw the multitude he was moved with compassion. What each society needs is the shepherd instinct. When we get near Christ we see just what He sees.

The great problem that confronts our societies today is to get the old and new members interested enough to attend the regular meetings. But I think this can be overcome by putting more time and thought on our programs, making them so attractive and interesteing that it is worth while to attend. See that each one is given an opportunity to take part in the meeting, for then each member will realize that the success of the Young Peoples Missionary Society depends on her.

Bright and attractive posters advertising the meetings and giving assurance taht those who come will not be disappointed, if posted in a conspicuous place about the church, will help draw a crowd. Feature the program of the regular monthly meetings in this way. Advertising always brings resuts—and the results in this case will be more young people.

Personal letters to the young people, telling them how their help is needed, might do good. If we ca only make them understand how much more our work in the home and foreign field will mean if we could secure their assistance, surely we would more than double our membership. But personal touch is even better than personal letters. Let each old member make a note of the young people who live nearest them, or with whom they come in contact every day, and invite them to visit the society, and when they go to a meeting and see that that society is doing things, the chances are they will join. Young people are always ready to join a society if they know the people in that society are working and accomplishing things.

Perhaps it would be a good plan to have a membership drive, and see that all the young people of the church are given a special invitation to enlist in the great work for the Master. In the meantime have a social evening, and have some live wire explain what the society is doing and how much the help of all the young people is needed. Then on some given date have a special program for the new members. The pastor can be of great help in this drive by speaking from the pulpit, and urging all the young people to help make the Young People's Missionary Society go "over the top" in the membership drive. Posters could also be used in advertising this drive.

A good way to keep the Young People's Missionary Society to the front and in the public eye, and thereby interest people in its welfare, is to have musical programs or some kind of entertainment about once every or two months, and serve refreshments at these gatherings. This will keep up the interest of the old members and interest the prospective members.

But with all our social attempts, let us bear in mind we are working in our Master's name and we have a right to go to Him in prayer, and with His help we will double our membership for 1919. We should ever remeber that God helps those socities who help themselves, and He does not force any society into greatness and usefulness without an effort on its part.

Double our membership for 1919?
Can we do it?
"Somebody said it couldn't be done,
But we with a chuckle replied,
That maybe it couldn't, but we wouln't be one
Who would say so until we tried.
So we'll buckle right in with the trace of a grin,
On our face. If we worry we'll hide it.
We'll start to sing as we tackle the thing—
That can't be done and we'll do it.

"There are thousands to tell us it can't be done
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to us one by one—
The dangers wait to assail us.
But we'll buckle right in with a bit of a grin,
Then take off our coats and go to it—
Just start to sing as we tackle the thing
That cannot be done, and we will do it."

Report of Committee on Young People's Work

Whereas, The future development of our church depends so largely upon the efficiency and trained leadership of our young people, we, your committee, would urge:

1. That in every congregation where there are as many as six young people an effort be made to organize them into a young people's missionary society.

2. In view of the fact that the number of young people's organizations in our conference is so greatly out of proportion to the number of first vice-presidents we recommend that a campaign for young people, which shall be completed by September 30th, be carried forward throughout our conference.

3. The conference first vice-president shall be director of this campaign for young people, with a committee in each district, having the district secretary as chairman.

4. In those churches having no adult auxiliary, thereby having no officer for the young people's work, we recommend that the pastors be requested to appoint a woman to supervise the missionuary work of the young people and that her name be furnished the district secretary.

5. We recommend that the young people take for their slogan for the year the watchword "Each one win one."

6. That the missionary vision of our young people may be enlarged by definite mission study, by private daily devotions and by Bible study and prayer.

7. Having learned the power and ability of our young people through the recent war activities during the past year, we recommend that we willingly accept our part of the pledge for 1919 and a special effort be made to raise this in full.

8. Realizing the value of the summer conference in educating and training our young people in the missionary work, we would urge their attendance upon these conferences whenever possible.

9. That the young people's goal in the Centenary movement shall be every auxiliary 100 per cent intercessors and tithers; each member contributing to the Centenary fund; and a band of volunteers equal to the number of young people's societies in the conference.

10. That the young people be expected to give at least one program during the week of prayer services, and that this be made a standing rule.

11. That great care and thought be given to the preparation of informing and helpful programs for young people's meetings.

12. That we increase the efficiency of our work in all its phases by reporting correctly and on time, by making use of the literature provided by the council, and by striving always to attain the standard of excellence.

Mrs. W. R. Harris,
Chairman.
Miss Annie Kate Jones,
Secretary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Do you want to spend a day with Sunday school workers where there will be a continual opportunity to ask and answer questions dealing with the running of Sunday schools? Have you some problems that are bothering you? Would you like to hear how the thing is put over in places similar to yours? Have you an open mind?

Then be sure to attend your district institute. It is being held for you. You will miss something helpful if you stay away. No long speeches. No regular printed program. Just a good meeting dealing with live issues. Dinner furnished free. Ice water may be furnished. Be there, break a trace or be there. Note the time and place.

Monday, May 5, Concord.
Tuesday, May 6, Statesvllie.
Wednesday, May 7, Lexington.
Thursday, May 8, Asheboro.
Friday, May 9, Reidsville.
Saturday, May 10, Walnut Cove.
Monday, May 12, Monroe.
Tuesday, May 13, Lincolnton.
Wednesday, May 14, Rutherfordton.
Thursday, May 15, Hendersonville.
Friday, May 16, Waynesville.
Saturday, May 17, Morganton.

HOW TO GET MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Go after them. During the first fifteen days in May there is to be a campaign throughout Southern Methodism for more Sunday school scholars. Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, our corresponding secretary, has set for a goal at least one-third of our schools entering this uniform campaign. Will the Western North Carolina conference let two-thirds of its schools fail to enter into a campaign for more scholars? We shall see what we shall see.

Brother pastor, superintendent, teacher, officer or whatnot, please see that your school enters into the big business. Write Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, Nashville, Tenn., for proper blanks, mottoes, visitation cards and he will forward same free of charge. Be sure to state the name of your school, conference and the number of families you think your teams will visit.

Put those organized classes to work on this thing. Get every body to work. Visit your congregation and see how many people will be glad to have you visit them in the name of your Methodist Sunday school. Don't forget that we want 20,000 new Sunday school scholars, or a scholar for each church member.

CENTENARY HONOR ROLL

The following Sunday schools are properly lined up on the Centenary and are due to have sent them the 100 per cent certificates for excellency. Where there appears two Sunday schools of the same name in same district the best one is the school named. It is best because it is working at home and abroad. Please read through the list and thank the Lord for every one of them. Schools for warding pledge after Monday morning will appear in subsequent honor roll.

Asheville District

Bethel, Haywood Street, Elk Mountain, Riverview, Biltmore, Black Mountain, Bethany, Flat Rock, Edneyville, Friutland, Hot Springs, Marshall, Big Sandy, Bright Hope, Laurel, Horse Shoe, Mills River, Sardis, Shaw's Creek, Rosman, Oak Hill, Pleasant Hill, Weaverville, Saluda, Mt. Pleasant—26 schools.

Charlotte District

Belmont Park, Calvary Dilworth, Hawthorne Lane, Trinity, Tryon St., Seversville and Trinity, Hickory Grove, Center, Gilboa, Marshville, Monroe, Icemorlee, Morven, Pineville, Peachland, Bethlehem, Mill Grove, Unionville, Wadesboro, Hanna's Chapel, Mineral Springs, Waxhaw, Union, Wesley Chapel, Mt. Vernon—27 schools.

Greensboro District

Central Falls, West Bend, Carraway Memorial, Centenary, West Market, Walnut Street, Bethel, Mount Pleasant, Jamestown, Oakdale, Wesley Memorial, Bethany, Bethlehem, Liberty, Ebenezer, Fairview, Trinity, Reidsville, Hickory Grove, Ruffin, Bethlehem (Wentworth), Wentworth, Holt's Chepl, East End, High Point; Centennial, Concord, Green River—

Marion District

Cliffside, Connelly Springs, Rutherford College, Pleasant Grove, Caroleen, Henrietta, Bethlehem, Penland, Centennial, Concord, Green River.—11 schools.

Mount Airy District

Dobson, Elkin, Leaksville, Madison, Stoneville, Epworth, Antioch, Carmel, Eden, Glenco, Stokesdale, Lee's Chapel, Morehead, Summerfield, East Bend, Whitaker, Mt. Pisgah—17 schools

North Wilkesboro District

North Wilkesboro, Mill Creek, Elk Park, Henson's Chapel—4 schools.

Salisbury District

Central, Albemarle, Stony Hill, Bethel, China Grove, Central Concord, Epworth, Forest Hill, Kerr Street, Westford, Carmel, Olivet, Cedar Grove, Cottonville, Zion, Kannapolis, Mount Pleasant, Bethany, Bethel, New London, Shiloh, Spencer, North Main, Salisbury, Cleveland, South River, Woodleaf, Baden.—26 schools.

Shelby District

Palm Tree, Bessemer City, Concord, Bethlehem, Beulah, Cherryville, St. Paul, Lander's Chapel, High Shoal, Dallas, El Bethel, Lincolnton, Asbury, Pisgah, Lowell, Mayworth, South Point, Hill's Chapel, McAdenvile, Mt. Holly, Bethany, Denver, Lebanon, Marvin, Mt. Pleasant, Rehobeth, Webb's Chapel, Shelby, Mt. Vernon, Zion, Crouse, East Gastonia—33 schools.

Statesville District

Taylorsville, Concord, Hopewell, Clarkesbury, New Salem, Rose Chapel, Davidson, Rocky Mount, Granite Falls, Fair Grove, Lenoir, Friendship, Mooresville, Fairview McKendree, Mt. Zion, Newton, Snow Creek, South Lenoir, Whitnell, Bethel, Rocky Mount—22 schools.

Waynesville District

Bryson City, Shoal Creek, Whittier, Canton, Clyde, Salem, Tusquittie, Fincher's Chapel, Dellwood, Shady Grove, Murphy, Peachtree, Waynesville, Cashiers—14 schools.

Winston District

Center, Concord, Liberty, Jackson Hill, Bethlehem, Bethel, Oak Summit, Kernersville, Daub, Sharon, Union, Cotton, Macedonia (Linwood), Macedonia (New Hope), Wesley Chapel, Fair Grove, Prospect, Southside, Linwood, Sedge Garden, Thomasville—21 schools.

NEWELL'S WAY

"My dear Woosley:

Sure, spread the glad news. Let's make it a big performance. I shall be glad to co-operate in any way. Make all your announcements and I shall write the boys an additional letter.

Thompson and I had conferred and I told him to complete arrangements with you. Am shoving every bit of work I can these days. Your meeting should be of decided advantage to the Centenary. Not all our schools have joined the army of the Lord yet. This will be a good time to line 'em up. God bless you, old boy.

Newell."

Thus writes the presiding elder of the Statesville district in response to an enquiry relative to holding a Sunday school institute in this district. A fellow can't help but like his directness and informality. Then he gets what he goes after.

The Sunday school is the church seeking to carry out the last command of our Lord, to teach all nations. It proposes to establish the rule of God by beginning in the cradle. But it is more than a juvenile society. It is the church and community assembled for the study of the Word of God under trained instructors. W. H. Willis.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

"I have started a little spurt in my Sunday schools for graded lessons and Wesley classes. Would like to have you send a batch of leaflets concerning these things, and also a few on teacher-training. Be sure to enclose a half dozen application blanks for Wesley charters.

W. R. Shelton."

Shelton's two Sunday schools were the first two to line up on the Centenary from the Marion district. Our conference will hear from this young man as he works away. Did you know he could have gone to the North Carolina conference as Sunday school field secretary this year had he so elected. He wants to stay in his native conference where the field needs all it can get.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"If you're asleep don't read the 'School Standard.' It might wake you up an' make you do somethin'."

"It's jest a useless tryin' of God's patience prayin' for the baptism of the Holy Ghost on teachers who won't supply the lack of human preparation."

"It's jest as true of the church as 'tis of the nation—the educational forces at work in 'em determines what they're goin' to be."

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Possibly you have imagined that you could never get your own consent to write a testimonial letter, but if you have ever experienced the excruciating pains of Rheumatism you can at least appreciate the feelings of those who have been relieved of this terrible disease by drinking the Mineral Water from the justly celebrated Shivar Spring. This water overcomes many diseases, including Indigestion, Gout, Uric Acid Poisoning and Liver and Kidney diseases, but no patrons of the Springs are more enthusiastic in their praise of the water than those who have been relieved of their Rheumatism. Hundreds of letters like the following have been received by the Management:

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Post Office .....

Express Office .....

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Revs. R. M. Courtney and R. G. Tuttle were pleasant visitors at the Advocate office on Monday morning.

—Rev. T. V. Crouse, pastor of the Stokesdale circuit, came to see us on Monday. He makes quite a cheering report from his charge.

—Rev. Harry North will preach the annual sermon at Carolina College, Maxton, N. C., and Governor Bickett will deliver the annual address.

—The Platonic Literary Society, of Rutherford Colleg, will hold their nineteenth annual debate in the college auditorum on Friday evening, April 25.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton, of Henrietta, announce the birth of a son on April 9, 1919, weight seven pounds, name William Roy, Jr. Congratulations.

—Rev. J. A Cook calls attention to the fact that his charge, Sylva Station, has 126 members and that there are 39 subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and 15 to the Nashville. About every family is supplied. Not many can beat this record.

—The Hawthorne Lane congrgation of Charlotte has through the action of the official board, authorized the erection of a splendid brick parsonage on the lot donated by Mr. B. D. Heath adjoining the church property. The Building Commitee has the matter in hand and before many months will complete the task.

—It is with sorrow that we learn of the death of Mr. F. M. Johnson which occurred at his home in Mocksville ten days ago. He was a pillar in the church—a good man, loved by all the people and his passing removes one of the best of Davie's citizens We extend sympathy to the stricken widow and friends.

—Rev. A. L. Lucas, of the Bakersville charge, recently closed a good revival meeting at Penland. There were a large number of professions and several united with the church. Mr. Haux, of Cornelius, led the singing. The corrsespondent says that brother Lucas did fine preaching and endeared himself to the people.

—Centenary church, Winston-Salem, has recently lost one of its most valuable members, Mr. Roland C. Taylor. He was the secretary and treasurer of the board of stewards, a member of the choir, and active in all parts of the work of the church. He will be greatly missed.

—Rev. L. L. Smith, sending in a good report from the Stanley circuit, Shelby district, says: "Six of the new subscribers were secured by Mrs. M. C. Kirksey, also most of the renewals." Now, there it is again. This campaign has revealed the fact that the Advocate depends largely for its support and patronage upon the good women. About three fourths of the names on our list begins with Mrs.

—The fifty-eigth annual State Fair is announced to be held at Raleigh, October 20-25. On account of the war this fair was called off last year, but this year it is proposed that it be made a great peace jubilee, celebrating "the victory of the American soldier who freed the world and of the American farmer who fed the world."

—Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Welch, of Wadesboro, gave an informal reception to their friends at the parsonage in Wadesboro on Friday evening, March 28, in celebration of the birthday of Mr. Welch. The reporter says that "During the course of the evening Mr. Welch received many useful and beautiful presents. Among other things of value was a check of $50 and a five dollar gold piece from members of the church."

—Rev. J. J. Gray and his people at Marshall and Hot Springs came up to the requirements some time ago in the Advocate campaign. Brother Gray gets behind things and brings them up. He says the people are becoming much interested in the Centenary and the Sunday schools are undertaking to raise their quota.

—We were in error last week in saying that Rev. J. F. Usry formrly served as a supply in our conference. He came to us from the M. E. Church by transfer and was later transfered to the North Carolina Conference. We regret to know that Brother Usry is in very poor health, but hope he may soon recover and be able to get back in the work again.

—Rev. J. W. Bennett reports a fine revival at Valle Crucis on the Watauga charge. There were fifteen professions and all except two gave their names as candidates for membership. The people of Henson's Chapel, where the parsonage is located, gave the pastor and family a generous pounding when Mrs. Bennett and the children arrived about a month ago. Mrs. Bennett and the children spent the winter with the home people in Alabama.

OUR CONFERENCE STILL IN THE LEAD

Five hundred Methodist Sunday schools have not yet shown their missionary colors. The Centenary needs you, it must have your support. Your pledge will not count on your church's Centenary allotment after May 18, it does before. Sign up and help our conference continue in the lead. Sunday, April 13, found our conference just two ahead of the next highest, the Alabama conference. O. V. Woosley.

TO SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT SUBSCRIBERS

Please make all remitances to me and not to E. A. Cole, Treasurer. This will let me report to him and not him to me. This does not apply to B & L subscriptions.

J. P. Rodgers, Agent,
Superannuate Endowment Fund.

NOTICE

If any of our readers have a copy of "Lance, Cross and Canoe," by Milbourne; or a copy of "Rambles among Surnames," by Daniel; will you please address me on a postal stating whether or not you will sell them; or kindly lend them to me.

Very truly, J. J. Eads.
Danbury, N. C.

BOARD OF MISSIONS IN ANNUAL SESSION JUNE THIRD

W. W. Pinson, General Secretary

On account of the postponment of the Centenary Drive which will take place May 18-25, the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions, which is ordinarily held in May, will convene this year on June 3. The meeting will be held in Nashivlle and in view of the Centenary will doubtless be one of the most interesting and important ever held. A full attendance of members is desired and visitors will be welcome.

REVIVAL AT COOLEEMEE

We closed a good revival at Cooleemee Thursday evening, April 10. On yesterday I received eighteen members on profession of faith and six by certificate, making twenty-four as a result of the meeting. Others may join our church. Some of other persuasions were converted, and the church greatly revived. The meeting was a great blessing to us. Rev. James H. Green, our conference evangelist, did the preaching, and Mr. Rudd Newsome, of Guilford College, led the singing. The meeting would have been carried on longer possibly, but Brother Green was taken sick Wednesday.

Our Sunday school adopted the Centenary plan of raising five cents per member, monthly, for five years, and we have sent in the first month's installment. N. R. Richardson.

WEAVER COLLEGE COMMENCE MENT

The fall term of Weaver College opened August 14 and closed December 17. The spring term began January 1, and closes May 6. The college has enjoyed unusual prosperity this year. Our enrollment was one hundred and seventy-three, with a boarding patronage of ninety-two, the full capacity of our boarding department. We are fortunate in the speakers for the commencement. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preach Sunday morning, May 4.

Dr. E. K. McLarty, League Sermon 8:30 p. m. Dr. E. L. Bain, Literary address, Tuesday morning, May 6.

Graduating exercises, Tuesday morning, 10:00 a. m.. Public invited to all exercises. Eugene Blake.

READ THIS

Presiding elders, pastors, field secretaries, conference directors, and anybody else who has a good story to tell. We need your help. We have a greater demand than we can supply for Centenary stories. Live news, feature stories, stories of human interest, even a joke if it's a good joke and about some phase of the Centenary, can be used. We can place as many of these stories as you will send us—for the most part in the secular press. It is not necessary that you take the time or trouble to do any "fine writing," just let us have the facts. Please send in your stories right away. Do it now and send all material to Mrs. C. W. Turpin, superintendent Religious Press, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn.

CLIFFSIDE CIRCUIT

The "Flu" and an epidemic of measles have hindered at my three country appointments. I, however, have had two services at Oak Grove, two at Hollis and three at Hopewell. We have sent in our allotment of new subscribers to the Advocate with two over. This I am glad of, but there are so many families that should have the Advocate that are not taking it. I am still on the canvass, and hope to send in others yet. We have been trying to create interest and enthusiasm in the Centenary Movement. Our Sunday school at Cliffside has already begun the Centenary offering and possibly Oak Grove will follow soon.

Rev. W. L. Dawson is to assit us in a protracted meeting beginning at Cliffside the fifteenth. Our two quarterly meetings were fairly good and well attended, considering the influenza and other conditions. The last was held at Hollis. Brother Holmes was in his usual optimistic spirit and at himself in his preaching and executive ability.

Your brother in the work,
A. J. Burrus.

CALL FROM COUNTRY PREACHER

Please urge the pastors and members whose churches are rejoicing over their glorius Centenary success to pray earnestly for those pastors whose members are hard to reach and slow to move; seventy-five per cent of whom take no church paper, and will not read the Centenary literature handed to them; whose leaders oppose the campaign; members of country churches which have preaching but once a month, and in case of a rainy Sunday, once in two months—churches that have had not a single minute man to address them and whose education must be a tedious process.

Pray for us even though we are somewhat responsible for our failure. The less worthy we are of your prayers, the more we need them. The heart aches, the sleepless hours and the dread of final failure almost crush us. Pray for us, that the Centenary work may not suffer through our failure.

A Country Preacher.

BAXTER McLENDON AND RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Evangelist Baxter McLendon has generously promised to give to Weaver Hall what money he receives from one of his city meetings, the meeting to be determined later. This is probably the largest subscription yet made to Weaver Hall, for McLendon is the highest paid evangelist in the South, probably, next to Billy Sunday, the highest paid evangelist in America. Baxter's younger brother, Murray, was a ministerial student a few years ago at Rutherford College. He joined the South Carolina Conference, preached several years, gave great promise of a true success here, but was early promoted to heaven. On account of Murray and on account of the large number of ministerial students at Rutherford, Brother McLendon is greatly drawn to our college. A good many of McLendon's converts hear and heed the call to preach. He helps many of these financialy.

McLendon began a five weeks' meeting in Raleigh last Sunday. I went to Raleigh to see him and enjoyed two nights in his meeting. I knew of him and his work before I left South Carolina, and believed in both him and his work. He does not compromise or make religion easy. He makes a terrific attack on sin. He preaches powerfully the necessity of repentance, the new birth and a holy life. Mack gets the crowds and gets hundreds of them saved. He helps the churches.

April 11, 1919. J. R. Walker.

THE CENTENARY AND RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Rutherford College is to receive fifty thousand dollars from the Centenary. Some of us hope to see this made an endowment fund. Our Weaver Hall building fund is entirely separate from what we are to receive from the Centenary. We desire speedily to bring our list for this fund for building and improvements to thirty-five thousand dollars. I wish, however, to make it plain that no gift for Weaver Hall can count on the Centenary. We are, of course, going to raise thirty-five million for the Centenary, and we are going to raise separately this thirty-five thousand for Weaver Hall and improvements. We now have $25,761.01, not counting McLendon's one or two or three thousand. Write us at once what you will do to help finish this building fund.

J. R. Walker.

The Enterprise Company, Inc., of Sumter, S. C., are advertising their famous Nancy Hall and Porto Rico sweet potato plants; also all varieties of tomato, egg and pepper plants, at very reasonable prices; so it would appear that there is no reason why every one should not have a successful "back yard' garden this spring and summer and take full advantage of the extra hour allowed by law enabling every one to get outdoors and do his own gardening. Surely it will pay one to raise a few tomatoes, if nothing else.

It is well for all that "whosoever" is mentioned in the invitation, because if your name was there you could not be certain that it was not meant for some one else of the same name.—Spurgeon.

CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Report to Tuesday, April 15, 1919

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Reid Harris	1
M. F. Moores	29
W. B. Thompson	5
E. K. McLarty	44
E. W. Fox	4
J. O. Ervin	41
D. R. Proffitt	2
W. I. Hughes	12
D. Atkins	15½
C. A. Johnson	13
J. J. Gray	10
O. P. Ader	14
C. M. Carpenter	10
R. P. Fikes	4
Layman Central Church	10
J. M. Green	1
W. E. Poovey	14
J. G. W. Holloway	5
J. L. Teague	2
J. O. Banks	5
O. J. Chandler	1
D. R. Proffitt	10
C. M. McKinney	1
	253½

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

E. R. Welch	29
Jno. W. Moore	34
S. T. Barber	24
H. H. Jordan	93½
J. E. McSwain	14
M. A. Osborne	12
A. R. Bell	5
L. T. Cordell	12
R. L. Forbis	10
T. J. Huggins	14
T. F. Marr	8
Seymour Taylor	7½
Z. E. Barnhardt	19
W. F. Elliott	10
E. Myers	33
B. F. Hargett	8
C. L. McCain	13½
G. W. Fink	1
R. H. Kennington	1
L. B. Abernethy	31
W. S. Cherry	2
L. H. Griffith	31
	394½

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

W. C. Jones	17
J. T. Stover	20
H. H. Robbins	14
A. W. Plyler	39
J. E. Woosley	18½
T. B. Johnson	19
F. L. Townsend	14
C. F. Sherrill	19
Ira Erwin	15
C. S. Kirkpatrick	16
T. J. Rogers	17
W. A. Lambeth	7
F. W. Cook	9
West Market Street	1
H. C. Sprinkle	53
A. C. Gibbs	23½
W. M. Smith	19
A. P. Ratledge	10
J. M. Varner	11
	332

MARION DISTRICT

A. J. Burrus	11
T. C. Jordan	12½
M. W. Heckard	13
R. F. Mock	15
Joseph Fry	12
D. S. Richardson	24
W. R. Shelton	5
Theo. W. Hager	8
C. M. Pickens	15
N. M. Modlin	17
M. G. Ervin	6
J. S. Folger	14
E. L. Shelton	10
W. J. Hackney	10
J. S. Mitchell	1
M. B. Clegg	10
W. L. Hutchins	19
W. L. Dawson	1
J. B. Tabor	13
	216½

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

Geo. D. Harmon	28
J. J. Eads	27
J. H. Robertson	11
J. W. Combs	17
T. V. Crouse	29½
Geo. W. Williams	17
W. M. Boring	11
J. E. Gay	12½
Albert Sherrill	16
J. C. Mock	7
O. P. Routh	17
C. R. Allison	9½
G. A. Stamper	32
T. P. Jimison	10
G. W. Clay	10
G. C. Brinkman	10
J. F. Armstrong	10
	266½

NORT WILKESBORO DISTRICT

D. G. Wilson	4
T. S. Coble	25
T. J. Houck	13
W. R. Ware	2
R. F. Wellons	4
O. D. Stacy	5
L. C. Delp	8
J. D. Pyatt	5
J. W. Bennett	1
J. M. Barber	3
J. C. Cornett	1
	71

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

D. H. Rhinehardt	7
D. F. Carver	24
L. A. Falls	20
E. N. Crowder	20
R. L. Melton	3
J. A. Peeler	4
J. F. Ratledge	32
J. C. Keever	18
R. A. Swearingen	35
W. B. Davis	20
J. J. Edwards	6
J. W. Williams	16
Jno. M. Price	12
H. G. Allen	13
Loy D. Thompson	16
M. B. Woosley	9
A. G. Loftin	17
R. M. Hoyle	26
John H. Green	6
R. D. Sherrill	12½
W. O. Goode	14
	330½

SHELBY DISTRICT

J. F. Moser	24
E. L. Kirk	40
E. P. Stabler	12
W. B. Shinn	22
D. P. Waters	21½
H. C. Byrum	8
D. M. Litaker	10
J. E. Thompson	11
T. A. Plyler	11
J. W. Kennedy	23
C. R. Canipe	9
C. M. Short	46½
R. A. Taylor	11
J. A. Sharpe	5
L. L. Smith	10
O. C. Fortenberry	8½
N. C. Williams	17
D. W. Brown	23
S. M. Needham	14
C. A. Wood	58
W. T. Albright	9
A. L. Stanford	1
	394½

SALISBURY DISTRICT

R. C. Kirk	47
R. S. Howie	16
E. E. Yates	11
E. M. Avett	27
M. H. Vestal	12
E. J. Poe	4
S. E. Richardson	23
P. L. Shore	13
E. E. Williamson	5
W. F. Sandford	11
J. S. Gibbs	13
J. E. B. Houser	10
R. M. Taylor	17
Z. Paris	13
B. Wilson	3
J. A. Bowles	25
P. W. Tucker	15
J. W. Strider	2
G. W. Vick	16
A. S. Raper	11
W. S. Hales	1
H. F. Starr	4
R. K. Brady	14
J. C. Brown	15
	328

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Fred O. Dryman	31
J. C. Umberger	11
C. E. Stedman	17
J. A. Cook	15
Jno. I. Spinks	9
W. B. West	18
J. E. Womack	7
G. A. B. Holderby	5
W. J. Baker	11
A. L. Latham	5½
L. B. Hayes	11
A. A. Godfrey	10
J. W. Campbell	13
R. E. Hunt	14
T. L. Noble	4½
D. V. Howell	10
J. H. Bradley	26½
John Cline	21
M. N. Hildebran	4
M. T. Smathers	1
L. P. Bogle	15½
	260

WINSTON DISTRICT

W. M. Robbins	19
R. G. Tuttle	35
J. W. Vestal	24
T. J. Ogburn	6
J. P. Hipps	13½
P. E. Parker	12
H. H. Mitchell	4
E. O. Cole	4
C. P. Goode	13
N. R. Richardson	24
Z. T. Bell	2
D. C. Ballard	3
C. O. Kennerly	3
C. C. Williams	14
J. H. Brendall	11
J. B. Fitzgerald	11
A. S. Abernethy	11
W. J. S. Walker	10
P. W. Brittain	10
R. H. Daugherty	6
J. S. Hiatt	14
A. C. Swofford	28
J. C. Harmon	13
P. L. Terrell	14
	304
Total from Districts	3146
Miscellaneous	8
Grand Total	3154

HOW WE STAND BY DISTRICTS

	Apportioned	Secured
Asheville	282	253½
Charlotte	317	394½
Greensboro	256	332
Marion	248	216½
Mount Airy	205	268½
Nortth Wilkesboro	167	71
Statesville	283	330½
Shelby	253	394½
Salisbury	284	328
Waynesville	258	260
Winston	296	304
Total	2849	3153

This report shows only new subscribers. Some who have only a few new subscribers to their credit have done fine work in taking care of renewals. It has been impossible for us to make ready a full report includng renewals. We hope early in May after this special campaign to give a full report showing exactly how much money each pastor has sent in.

There may be errors in this report and we will thank those concerned to call our attention to any error discovered.

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Jim had been ..one of the boys" and a favorite, because he was always so cheery and on the lookout to "help a fellow." Every newsboy in the crowd would swear by Jim. Many times when he had sold his papers he would help one of the "midgets" as he called the smaller boys, by crying his papers for him, and being bright, quick and pleasant trade usually came his way.

There were many sides to Jim's character. He was a hard worker, a good fighter if it was necessary, a fine story teller between working hours, and in his soul was a great loce for flowers.

When he was missed from the usual corner some one would say: "Jim? Oh, he's likely lookin' at the posies in the flower store," and every Saturday night would find him with a blossom of some sort in his buttonhole. He longed to see the country with its stretch of hills and fields, its clear sky and the woods where the violets grew.

"Just think," he said to his little friend Bob, "you can pick 'em right off the ground without payin' or even askin'. Mother said so."

Jim had no anticipation of seeing the outside of the busy city streets, but he did and it all came about in this way:

There was a large fire and the boys were rushing headlong after the engines, when a little fellow stumbled and fell in front of a moving car. Jim saw the danger and made a hurried leap to his rescue, fairly throwing the child from the track, but he had no time to save himseif, and when he opened his eyes again it was in the hospital ward.

The weeks went by and Jim was sadly missed. He said to one of the boys: "Seems to me if I could get to the country I'd be well again," and then his voice grew husky; "but I couldn't sell papers there, could I?"

Easter was very near and Jim began to ask the boys how the flower stores looked.

"Lots of fine lilies, ain't there? I'd have one this year, all my own; been saving up for it for a long while, but now I'll forget it."

There was a special meeting of the boys that night and it was decided that Jim was to go to the country, but how?

The boys had planned to buy an Easter lily fur him but it had not entered their minds that they could do more, but when the heart is in the work it usually wins, and it did this time. They decided to tell Jim's story to his old customers. They knew many of them by sight and were sure they would listen, for they had often asked for him. One old gentleman was especially interested in him, and after asking many questions he said if one of the boys would go with him he would go to the hospital to see Jim.

Bob was chosen to go, as he had been there the oftenest, living not far from the hospital. When Jim saw Bob and the old gentleman his face brightened with pleasure.

"It's very kind of you, sir, to come to see me."

"I have missed you, my boy; you have sold me my evening paper for a long time."

He then talked of many things, drawing out the story of Jim's life. He promised to come again soon, and when he and Bog were alone he said earnestly: "Jim is a worthy fellow and I will help you to get him into the country, but you must do your best first."

The boys did their best and their fund grew steadily, nickel by nickel, and sometimes a dime found a home in the box. The day before Easter the again counted their money and the old man stopped on the corner.

"Well, boys, what have you by this time?"

"Five dollars. Will that pay his fare, dou you think, sir? We could send him more after a while."

"You're a plucky lot of boys, but what about the lily you were going to buy? That will cost you something."

"Oh, we've bought it."

Inquiry told that the boys had gone without their dinners many days to buy Jim's lily.

"Well, boys, tomorrow morning, if you will all come to my house and bring the lily along, I will contribute my share to the fund.' '

The boys were puzzled and yet they believed in the old gentleman, and Easter morning, with as clean hands and faces as they could muster, they wended their way to the beautiful house on Lowell street.

A colored servant opened the door and treated them as politely 'as if we were real gents," Bob said afterward. He led them upstairs and through a long hall and opened a door into a beautiful, sunny room.

"Come right in boys," the old gentleman called cheerily, but they stood motionless in the doorway. There sat Jim in a big wheel chair.

Bob nearly dropped the lily, but Jim put out his hand and said: "Oh, boys, did you bring it to me? How good of you!' And then such a visit as they had.

The old gentleman slipped out of the room and then Jim told them how he had been to see him each day and finally had broght him here.

"He lives here alone, boys, and hasn't a child in the world," and here Jim broke down, but the old gentleman was there to finish the story.

"Yes, Jim is to be my boy now, and he has you, his true, staunch friends, to thank for what has come to him in the time of his misfortune, and the sacrifice you have made for him will some day be rewarded."

The boys faces were radiant and no jealousy found a place in their hearts, for, as I said before, they would swear by Jim.

He shook their hands warmly and some color stole into his face. "You're bricks, boys, every one of you, and I thank you for the lily and all the rest."

With lighter hearts the boys went out into the world again.

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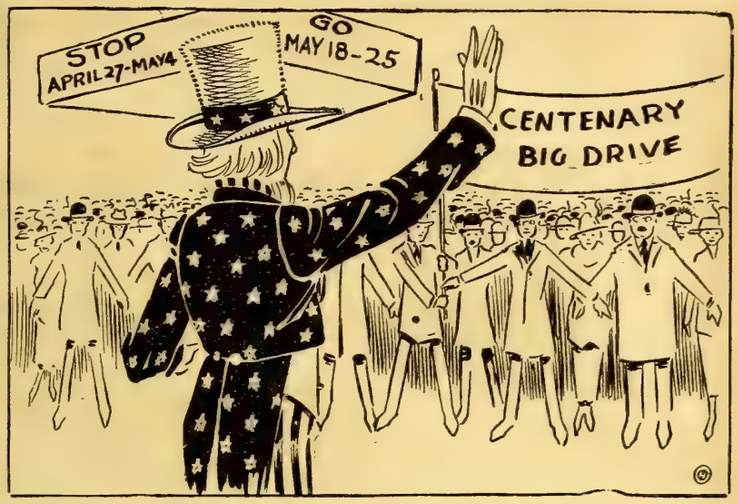
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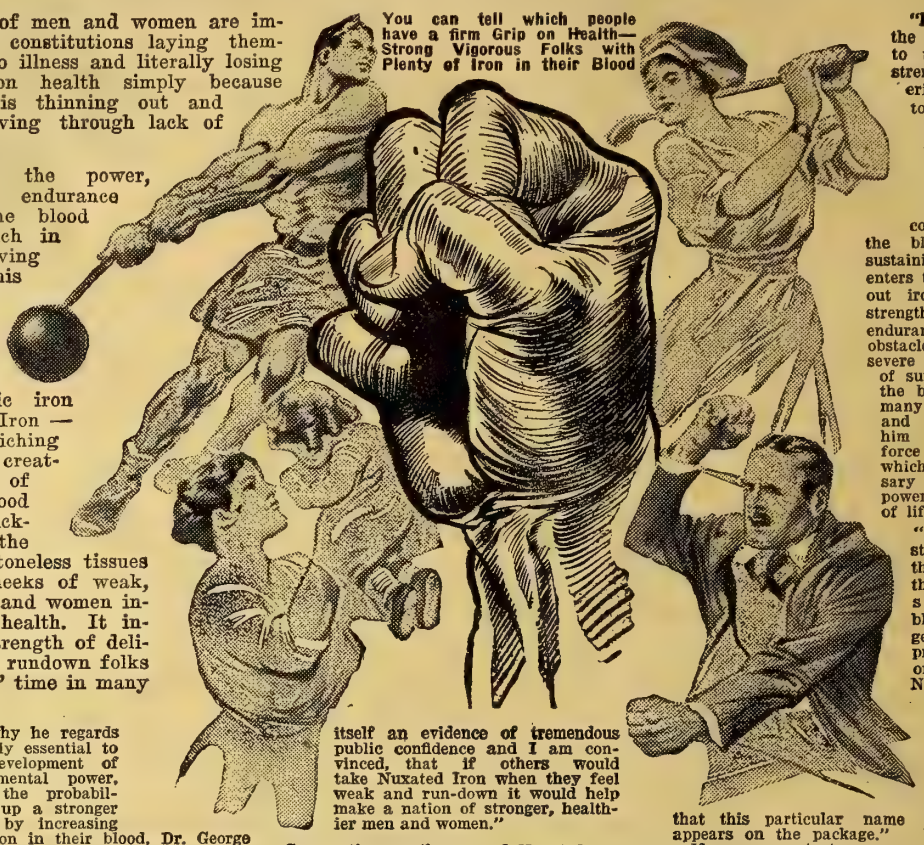
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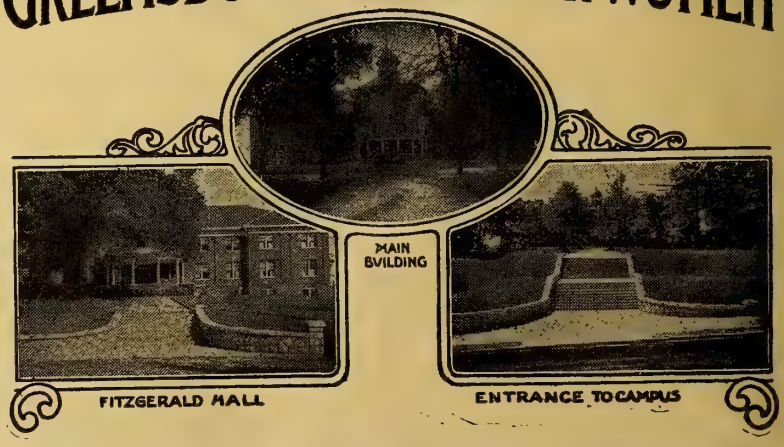
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HOPKINS.—Matthew Cooper Hopkins was born in Alamance county, N. C., and died in Spray, N. C., February, 1919, being nearly sixty-eight years of age. In 1875 he was married to Miss Katherine Gibson, of his native county. Their house was blessed with six children, viz. Mrs H. A. Cooper, Mrs. A. E. Fair, Mrs. W. J. Tood and James O. Hopkins, of Spray. William Hopkins, Draper, N. C., and Richard Hopkins, of Raleigh, N. C. All these survive and in addition twenty-two grand children and one great-grand child. He joined the Methodist Protestant Church in Alamance, but upon his removal to Spray, fifteen years ago he transferred his membership to our church. He at once became an active and efficient member of the church, serving as steward for a number of years and later when his health was too much impaired for this he was appointed sexton and until a short time before his death, served the church devotedly in this capactiy.

With Ovid, brother Hopkins could have said in his last hour, "I have finished a work which neither the wrath of the Gods, nor fire, nor steel nor all consuming time can destroy."

Seldom, if ever, have I seen one die so ardently loved by everybody who knew him. Seldom, if ever, have I seen a father more devoted to his children, or children love their father with a stronger or more beautiful affection. The death-chamber was not a "house of mourning." It was indeed a "vestibule of glory."

"How well he fell asleep!
Like some proud river, widening toward
the sea;
Calmly and grandly, silently and deep,
Life joined Eternity!"

After we too shall fall asleep, we shall see him. J. Frank Armstrong.

HAYNES.—Sarah Ann Haynes, daughter of William Fortenburry, was born June 2, 1826, and died February 27, 1919, age ninety-two years, eight months and twenty-six days. At the age of twenty-three she was married to M. Haynes. When the war began between the States, he answered the call of his native Southland and he made the supreme sacrifice during the seven days fight around Richmond. Thus she was left a widow without children to look to for help and comfort along the pathway of life. Ever since the war, Sister Haynes has lived more or less a lonely life. During the last years of her life she had the kind companionship of her sister. Aunt Sarah Ann, as she was usually called, was not rich in this worlds goods, but she was rich toward God.

I often called at her home, and I considered it an honor to go there, and a very great privelege. How encouraging it is to visit the home of God's servants and hear them tell the story of Jesus and His love. We often think about God's precious promises, the fact that He has promised He would not leave us nor forsake us, but these dear old people tell us that God has never forsaken them, that in the days of trial, in the days of service, in the days of waiting, and in the days when they are going thorugh the shadow of death, He is with them and His strength is sufficient. How it strengthens us to hear their testimony. I don't think I ever left Aunt Sarah Ann's home without resolving in my heart that I was going to be a better Christian.

She was converted and joined the Rehobeth Methodist Episcopal Church, South, seventy-two years ago, and later moved by letter to Palm Tree Methodist Episcopal Church. A few days before her death she told me she was ready to go if it was God's will, she said she was glad that she gave herself to the Lord when young, and that the Christian life had meant more and more to her as the years went by. So on February 27, she fell on sleep, and her spirit went home to God who gave it. On February 28, her body was laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery. May our kind Heavenly Father richly bless the bereaved ones. Some day we expect to meet Aunt Sarah Ann in that country where sorrow and separation are unknown.

Dwight W. Brown, Pastor.

BOWMAN.—Margaret S. Bowman died March 18, 1919, aged eighty years, eight months and sixteen days. She was one of the oldest members of Pleasant Grove church, on the Lenoir circuit, and lived a noble, quiet and upright Christian life and exerted an influence for good in the sphere of church work, where she was called to labor.

Rev. McGruder Tuttle, who had been her pastor for some years, said in substance: that he had known Sister Bowman from his youth, and that she had always lived a devoted Christian life; and that he recalled very vividly her bright experiences given at the services held on the old Marvin campground when he was a young man, and that her life had made a great impression on him during his youth, and that he had no doubt in regard to her future happiness.

She had been in feeble health for some time, but for the last three months her decline was very rapid. Yet she was bright and cheerful to the last and manifested a very strong faith in Christ as she looked toward the sunset of her earthly pilgrimage, and she died without being afraid to cross the river for she felt that Jesus was her friend and that He was with her.

She spent her last years in the home of Brother John L. Sudderth, who married her daughter and they answered her evrey want and gave her the most tender care.

Her greatest earthly desire was to live to see her three grand sons, who had taken an active part in the war in France, come home, but she only lived to see one of them, Sergeant Clarence Sudderth, who arrived at home, after recovering from serious wounds, several weeks before her death.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. McGruder Tuttle, in Pleasant Grove church, where many relatives and friends were gathered to pay their last respects to one whom they loved.

PEELER.—John Coon Peeler was born in Cleveland county December 18, 1851, and departed this life March 5 1919, aged sixty-eight years, two months and twenty-nine days. His sickness was of short duration, being a victim of pneumonia. In 1875 he was happily married to Fanny Crowder and to this union were born four children, one having died in infancy and the other three, Pink Peeler Emmett Peeler, and Mrs. Ella Rudisell were by his side when the end came. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Messrs A. S. Peeler, Lum Peeler, Bill Peeler, and Mrs. Ella Carpenter and Mrs. Cordella Davis. His suffering was intense during his last days, but his was the spirit of resignation, he did not complain, knowing the all-wise Father did all things well. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Palm Tree in 1874, and from that time he has been a true follower of our Christ.

Brother Peeler was devoted to his home, the fireside was attractive to him. He was not free to express himself before the public, he loved the chuch, he enjoeyd public worship, but it was his lot to be silent, and let others who were better gifted than he to the talking. But in his home by the quite fireside, away from the world he talked of the goodness of God and that some day he expected to be in a better world. He was a thoughtful father, a kind husband and a sympathetic neighbor and was respected by all who knew him. His funeral was conducted at Palm Tree church on March 6, by the writer, assisted by his old friend, Rev. C. R. Canipe, in the presence of a large congregation and all that was mortal was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church. May the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, greatly comfort the bereaved ones. Dwight W. Brown.

WILLIAMS.—Mrs. Frances Williams, wife of Anderson W. Williams and daughter of M. S. and M. E. Justus, was born June 24, 1901, and died December 18, 1918, aged seventeen years, five months and twenty-three days. On February 24, 1918, she became the happy bride of Anderson W. Williams.

She being gentle, patient and kind easily won her way into the hearts of all who knew her.

At a very tender age she professed faith in Christ and joined the Edneyville Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and remaind a true member to the day of her final departure. Her church life though few in years, was a very useful one as she was a faithful Sunday school scholar and for some time church organist.

About the first of December she was stricken with influenza and later contracted pneumonia, which for several days she made a heroic fight against, but to no avail for her body was too frail to over come; therefore, calmly and quietly her spirit winged its way back to the God who gave it.

On the following morning, her body was conveyed from her home to the Methodist church at Edenyville, where in the presence of a large crowd of friends funeral services were conducted by the writer, after which her remains were buried in the cemetery near her old home. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing ones left behind and bring them all together on the final day. C. A. Johnson.

GRIBBLE.—David Coleman Gribble, son of Rufus and Martha Ann Gribble, was born April 10, 1893, and crossed over the great Divide February 2,3 1919. His passing has left us sad and lonely, but also with hope and joy.

David professed salvation, a particularly bright and happy conversion, in April, 1914, and joned the Wesleyana Methodist Church. The pride of his family, generous and kind, he was a favorite with young and old alike. The children cried when he was called to the service and sobbed, heart-broken, around his bier on the funeral day—he was their friend, and they loved him.

On June 24, last, David started for Camp Jackson, telling his sister who bade him good-bye last, that he was going to get back close to the Lord and try to live better than ever. He never returned, even on a furlough. Never strong in health, he became ill and was in the hospital from January 16 to the day of his death. His sister, Carrie—as faithful a sister as ever was—reached him Friday before he died, and prayed and watched with him constantly to the end. The last time he recognized her he told her, "I am going home." To the chaplains and others who asked how he was, as the angel of death hovered near, he ever replied, "I am all right."

With breaking heart, the loyal sister brought the body home, where it was laid to rest in the Wesleyana cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Cook and the pastor, Rev. John Cline. There was a large concourse of friends and relatives in attendance—so great that the church would not hold half; so the services were held in the church yard. The grief of the loved ones was piteous; his sister, whose errand of love had seemingly but not really been in vain, was almost unconsolable.

David has just gone over the river before us. He leaves, besides father and mother, five sisters and one brother and a large circle of relatives and friends, who mourn his absence. May our blessed Lord bring them all home to meet him in glory; and may the splendid young soldiers, who acted as pall-bearers and helpers in the funeral service, be ready when the angelic bugler calls assembly for them too.

"Press onward, then, tho' foes may
frown,
While mercy's gate is open;
Accept the cross and win the crown,
Love's everlasting token;
Beyond the river's brink we'll lay
The cross that here is given,
And bear the crown of life away,
And love him more in Heaven."

John Cline.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were passed by the young people of Mr. W. S. Robinson's Sunday school class, of Harrison Methodist Episcopal Church, in memory of Miss Grace Rone.

Whereas our Heavenly Fatner, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst a beloved friend and a consecrated member. We record the memories of her gentle, dignified and lovable character, therefore be it resolved:

First, That her life was worthy of emulation, being marked by the unnumbered deeeds of thoughtful attention for others, that radiated the blessed influence in home, community and church, her gentleness, devotion to duty and to her church, with implicit faith in her Saviour.

Second, That we bow in humble submission to His will and that we do extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives and affections and pray that Heaven's trichest blessings and consolations be given to them.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, also a copy recorded on the minutes of our Sunday school, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Grace McGinn,
Maude McGinn,
Elizabeth Latham,
Mary Bell Ardrey,
Committee.

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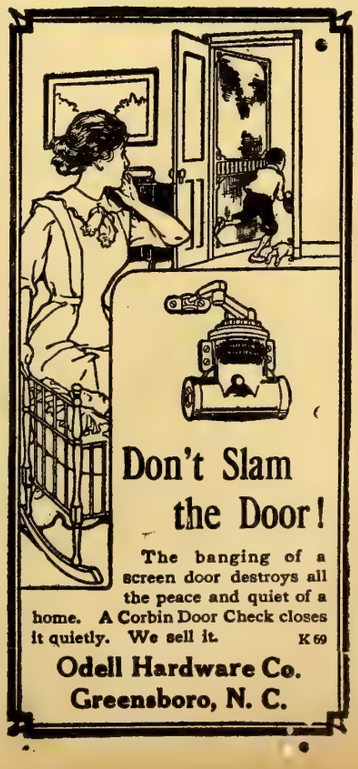
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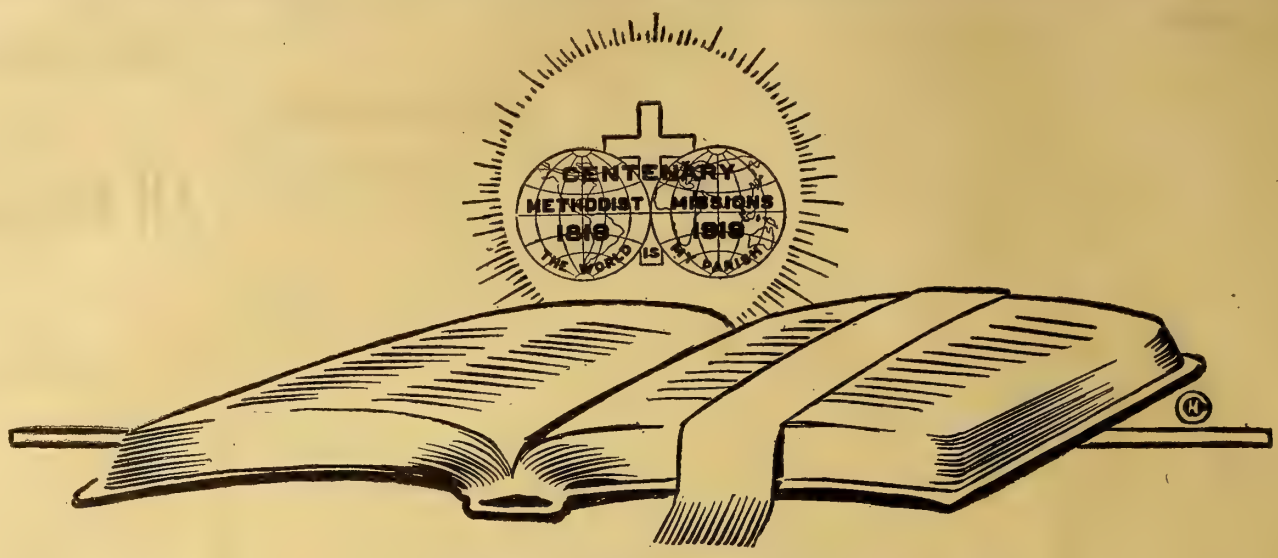
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AFRICA

Africa's need is tragic and terrible. Southern Methodism is responsible for the evangelization of the Batatelas, a tribe of 200,000. For this work the Centenary asks for nine men and three women and proposes to reach with the gospel every village within the distance of five days' walk.

CHINA

Old faiths and traditions are passing in China. Christianity, once despised and persecuted, is looked to for guidance and leadership. The Centenary calls for the erection of churches, insctitutional plants and chapels sufficient to command the respect of the Chinese. The World Program calls for 25 evangelistic workers. Who will say, "Here am I, send me?"

CUBA

Of the 860 Cubans for whose evangelization Southern Methodism is responsible only 4,000 have been reached. To send out four additional evangelistic missionaries, to train a native leadership, and to foster self-support and self-propagation of the native church is a part of the Centenary task in this field.

MEXICO

If the church does not meet her Centenary opportunity in Mexico 1,750,000 people for whom Southern Methodism is responsible will drift into Free thought, Spiritualism and Infidelity.

This field is now ready and accessible. Thirteen evangelistic missianaries are needed and as many native workers as can be secured.

AMERICA

Leaders are all agreed that the supreme missionary task is to make America Christian. One has said, "He does most to Christianize the world who does most to Christianize America." Of the 50,000 unreached people in our own land at least 4,000,000 are potential Southern Methodists.

JAPAN

The Centenary seeks to reach the young life of new Japan and give the gospel message to the dissatisfied multitudes who are turning from the old traditions to test the truths of Christianity. The Centenary asks for 52 new evangelistic missionaries, 12 new evangelistic stations and 3 evangelistic and social center halls. An opportunity here for life investment.

BRAZIL

The Centenary asks for 31 evangelistic missionaries and Bible women and 42 native preachers to aid in the tak of giving the open Bible and the living Christ to the 10,000,000 people for whom Southern Methodism is responsible in Brazil. The country is big, so is the task.

KOREA

In Korea the ratio of Christians is only one to each 119 of population. The Centenary task is to seek and to save for Christ the untouched, the unsatisfied, to train and satisfy with Christ the untrained and the heart hungry. Thirty-six new missionary evangelists are needed to help in this task. Will you be one?

EUROPE

Europe is a ripe missionary field. Her people need all the material help we have to give. But her greatest need is moral and spiritual. No money for which the Centenary is asking can be more wisely and effectively used than that which the church expects to devote to missions in the war-ravaged countries of Europe.

"GO, YE MESSENGERS OF LIGHT"

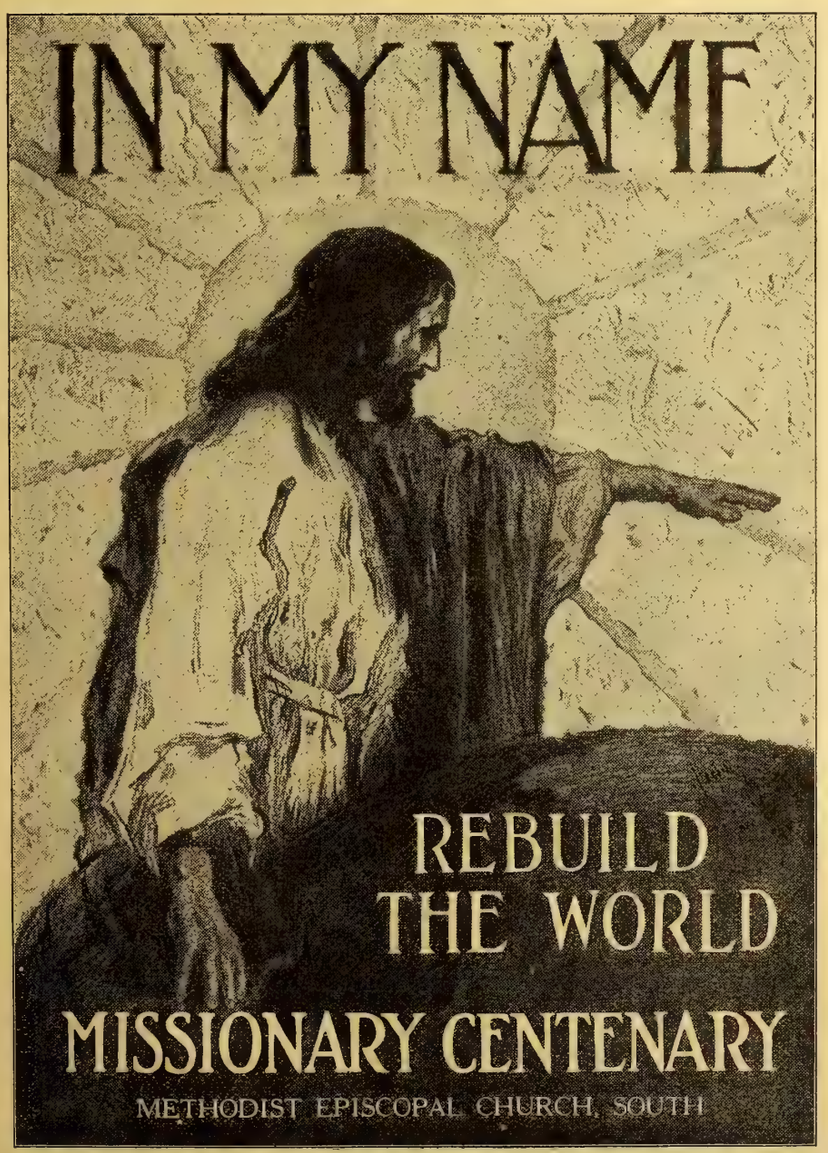
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Editorial

CONSOLIDATION OF THE ADVOCATES

In accordance with resolutions adopted by both the Western North Carolina and the North Carolina Conferences at their last sessions, the two boards met at the office of the North Carolina Christian Advocate in Greensboro on February 20th and agreed upon terms of consolidation. There were present in this meeting, Henry Page, Dr. W. P. Few and Revs. M. T. Plyler and M. Bradshaw of the North Carolina Conference board, and D. B. Coltrane, T. C. Hoyle, N. L. Eure, F. S. Lambeth and Rev. S. B. Turrentine of the Western North Carolina board.

After agreeing upon the terms of consolidation Dr. W. P. Few and T. C. Hoyle were appointed a special committee to draw up the proper legal papers and draft a new charter, providing for the incorporation of a joint board of publication to be known as the Methodist Board of Publication, and the transfer of all the assets of the two boards to the new corporation. The meeting then adjourned till Wednesday, April 16, when the same representatives came together again and completed the work by adopting the report of the committee which provided for the merging of the two corporations under a new charter. Adjournment was then taken till Tuesday, April 29, when the joint board will meet and organize under the provisions of the new charter.

The meetings were entirely harmonious, every member present seemingly anxious to do only what appeared best for the interests of Methodism in the two conferences. There was universal regret on account of the absence of Mr. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, who was prevented from attending the meetings on account of his great task in directing the Victory Loan campaign for the state.

Revs. L. S. Massey and H. M. Blair, editors of the two papers, were present in the last meeting and began their work of laying plans for the final merger, which it is hoped can be made early in June.

If the rank and file among North Carolina Methodists will show the same spirit of fraternity and co-operation which has been exhibited by their representatives in this movement there will not be a jar on account of it. There is now no indication of any friction and it seemed to be the unanimous sentiment of the joint board that this is a decided step of progress in the history of North Carolina Methodism. The paper under the new order will be known as the North Carolina Christian Advocate and will be published in Greensboro.

AN ENDURING MONUMENT

As told in another column this week, the munificent gift of Mr. J. A. Odell to Greensboro College for Women makes for him and the worthy family he represents an enduring monument. Brother Odell, with all the material prosperity which he has enjoyed, has never changed his attitude toward the common man, nor has his interest in the church and its work ever abated in the least. Those who have known him best have loved him most, and he comes to the evening time of life rich in the precious friendships and social attachments which have been formed during a long business career, unmarred by any taint of corrupt methods.

This large gift is not the unloading of one who has accumulated a large estate by withholding, for he has been all his life one of the most liberal supporters of his church and its institutions, and many times before has made large donations to the college. We feel now that he has chosen wisely to provide for this memorial to the wife to whom he was devoted. She was herself the life-long friend of the cause of higher education for women under the saving influence of the church to which they were both devoted. There could have been nothing more fitting.

In behalf of the Methodists of North Carolina the Advocate wishes to express to Brother Odell grateful appreciation of this munificent gift and to assure him that it will put the spirit of hope into the heart of the educational forces of the church far beyond all that he has ever dreamed. This shining example of liberality will doubtless be followed by many others who are in a position to go and do likewise.

THE MINUTE MEN

In the great Centenary campaign one of the most important features has been the work of the minute men. These are the men in every pastoral charge who have made from one to three minute talks in the churches during the last several weeks.

We have heard quite a number of these talks and can say truly that not a single one has been at all dull or uninteresting, while most of them have been of a very high order and truly edifying. This suggests the practicability of a wider field for lay activities all the time and in the advancement of all the work of the church. There is no reason why these splendid laymen should not keep all our churches open and awake all the year round.

We have always believed that the Wesleyan plan, when rightly understood, would find a place for its laymen and keep the church aglow, not only with missionary, but with evangelistic fervor. Many of Mr. Wesley's best helpers in the beginning of Methodism were only lay preachers. Let these minute men be kept busy, and let them prolong the discourse in churches where otherwise the pulpit would be idle perhaps three-fourths of the time.

GOING AT THE RIGHT THING IN THE WRONG WAY

To be sure no one will accuse the Advocate of soft-pedaling on the subject of law enforcement, especially the enforcement of the prohibition law. The scenes said to have been enacted about the ball park here in Greensboro at the time of the Virginia-Carolina contest were enough to arouse the indignation of good people, and we can not understand why such disorderly fellows are not more frequently landed in jail. However, we have no sympathy with the extremist who would subject decent men and women, strangers, going about their business to indignities simply on the suspicion that they might be carrying contraband.

Personally, we know nothing of the merits of the cases that have caused so much stir in the State of Virginia but it is very probable that some of the officers there have gone about a right thing in the wrong way. There is no telling the length to which the violaters of the liquor laws will go, and it may be depended upon that they are absolutely unscrupulous in their methods. Life and property rights have no meaning to them. They care nothing for the protection of either. They are capable of the most revolting crimes if thereby they may get rid of those who would subject them to law and order, and they are a constant menace to the peace and order of society. Nevertheless, we agree with our neighbor, Charity and Children: "If the temperance people line up with rude and brutal officers and condone their conduct, there is sure to be a sentiment created that will make the enforcement of the law doubly hard. Politeness pays even in the case of an officer of the law, who makes his fees out of the boot-leggers who transport whiskey contrary to law."

THE MINUTE MAN AND THE DRIVE

In the ordinary course of Methodist events there are some twelve thousand or more churches which stand vacant each Sunday. Most of our pastors serve circuits, and nobody can occupy more than one block of space at a time. This is a situation which threatens the success of the Centenary Drive, for the Standard Plan cannot be operated without the regular service. Therefore the most imperative duty now before us is to make sure that those pulpits which otherwise would stand idle on May 18 and May 25 are filled.

What can be done in the premises? The answer is the Methodist Minute Man. There are some fifty thousand enlisted lay speakers, and these must go out from our towns to the country churches and take entire charge of the services on the two Sundays of the drive. Before this duty all our other plans must now be subordinated, for if these pulpits are not filled all of our other plans will come to nothing.

If there is any church from which the pastor will be absent on either of these two dates, the immediate responsibility falls upon the local chairman of the Minute Men. He should take charge of the services himself, if possible, or he should assign one of his associates to conduct them. If there is no one in the congregation who can or will assume the task, the local chairman must at once communicate with the presiding elder and the district chairman of Minute Men. They will assign a speaker to the church, and then the local chairman must give special attention to advertising the services, securing large attendance, and co-operating with the local campaign director in arranging for the carrying out of the Eight Day Drive.

There is an especial responsibility upon the presiding elder and the district chairman of Minute Men. The presiding elder will naturally be expected to see that all the circuits of his district are covered, because he is the recognized head of the Centenary movement in his district and because no other person possesses the knowledge of the circuits. But he will co-operate closely with the district chairman of Minute Men, because the latter has the touch with the lay speakers who will be used in the speaking campaign.

The methods which shall be adopted will naturally vary in the different districts. But the leaders should prepare a schedule showing all the vacant churches, their location, the dates on which they will be vacant, and the exact situation as to wether the local Minute Men can take care of the situation without outside help. Perhaps it will be found wise to group the churches about certain large towns and place the responsibility for filling them upon the Minute Men in the town church. But irrespective of plans and methods, it is imperatively important that neither presiding elder nor district chairman of Minute Men rest until it is an assured fact that there will be a service in all the churches of the district on the two Sundays of the Big Drive.

The laymen who fill these pulpits should be carefully selected and instructed. They should adhere closely and absolutely to the subjects announced for those Sundays in the Centenary Bulletin and the Centenary Closing Campaign Program. They should know all about the Standard Plan for the Eight Day Drive, because they will doubtless be called upon for advice and help. They should be given all the literature on the Closing Pogram and they should be urged to thoroughly master their duties. The literature consists of the following: (1). The Centenary Bulletin for May. (2). "A Final Word to the Methodist Minute Men." (3). "The Centenary Closing Campaign Program." On receipt of a letter or telegram the Publicity Department at Nashville will furnish ample supplies of this literature to all interested parties. With this, any intelligent layman can prepare himself to effectually handle the most important services of the greatest campaign ever launched by any religious organization.

Nothing the Centenary Commission has ever asked of the church was more important than the thing now before us. With twelve thousand vacant churches during the Drive the Centenary fund will not be raised; and if it should be raised, the majority of our churches would have missed the joy and the glory of adequate participation. There must be no vacant church on May 18 and May 25. The presiding elder and the district chairman of Minute Men must see to it.

THE CENTENARY CLOSING CAMAPIGN

Methodism has reached the crucial stage of the greatest movement of its kind ever undertaken by any religious organization. The closing days of the Centenary campaign are charged with possibilities which may issue either in success or in defeat, and the affairs of the kingdom for all the future will be influenced by what transpires in the next few weeks.

In this critical period the Centenary Commission announces the Closing Campaign Program, and earnestly asks the consecrated co-operation of all Methodists everywhere in carrying it out to the last detail. That Closing Campaign Program means the operation of the Eight Day Drive according to the Standard Plan after five weeks of intensive cultivation from the pulpit.

The subjects for the last five Sundays are as follows:

April 27—Prayer, the Dynamic of the Centenary.

May 4—The Call of the Centenary for Life's Investment.

May 11—Tithing, the Acknowledgment of Stewardship.

May 18—Methodism's World War—The Centenary.

May 25—From Victory to World Conquest.

The purpose of this program is apparent. It is to cover the entire range of Centenary objectives and to project the church on the Centenary plans of spirituality. Unless this is done the movement fails, for our primary purpose is not to raise a great sum of money.

Beginning with prayer, we must again stress the central doctrine of Christianity in this mighty day—the doctrine of Christian stewardship, of life and of wealth. With this foundation firmly laid, the entire Centenary case should be convincingly presented on the opening day of the Big Drive. Then on the closing Sunday we must lead the people in a great praise service because of the Centenary Victory, and at the same time convince them that greater things lie beyond.

Ample literature has been prepared on this program. The Centenary Bulletin for May is full of it, and a special booklet has been issued under the title, "The Centenary Campaign Program." This literature is sent out broadcast and can be had for the asking. Every pastor, presiding elder, minute man, or other person who faces a Methodist audience in these critical days is urged to use the standard topics and schedule of dates.

We have the most complete organization, under the most effective control, ever perfected by any church. Methodism steps as one man. If the ranks are not broken, if all leaders observe the standard Closing Program, success is assured.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Victory Liberty Loan Campaign began last Monday and competent financiers predict that the bonds will be taken with a large margin above the full amount asked for. The interest rate is greater than any previous issue and the tax exemptions make it attractive for both large and small investors.

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The American Soldier did his full part in winning the war. The 120th division of North Carolina troops, under Gen. Samson L. Faison, of North Carolina, led the forces at Bullecourt and broke the Hindenburg line. Capt. B. F. Dixon, a noble North Carolina officer, led his company in that terrible charge and fell with three wounds with his face toward the enemy. Lieut. Hal M. Walker, a grandson of the late Rev. J. R. Scroggs, was in charge when the company came back and paraded in Charlotte last week. Four hundred of the brave boys were left in France, having made the supreme sacrifice, but they did not die in vain. Sixty thousand American soldiers were lost in the war. That was a heavy toll to pay, but small compared to the millions dead who went from British, Belgian and French homes.

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The Missionary Centenary Movement is growing in interest as the matter is being more and more agitated. The people are being aroused to a sense of its importance and are asking themselves how much they should give. Senator Overman in a recent statement urges Methodists to do their best in this crisis when the church has to meet conditions more serious than ever before and will be unable to meet them without money and extra equipment, which can be secured only with money. The people have it and must come with it to the help of the Lord. The Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Carter Glass, an enthusiastic Methodist, who has to do prominently with the Victory Loan drive, has promised to make some speeches in our conference in behalf of the Centenary drive. The Centenary is going to succeed beyond the expectations of many and we make bold to predict that when all the returns are in the total will not be less than fifty million dollars.

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The Latest From the Peace Conference encourages us to hope that the final proposition will be laid before Germany this week and ten days' time then given for consideration of the terms before signing. The German government will send its representatives to Paris April 25th, with plenary powers, and the ultimatum will be given for them to sign without argument. Germany will surrender her colonies, the Saar coal region, Alsace and Lorraine; her army strength will be limited to 100,000 soldiers; the territory west of the Rhine will be neutral, but under allied control until five billion dollars in gold is paid, and twenty billion more will be required with interest covering a period of twenty-five years. The first money will go as reparation to Belgium and France. The terms will be fair even if heavy. Germany must pay the penalty for rapine and heartless destruction. Justice cries aloud for retribution, and the innocent women and children of the stricken war zone are entitled to that merciful consideration which demands that Germany make good as far as possible the terrible loss the innocents were forced to suffer.

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President Wilson Has Recovered fully from his recent illness and is making full time at the peace conference. The complicated questions all seem now to have been settled to the satisfaction of all the allied powers, and the prospect is that Germany will sign the terms and thus settle the issues of the great war. Some insinuate that Germany may refuse to sign if terms seem too drastic, but really Germany can hardly do less than agree to the ultimatum of the peace conference. Should she refuse to sign the blockade would be tightened and her last end would be worse than the first. The general impression prevails that Germany will be only too glad to sign and settle the issues, so that the people may know what they have to do and begin at once to lay plans to perform the task. It is now thought that within three weeks the final settlement will be affected and that President Wilson will be in Washington before June 1, to address the new Congress which by that date will be called to meet in extra session.

J. A. ODELL GIVES TO GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN $100,000

At the meeting of the board of trustees of Greensboro College for Women, held Tuesday, April 15, announcement was made that J. A. Odell, of Greensboro had given the college the magnificent sum of $100,000 to be used in construction of an auditorium and conservatory building. It is understood that the plans for the building will be perpared at once, and that actual work of construction will begin at the earliest date possible. The location has not been definitely determined on, but the new building will be located on the front campus, in proximity to the main building. The building will be in the nature of a memorial to Mrs. J. A. Odell, who died December 26, 1918, and who throughout many years was a staunch friend and supporter of the college, having been elected a life member because of her deep interest in the welfare of the institution.

The announcement of Mr. Odell's generous gift will be received with gratification by Methodists throughout the state. The need of a large auditorium and a conservatory for the steadily growing music department has long been felt and the institution, thus eqiupped, will be enabled to render even greater service in the future than in the past. The semi-annual meeting of the trustees was attended by almost every member of the board. Charles S. Wallace, of Morehead City, was elected president of the board, succeeding J. B. Blades, deceased. The usual amount of routine business was transacted. The report of President S. B. Turrentine was one of the finest in the history of the instituton, setting forth the steady growth and development of the institution, improvement and development in various lines, in physical equipment, raising of funds and increase in student body. The report showed that there is this year an increase of thirty-seven students over last year, the total number enrolled being 307. In this connection it was pointed out that already applications for entrance at the fall term are so numerous that two of the dormitories have been assigned and the third is rapidly being taken up.

Two sessions of the board were held, afternoon and evening, the trustees taking supper with the students in the college dining hall. At the conclusion of the evening session the trustees went in a body to the chapel, where the students had assembled and public announcement of Mr. Odells magnificent gift was made, being received with wild enthusiasm by the students. Short talks were made by C. H. Ireland, General Julian S. Carr and Chas. S. Wallace.

Following these exercises, the trustees, students and faculty marched in a body to the home of Mr. Odell, on West Market Street, where expressions of appreciation were made on behalf of the college by President S. B Turrentine, General Julian S. Carr and C. H. Ireland. Mrs. W. C. Tucker, niece of Mr. Odell, in fitting words responded to these messages, stating that Mr. Odell had been particularly impressed with the success of the present administration and felt that it would be entirely safe to make this gift to the college. The students sang a number of thrilling college songs, including yells to the honor of Mr. J. A. Odell, thereby concretely evidencing their appreciation of Mr. Odell's kindly and thoughtful action. *

TRINITY COLLEGE AND THE CENTENARY

Trinity College is just now taking a definite and important part in the promotion of the Centenary interests for the North Carolina Conference. Mr. D. W. Newsom, treasurer of the college, is the general director of the work in this conference and is putting his entire time and all of his energy into the forwarding of this greatest of all Methodist movements. He has just returned from a ten-day trip throughout the eastern section of the state. This completes the work of setting up councils in the entire conference. More than thirty of these all-day councils have been held, at which meetings local church directors, pastors, canvassing teams and minute men have been instructed in the work of putting over the eight-day drive which comes the latter part of May. Mr. Newsom reports a splendid outlook all along the line. With only one exception every church in the conference has expressed its determination to raise the full quota. The tide of spiritual life is growing fuller and the great emphasis that is being placed upon stewardship promises a future of immeasurable usefulness.

Of the work of Mr. Newsom and his helpers the Centenary Shot, a paper published at Centenary headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., has this to say:

"The district councils in the North Carolina Conference, under the leadership of Mr. D. W. Newsom, conference campaign director, and Mr. A. D. Wilcox, conference missionary secretary, have had 100 per cent attendance of pastors, with the exception of one, who was ill, and 75 per cent attendance of local church campaign directors. Every church thus far has expressed its determination to raise its entire quota without reference to assignments or other credits."

The college Y. M. C. A. is planning to hold a series of meetings, at which every phase of the Centenary will be presented to the students from the college men's point of view. The series began last Sunday evening with a statement of the general purpose of the Centenary movement.

Prof. H. E. Spence, professor of religious education, has been doing the work of Sunday school field secretary since conference. He has been engaged in lining up the schools in the Centenary movement and is now planning to assist in promoting the church-wide campaign for an increase in Sunday school membership and efficiency. The Sunday school board, of which Prof. Spence is chairman, delegated to the executive committee the authority to employ a field secretary as soon as a suitable man could be found. The committee announces that it has secured Prof. J. T. Jerome, of Raeford, N. C., to fill this important position and that Mr. Jerome will take charge of this work not later than July 1st. Mr. Jerome is the son of a minister of the North Carolina Conference, an alumnus of Trinity College and a man of experience in the religious field. By inheritance and preparation he comes to his task well prepared to fulfill all of its obligations. *

A GOOD BEGINNING

Dr. J. A. Chapman, of Lakeland, Fla., has donated $100 as the beginning of an endowment of the Florida Christian Advocate. This is a beginning and we hope to see one thousand more come and take their places by the side of Dr. Chapman. The North Carolina Advocate has a few good friends who have led in the endowment of the church press. These men started our endowment some three years ago and we have about $300 waiting for company. Why not multiply this by 100 this year as a Centenary by-product? It would solve all our vexatious problems and enable North Carolina to have the best paper in the connection.

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SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Bishop John C. Kilgo

I have read your editorial on "What the Church Stands For," including a quotation from an editorial in the Greensboro Patriot. In connection with the reading of your editorial it occurred that I had just read the seventeenth chapter of the book of Revelation, that chapter in which the seer had a vision of a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet seated upon a scarlet-colored beast. She was adorned with all the glitter and wealth of earthly gems and sensuous show, and her name written on her forehead was "Mystery, Babylon." In all her splendor of dress she was dead drunk on the blood of the saints, and she held in her hand a cup full of the unclean things of her fornication, for she was the mother of harlots and earthly abominations. It is an awful picture upon which the holy apostle looked, and it would be well for every preacher to prayerfully read and consider it, and I know no better guide in its interpretation than the volume of Revelation in the Expositor's Bible, written by William Milligan.

But what is it that St. John describes in these frightful forms and terms? Who is this Babylon, the drunken mother of harlots, the companion of the beast? "Babylon is the world in the church," is the conclusion of Dr. Milligan, and the line of interpretation which brings him to the conclusion is too sane to leave room for any well-founded doubts of it. "The beast," he says, "is the spirit of the world partly in its secularizing influence, partly in its brute force, in that tyranny and oppression which it exercises against the children of God."

The existence of an apostate church, or rather an apostate element in the visible community which is called the church, is no new revelation made St. John in this final book of the Bible. It has been the fact and the peril of the church in all the ages. Jude reminded the "beloved" to whom he wrote his single chapter, that unbelievers became so dominant among the people whom the Lord saved out of Egypt that He destroyed them in the wilderness; that even some of the angels did not keep their first estate, and with him agree all the prophets of the olden times, while the ruins of Sodom and Gomorrah are perpetual monuments witnessing the judgments of God that must fall on unbelief. The Master over and over spoke warnings against false prophets and the decay of "the faith." The man of sin, the warnings written to Timothy, the rebukes of the heretics among the Galatians, and the constant exhortation of St. Paul to the churches to hold fast "the faith" agree with the visions of St. John. In the second chapter of St. Peter's second epistle he deals with the fact, the character, the influence and the doom of false prophets and worldly classes who have mingled themselves among believers, while the anti-Christ impostors who had invaded the holy circle of God's children was the subject of St. John's earnest warnings in his epistles. The subject of apostacy in the church at this particular time and amid our particular circumstances deserves the careful study of the ministry, and indeed of sincere laymen.

The church, the visible community which the world designates "the church," is one thing; the real church, that community of saints who love and worship God in all truth, is quite another thing, but by the world both classes are assembled in a single body and called the church. Infidels and atheists and ungodly men and all types and fashions of wicked persons judge the church in the light of apostates and saints, and value it by the conduct of the Babylon element. But God has a church, and as I once heard a Salvation Army preacher say, "There is no sinner in it and no saint outside it." His church standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His, and His own sheep know His voice, and a stranger's voice will they not follow, and incidentally I may suggest that here may lie the reason why some preachers lack hearers.

Judged by the plain sayings of Christ and the ancient prophets and the apostles, the real church is now passing through a season of apostacy. I do not undertake to say it is passing through that great final apostacy which shall precede the end of all things. Of that day and hour knoweth no man, and all attempts to forecast it are an intolerable vanity to reverent souls. But the features which distinguish the religious thought, practices and ambitions of the church organization at this time correspond to the signs of apostacy foretold by all the apostles. The tide of worldliness has overflowed the altars of God. By worldliness I do not mean simply the patronage of certain forms of pleasure, but something far deeper than mere forms of practice. It is an attitude of mind and spirit. It is that spirit which throws away the future for the present, the invisible things of eternity for the carnal things of time, full of pride, and show, and luxury, and ease, and sensualities, and boastful liberty of thought. It substitutes spiritual power with material displays; it resorts to earthly resources rather than to divine presence, and it appeals to temporal comforts and pleasures rather than to heavenly joys and divine fellowship. Between a poor saint with faith and a rich member without faith the wealthy unbeliever is more important and valuable to the church. It seeks the prosperity of religion through massive structures, shining furnishings, thundering organs, prominent locations, impressive formalism, artistic styles, social patronage, rich adherents, far-famed preachers and the best music, although it be rendered by the most notoriously ungodly men and women in town, instead of depending on fidelity to the risen Christ and the administration of the Holy Ghost. With banquets and shows and amusements and sports and play rooms and every kind of worlldy scheme employed by circuses and theaters and venders of patent medicines and bargain counters, it seeks to promote its business and attract customers to its counters. The young must be given entertainment, and if they really wish religion they may apply for it as an optional. This is worldliness in its essence, the one thing that is eternally opposed to Christ, the attitude of mind with which the Holy Spirit will have no sort of fellowship.

The saints should have no difficulty in designating the apostate element of the community and protecting themselves against their intrigues, feigned professions and boasted interest in the welfare of the church. Artful enough they are in all the science of hypocrisy, but not so artful that they may not be known. They are the higher critics; the revisers of God's Word to suit the crookedness of their lives and dope to death their evil consciences; the haters of creeds and the apostles of a religion committed to no declared truth; the advertisers of meetings which will not offend the wicked; the promotors of social welfare instead of messengers of salvation; the workers for the "redemption of humanity" instead of sinners; the inventors of fake proposals to cure poverty and remove curable diseases; the theorists who believe in a gospel of formation rather than a gospel of reformation, much less of regeneration; the lovers of the display of learning who put scolarship above sanctification; the learned who make science the final judge of God's revelation; and many other distinct traits which mark them followers of Babylon and by which they may be readily known to the followers of the Bride. They are in the pulpit, the Sunday school, the editorial departments of church literature, the makers of books, the colleges and universities, the composers of songs and all other forms of religious activities. And the saints do know them, even as the lawyer who walked away from the church with the editor of the Advocate knew them.

But amid all this reign of apostacy, for it cannot be denied that the force of worldliness at this time is in the ascendency, where is the true church, the real company of saintly believers? She is in her prepared place in the wilderness, where she is fed by God, being nourished with spiritual food and kept by divine care. So Israel was forty years in the wilderness, so Elijah fled to the wilderness to be fed of the Lord, and even the Master was alone in the wilderness. There come times when God hides His people, and the offspring of Babylon run riot. Shall Babylon always prevail? Shall the true church always be shamed and hindered by her? St. John heard a voice out of heaven crying: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues, for her sins have reached unto heaevn and God hath remembered her iniquities." More than once has God called His people from among the horde of apostates and set them up in heavenly places, while His plagues fell upon the miserable harlot, the mother of harlots. There was a hidden remnant in the days of Huss and Wycliffe, in the days of Luther, in the days of Wesley, and still in these days of growing anti-Christ, and by mighty revivals God has called them out and delivered them from the turmoil, frivolity, wickedness and unbelief of the apostate forces. So again He may call them forth.

These aliens to the true commonwealth of Israel have come in unawares, says Jude, and St. Peter says they bring in their "damnable heresies" privily, not openly declaring their intent or the nature of their teachings. St. John says they have gone out from us, but were not of us; if they had been they would not have denied the Lord Jesus. There has grown up a greed for multiplying numbers, and as the passion for quantity prevails the desire for quality decreases, and the invasion of holy precincts becomes an easy matter. The policies of the church for two decades have filled it with unregenerated members, people who do not know God and do not wish to know Him; but they have a gluttony for sensuous pleasures and entertainments, and the church is having a hard time to entertain these foreigners to the household of God. There is something comical even in the tragedy of the agitated efforts of many preachers and church leaders to improvise schemes for the entertainment of the multitude of restless guests they have on hand. Endless conventions are called to discuss "How can we interest the young?" "What can be done to spiritualize the church?" "What is the best plan to attract church attendance?" and many like "problems involved in the situation." I say it is not without its laughable aspects, because the real issue is not what can these leaders do for their crowd, but what will they be when their crowd gets through doing with them? They are working day and night and putting on every possible program only to find that the tastes of their company are as fickle as their greed is inexhaustible, and so the program must change as rapidly as the reel of a moving picture. The craze of suiting the church to the tastes of a sensuous and sensual generation has about exhausted the physical resources and the inventive genius of ecclesiastical assemblies, while the cry for a new show grows louder and louder. These are the voices of the children of Babylon, and woe to them who have undertaken to serve this tribe of unbelievers.

What a graphic portraiture of the shame and horrors of the apostate element in the church the Angel of Revelation opened to the eyes of the aged apostle! He presents it as a woman. It was a woman who first gave audience to Satan, and in the form of a woman he fashions his wicked devices against the saints. Virtue has its brightest glories in the form of woman, and vice finds its basest designs and enterprises in the form of woman. Here is a woman lost to every sense of purity, a stranger to any notion of shame, bereft of all modesty of soul, out of whose nature has gone every mark of refinement, whose conscience is as silent as the tomb, and whose ears are insensible to the voice of God. The only fires that burn in her are the fires of beastial lusts, the only thoughts that entertain her are thoughts of carnality, the only aspirations that stir within her are espirations to be queen of the brothel, the only language she speaks is the language of the libertine, and the only gratification she seeks is the gratification of a fleshly rage. She is a miserable drunkard, whose base taste for drink can only be satisfied with the blood of the saints. Dressed in costly apparel from all the markets of fine fabrics, adorned with rich jewels gathered from every quarter of the globe, fragrant with the costliest perfumery and polished with dainty paint and delicate powder, trained in the arts of seduction, the varying movement of eyes, the suggestive smile and decoying manners, and drunk on the blood of saints and martyrs, she goes about the streets dispensing the wines of her own fornications. She sleeps with kings, she lies down with princes and merchants, she seduces youth, and she carries on her abominable traffic at the very altars of God. She reels along the way with purple robes and glittering gems and artful manners selling her body to every purchaser of shame, and comes out of a night of debauch to occupy the highest seat in the temple of worship, bowing to her partners in infamy,

greeting the preacher with flattery, assuming the airs of an angel, while she even brings her adulterous form to the communion table. Nothing impedes her impudence and dazes her brazenry. Beyond all these revelries and carousals it would seem impossible to go, but this wretch, this abandoned mother of harlots, defies high heaven, dares the wrath of God and advertises herself as the betrothed Bride of Christ, the Prince of Heaven, the eternal Son of God. Think of it! This harlot, the mother of harlots, claiming to be the coming Bride of the Lamb. This wench who has mothered into earth a progeny of drunken traders in virtue, publishing herself to be the coming queen of God's kingdom! The holy Lord, the spotless Lamb, the Prince of Righteousness scandalized by the lies of this abominable wretch! No wonder there will be a day of the wrath of the Lamb. No wonder that this Babylon shall be thrown down into the bottomless pit. No wonder that there will come a time when the true church, the Bride of the Lamb, will be delivered from the lies of this gaudy demon of worldliness, and the Bridegroom will present His true Bride to His Father, a spotless church, unscarred by sin, untouched by infidelity, immaculate in her chastity, unconquerable in her fidelity, faultless in her trust and undivided in her love, desiring through all her long and weary waiting nothing except to please Him and be ready for His coming. Blessed are they who give no ear to the voice of Babylon, however fine it may sound or however lofty it may appear.

THE WOOL QUESTION

By D. P. Waters

In law and in reason the wool on sheep belongs to the owner of the sheep. If a man owned sheep and sold them, he could not afterward enforce a claim to the wool they might grow. The right in the wool follows the right in the sheep. The wool is an appurtenance growing out of sheep. God's people are God's sheep. There never was a better title to any property, and this title holds the sheep and the wool. The sheep cannot hold property, because they are property themselves.

Not only are the sheep the property of the Creator, but the goats are also. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." That title takes in everything, and rebellion can never overreach the divine sovereignty over all men and all things. We have made a poor study of the Bible if these simple truths have not lodged themselves in our hearts. In converison there is an acceptance on our part of our proper relation to our Creator and Redeemer.

In listening to the objections that are raised to shearing the sheep there is danger of compromising the deepest and most important principle in revealed religion—God's ownership in the wool which grows on the sheep. In yielding God's rights in the wool we throw up His rights in the sheep, for there is no conceivable way to separate these rights. If God can hold the sheep, He can hold the wool also.

The great question in the world today is: Who owns the wool? Or, to drop the figure, to whom does the property belong? If this question is settled on the right principle, the whole question of Christian living is far advanced toward a glorious settlement; or, in other words, if we settle our financial relations to God on the right principle, our lives are bound up with God in such a way that we will not go far wrong. Let God's rights to the wool of His own sheep, to say nothing of the hair of the goats—I say, let God's rights be settled, and we are at the opening of a new era in the world's history. The triumphant march of God's army is slowed up, waiting for us to settle the wool question. There can be but one adjudication, and that is that whoever owns the sheep owns the wool also.

Shear the sheep? Yes, frequently and close. The pastors are the shepherds, and it is their business to feed the sheep, care for them and shear them. A shepherd who neglects to shear the sheep ought to be turned off. He is an unfaithful servant of the Great Owner.

We as pastors need to face this question, for the time is at hand when we will be judged according to our works, and one of our works is to shear the sheep.

Is it hard on the sheep to shear them? No. It is good for them every way. If sheep are not sheared they become unhealthy. How many of God's saints are surfeited with the things of this world! Many are sick because their lives have no outlet. We need to recognize our obligation to God in financial affairs.

Some of the sheep must be cornered and crowded before they will submit, but they must be sheared. If they are not sheared they will drop their wool, or the devil picks them. Alas, for the waste of God's money in the service of the world. If God's sheep were properly sheared, they would abound in health, and countless missionaries could be sent as torch-bearers to every benighted region of the globe. If we settle God's right to the wool of His sheep, we settle the world's destiny.

THY KINGDOM COME

By Lessie A. Bradley

Not only should we build churches and schools and send missionaries to our own and foreign fields, but we should tear down these evils that allure our boys and girls, men and women, and blind them to the necessity of right living. Cigarettes and other evils should closely follow whiskey and be forever excluded from further blackening fair America's name. I do not believe God wants coca-cola advertisements in His Sunday school literature to help carry on His work. A few men have denounced these things through this paper. I think one aimed at cigarettes and hit whiskey. That is better than not to aim at all, but I think he should shoot at each in two separate paragraphs and not hide behind a tree to do it. In other words, we, as church members, should openly fight cigarettes, whiskey, Sabbath breaking, picture shows and all other things which are not for the coming of God's kingdom upon earth. Those of us who proimsed to pray for His kingdom to come, what are we doing? If man does his part, we may rest assured that God will do His part. God pity (I say this reverently) us little Christians who cannot fight these mighty evils, trusting an Almighty Father to see us through.

We fear criticism and unpopularity, but we should go into the depths of the meaning of these words: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

It seems the devil is lulling the church to sleep with the music of a few thousand dollars a year in its treasury. What does God want with blood-stained and soul-stained money to carry on His work, when He owns the whole universe? Cigarettes not only kill the body, but destroy the soul. I do not belive we need to call upon God to pour out His blessings on us we, as a church, have done what we can to destroy this evil. We have neglected this too long already.

I have had a vision of the cigarette makers, and their hands were dripping with blood. Afterward, while I was wondering whether I should write these things or not, I saw a vision of some one dying, and I believe it was our Master being pierced by the sins of the world. I seemed to hear a voice say, "Help!" Christians, can we remain inactive when the world is piercing our Lord and Master? Let us pray earnestly and work faithfully.

Let us, as a church, move forward, not compromising with the world, but in a straight road to the promised land of Canaan, taking all we can with us and trying, by dissolving these evils, to help bring His kingdom upon earth. Let us be "minute men" for His cause, charging on all the hindrances and striking them, with His help, from our otherwise fair land.

This is a great age. A mighty battle is waging. Christians, let us step forward, follow our Great Commander, and with our weapons shield the holy church of God, that worldliness does not creep in and with its deadly fangs pierce the heart of Jesus.

The world is putting on His head
A crown of thorns, but in its stead
O Centenary, hasten to unfold
One of the purest, finest gold.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Archimedes said that he could move the world if he had a fulcrum on which to rest his lever. One man can still move much of the world with a proper fulcrum. Let us consider the tremendous force that you may exert, aided by the fulcrum which we can furnish.

Another philosopher has said that the greatest force on earth is an idea. Christ and His ministry furnish striking proof that the philosopher was right. The idea of duty to God and service to fellow men which Christ brought to us has moved the world as nothing else has moved it. Implant that idea in a man's mind and he beomes a great constructive force for good. Therefore the most powerful constructive work that men may do is to spread this idea of Christ.

The force of scattered units increases geometrically when they are assembled and organized. A hundred men and women assembled, organized and working together, accomplish many times the results that they could hope for if each individual worked alone. This is particularly true of religious effort. Meeting together, exhorting and encouraging each other, the fires of their zeal burn brightly, their hearts warm, their energy quickens. Such was the organized, eager Christianity that the apostles taught. Such have been the Christian methods that have wrought success in every generation.

The man or woman who builds a church through the Board of Church Extension has let loose a force of incalculable possibilities. A group of earnest men and women will gather in that church. They will sustain the standard of the cross in the community that is tributary to it. But they will do much more than that. Their home mission societies will help to plant that standard throughout the nation. Their foreign missionary societies will carry it into the uttermost parts of the earth. Their annual contributions to the Board of Church Extension will help to give the cause a home wherever it may go.

Yet these things, great as they are, are but the beginning of its beneficence. The congregation whose home was built with the money that man or woman contributed will repay the fund it borrowed when it has had time to grow. The Board of Church Extension will lend it to build a home for another congregation. That in turn will repay it after it is firmly established, and after its own societies for church extension are put to work.

So the ever-widening circle of gospel influence will spread. Calculate, if you can, the good that never-resting gift would do in fifty years—in a hundred years. And yet its splendid work should hardly be begun a century from now; for the cause that has outgrown civilization for twenty centuries will not pause when other hundreds are added to its years.

We have shown you in previous appeals that you may lay the corner-stone of countless churches through a fund established with the Board of Church Extension. That fund may bear your name, or it may perpetuate the memory of one very dear to you who has passed on.

You may found it with cash that you can afford to give outright today, or you may place your gift in the form of life annuity bonds that will pay you a generous income on your capital while you live, or you may accumulate it by carrying a policy of insurance upon your life; so that, though dead, your work for Christ may live on forever.

Thus with a lever as powerful as that of Archimedes may you move the world—move it, not for a day, a month or a year, but turn it, with ever-gathering force toward righteousness, so long as it shall last. But do not forget the thing that makes this tremendous result possible. Do not forget the mighty fulcrum—the Board of Church Extension—upon which your lever must rest. Do not forget the great Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that created and maintains that board of Christian men whose work makes glad the waste places of our land; whose mighty voice carries the word of God into the mountain fastnesses and across the deserts, into the very wilderness itself. Join hands with them. Supply the lever which their fulcrum needs, for only through them may your dollars do double duty and your work endure with time.

Yet a few days and the earth will claim the body that she nourished. Your eyes will not close upon the world on which they opened. It is a better, bigger, Christlier world—and men, by their devotion, have made it so. Some man—some group of men—of the past brought the gospel to you. Shall you, a partaker of eternal life through their service, allow the torch to drop as you pass on?

In the name of a common Father who gave you all that you have, lend a hand!

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Mother—"What are you doing Harry?"

Harry—"I'm countin'. You told me when I got mad to count a hundred."

Mother—"Yes, so I did."

Harry—"Well, I've counted 237, and I'm madder'n when I started."—Harper's.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. L. M. Russell, of the Louisville Conference, died of apoplexy at his home on April 2d.

—Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Central Church, Monroe, was on a visit to old friends and parishioners in Gastonia last week.

—Rev. A. L. Aycock, of Belmont Park, Charlotte, preached the annual sermon to the local Junior Order fraternity last Sunday.

—The annual Epworth League conference for Western North Carolina will be held at Hawthorne Lane Church, in Charlotte, June 10-13.

—Rev. W. F. Womble, presiding elder of the Mount Airy district, called on us Thursday of last week and gave an encouraging report of affairs in his field.

—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, pastor of Main Street Church, Reidsville, will preach the annual sermon for the Wentworth school on Friday of this week at 11 o'clock.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Ware, of North Wilkesboro, were visiting relatives and friends in the city last week and made the Advocate office a pleasant visit.

—Last Saturday morning all this region was smitten by Jack Frost. It was not heavy, but we fear much damage was done to fruit. We are hoping for the best, nevertheless.

—Last Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Sprinkle held a communion service at sunrise. At 11 o'clock, immediately following the sermon, a large class of members was received into the church.

—All our readers will rejoice with Rev. Z. Paris, pastor of Central Church, Concord, on the good news that Mrs. Paris is now back in the home, with good prospects of being strong and well again.

—In our campaign report last week we made a mistake in the credit for Rev. Theo. W. Hager, of the Enola circuit. It should have shown ten new subscribers, whereas we had it eight. This places him on the roll of honor.

—Rev. J. L. Clark, D. D., for eight years president of Kentucky Wesleyan College, at Winchester, Ky., has resigned his position and if health will permit will take up pastoral work again in September. So says the Central Methodist.

—The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, Lenoir, entertained the faculty and student body of Davenport College at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Courtney one evening last week. It is reported as one of the most pleasant occasions of the season.

—Rev. H. H. Jordan, of Monroe, preached three able sermons last week at the Tabernacle A. R. P. Church of Charlotte, of which Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr is pastor. The sermons were preached preparatory to the annual spring communion in that congregation.

—Prof. W. D. Redfern, of Ansonville, one of the leading citizens and Methodists of that section, died on last Sunday of pneumonia, in his eighty-second year. His death is a distinct loss to the church of which he had been an active and faithful adherent for many long years. He was the father of Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, of Charlotte.

—Mrs. Mary Moore McCoy, of Birmingham, Ala., widow of the late Bishop J. H. McCoy, has accepted the position of home mission secretary, to which she was elected by the recent council of the Woman's Missionary Society. She will enter upon her new duties in the early autumn. She takes the place of Mrs. R. W. McDonell, who has resigned.

—Rev. J. M. Rhodes, late president of Littleton Female College, called on us Saturday. We were delighted to see him and the more to learn that he has decided to make his home in Greensboro. He and his family are stopping for the prsent at the Guilford Hotel. We are sure all Greensboro will give them a hearty welcome.

—Rev. Dr. T. F. Marr has been appointed district director of the Salvation Army campaign soon to be launched, whereby thirteen million dollars will be asked of the people of the United States. Dr. Marr's district embraces Mecklenburg and seven other of the southern tier of counties from Rutherford to Richmond.

—The glee club of Greensboro College for Women, consisting of thirty members, went last week on their annual tour of North Carolina colleges. They visited the state university, Wake Forest and Trinity, and report a very successful and pleasant trip. The club this year was under the directorship of Prof. Benjamin S. Bates, and Prof. L. B. Hurley was business manager.

—Tentative plans for the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital to be erected in Gastonia are now on exhibition in that city. It is expected that work will begin at an early day. This project is largely the result of the efforts of Mr. R. B. Babington, one of the staunch Methodists of Gastonia, and the movement for its establishment began in the Western North Carolina Conference.

—Rev. Tom P. Jimison, Centenary director for the Mount Airy district, has been doing some special field work in behalf of the Centenary recently. He spoke to a large congregation at Center Church, on the Summerfield charge, on Wednesday night of last week. We enjoyed his visit to the Advocate office on Friday.

—Rev. W. R. Ware, director of the Centenary for North Wilkesboro district, recently visited the church at Boone and had a very encouraging meeting. On Sunday morning, April 6, at the close of the sermon quite a number joined the church. The services, both morning and evening, were marked by special indications of spiritual power.

—Rev. Dr. C. C. Weaver, president of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., was a welcome caller at the Advocate office on Saturday afternoon. He was in the city shaking hands with his old friends. He left Saturday evening for Salisbury, where he visited relatives. He gives a good account of things at the college. Among other good things they expect soon to launch another campaign for endowment, in which Mr. Rockefeller will give them a good starter.

—It was an oversight last week that we had no mention of the death of Col. James Turner Morehead, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Greensboro, which occurred at his home on Friday night, April 11th. Col. Morehead had long been a leader among Greensboro attorneys and was at one time a member of the senate and acting Lieutenant Governor of the state. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. He was about eighty-two years old and up to a day or two before his death was a familiar figure about the streets of the city.

—One seldom looks upon a more beautiful and impressive scene than was witnessed at West Market Street Church, this city, on last Sunday morning. Twenty-six persons, composed largely of children from eight to fifteen years of age, stood by the chancel and assumed the vows of church membership. More than half the class received the rite of baptism. It was truly a scene of joy and gladness to the great congregation. After the ceremony the pastor, Rev. E. L. Bain, delivered an appropriate Easter sermon. The musical program was splendid and in harmony with the significance of the day.

—The Charlotte Observer on Thursday of last week, referring to the great celebration of the day before, when the 120th infantry paraded the streets of that city, said: "One of the most touching incidents connected with the great celebration yesterday was a message which came by wire from Rev. Plato T. Durham, of Atlanta, to his brother, Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer, both half-brothers of Capt. B. F. Dixon, of the 120th, who was killed in the Argonne. Dr. Durham's message was this: "Go to Charlotte tomorrow and stand at salute for me as Company K of the 120th passes by."

—Plans have been perfected by Rev. A. L. Stanford, of Main Street, Gastonia, for an evangelical meeting soon with Rev. Burke Culpeper as the preacher, and great results are confidently expected. This is Brother Stanford's first year in Gastonia and he has already a very strong grip on his congregation and on the whole community as well. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings are attended by such multitudes that the main auditorium of the church is often taxed to hold the crowds. As many as five hundred people are frequently in attendance.

—The musical program being prepared for the Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio, June 20 to July 13, carrying out the best traditions of the church in this respect, is now taking definite form and concrete shape. The work of installing the great $50,000 organ has been commenced at the Coliseum. When this has been reseated according to the plans devised by the New York office of the joint commission it will provide seating capacity for 7,000 persons. Prof. W. F. Kraft, former music dirctor at Greensboro College for Women, now of Columbia University, will have charge and will himself preside at the organ on a number of days.

—Rev. Burke Culpeper continues to draw great crowds in the evangelistic services at Centenary Church, this city. The meeting began nearly three weeks ago and the power has been cumulative from the first. Last week, in order to accommodate the great crowds, a tent which will seat about two thousand people was provided and it has been crowded at every service. Brother Culpeper has shown himself a man of unbounded earnestness, and as a resourceful evangelist ranks high. Those who go in the right spirit and give him a hearing are, as a rule, favorably impressed and greatly benefited. There has been no limit set to the meeting, but it is not expected that it will close before next Sunday. A great number have professed conversion and quite a number have become candidates for church membership.

—On two Sundays recently we have been permitted to join Rev. Albert Sherrill and his people in services at three of his churches on the Summerfield circuit. At Gethsemane and Center, also at the Battle Ground church, we enjoyed preaching to good congregations. Incidentally, good work was done for the Advocate and the pastor has secured already more than his allotment, with more to follow. These churches—in fact, the whole charge—is one capable of large development. It is a fine farming section and the people are prosperous. With more reading and thoughtful interest in the work of the kingdom these will some day be great centers of religious power. Brother Sherrill is serving his third year and is getting a strong hold on his people.

MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The members of the Board of Education are hereby called to meet in the first session of the regular annual meeting of the board at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 6th, in the assembly room of the publishing house at Nashville.

W. B. Murrah, President,
Stonewall Anderson, Cor. Sec.

NOTICE TO UNDERGRADUATES OF THE CONFERENCE

The dean of the Trinity College summer school of theology has asked me to make clear to the undergraduates of our conference the status of the work of the summer school.

In the first place, all examinations must hereafter be taken either at the correspondence school or at the summer school.

The summer school offers lectures reviewing the books and examinations thereon. The study of the books must be done beforehand. This preparation for the review lectures and examinations may be done with the correspondence school or in home study, but the one point is, it must be done before the summer school meets.

If done with the correspondence school it is likely that only a part of each book has been covered or only a part of the books taken up by June. In that case it will be necessary to study on through the remainder of the course so that the entire course will have been covered before coming to the summer school, if examinations are to be taken there.

It is clear that no man can do the work of the entire course in the short time of the summer school, but as a review and occasion for examination it affords the best possible arrangement for the undergraduates.

The fine general program and the good fellowship of the occasion in addition to the passing of the examinations make the summer school a priceless experience to every undergraduate. Last year about eighty men were present from each conference and they had the time of their lives. Serious study, entertainment, spiritual culture, care-free student-like good fellowship when work was over, all this and more the summer school is. Dont' miss it this year.

D. M. Litaker.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The following letter explains itself:

April 20, 1919.

Mr. J. A. Odell,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Brother:

For your princely donation to Greensboro College for Women, the pastor and congregation of Central M. E. Church of Mount Airy desire to express their deep appreciation and to tell you that this community's alumnae of this splendid institution of past glorious fame are moved to sentiments of the highest regard for you and will ever feel grateful to you for this noble manifestation of your interest in the womanhood of North Carolina.

And our entire congregation and those who shall follow us will ever hold for you the same high regard and spirit of gratefulness for this Christian action so worthy of your past interest in the better things of life.

Believe us sincerely and gratefully yours,
Central M. E. Church, South, of Mount Airy.
J. D. Minick,
J. H. Folger,
B. F. Sparger,
Committee.

CENTENARY RECORD BOOK FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

The meeting of presiding elders and other Centenary leaders at Salisbury Thursday, ordered that a book be prepared of the above import. Bound in attractive cloth covers and of varying sizes, the book is designed to contain the following:

1. Frontispiece, by Dr. Pinson.

2. The Centenary organization, including teams and team captains.

3. An alphabetical roll of the three classes to be canvassed and the amount of each mans s'ubscription.

4. Columns for noting each of the five annual payments.

The value of such a book can be easily seen. Being a permanent record to be placed with the archives of the church it will have historical value. Succeeding pastors may easily acquaint themselves with the Centenary situation when coming to a charge. The treasurer will find the book suited to his needs. Succeeding generations will find in it things in connection with the life of their sires to stir pride.

The printer has promised the work by May 5th. District directors will pass it on to the local church on arrival. In some cases its pages may take the place of the long typewritten alphabetical lists required by the standard plan. There are other valuable features. W. H. Willis.

REIDSVILLE, MAIN STREET

Following our eight days' meeting which closed on the 13th, thirty-eight names were added to our church roll on Easter Sunday, and there are others yet to be received. This makes a total of eighty-four additions to the church to date since our church was opened, on the first Sunday in January.

There is a fine spirit of co-operation among our folks on all lines of church work. At a stewards' meeting held at the parsonage on last Friday evening, and well attended, this body of wide-awake business men not only pledged themselves to the task of putting over our Centenary allotment of $14,200, but unanimously agreed to pick up the old church debt of $10,500 along with the Centenary fund and liquidate the whole business within the coming five years. Then, best of all, as a mark of their good faith, nearly the whole number of stewards present signed up with "the Methodist million," pledging themselves to tithe at least till the above named obligations shall have been met. The congregation is loyal and there is every reason to believe that the membership of the church will readily follow the example of their leaders in signing the tither's pledge when it is presented to them.

The stewards were good at the beginning of the year in making a substantial increase in the pastor's salary, and the treasurer of the church hands the pastor a check regularly each month for this salary, enabling him to have the independent feeling that he is living on his own wages, like any other honest working man. In addition to this, a matter of interest and surprise to the folks in the parsonage the other evening was the scream of two double eagles, muffled by the currency infolding them, that burst forth upon the opening of a small package that had been presented to the pastor and his wife by the board of stewards.

Our Sunday school, under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. R. B. Chance and his efficient corps of officers and teachers, is—but I must stop. If you want to know about the Sunday school, ask Woosley. H. C. Sprinkle, P. C.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

This is to advise that all subscribers whose time has expired or will expire by May 1st should not wait to be called on by the pastor or church committee, but send renewal direct to the office. All who do not intend to renew are urgently requested to notify the office at once, remitting any balance that may be due. This must be attended to promptly, as we are determined to carry no tail ends after May 1st. Address your letter to

Christian Advocate,
Greensboro, N. C.

WHAT THE CENTENARY MEANS TO ME AS A DEACONESS

(Deaconess Helen Gibson)

The church today has a new chance, a new leaf, a new life through the golden, the upnspeakable gift of the Centenary. Possibly the first result of the movement is that it has already given us a new idea of values—the value of individuals to the church and to the world.

The recent war gave us a new appreciation of the solidarity of all the people of the world. The Centenary is giving us a new conception of the solidarity of the church. The old way was to leave the work of the church to be done by those most capable and willing, to leave the praying to those who were holiest, to leave the giving to those who had been blest with this world's goods. When our country needed soldiers, suppose those young men of foreign parentage had said, "Let the pure-blooded Americans do the fighting." Suppose the Negro had said, "Let the Anglo-Saxons go to war; they are the ones who have had the advantages, now let them fight." But they did not. All alike went to defend their country and to help in the righteous cause. The great lesson of the Centenary is that every man, woman and child in the church is needed and has a part in its ultimate triumph.

In my work among the foreign population of New Orleans I have been deeply impressed by this thing of personal responsibility. The people living on St. Charles avenue may think that they have nothing to do with the Italians in the foreign quarter, but is this quite true? Who do the sewing for the exclusive tailors of the city? Our Italian men. Who make the ready-to-wear garments for our department stores, often for forty-nine cents a dozen? Our Italian women in their homes. They also embroider baby clothes for the exclusive shops. If sickness comes to them because they live in insanitary quarters, the whole city must suffer. The same applies to the colored population, who do our laundry, our cooking and our nursing.

As a deaconess, the Centenary movement has not only made me feel more keenly the sense of my personal responsibility, but it has broadened my outlook and deepened my prayer life. It is helping me with my problems and difficulties. It is like the touch of His hand in mine.

SOME SOUTH CAROLINA PERSONALS

By Samuel A. Weber

I am the prisoner of my home today. The Charleston people were looking for an unusual pageant such as she has never had before, but was not looking for the inclement weather which is likely to make the expected pageant impossible. We were to have a mock aeroplane battle on the water front. Even if it does come off, others may go out and will in great crowds, but not I. I shall stay indoors and write a letter of personal reminiscences and reflections to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mr. Leland Moore, our conference lay director of the great Centenary movement, is my son-in-law and I live with him. He keeps me advised about the situation. He had hoped to have Bishop Darlington here this week; instead, the bishop is with you all in the same work. He can't b'e in two places at the same time, but he is certainly in great demand. His efficiency and acceptability create calls for his presence and service far beyond the power of any one man. His "come on" rather than "go on" is the slogan of the movement in our Carolina drive, which he leads.

On last Sunday we had with us at Trinity, where we attend service, our conference superintendent of the Epworth orphanage, which belongs to both of the South Carolina conferences, Rev. T. C. O'Dell. He is a member of the "upper" conference, but has the state for his territory. He and his wife are without children, but have a family of more than 200 boys and girls. It is a hard work, but a most promising one. O'Dell is a Wofford man and for a number of years has had work in the pastorate and presiding eldership, but never such an arduous and responsible office. He is not an invention, but a discovery, showing both a fitness and fondness for what is clearly a distinct vocation. The orphanage, as you know, is near Columbia, where we have a fine plant worth over $200,000. We have a growing endowment and the cheerful right of way to all our churches and homes. With the blessing of God we are well fixed.

The North Carolina Betts family, known co-extensively with Carolina Methodism, has a worthy representative in Albert Deems Betts, who, by the way, is another discovery for a job which was beginning to tax the resources and manhood of the church. Some of our finest men have wrought bravely and well at the Payne Institute, but Brother Betts comes in the nick of time to do a work for which he shows both ability and enthusiasm. The son of our W. A. Betts and grandson of the late venerable A. D. Betts, he brings additional honor to the family name. He believes in God and in the work.

It was an even swap when we exchanged Hilliard Chreitzberg for H. W. Bays. Fine men, both. Dr. Chreitzberg was called up higher a few years ago, and now Sister Bays has gone on before her bereaved and greatly comforted husband. She was much beloved wherever she was known in South Carolina. I have special reasons for cherishing her memory. On one occasion I was taken suddenly ill in her parsonage home, and an own daughter could not have been more affectionately attentive. A recent letter from Dr. Bays tells his great sense of loss and bereavement. He wrote me freely, for he knew that I was fully prepared to appreciate his grief and that, too, from a twofold relation to it.

I am glad the Plylers brought out that tender and worthy tribute to the immortal George W. Ivey and others. I knew Brother Ivey very intimately. We lived near neighbors for two years, when I taught his children in the Davenport College. He had much knowledge, but he had more wisdom. He knew the right thing to say in the pulpit and in his personal intercourse with men. Whoever made a better use of his native ability and his providential opportunity? "Success" is a great word and rarely better illustrated than in G. W. Ivey and his family. I have known and known of the Plylers a long time. Calvin Plyler and I were students together at Olin in 1855. We two and Triplett, Morgan, Abernethy, R. H. Whitaker, Kirk and others constituted the clerical output of Olin that year. Think of it! That has been sixty-four years ago. Possibly I am the lone survivor.

My son-in-the-gospel, John Rutland Walker, is making good in North Carolina. With half a chance he'll do well anywhere. I knew him when he was a boy preacher and afterward a Wofford student, and after that a member of growing influence in the South Carolina Conference. It has been his misfortune, (if not his fault) from my earliest knowledge of him to work too hard. He won't neglect his work, and persistence hitherto has been his motto. He has a noble undertaking in hand. Rutherford College has done great service and promises to do still greater.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy was a pioneer in educational work and one of the heroes of his generation. He once served appointments in South Carolina. I am glad the name is still an honored one in North Carolina Methodism.

We are so glad to hear from Bishop Kilgo in our Southern Christian Advocate in occasional communications of high grade and fine spirit. He is a truly great man in native intellect and eloquence and in something that is not 'native" to any of us, namely, the impact and impress of the Holy Ghost.

Charleston, S. C.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Asheville District

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Asheville district, will be held at Bethel Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 and 30. The first session will be held at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning and the closing session on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. V. L. Stone, district secretary, urges that representatives from every society on the district attend these meetings, and to churches having no missionary organization, a most cordial invitation is extended to send representatives. A program of interest has been arranged and these meetings will be most helpful and profitable.

Waynesville District

We are asked by Mrs. M. D. Cowan, district secretary of the Waynesville district to announce that the district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of her district will convene at Bryson City on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2.

Each society is asked to send representatives to these meetings and she will be especially glad to have representatives from churches where there are no societies. Mrs. H. A. Dunham, conferenc corresponding secretary will be present and will add greatly to the success of the meeting.

Salisbury District

The district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Salisbury district, will be held in East Spencer, May 8 and 9 Mrs. Lucy Robertson and Mrs. W. A. Newell will be present and will address the meeting on different phases of the work. It is the plan to make the program for the children especially attractive, and we are hoping for a good delegation from these societies, as well as from Adult and Young People's. Please send names to Mrs. C. E. Fesperman, East Spencer, as soon as possible. The first serivce will be Thursday evening, 8 p. m. Mrs. Robertson will address us at this time. The following will be devoted to the business of the district.

Mrs. J. F. Shinn, District secretary.
Norwood, N. C.

PRAYER SPECIAL

The Reidsville Main Street Missionary Society has adopted as their Prayer Special—Japan. We are glad to know that so many of our auxiliaries are taking our mission fields, missionaries and other workers and praying especially for them. We feel sure that an uplift and inspiration will come to each of those workers who are thus remembered, as well as to the members of the society who are praying for them.

NEW ORGANIZATION

Mrs. J. L. Woltz, of the Mount Airy district has been doing some visiting on her district recently and as a result she announces the organization of several new societies. Adult society at Dalton with five members and the following officers: President, Mrs. Sam Pulliam, Kings, N. C.; first vice-president, Mrs. George Thomas, Tobaccoville, N. C., R. F. D. 2; secretary and treasurer, Miss Georgia Dalton, Dalton, N. C.

Adult Society, Boonville, N. C., sixteen members.—President, Mrs. J. A. Oakley, first vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Wall; second vice-president, Miss Bettie Hendrix; recording secretary, Mrs. L. F. Amburn; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss Nellie Spear; superintendent mission study, Mrs. W. R. Fry; superintendent social service, Mrs. W. T. Fletcher; superintendent supplies, Mrs. W. B. Smith; agent Voice, Mrs. F. M. Woodhouse.

From Mrs. J. V. Wilson, of the Greensboro district have the followings. A Junior Missionary society was organized at Trinity, N. C., April 6, with twenty-nine members and Mrs. W. F. Ellis, as leader. The following officers were elected.—President, Blanche Payne; first vice-president, Elizabeth Andrews; second vice-president, May Johnson; recording secretary, Velma Welborn; corresponding secretary, Albert Leach; treasurer, Jessie Crowson; superintendent social serivce, Nannie Cagle.

A Young people's Society organized at Randleman, N. C., April 13, with fifteen members and Mrs. J. A. J. Farrington, leader. Following officers elected—First vice-president, Mrs. Jessie Council; second vice-president, Miss Mary Allen Bulla! recording secretary, Miss Elaise Farrington; corresponding secretary, Miss Jewel Sumner; treasurer, Miss Glenna Floyd; superintendent Mission Study, Miss Mary Swaim.

The Young People Missionary society recently organized at Mount Airy, held their first meeting a few evenings ago with thirty-fiev members on roll and the following officers were chosen—President, Miss Marjorie Sparger; first vice-president, Miss Annie Satterfield; second vice-president, Miss Virginia Banner; corresponding secretary, Miss Bettie Cox; recording secretary, Miss Alma Yokeley; treasurer, Miss Elsie Sparger; superintendent publicity, Miss Bess Merritt; teacher study class, Mrs. Calvin Graves; superintendent social service, Mr. George Sparger; superintendent supplies, Miss Lola Woltz; organist, Miss Carroll; chairman music committee, Miss Lola Woltz; recorder of honor roll Miss Alice McCargo.

CIVIC CENTER CENTENARY TO GIVE LUNCHEONS

At the recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council in Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, Centenary secretary of the department of woman's work, suggested that, in order to increase the interest of the women of Southern Methodism in this great Centenary movement, a series of Centenary luncheons be given in each of the conferences and in accordance with this suggestion the first of these luncheons for the Western North Carolina Conference and perhaps, the first in any of the Southern Methodist Conferences, was held Central Church, Asheville on April 17, at one o'clock and proved to be an occasion of enjoyment, interest and profit to all present.

At the appointed hour the spacious dining room of Central church was filled with representatives from the churches of Asheville, West Asheville, and Weaverville all of whom were deeply interested in the success of this great movement which at this time is foremost in the thoughts of the Methodists of America.

Seated at long tables, beautifully decorated in lilacs, a most tempting and elegant luncheon was served by the refreshment committee of Central Church, after which a program replete with interest was given.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham conference corresponding secretary acted as toast mistress and after a review of what had been done along the lines of the Centenary work she called for the following toasts:

"Needs of the World to be met by the Centenary." Responded by Mrs. V. L. Stone.

"What I Owe to the Centenary," Mrs. W. R. Harris.

"Woman's Part in the Centenary," Mrs. J. L. Martin.

"What I Can do for the Centenary," Mrs. O. E. Chandley.

"What the Centenary Means to Me," Mrs. F. J. Bates.

"What the men of Asheville are Doing in the Centenary Work," Mrs. E. L. Brown.

"What the Women of Asheville are Doing," Mrs. J. H Sullivan.

Following these enthusiastic talks Mrs. B. W. Lispcombe, council home Base secretary who was present for this occasion, gave a most splendid address in which she stressed the part of the women in this great work and what the success of the movement would mean not only to Methodism, but to the world. She was at her best and held the closest attention of all present. Most beautiful was her reference to the Centenary as God's Century Plant. Planted in 1819, blooming one hundred years leter, in 1919.

During the afternoon a beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. James G. Stikeleather, "I Gav My Life for Thee," and added to the pleasure of the program. The meeting adjourned with singing the great missionary hymn, "From all the Dark Places."

MRS. J. W. WILSON

A most memorable occasion was the regular monthly meeting of Young Woman's Missionary Society held at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, held on Tuesday, April 15, at the of Mrs. C. J. Cummings, in Roland Park, with Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. J. T. Weaver, Mrs. J. W. Austin and Mrs. J. J. Farris, joint hostesses.

This society had chosen Dr. Jno. C. Hawk and his work in Chow Chow, China, for their Prayer Special. A very fortunate circumstance permitted Dr. Hawk to be present at this meeting, when he talked at length about his work, the people in China and how much it meant to him to know that this board of earnest women were pray for him.

There was present at this meeting also, Dr. N. W. Pinson, our Missionary secretary for the Centenary who also talked to the society. Dr. Pinson has just returned from France, where he, with other members of his committee was sent to make a survey of the devasted sections of France and Belgium so that they might know more intelligently how to apportion Centenary funds for reconstruction wrok there.

Dr. Pinson and Dr. Hawk were both guests of honor and speakers at a banquet held in the basement of Wesley Memorial Church, given by the stewards of that church on Monday night. Having some time between this engagement and the following one, they were able to remain in High Point for this meeting of the Young Woman's Missionary Society, whose members feel deeply grateful that they were permitted to have them present, and to listen to their entensely interesting remarks. Dr. Pinson gave a very clear statement of the plans of the Centenary in regard to our Woman's work, and spoke very enthusiasticly of the co-operation between our work and that of the church at large. He said that our Mission Board was the first Mission Board to combine thoroughly with the Woman's work, having both men and women on the board. He said that this great Centenary Movement was the first movement that had been unanimous from the beginning, a negative vote, either individual or otherwise not having been cast any where, from the every beginning.

At the conclusion of Dr. Pinson's inspiring talk, Mrs. J. V. Wilson song Dr. Pinson's "Battle Hymn of the Centenary," to the tune of Battle Hymn of the Republic, with entire membership joining in the chorus.

After the adjournment the hostess served delightful refreshments, and an informal social hour was enjoyed.

REACHING THE UNENLISTED WOMEN OF SOUTHERN METHODISM

The problem which all along has been well nigh insoluble for your Centenary secretary has been the reaching of the nine-tenths of our Methodist women who have not caught the vision of the world's need and the obligation resting upon them to aid in making Christ known to those He died to save. More than 600 personal letters have gone out from this office to Methodist women who belong to no woman's organization of our church. But "what are they among so many?" An incident of real cheer came to my office the past week, and I hasten to pass it on, hoping that many will go and do likewise.

Mrs. J. P. Harvill, corresponding secretary of the Tennessee Conference Woman's Missionary Society, sent out sixty letters a short time ago to pastors in the Tennessee conference, in which charge she knew there was a church or churches in which there was no woman's missionary organization. She requests these pastors to send her names of leading women in these unorganized charges who might become interested in the Centenary movement and through that movement in world-wide missions. Forty-five of these pastors complied with her request, and she turned over to this office a list of 112 names of unenlisted women, representing more than fifty charges in the Tennessee conference. Each of these 112 women received a personal letter from me, seeking to present to them the aim and goal of the Centenary movement, and stressing her need of the Centenary, and the Centenary's need of her in carrying forward its world's program for Jesus Christ. Besides this letter each envelop contained four of our best leaflets and an intercession and stewardship card for her signature.

Suppose each of our forty corresponding secretaries of our conference missionary societies would send me a list of 100 names of uninterested or unenlisted women within the bounds of her conference. See what possibilities of reaching the last woman in Southern Methodism would be opened up for your Centenary secretary? We have, as a woman's missionary society, deplored the smallness of the membership of our missionary organization and we have prayed and inquired how these unenlisted and uninterested women might be reached and their minds quickened and hearts stirred. The answer to your prayer and your inquiry is before you. Send the names of these women to the office of your Centenary secretary and she will prayerfully and faithfully seek to inspire and instruct them in the great world opportunity and world obligation which is just at hand.

Who will follow Mrs. Harvll's example? Your Centenary secretary, but, better still, your Lord, will gratefully receive and appreciate such a service. Address

Mrs. M. L. Hargrove,
Room 225 Doctors' Building,
Nashville, Tenn.

TELLS WHY CHICKS DIE

E. J. Reefer, America's foremost poultry expert, 4254 Poultry Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free his valuable chicken book just off the press entitled "White Diarrhoea and How to Cure It." This book tells how to prepare a simple home solution that will cure this terrible disease over night and will actually save 90 per cent. of every hatch. This book is worth $1 of any poultry raiser's money, but Mr. Reefer is sending it absolutely free as long as the present edition lasts.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

Momentous Times

These times are teeming with possiblities for the Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference, and be it said to the credit of many of them that these present possibilities are rapidly turning into satisfying realities. Interest for the next month might well be centered on the following features:

1. The lining up with the Centenary.
2. Arranging to send delegates to the district institutes.
3. The healthy promotion of arrangements for Sunday School Day.
4. The systematic putting over of the membership campaign.

Congratulations and Three Cheers

Rev. J. L. Neill, Sunday school missionary secretary for Southern Methodism, writes as follows:

"Congratulations and three cheers for Western North Carolina Conference. You are running neck and neck, but a little ahead of the Alabama Conference, and Dilliard of North Georgia sends in this morning 103 cards. He will give somebody a chase for first place in next report. I am sure the Western North Carolina Conference will go over the top with some to spare. God's blessing upon you in the great work you are doing.

"J. L. Neill."

I have written Brother Neill that the important thing with us is not to beat some one else, but to do our duty on the Centenary. But in reality I would like to see our conference lead the whole shooting match. Wouldn't you?

Is Your School's Name Written Here?

The following schools have forwarded Centenary pledges since last report:

Asheville district—Brevard Institute, Balding's Chapel; total schools to date, 27.

Charlotte district—Moores, Savannah, Bethel, Bond's Grove, Indian Trail,; total schools to date, 32.

Greensboro district—Pleasant Garden, St. Paul (Randleman), Oak Grove; total schools to date, 31.

Marion district—Providence, Oak Grove, Forest City, Marion, Carsons, East Marion, Salem, Ebenezer, Greenlee, Oak Hill, Thermal City, Trinity; total schools to date, 24.

Mount Airy district — Hatcher's Chapel, Gethsemane, Walnut Cove, Mt. Tabor; total schools to date, 21.

North Wilkesboro district—Valle Crucis, Cranberry, Wilksboro; total schools to date, 7.

Salisbury district—Center, Gold Hill, Rock Grove, Salem, Boger; total schools to date, 31.

Shelby district—West End, Elliott's, Polkville, Salem; total schools to date, 37.

Statesville district—Center, Maiden, Collier's; total schools to date, 25.

Waynesville district—Clark's Chapel, Franklin, Iotla, Myer's Chapel, Judson, Maple Springs, Asbury, Patton, Mt. Zion; total schools to date, 23.

Winston district—Concord, Hanes Grove; total schools to date, 23.

Sunday School Booster Meetings

Two main ideas will be in the minds of those who conduct the district Sunday school institutes. First, it will be desired to present the program of the effective Methodist school. Second, an earnest effort will be made to show how this program can best be put into operation.

The problems of the small school shall not be neglectod. Miss Hansen, the elementary director, has had much experience with rural schools and will have a mind to help them with their problems. Mr. Brabham's six years' experience in the field secretaryship will prove valuable to those desiring to know how others have met problems similar to theirs.

The presiding elders have all expressed themselves as being very anxious to see these meetings prove big successes. Their presence will add to the value of the meetings. The morning sessions will begin at 10 o'clock, new time. If you come in late you will miss a valuable part of the meeting. The institutes will begin on time and end on time.

Letters this week to the various superintendents will give needed information. Each school is asked to send at least one delegate. If it desires to send more, send them. There ought not to be a single person who desires to attend one of these meetings denied a most cordial welcome. If your school sends more than one delegate, kindly write the pastor of the church entertaining the institute how many will attend. Other matters connected with the institutes will be taken up with local authorities right away.

Note the time and place. The districts will be graded on the schools represented. That district having the largest percentage of its schools represented will be published as being the most responsive to the get-together call. The number of schools represented and the number unrepresented will be published for the edification of the Advocate readers.

Time and Place

Salisbury district—Concord, May 5.

Statesville district—Statesville, May 6.

Winston district—Lexington, May 7.

Greensboro district—Southern half, Asheboro, May 8.

Greensboro district and part of Mount Airy district—Reidsville, May 9.

Mount Airy district—Walnut Cove, May 10.

Charlotte district—Monroe, May 12.

Shelby district—Lincolnton, May 13.

Marion district—Southern half, Rutherfordton, May 14.

Asheville district—Hendersonville, May 15.

Waynesville district — Waynesville, May 16.

Marion district—Northern half, Morganton, May 17.

Sunday School Day

Over eight hundred letters were mailed out last week inclosing blanks for the ordering of the Sunday School Day programs needed for observing the day. In the letters were leaflets dealing with the reasons for the change from the name of "Children's Day" to "Sunday School Day." It is earnestly hoped that all our schools will order just as many programs as really needed for handling a good Sunday School Day. These programs cost the local school nothing but the promise to see that a collection is taken and forwarded to the Sunday school treasurer.

The Sunday school secretary will keep up with what our schools are doing with reference to celebrating this feature day. The schools forwarding returns from the day will be tabulated and published in the Advocate; not the amount necessarily, but the fact that the school is ready to fall in line in the good business. Three-fourths of all money forwarded to the Sunday school treasurer is kept in our own conference, the other fourth going to the central Sunday school authorities at Nashville.

The third Sunday in May is the time set apart for observing Sunday School Day. If that day does not suit, find the nearest day possible that does suit. The first Sunday in June should find most of our schools registered up on the credit side of the Sunday school page.

The Membership Campaign

Elsewhere on this page is a summary of the facts enveloping the Sunday school campaign for new members. It will be noticed that this campaign is church-wide. From the first day of May to the 15th of the month Sunday school workers will be busy throughout the many conferences of the Southern Methodist Church.

It is a matter of local enterprise as to whether your school falls in with the work. The live schools will put on the campaign and as a result will have many new faces in their happy company. How many souls may be led to Christ through this first step of enlistment no one can tell. Be sure to do that first thing.



REV. W. H. WILLIS
Presiding Elder, Asheville District

A Hard Worker

Rev. W. H. Willis is one of the hardest working ministers I have ever known. Some four years ago, when he became pastor of Lexington station, at that time a charge of some 600 members, he had not been located two months before he had visited every Methodist family in town and had made a map of the entire town showing where each family lived.

Brother Willis, son of Lehman and Christiana Willis, is a native of Onslow county. He was educated in Newbern graded school and Trinity College, having graduated from the latter before its removal to Durham. Before entering college he clerked in a store, taught school and did as best he could many things that helped him face the problems of life. On going to college he found ways and means of making ends meet by his own hard efforts.

I am told that before he left college he enlisted in Cupid's ranks and by his usual hard work he came out successful in his contest for the heart of Miss Bernice Bagby, daughter of Rev. W. M. Bagby. This union has been blessed with five talented children.

Brother Willis joined the North Carolina Conference at Goldsboro in 1892 and has been a consistent member ever since. He has twice been a presiding elder and has served several strong stations. The Asheville district is now being wisely led as he directs its general onward advancement. A system of records outlined by him for the Asheville district Centenary campaign was last week adopted by our conference presiding elders for the entire Western North Carolina Conference.

Tryon Street, Charlotte

Our Wesley Bible class headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., report the registration of the "Business Men's Class," Tryon Street Sunday school, Charlotte, under adult certificate No. 7403. This is a splendid class of fifty men, with Mr. J. T. Mangum as teacher and Mr. C. A. Brooks as president. They also report the registration of the "Loyal Daughters" class in the same Sunday school, under adult certificate No. 7398. Mrs. H. K. Boyer is teacher and Miss Helen Ritch is president.

The addition of these two splendid classes makes an aggregate of seventeen Wesley classes in this hustling Sunday school. Tryon Street school is the nearest approach to the Methodist Sunday school standard I have yet found. Departments systematized, classes organized and teachers being trained serve to establish a foundation for many other interesting activities.

Superintendent D. E. Henderson has a standing order with the Sunday school department at Nashville for every good Sunday school book or help that it gets out. It is worthy of note to state that his school gives all its collections to good causes. The board of stewards finances the demand for literature and supplies, and leaves the school to impress the joy of altruistic giving upon the children.

AN EARNEST APPEAL

To Our Preachers, Sunday School Officers and Teachers and Other Church Leaders:

The General Sunday School Board has projected a Sunday school membership campaign and house-to-house visitation, to be conducted during the period May 1 to 15, 1919. The enterprise has been indorsed by the annual conference Sunday school boards, field secretaries and other church leaders.

The Sunday school is the most efficient agency under the control of the church for the training of a whole generation in religion.

The new standard of efficiency for the local Sunday school reqires a definite program for increasing the enrollment. This requirement may be met by conducting a house-to-house visitation.

Our victory boys are coming back to us, and we must be ready to welcome them and to relate them to their home church.

In towns and cities where there are two or more Sunday schools the membership campaign and house-to-house visitation should be organized and conducted simultaneously.

The following suggestions are offered:

1. Let each Sunday school appoint a campaign committee of from three to seven members.

2. Appoint a general committee composed of one or more representatives from each co-operating school.

3. Let each school prepare a list of homes in which there are prospective members. These lists should be carefully revised by the central committee and duplicate names eliminated.

4. In homes where there are two churches represented a pair of visitors from those churches may go together on visitation day. However, the information gathered by all visitors will be referred to the central committee and through this committee to the proper churches.

5. A systematic effort should be made to secure the attendance and enrollment of all prospective members.

Leaflets giving information concerning the membership campaign and house-to-house visitation will be sent upon request. Visitation cards and wall mottoes will be furnished free upon receipt of enlistment cards pledging co-operation.

You are charged with responsibility and leadership. We are counting on your active support in this campaign for more and larger and better Sunday schools. Do not disappoint us.

Cordially yours,
Chas. D. Bulla,
Corresponding Secretary,
810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

The Greensboro and Linwood circuits are to be marked up as 100 per cent Sunday school Centenary circuits.

A Sunday school institute for North Wilkesboro and vicinity will be held at North Wilkesboro Friday night and Saturday morning, May 2 and 3.

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

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Write to Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn., and receive free of charge place cards for your Centenary luncheon. Be sure to specify number wanted.

Dr. Pinson's beautiful hymn, "The Battle Hymn of the Centenary," has been put in printed form and should be sung at all Centenary luncheons. Copies wanted for this purpose may be ordered from Mrs. Hargrove.

A JEWISH OVERTURE TO CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN

Christian clergymen in the active pastorate may receive a copy of Rabbi H. G. Enelow's recent book, "The War and the Bible," absolutely without charge by making application addressed to J. M., P. O. Box 202, Noroton Heights, Conn.

This offer is made by a group of public-spirited Jews with a desire to promote a still better understanding between American Jews and American Christians.

"The War and the Bible" is the work of one of our more representative religious leaders, H. G. Enelow, of Temple Emanu-El, New York city, who has been serving for months at the Paris headquarters of the Jewish Welfare Board. It has been selected as a good example of the addresses to which our people listen from their working pastors covering some one great theme in a connected bit of discourses.

The Secretary of the Committee.

The undersigned willingly vouch for its good faith and recommend to their colleagues the acceptance of this overture in the same spirit of enlarging fellowship in which it is given.

(Signed) S. Parkes Cadman.
(Signed) Henry Sloans Coffin.
(Signed) Christian F. Reisner.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The sessions of the Western North Carolina Epworth League Conference will be held in Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, June 10-13, 1919. Our suggested program has just this moment reached me from the Central office. This will be arranged in detail, supplying speaker, etc., by a meeting of the cabinet, and will be announced in full at an early date as possible. It can be said now, however, that our representative from the central office will be Prof. Garfield Evans, and from the missionary field Rev. R. S. Stewart.

Now, in the meantime you presidents stir up an enthusiasm among your League members and bring or send a delegation so filled with love for League work and a desire to know more that when they return to their respective fields of labor may the impartation of the knowledge they have gained kindle a spark and, leaping from heart to heart, flame into renewed vigor that will result in newer and greater achievements among the young people of the Western North Carolina Epworth Leagues. Send names of delegates to Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte, N. C.

Katharine B. Browning,
Conference Secretary.

REV. BAXTER McLENDON, EVANGELIST

And he (Christ) gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Eph. 4: 11.

In I Cor. 12: 8-28 we read of the Holy Spirit's distribution of gifts among members of the body of Christ. These gifts are their equipment for service. In Ephesians the gifts are men and women who have just such gifts. Evangelists are of as divine right as pastors and should be so recognized.

Baxten McLendon has gifts of real merit, and the gifts yield fruit—good, and plenty of it. I heard him five weeks; looked and listened for all the facts, and now render my verdict. It is this: Had I lived in the days of Elijah, John the Baptist or Paul I would as soon thought it my duty to have hindered them as to hinder Brother McLendon.

He has been nicknamed "Cyclone Mack," and to hear him just once will convince any one of its exact fitness. Some nervous folks cannot hear him twice in succession at first, but one soon loses sight of this as his terrific uncovering of sin gets their attention on their "own back track" or deeply concerned in others.

The critics handled him freely for a few days. Some did not like his red necktie, his long, bushy hair, broad-brimmed hat; thought he looked too much like "Bill" of wild west fame. The same folks ought to remember what happened to Samson when he had his hair cut to please Delilah—he lost his power. They would have criticised John the Baptist's "raiment of camel's hair, and leathern girdle about his loins." They would have said that he needed more clothing. Some said of Paul, "His bodily presence is weak and his speech contemptible." Of Jesus many said, "He hath a devil and is mad;" others said, "He is a good man." Most criticism is either mean or foolish.

Brother McLendon has great faith—a faith that will run risks for God. I never knew a man to have more trouble in the beginning of a meeting than he did in Washington, yet he kept cheerful, saying all the while, "God is going to give us a great revival," and God did that very thing. Out of the pulpit he talks but little, is no "yarn teller," but seems in a serious mood and as one who feels the burden of souls. While preaching he seems to close his eyes and stop his ears to all human influences, and one is reminded of God's words to Ezekiel: "Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint I have thy forehead." Ezek, 3: 8, 9.

Brother McLendon stands squarely by the pastor, is true to our doctrinal standards and preaches them clearly and in power, without giving offense to any. He studies the Bible, knows it accurately and quotes it wisely. He hammers in the truth on paying tithes, and pledges his converts to do so from the day they join the church.

He exhorts and encourages a right attitude between the races; does not mince words in telling both whites and blacks their scriptural duty to each other; reserves a section of seats for Negroes, and gives them an entire service on Monday evenings, the white folks attending, and went into ecstasies over their singing, which was led by Nelson, a colored preacher of South Carolina, who knew his business. Who that heard will soon forget "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" or "Steal Away"—the soul in quiet search for Christ?

The presence of Fred Seibert, a converted Jew, who, Billy Sunday says, is the greatest personal worker in America, was worth much to the revival. Fred's genial, "hail-fellow-well-met" disposition, together with his earnest pleadings with men to give their hearts to God, went far to remove prejudice that has lived all too long betwixt Jew and Gentile.

Brother McLendon's preaching produced old-time results. Ninety-three joined our church here, about one hundred joined all other churches, a few more will join, old debts paid, old feuds put away, peace instead; "monkey rum" stills cut up, evil habits of long standing put away, and many homes made happier than ever. His farewell charge to converts was a fine piece of wholesome admonition. His last act was to honor God's Word. He grasped his Bible, ran forward into the midst of the great congregation, leaped on a bench, swung it aloft, exhorting every one to read it daily, to be obedient to its teachings, to plead its promises in prayer. People are not quick to take on to Brother Mack, but when they do they stick. The churches will be blessed where he goes. Keep him busy.

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THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

Still Rising

The tide of interest in the Centenary is still rising. This was evident in a meeting of the presiding elders, district directors and district chairmen of Minute Men which was held in First Church, Salisbury, last Thursday afternoon. The progress of the Centenary in each one of the districts was discussed by the leaders in the various districts. All realize that the Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference are engaged in a tremendous undertaking. It was equally evident that all believe that we can and must succeed. Some of the districts are planning to raise the entire financial allotment on the first day of the drive, May the 18. Waynesville district has adopted this slogan, "The first to raise the allotment."

Before the Drive

There are yet three weeks before the drive. How can we best use these days? Let the preachers continue the work of cultivation. Let them also see that the organization for the drive is perfected. Let the Minute Men and Special Centenary Speakers be very diligent in carrying the Centenary Message to all the people. Fine work has been done by these men, but there is much mor- that needs to be done. Let the local church directors see that their work is thoroughly done. These local church directors hold most important positions.

Permanent Record

Rev. W. H. Willis, the presiding elder of the Asheville district and Hon. F. M. Weaver, district director, have conceived the idea of a permanent record of the Centenary financial campaign for the local church. This record is to contain an historical statement of the Centenary by Dr. W. W. Pinson, the names of the church director, team captains and teams who make the canvass; also the names of all the persons canvassed for the Centenary in that particular church. This is such a fine idea that it has been adopted for the entire conference. After the canvass is over this record ought to be safely kept for future reference.

Your Sunday School

Has your Sunday school signed the pledge for its allotment yet? If not see that this is done right away. The Western North Carolina Conference is leading the whole church in the number of Sunday schools assuming their Centenary allotment. Let's keep in the lead. And remember that you can not report your Sunday school's pledge to the Centenary in the report to be made at the end of the drive, May 18-25, unless you sign up before that time. Come along then, catch the step, and let us all move together.

Centenary Treasurers

Once again we call for the Centenary treasurers for the local churches. These should be sent to Dr. J. J. Stowe, Nashville at the earliest possible moment. He must have the names of these men before May the 1. There are over 800 of the churches of our conference not yet heard from.

Tithing

Read what Mr. G. F. Ivey says about tithing. "About twenty years ago I began tithing, not only because I thought it was right, but because I found it the easiest way in which to give. Subsequent years have strengthened me in both these beliefs and I am now enthusiast on the subject." Another one of our laymen gave this public testimony, "On January the 18, I entered into covenant with the Lord to pay the tithe, and I have gotten more out of my experience since that time than in any five years before."

It is reported that there ars 73 tithers in our church at Granite Falls.

Spring Garden, Greensboro, has 132 tithers

A village church in the Marion district reports 90 tithers.

Main Street, Gastonia has 32 officials. Of that number 27 are tithers.

Methodism in Line

Dr. Pinson says that one of the things in the Centenary movement that has impressed him is the people are so universally interested in and in sympathy with the Centenary. Preachers, business men and professional men all alike are finding delight in the work of the Centenary. One of the most active lawyers in our conference was heard to say, "Nothing that I have ever done has given me so much pleasure as what I have done for the Centenary." May we not have by May the 18 110,000 Methodists in the Western North Carolina Conference, and 2,200,000 in the Southern states who are keeping step together?

I heard of one Methodist the other day who wrote his pastor that (the pastor) ought to be preaching the "gospil" instead of talking the Centenary. That brother does not seem to realize that the Centenary is an effort on the part of the church to give the gospel to all people.

Religion at Bed-Rock

In the Centenary movement we are trying to put religion at the very heart of the world's life. And that is just what the world needs and must have William T. Ellis has this to say:

"Every mile that I have traveled since the war began—and I have been all the way around the world and back again to France, and one more half way around again—has only intensified my conviction that all the varied cost of the conflict will have been wasted unless the heroism of the battlefield and of the home can be supplemented by a new and more real sense of spiritual obligations. It is in vain that we have chased the Hun out of France if we do not also chase his spirit out of human hearts. For men to be free matters little unless they are also noble. Today I had luncheon with three British officers— a lieutenant-colonel, a major and a captain—who have been through the bitterness of the Salonica campaign, and as we discussed the question of what is ahead of the world they were a unit in thinking that only religion can save society. No new laws will avail unless there be also new life."

Half a million Methodist enrolled as pledged intercessors for the Centenary is the report which is given to the church. In the office of the department for the development of spiritual resources, at New York, 305,000 had been registered up to Monday morning with several thousand yet to be counted. At the office of the Southern Church at Nashville, the figures had reached to 200,000 in the last week.

Good Missionary Reading

I want to call attention again to two very fine Missionary books which every Methodist should read just now. They are both by members of our own church. One is "Adventures in Faith in Foreign Lands," by Dr. E. L. Pell, the other is "Making America Safe," by Dr. Goddard and Mrs. McDonald. Most of us know comparatively little about the conditions and needs of our own land. If you want to know about the religious needs of America read "Making America Safe."

Secretary's Itinerary

The following are some of the points to be touched by the Missionary secretary before the Drive: Ranger, Saturday the 26; Murphy, 11 a. m., Sunday the 27; Hayesville, 8 p. m., points on Waynesville district, April 28, 29 and 30; Lenoir circuit at Littlejohn's Saturday, May the 3, and 11 a. m. Sunday, the 4; First Church, Lenoir, 8 p. m., Monday, May the 5, Granite Falls, 8 p. m., Tuesday May the 6; Hudson, 11 a. m.; West Hickory, 8 p. m., Wednesday, May the 7; Fairgrove, 3 p. m.; Maiden 8 p. m., Thursday May the 8; McKendree, Mooresvile circuit, 11 a m.; Fairview, 3 p. m., and Mt. Zion 8 p. m., Friday May the 9, Stony Point, 11 a. m.; Rocky Springs, 3 p. m., and Taylorsville, 8 p. m.; Sunday, May 11, Glen Alpine, 11 a. m.; Marion 8 p. m.

I.—What We Have

Sixty-one missionaries, eighteen men, sixteen married women, and twenty-seven single women; forty-two native preachers; seven Bible women; 119 Sunday schools; and 10 schools.

II.—What We Are Doing

Preaching the gospel to thousands who have been sitting in darkness, dispelling gross ignorance and setting new standards of life in our schools, laying foundations for a great work in a great country.

III.—The Task Before Us

To give the Gospel to 10,000,000 people for whom Southern Methodism is wholly responsible. These people are nominally Christians, but have no personal knowledge of salvation through Christ.

To develop and train an efficient number of native preachers, on whom depends almost entirely the evangelization of Brazil.

To make our present publishing house an adequate and efficient plant, worthy of the cause represented

To increase the number of parochial schools and to put all our schools on an efficiency basis.

IV.—What We Propose to Do

Send forty-three men and thirty women missionaries within the next five years.

Provide for one native dentist, one native doctor, and two parochial teachers.

Develop forty-two preachers and thirty-five native teachers.

Build and equip ninty-one churches, seventeen parsonages, eighteen parochial schools, and three Sunday school buildings.

Erect buildings and provide a campus for Granberry College.

Establish one publishing plant.

Provide funds for evangelistic campaigns and increase salaries of native preachers.

It is estimated that it will require $2,145,950 to provide the property and take care of the necessary expenses for the next five years. Of this amount it is expected that there will be raised among the Brazilians $321,280, leaving for the home church $1,824, 670.

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OUR MISSION FIELDS

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This week we take a look at Afica, our newest field.

What We Have

We have thirteen missionaries, six men, four married women and three single women. We also have seven native preachers, fifteen Sunday schools, ten schools and one hospital.

What We Are Doing

Doing evangelistic work; carrying on Bible classes at the station, preaching in neighboring villages, and traveling two circuits; giving daily instructions in reading and writing; training teachers and evangelists; beginning industrial training; five thousand treatments given in the hospitals.

The Task Before Us

To assume our share in the evangelization of the 15,000,000 Africans in the Belgian Congo, one-third the size of the United States and with immense natural resources for the support of a great population.

To co-operate with other missions in reaching the more than one hundred tribes, in reducing the language to writing, and the education and elevation of the ignorant and superstitious people.

To educate and train a body of native teachers and evangelists through whom the remotest villages can be reached and native church established which shall be self supporting and self propagating.

To combat the diseases that are so prevalent in Africa.

To utilize medicines and surgery as the most effective means of removing prejudice, overcoming superstition, and winning the confidence of the people.

What We Propose to Do

Send ten men and eight women within the next five years. Two of the ten men should be doctors, and two of the eight women should be nurses.

Train one hundred teachers and fifty evangelists.

Build fourteen houses for missionaries, four school houses, and fifty-three churches, the churches being built by native contributions of material and labor.

Build three workshops and three school hospitals, the latter having accommodations for from eight to ten beds.

Set up small printing press to do the printing of the mission.

Provide small steamer for the transportation of missionaries and supplies.

Reach with the gospel every village within the distance of five days' walk.

Establish twenty-five schools.

For all this work we are asked to raise $228,750.

When we look at our task and what we propose to do we are not at all surprised that one of our leading North Carolina business men said, in speaking of the Centenary askings, "We are not asking for half enough."

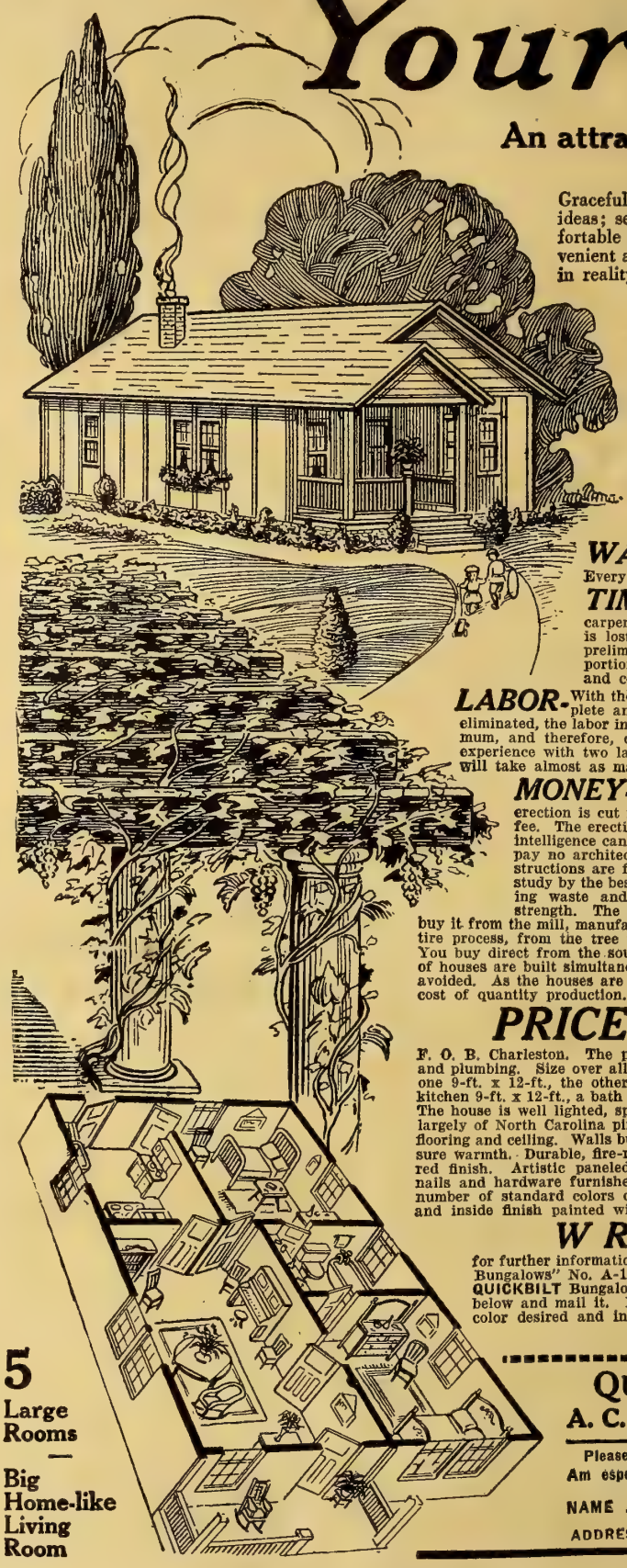
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For those who tease his watch dog and
rob the phoebe's nest;
Most farmers think such folks are
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Must never be ill mannered to our
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To keep Dame Nature's golden rule,
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as if they were thine own.

—Annie Balcomb Wheeler, in Christian Work.

A VILLAGE 4,000 YEARS OLD

Dr. John H. Finley, who visited the Holy Land for the Red Cross, tells in the Asia Magazine about the old town of Halhul one of hundreds of villages in Palestine which have not changed in 4,000 years.

"I have visited today a village that is four thousand years old, but that is without certain facilities which the newest town in Oklahoma would insist upon having in as many hours as this village has known years. It stands upon a hill almost bare of trees and looks at the left between the mountains to the Mediterranean sea, and at the right across the Dead sea. This village was doubtless sitting in the same place when Abraham left Lot and journeyed from the plains of the Jordan down into Hebron, which is only four miles away. David often passed by it when he was fleeing into the wilderness from Saul or during his seven and a half years' reign in Hebron. A little way off soldiers of the new crusades are encamped in a fold of the hills and in the valley of Caleb's lower springs, close by one of the springs, new refugees from the plain of Jordan are pitching their black tents. This village, Halhul, is more like one of our Indian adobe towns than any other communities in the States, except that the huts are of stone. There are no streets ,only winding, labyrinthine paths round and about, up and down, sometimes over the roofs of the huts—paths made by the feet of men, women, children and donkeys through the centuries. There are no vehicles, wagons, motors, street cars. There is no postoffice, for never a letter comes to the village, I suppose. There are no newspapers, no schools, no places of amusement (there is one man, at least, who plays a primitive pipe), no running water, no signs, no stores so far as I could see, no libraries nor books, no women's clubs, no telephones—there was nothing to give the inhabitants communication with the world beyond the sight of their eyes or the reach of their feet. And few, I suppose, had journeyed beyond Hebron to the south, or Jerusalem at the north.

"Halhul! What a new life would come into your old stone body if the children of a typical American village would some to sing and play with your children. Halhul! How many summers will you sleep in the sun, how many winters will you shiver in your windowless huts, before the civilization which has come up to your gates, across the seas and up from the ports of Egypt, shall not only pass like the automobile at your feet or fly like the aeroplane over your head, but will enter your heart with its joys, its higher joys and its deeper sorrows. Halhul! Will not the new Joshua give you an inheritance not merely to some particular tribe or nation, but to the world, that it may add its cosmic gifts in this Tele-Victorian age to those which you have gathered out of your long past with its narrow horizon—a horizon whose edge is not cut by the sky-scrapers of your coast, dear America!

"Halhul! I should like to come to you in the year of our Lord 2000."

THE EASTER SINGER

Eza, why aint you gettin' ready for church?" Martha Fairfield asked, surprised to see her husband sitting around in his shirt sleeves on Sunday morning.

"Because I don't need to," was the reply.

"What, you ain't goin' that way?" Mrs. Fairfield asked.

"I aint going at all," the old man said doggedly.

"You be, too!" his wife remonstrated. "Why, what would the Carsons and the Fitches and all the folks think of you on Easter morn', of all times? We aint missed a Sunday in twenty years, an' I aint going to begin now!"

"All right, you go on, then," Ezra Fairfield said, closing his eyes as if to put a stop to argument.

"I'm goin', and I aint goin' alone neither," Martha announced with decision.

"I can't go, Marthy. You know I can't!" and the old man buried his face in his hands.

"Don't you 'spose it's just as hard for me as it is for you? But I ain't goin' to back down, an' neither be you," The voice though strong was tremulous with feeling.

Slowly the old man arose and went into the bedroom to put on his usual Sunday attire, for he well knew it was useless to remonstrate longer.

"It be the best thing for him and me," his wife said as she wiped a persistent tear away.

As the old couple drove down the long lane to the little white church at its foot, they were very quiet, for both were deep in thought. How bare the countryside looked! The spring was unusually late this year. Last Easter Letty had found a violet on the drive home. How happy they were then! For five years their Letty, with her fine voice, had refused all offers to sing in the great city on Easter morning, and had come back to her home church and to her father and mother for the day. Neither Ezra Fairfield nor his wife—uneducated in art of music—ever criticised what their child sang; whatever it was, it always thrilled them as nothing else did. How proud they were of her reputation as a soloist, but they were proudest of her as she stood and sang in the little country church for the humble souls she loved.

There was a stern expression now on the old man's face, and he held his head high when he said "Good-morning" to the neighbors, who passed him as he tied his horse to the picket fence. His wife meekly followed him into the church, all her courage gone now, as she faced the old friends.

The couple sat down in their accustomed place near the east window. It had been thrown open to let in a little of the warm air, for this was the first real spring day of the season.

The church was dressed in its usual Easter beauty There were the lilies and the ferns surrounding the altar. Up in the choir loft sat the same four singers who had been there for twenty years. It seemed to Martha Fairfield as though she never before had really known what it was to miss Letty—never since they had laid her away—this only child for whom they had devoted all their life and struggle. It had paid, yes, paid well; but they were so lonely, now that it was all over. O! if she could but come back and sing for them just once more—just this morning!

The venerable minister arose, and the service went on much as the other Easter services had done. As the time came for the anthem to be sung, the minister stood with bent head and said gently, "I could not pass by this time without referring to the dear young friend whose heavenly voice—"

When lo! on the Sunday calm burst forth the joyous, clear, liquid tones of an oriole. The minister reached forth a silencing hand, and all listened in breathless awe.

Ezra Fairfield and his wife sat with bowed heads, tears running down their cheeks. Even the little children were hushed.

It was the song of only a few moments, but it was long in meaning. The bird perched on a tree by the open window, was doing his best to bring Easter joy.

As the last notes died away, the minister said softly, "This little bird, sent from heaven, seems to have come to sing to us in Letty's place. Did she send it to speak comfort to our hearts today? Such things do happen. At any rate, that little bird has finished the message ' was trying to deliver, and its has expressed infinitely more than I had power to do."

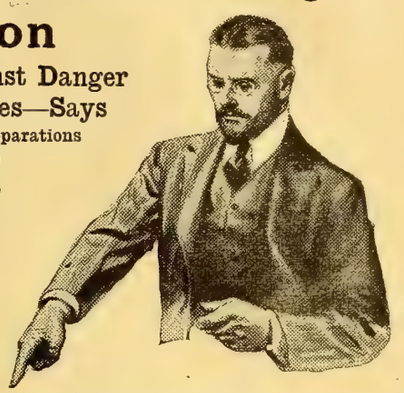
Ezra Lairfield and his wife drove slowly down the long lane toward home, and in each heart was the secret "peace which passeth all understanding."—Sylvia Thomas.

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ROSS.—In these days of distress, tragedy and calamity we think we are steeled to receive almost any word concerning those who are near and dear to us.

Yet when they said to us. "Jeff Ross is dead," we found it hard to reconcile ourselves to the fact.

We could not but ask why one so full of promise, so noble of character and of so much worth, not only to his family, but to others with whom he came in contact, should be snatched away from us now when such men are so sadly needed.

His death was a crushing blow to us all.

With a courage, born and nourished by love we simply say: 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

"It is not the length of years that counts, but the quality of life." The quality of J. C. Ross's life was of the highest and by his personality, he brought a sense of quiet and peace to his associates.

He died February 28, 1919, one short year after he buried his wife.

There is comfort in the thought that this husband and wife, so dear to each other in this life, were not long separated and together they are guests of God.

Sadness reaches the climax with us when we think of the four orphaned children and the father, nearly ninety, who has made his home with the family for twelve years.

Mr. Ross was forty-four. He was converted while a boy and joined the Methodist church.

He filled different offices in the church and attended all the conferences except the general conference.

He was born in Stanly county, but after marriage he moved to Chicago, where he lived till fourteen years ago when he moved back to North Carolina, and made his home in Salisbury till his death.

"From the dust of the weary highways,
From the smart of sorrow's rod
Into the royal presence
He is hidden as the guest of God."

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, brother J. C. Ross, has been for years a member of the board of stewards and recording steward of South Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and one who was always interested in the religious welfare of the church and community, and whereas, he was always manly, courteous and kind, doing his full part to promote the usefulness of the board and the influence of the church, Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God our Father.

Second, That we as members of the board of stewards as well as the whole church, feel the loss of this good man in our community and will miss him in our meetings and church services.

Third, That we feel his life was worthy of emulation, being marked by many kind deeds of thoughtful attention for others; that his life at home, in the community, and the church manifested his implicit faith in his Saviour.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our minutes, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, and also a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

S. T. Coburn,
T. R. Simpson,
E. E. Weesner,
Committee.

REEVES.—On the 4 of January, 1919, Mrs. T. H. Reeves, who before her marriage was Miss Annie Reagan, daughter of the late Dr. Reagan, of Weaverville, died at her home in Weaverville. Her death was recognized as a distinct loss by every body, for everybody who knew her loved her. It was her happy ability to radiate good cheer and sunshine always, and so her friends were as numerous as her acquaintenances. She had been a consistent and useful member of our church at Weaverville since childhood, and her death is a distinct loss to us. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her death, as well as an unnumbered circle of friends who sorrow at her going. May God's word and the Holy Spirit give them comfort.

Otho J. Jones, Pastor.

HERRON.—Mrs. Barbara Hunsucker Herron, wife of J. D. Herron, died at her home near Weaverville, March 6, 1919, at sixty-six years of age. For forty-six years she had been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and she died in the full assurances of faith. In the home as well as in the church, she was known as one who feared the Lord. She was one of those choice spirits who know how to make religion beautiful. In the demonstration of great grief we laid her body away in Pleasant Grove cemetery the seventh of March in hope of the resurrection of the dead. May the sorrowing husband and children have the consolations of the gospel which was her stay to help them in their sorrow.

Otho J Jones, Pastor.

GRAHAM.—On January 26, 1919, Hobart Graham died at the home of his parents in Weaverville. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for several years and died in good standing in the church. His death is peculiarly sad since he was just approaching manhood and usefulness.

He was a clean young man who had the confidnce of all who knew him. He leaves his father and mother as well as several brothers and sisters to mourn his loss. May the Lord comfort them in their bereavement.

Otho J. Jones, Pastor

BRYSON.—Mrs. Dasthula Elizabeth Bryson, "fell on sleep" at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carrie McNee, at Sylva, N. C., October 31, 1918.

Mrs. Bryson was the daughter of Jacob and Carolyn Miller, of Virginia She was born at Wytheville, Va., September 2, 1845, and was married to Andrew W. Bryson, of Jackson county, N. C., February 28, 1867, with whom she lived happily till his death in 1909. There were born to them eight children, four sons and four daughters, three of the daughters and their father preceded their mother to the home of the good.

The following survive: Captain W. C. Brysn, of Asheville, N. C.; Charles A. Bryson, of Lanier, Oragon; Mrs. Carrie V. McNee, of Sylva, N. C.; Geo. W. Bryson, of Sunburst, N. C.; and R. E. Lee Bryson, of Franklin, N. C. Besides the above there are twenty-seven grand children, three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Bryson professed faith in Christ when a young girl and joined the Methodist church, of which she was an honored and faithful member till death. She was a good woman and when the end came she was ready. Her loved ones and friends who mourn her departure, know where she has gone. Her body was laid to rest on the hill above Sylva on November 1, 1918 to await the call of the Master to the perfect life.

J. A. Cook, Pastor.

CHILTON.—Nannie Margaret Eliza Adkins Chilton, was born in Stokes county, N. C., June 24, 1873, and died in El Paso, Texas, February 22, 1919, a few days after which her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Wetsfield, N. C

She was married to M. T. Chilton, October 14, 1903. One daughter was born of this marriage. She leaves husband, daughter, four brothers and two sisters.

She was baptized in infancy, and made public profession of faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church in 1882. In this communion she remained until death.

She endured several years of suffering with such fortitude and cheerfulness that her physician said of her that she was an inspiration to the other patients. This excellent gift of seeing the bright side, doubtless prolonged, not only her life, but also that of others.

In her last days she often spoke of her work as teacher and of her pupils. She very much desired to spend her last days at the old homestead in Stokes county. She was blessed with a noble ancsetry. It was quaintly said of her father, Hiram Adkins, that he was good enough.

As she looked forward to an early death, she often expressed and manifested an unshaken faith and had no fears for the swelling tide that was to bear her away. No one doubts but that she has gone to be with God; while her good works do follow her.

J J. Eads, Pastor.

CASHION.—Mrs. Perolee Cashion, daughter of Jacob C. and Armentry Cloninger, was born June 11, 1874, died April 5, 1919, aged forty-four years nine months and twenty-four days.

September, 1893, she married W. O. Cashion, with whom she lived happily until he met an untimely death, August 8, 1918.

Sister Cashion is survived by her only child, Mrs. Robert Terrell, of Gastonia, her mother and four brothers, with each of whom many friends sympathize

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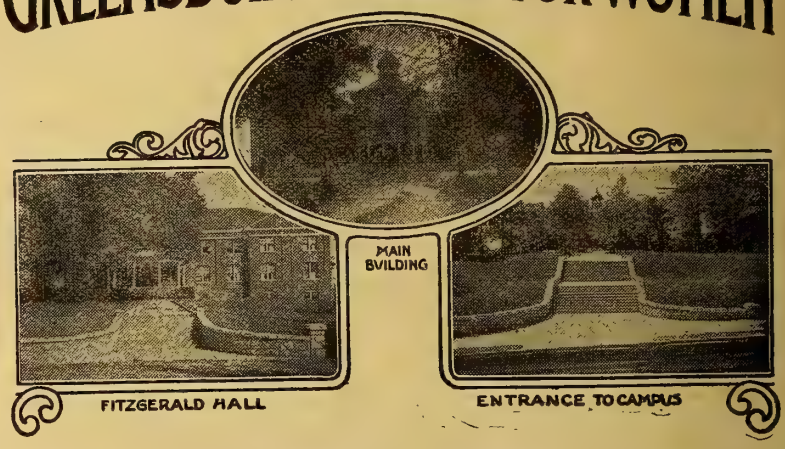
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The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Terrell, in Gastonia.

The immense crowd present is proof of the love and esteem of those who knew her, as was also the unusually large display of beautiful flowers which covered the grave in Hollywood cemetery, Gastonia, in which we laid her body to rest

She is gone from us. Of course we shall miss her, but since our loss is her infinite gain and God doeth all tahings without error, we will be patient and submissive. O. C. Fortenberry.

NICHOLSON.—Daisy, daughter of Merritt and Eliza Nicholson, was born March 4, 1889, one mile from Brevard. At the age of sixteen, she was converted and joined the Methodist church during the pastorate of Rev. C P. Moore.

She was a consecrated Christian young woman. Choosing the profession of nursing as her life work, she had spent six years seeking to alleviate human suffering in her home community. In many a home she had ministered tenderly and watched unsleeping by the bedside of ebbing life as well as infancy, until the entire community had come to love and look upon her as an angel of mercy. Especially during the influenza epidemic, Miss Nicholson was abundant in her unselfish ministries. In fact, so utterly unsparing had she been of her own strength in responding to the calls made upon her that when the dread disease laid hold upon her, she did not last a week.

She died April 3, 1919. Her funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church. Her mortal remains rest beneath a mantle of flowers on a beautiful knoll not far away.

"He that loseth his life for my sake, the same shall find it,"

"He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all."

W. E. Poovey.

JOLLY.—Eva White Jolly, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. White, was born January 1, 1899, and was called away April 5, 1919, being twenty years, three months and four days old. She professed religion, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Providence church, and lived a pious, Christian girl and died in the full triumph of a living faith.

She was united in marriage to G. A. Jolly, of Chesnee, S. C., on July 14, 1918, by the writer. Her health was quite delicate for a few months, but was confined to her bed only a few days.

Before going away she said she was not afraid to die, and was willing to go if it was the Lord's will. Her body was laid to rest at Providence church. In the absence of her pastor, the service was conducted by Revs. Shelton, of Henrietta and Dawson, of Forest City.

She leaves her husband, father, mother, brothers and sisters and many friends to mourn her loss, but let us not weep for her as those who have no hope. May God richly bless and abide with the bereaved loved ones, and may they live so that they will greet her in the "goodly land" as she hath gone. We too must follow. D. S Richardson, Pastor.

SHERRILL.—Wade Henderson Sherrill was born October 6, 1889 and died March 24, 1919, aged twenty-nine years, five months and eighteen days.

He joined the church at Hopewell in early youth and remained a faithful member there until removed from our midst by death.

Brother Sherrill was a young physician, who was smitten while in school with tuberculosis. He spent some time at the State Sanatorium and was seemingly much improved. But accepting a position in a hospital in Philadelphia, made vacant by the call of another young physician to army service, he fell a victim to influenza and then pneumonia, and then the dread "white plague" fell upon him in full force, and in spite of all that physicians and loved ones could do, his spirit passed out and on to the great beyond.

He loved his mother and wrote to her constantly while away, as long as he had sufficient strength, a fine mark in any young man.

Though young and eager to serve in his chosen field, he expressed willingness to submit to the great Father's will, and in this spirit he breathed his last in the prsence of mother, brothers and sisters in the old childhood home.

Apparently death's work is final, but Jesus said to His own, "Beause I live, ye shall live also." J. T. Ratledge.

District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	April
Spring Creek, Spring Creek	26-27
	May
Weaverville Commencement	4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek	10-11
Hendersonville	11
Rosman circuit	18-19
Brevard	19
District Conference, Flat Rock, Bishop Darlington to preside	20-23

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Lilesville, Savannah, 11 a. m.	26-27

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Ruffin, 11 a. m.	27
Reidsville, Main Street, night	27
	May
Uwharrie circuit, Union	3
Asheboro, 11 a. m.	4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill	10-11
High Point, Main Street, night	11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

	April
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m.	26-27
Spray, 3. p. m.	27
and night	28
Leaksville, night	27
	May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel	3-4
Danbury, Delta	10-11
Dobson, Rockford	17-18

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	April
Spruce Pine, Concord	26-27
Bakersville, night	27
	May
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville at Burnsville	2-3-4
A Centenary rally beginning Friday night.	
Thermal City, Pisgah	10-11
Marion circuit, Pleasant Garden	17-18
Mill Spring, Bethlehem	24-25
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa	31-June 1

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	May
Avery circuit, Pisgah	3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma	10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's	17-18
North Wilkes Mission	24-25
North Wilkesboro station	24-25
Wilkes circuit	31-June 1
Wilkesboro station	31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

	April
Rock Spring, 11 a. m.	26-27
	May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	4
Stanley, 7 p. m.	7

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m.	26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m.	26-27
	May
Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m.	10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m.	10-11

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Mount Pleasant, St. Paul	26-27
Epworth, night	27
	May
Gold Hill, Zion	3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night	4
Concord circuit, Carmel	10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m.	11
Kerr Street, night	11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill	17-18
First Street, night	18
Salisbury circuit	24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage	31-June 1
	June
Kannapolis station	1
Bethel-Loves	7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Ranger, Rodgers Chapel	26-27
	May
Hayesville, Oak Forest	3-4
Glenville	10-11
Highlands	11-12
Fines Creek	17-18

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Salem, April 20, night.
South Side, April 27, a. m.
Walkertown, April 27, 3 p. m. and night.
Kernersville, Kernersville, May 3-4.
Burkhead, May 4, night.
New Hope circuit, Eleazer, May 10-11.
Grace, May 18, a. m.
Liberty Street, May 18, night.
Centenary, May 25, a. m.
West End, May 25, night.
Advance, Mocks, May 31-June 1.
Hanes-Clemmons, Mt. Pleasant, June 2.
Farmington, June 6-8. Quarterly meeting at Wesley Chapel, June 7, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.
Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.
Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.
Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.
Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.
South Thomasville, July 4, night.
Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
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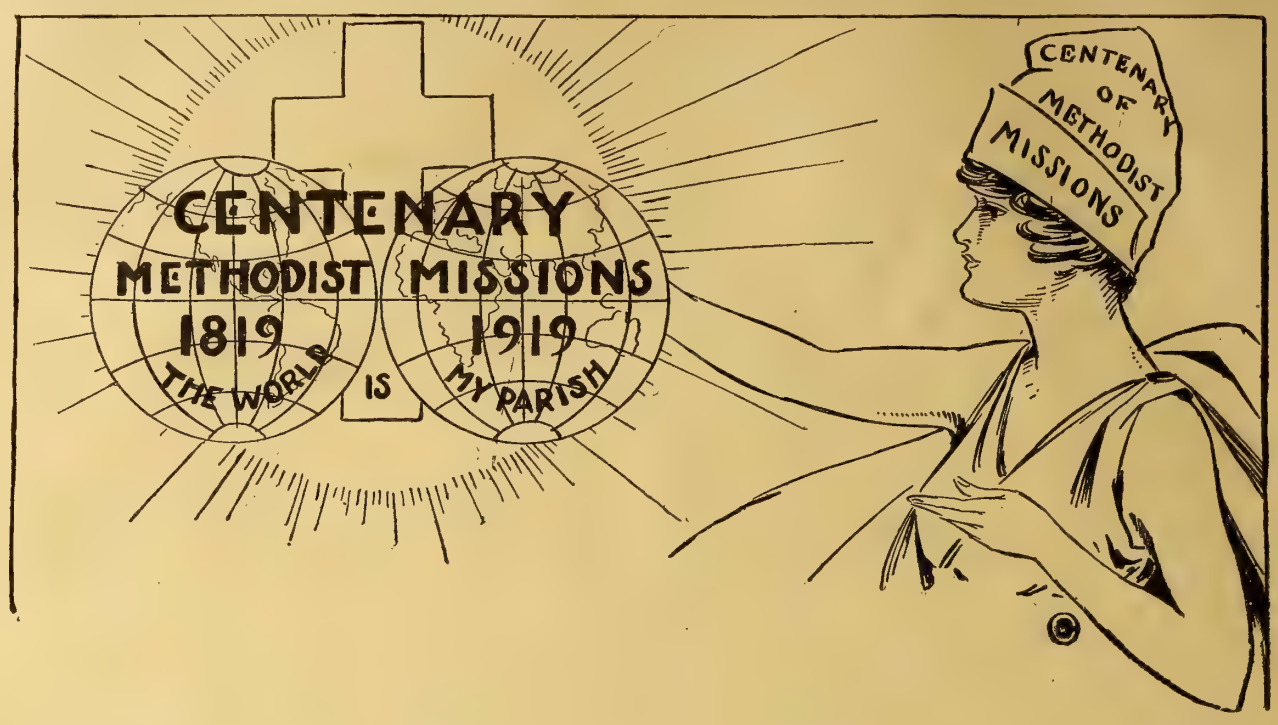
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AMONG the most precious things that ever come to a man is one of those impulses or emotions looking toward something that is nobler and better in his own life, some haunting vision of a good and worthy thing that he ought to be or to do. We all have them, and if they do not plant in our soul some vital seed that will bear its fruit of good in the days to come then our life has been the scene of a real, and often far-reaching, tragedy. These emotions seem very fleeting indeed; but they are likewise very precious, for we may capitalize them so that they will become the actual gold of character and achievement in some future day. It may be hard to explain how this can be done, but this warning may be given, that to allow the emotion to expend itself as emotion is quite fatal. Mere feeling that has not added to it the sterner process of willing or strenuously purposing or striving to do, will never get us anywhere, and may indeed become an agent of vitiation and weakness rather that a source of power.---*Christian Guardian.*

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SABBATH DESECRATION

The Bible associates the Sabbath with the sanctuary. The two stand or fall together. "Thou shalt keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary" is the way Moses stated this fundamental law to Israel at a time when the foundations of the superstructure of national life were being laid. To forget the one or despise the other was to start upon the road of religious decay and ruin.

There has been no change under the gospel dispensation. The same reasons for sabbath observance which obtained in the time of Moses are in existence today. Man's physical being demands rest today as much as in the days when Israel camped in the wilderness. Man's spiritual nature demands opportunity for development and culture just as it did when the law was given. The Sabbath and the sanctuary were established that we might have a constant reminder of the fact that we are dependent upon God, and that we must have constant opportunity to learn about Him. The nations that have forgotten God are the nations that have desecrated His holy day and turned their backs upon His sanctuary.

It is remarkable that even those who once stood for strict observance of the Lord's day are now apparently indifferent, and it is seldom that we hear a voice of protest raised against the wholesale violation and desecration of the day. Miniature ball parks are established in our cities by the children of Presbyterian elders and Methodist stewards, and those who dare to utter a word of protest are twitted as mossbacks and told that they ought to be more progressive. Joy riders composed of members of leading church families burn the wind as they drive their motor cars to places of recreation, while motley crowds gather about railway stations buying tickets to go upon journeys with no other aim than "having a good time," making a holiday out of what God intended to be a holy day.

Can we expect the blessing of God to rest upon us as a people while we thus despise His law? The peessure for the destruction of our Sunday laws is growing more and more insistent and it will not be long till our country will follow the European countries and we shall have the continental Sabbath in fact. Let pulpit and press cry out against the profanation of God's holy day.

We are glad to reproduce the following from the New Orleans Christian Advocate:

"One of the gravest problems confronting the church today is, in our judgment, the preservation of Sunday as a day of rest and worship. There seems to be a growing tendency to think of it merely as a day for recreation and frivolous entertainment, and for the promotion of enterprises that find profit in catering to the pleasure-loving spirit of our people. We rejoice in the great truth that Christ taught, that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath; we have no disposition to insist upon an observance of the day that would make it a burden to grown people and a punishment to children; but we cannot but view with alarm the conception that it is nothing more than a day of the week to be used simply as other days are used—for business, pleasure or convenience of any kind, as whim may dictate. It is a divine provision for a fundamental need of human nature, and when we disregard that provision we suffer inevitably in body, mind and spirit. We do well to set ourselves steadfastly against every attempt to make our American Sunday a kind of national holiday without the restraints of a keen sensitiveness to our moral obligations. We must save Sunday or sacrifice one of the bulwarks of Christian civilization."

HAVE FAITH IN YOUR PEOPLE

It will be admitted that our primary duty is to have faith in God. Without Him we can do nothing. All through this Centenary program our leaders have very properly insisted that this should be first. However, it is time to give attention to the other matter, which is only second in importance, namely, that we have faith in our people. There never was a time when the psychological effect of lack of faith in our people could have been more hurtful than in the winding up of this great Centenary campaign. There has been a long-continued process of education through the pulpit, the minute men and the press. All this process of education has been more or less effective and we cannot take it for granted that it has not brought about a change of attitude even among the most reactionary element in our churches.

Some days ago we were in conversation with the pastor of a country charge and he expressed no little surprise that the first layman he had interviewed as to the amount of his Centenary pledge had himself listed for nearly twice as much as the pastor had expected of him. Furthermore, he was surprised to find the layman taking issue with him as to the whole amount his church should undertake to raise. Evidently he had gotten further along the highway of progress than the pastor had suspected, and his case is perhaps only one of a thousand, or many thousands, and pastors will do well to labor with themselves lest they dampen the ardor of those who would otherwise do something worthy of a great cause. We must not discredit ourselves by failing to expect large things as the result of the Centenary. No such campaign of education has ever been launched by any church.

No religious organization appealing only to the people of a single denomination has ever ventured upon so expensive or ambitious an undertaking. Shall we then, on the threshold of the great drive, when results are to be tabulated, discount it all by a failure to trust our people to take care of the budget and much more? One of the perils of our undertaking now lies in a well-grounded fear that some of our pastors and leaders have not grown as rapidly as the average man or woman in the rank and file. Let us have faith in our people and ask for large things.

SUNDAY IN WEST GREENSBORO CHARGE

Last Sunday was a splendid day, and the editor of the Advocate had a most delightful experience in visiting two of the churches on the West Greensboro charge, Rev. T. J. Rogers, pastor. The service at Muir's Chapel at 11 o'clock was inspiring. In spite of an epidemic of measles which is prevailing in the community, a large congregation gathered and, best of all, the Holy Spirit was present in the service.

Muir's Chapel is a historic place and has had a checkered experience. In the early days of Methodism in this state a great camp meeting was held here annually and thousands of people attended from Guilford and several surrounding counties. Some of the most eminent men of our church many years ago were converted here, including Dr. John E. Edwards and Dr. N. H. D. Wilson. Here the great leaders of our church were heard every year, and for the time Muir's Chapel was a great center of power and influence. It has been only a few years since the camp meetings were finally discontinued and the old arbor torn away. Near where the new church stands is the site of the old Edwards home, where about a century ago Dr. John E. Edwards, late of the Virginia Conference, was born. Here "Father Needham," who passed away some years ago, aged nearly one hundred, was converted, having come on horseback from the Sandy Creek section of Randolph county for the purpose, as he said, of "getting religion." He was not disappointed in his quest, but returned at once to his home to light the fires of evangelistic fervor which continued to burn in that section and beyond for many years. His zeal took him in after years to Surry county, where he continued to live and labor effectively through his long life, never forgetting to tell the story of how he got rid of the burden of sin at Muir's Chapel.

All these memories make a visit to this place an inspiration and it was with genuine delight that on this visit we noted decided evidences of renewed life in the church. A good, live Sunday school and increased attendance, with a constantly increasing population near the church, justify the belief that Muir's Chapel is to continue to have her place of large usefulness in the community. Only recently a splendid parsonage, one of the most attractive and comfortable homes in the community, has been erected nearby and it goes without saying that Rev. T. J. Rogers and family are happily situated.

In the afternoon we met a few people in a very brief service at Friendship. The funeral service over the remains of Mrs. Huffines, one of the most prominent ladies of the community, held nearby, necessarily interfered with attendance. At a later date we hope to meet this congregation, when we may have more to say of them.

A good list of new subscribers and renewals, the joy of preaching and a good dinner and social hour at the parsonage, made this a day of genuine pleasure and, we trust, profit to us all.

BISHOP CANNON IN THE BRITISH ISLES

A recent number of the American Issue gives an interesting account of the movement of the Anti-Saloon League of America to line up the temperance forces of the old world in an effort to make prohibition universal. An interesting feature of this report is the account of the large speaking program which our Bishop Cannon filled throughout Scotland, Ireland and England.

A representative of the Manchester News gives the following estimate of our wiry little bishop:

"I interviewed him at the palatial caravansara where most distinguished visitors to Manchester foregather. An alert, spare, keen-eyed man, the embodiment of tense, nervous energy, radiating vitality and humor, I found him on his arrival glad to be in our city, but inclined to contrast its cold and penetrating dampness with the warmth of his own historic city of Richmond in the sunny state of Virginia. It would be difficult to find any one less corresponding with the conventional idea of a bishop than this tall, lean, Southerner who has pulled the wires so successfully at Washington and shown what the church militant can do when in real earnest. As far removed from bigotry as from flabbiness, he is of that twpe which amply justifies the phrase of a popular author who recently wrote of the 'terrific common sense' of the American.

"I handed the bishop various cuttings from the English press deprecatory of the American temperance triumph and predicting for it a short life, a sea of difficulties and an ignominious collapse.

"These excerpts tickled him immensely. He read them with shaking sides. 'Those from America,' he said, 'are demonstrably false, obviously the manufacture of interested opponents, and those of English composition the result of amazing innocent ignorance.' "

This will be of special interest to our readers not alone because one of our bishops is thus taking a leading part, but because it shows that the cause of prohibition is sweeping across seas and continents and that its ultimate triumph will leave a clean and sober world. "The field is the world."

The same paper tells how, during the first week in April a conference was held in Paris, "at the invitation of the Ligue Nationale and by request of the Anti-Saloon League of America, presided over by Senator Jules Siegfried, Lord D'Abernon and the Belgian minister of justice, Emile Vandervle. Eleven countries were represented. Resolutions were adopted requesting the league of nations to provide a permanent bureau for the study of the liquor question and to report on the effects of liquor upon the human system and to report legislation on the liquor question."

Truly, the cause of temperance is marching on to victory, and there are men and women living today who will still be living when this last and greatest enemy shall have been put under our feet.

"MICHIGAN'S ANSWER"

This is the heading of an article just furnished the press by the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This board keeps right up with the march of public opinion on the liquor question and we can rely absolutely upon their analysis of the situation.

The liquor forces are making a great hue and cry all over the country now on account of what they are pleased to represent as snap judgment upon them in the rapid putting over of the prohibition amendment by the states, claiming that in every state there should have been a referendum. They claim to be quite loyal, patriotic and, withal, democratic now since they have lost the strangle hold so long held by them upon the throat of the nation. What they were once in the habit of denouncing as a violation of the inalienable rights of the citizen they now pretend to be quite willing to have determined by a vote of the dear people. Truly they die hard.

But here is what the Board of Temperance has to say on "Michigan's Answer":

"When Congress passed the prohibition amendment, giving seven years for the thirty-six states to ratify, the wets cried for a referendum to save them from a Congress acting without word from home, while the damp doubtfuls said you can't get the thirty-six in seven years, but the forty-fifth state had ratified in less than one-fifth of the allotted time.

"Then the wets howled, 'you put it over in the legislatures without the consent of the people,' and were joined in their lamentations by a lot of oozy good people, part of the press and even a few remnants of the cloth.

"These demands for a referendum to save the saloon (the American branch of German autocracy) was a new idea, for hitherto they had denied the drys that same right of appeal and had fought it in every corner of the nation, whether it be ward, town or county, local option or state-wide prohibition.

' 'While no sane being would believe that Congress and the legislatures, which had so overwhelmingly supported the amendment, could have done so without knowing the nation was strongly back of them, yet this espousal of the American right of appeal by German wets, who had struck a dry hole, was meeting with a lot of thirsty sympathy, when a great state made answer so emphatic that all the beer-sogged were water-logged by a tidal wave, which swept the shores of Michigan, and though no bubbles have yet been seen where the nullification kegs went down, the house of prohibition fell not. Thank you, Michigan men and women, all sovereign citizens.

"If we were called upon to name a state which most nearly represented a composite reflection of the life and industry, character and aspirations of the union of states we would name Michigan, an inland state, with more coast than any other, giving it great water commerce and resources, a state wealthy in minerals beyond computation, and with great timber resources, abundant in her agricultural wealth and leading the world in the manufacture of motor vehicles, with the great modern city of Detroit, the very heart of this industry, and kindred lines.

"Great railroads and interurban lines cross in a network, and cities, towns and villages dot her map, while her schools, colleges and universities leaven the mass of the population, which diversity of industry has made complex in character, and a true American average of today.

"In 1916 this great state voted out the saloon by a 68,000 dry majority. Last week this same great average American state had a chance to reopen its saloons by the American right of franchise, to which right the wets now appeal, and by double the majority of 1916 and perhaps more, this composite American state said we tried both and we stay dry.

"And with a cry of fraud and a moan for a recount John B. went down again. Never heard that same moan come our way before. Great Michigan!"

NOTE AND COMMENT

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, met with a serious accident in New York last Sunday, caused by a collision of a street car with a taxicab in which Mr. Gompers was a passenger. He was thrown twenty feet to the curb, and while his condition is serious the physicians do not think it will prove fatal. He is sixty-nine years of age.

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Rutherford College has a feast coming May 10-14. Commencement begins with the concert by the music department on Saturday evening. The Rev. W. O. Goode, of Hickory, preaches on Sunday evening to the Young Men's Christian Association. Rev. Dr. G. T. Rowe, of Centenary, Winston-Salem, preaches the commencement sermon on Tuesday morning. Dr. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, delivers the literary address on Wednesday. The graduating exercises will be on Wednesday. The literary societies are preparing good programs. Not least among the attractions is the alumni meeting. The address is to be delivered by Rev. L. B. Hayes, of Franklin.

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That Was a Sad and Terrible Tragedy which occurred in Reidsville last Friday, when Mrs. Alfred Scales Galloway and her three little children were destroyed in the night time by fire. The good woman discovered the house on fire and rushed to the room where her three little children slept, to rescue them, and then, shut in by the flames, they were all four cremated. The heart-rending report as published has cast a gloom over the entire state. The stricken husband and father, a traveling man, was absent at the time and all men will sympathize with him now as he sits in the shadow of a terrible and sudden grief. May the God of all grace give comfort and consolation to him and to all who mourn with him in this season of trial and sore bereavement.

Innocent Holders of Liberty Bonds should watch against the wary arguments of men claiming to be government agents sent out to buy up these bonds at figures far below the market price. Those owning bonds should not dispose of them at all except in case of dire necessity, and then don't heed the voice of strangers, but go to your local banker and have him dispose of your bond at the best market figure. It is true the market price for most of the issues is below the face value, which is explained by the fact that the enoromus issues of bonds have temporarily glutted the market, the supply being greater than the demand; but if investors will only hold their bonds with patience they will finally bring face value and a possible premium. Don't sacrifice them to money sharks, who would speculate on your patriotism, but hold them, for if they are good for the speculator, why are they not also good for you?

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The Victory Loan Campaign for the billions to meet the pressing after-war needs of the government did not bring proper results at the end of the first week, when one-sixth only of the sum sought had been subscribed. The feeling of over-confidence that men would rush in and take the bonds without any effort on the part of the bond salesmen is the explanation given for the shortage so far. The bonds will be sold, the people will not fail to do their part in this last drive, the boys across the sea still need the morale which the people can greatly strengthen by loyally supporting the government in this drive. The Richmond regional bank district, which includes North Carolina, had at the close of the first week bought 15.42 per cent of the sum allotted to it, which was a better report than any other district made except St. Louis, which sold 30 per cent, Chicago 23.80 and Boston district 21.41 per cent. The New York district reported only 13.33 per cent, while the Atlanta district was lowest at 3.03 per cent. All the previous bond drives have started off just as this one has, and in the final count there was a large over-subscription in each case, and we doubt not the same result will follow in this last one; but in order thereto Uncle Sam expects every man to do his duty.

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Entire Harmony among the allied powers regarding the settlement of peace terms and national boundaries seemed to have been reached a week ago. The Italian representation, under the lead of Orlando, had held out for the control of Fiume and the Dalmatian coast, but it was confidently hoped they would yield to President Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau and concede Fiume to the Jugoslavic people as a seaport, since the age-long menace of Austrian invasion had been entirely removed by the practical dissolution of the Austrian government; but at the last hour Orlando violently opposed the trio and left for Rome to lay the matter before the Italian parliament. He has been spectacular in his utterance and Italian sentiment appears to support him, but unbiased reporters predict that Italy may finally yield if some slight concessions are granted. The first contingent of the German representatives to receive the peace terms has reached Paris to find that Italy's attitude may delay proceedings, but this cannot give comfort to the Germans, because America, Britain and France will prove equal to the duty of dealing with Germany in the event that Italy should finally refuse to yield the point. Right and justice demand that Fiume be given to the Jugoslavic people, who should have a seaport of their own, but Italian greed under the pretense of fear of the Austrian menace would bottle up these people and deprive them of commercial privileges which the control of Fiume would guarantee.

CONTRIBUTIONS

ARE WE GOING TO THE DOGS?

By Rev. J. M. Rowland

My friend leaned back in his easy chair, looked over his desk at me and said:

"If you had a free trip to Florida, do you think your church would let you off long enough to go, provided you could stir up a cold bad enough to demand a warmer climate?"

I sneezed and said in a whisper that I was already growing worse, that I felt my doctor would say I ought to go. What is the use to have a doctor if he won't give you the kind of prescriptions you want? If he won't tell me I ought to go, I will find a doctor who will.

As he put the wherewithall in my hand he added:

"Preachers ought to go away now and then for their own good and for the good of the people. The grind gets on their nerves and they run on flat tires. They need to get off and meet other folks and see other things. See all you can see and get all you can get, and remember that as we travel through life we see what we are looking for. Don't sail too high at Palm Beach, and be sure to go through the Everglades."

I didn't sail too high at Palm Beach. My wings were too weak. I spent ten minutes at the millionaire hotel, where over a hundred of the animals were hibernating at that time. I sat in a fine chair until a dignified guard came near with that air that bespoke my annihilation. I assumed that "I own the world" manner and said to my friend:

"I wonder when Mr. McAdoo will finish his breakfast? I am very anxious to see him."

The guard, instead of cutting off my head, smiled and bowed himself out. After awhile another one came along and looked at us as if he thought we did not belong there and did as if he would call for the dog catchers. I tossed my head with that spirit of impatience with all people and all things and said to my friend:

"Wonder if I could get a special train to take me back to New York this morning?"

He bowed and smiled and moved on as though he had been sent for and was late already.

My friend, Rev. L. T. Williams, of Petersburg, was my traveling companion, as he has often been, and we set out to get out of the trip all we could. We had not been long gone when we met a distinguished gentleman. Having met him before, I decided to renew my acquaintance, though I was sorry after it was all over. He had a case of ingrowing glooms, and the dumps had broken out all over him. Crepe was hanging on the door post of his soul, and his brain had gone into the undertaking business. The dove of peace was murdered and the light of hope had faded from the sky. Shadows dark and awful had fallen athwart the universe of God and in the blackened night the soul could hear no rustle of a wing and the eye could see no ray of light. The old world was fading fast to ashes and no hand could stop the dissolution. The disease of annibilation was sweeping fast our way and the new world would soon go to the trash heap as the old one had already done. The church had lost its fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. Avarice was enthroned, greed entrenched, while passions bad and devilish were wreaking chaos among our people with more fatality than did Lenine and Trotsky over in bleeding Russia. There was little godliness and loyalty in the earth. Few men were manly and few women were queenly. Bolshevism was sweeping everything before it, and the day of doom was near.

I prescribed a good liver medicine for him and told him to wash out his mouth with a disinfectant, as his disease might be catching. I will not say who he was, for I have respect for his family and would not expose him and lower his standing among men. He had it bad. The jim jams of pessimism had wound their slimy, snaky folds all about him. God pity a man who has that malady. In justice to his fellow men he ought to shut himself up in solitary confinement until it is all over or go to the hospital and have it cut out of him. Here I was going to Florida to breathe flowers and boost up my own spirits that I might come back and brighten the corner where I worked, and instead of running into sunshine and flowers I had run into this morgue.

I went back to my seat and sat looking out of the window thinking. This man was highly educated and was a thinking man. Maybe he had the right line on this old sinful sphere after all. As I sat there all the world's sin and shame ran on a reel before me. I saw its endless line of unspeakbale crimes. Its roaring waves of passion surged on the shore of human lives like the foaming waves of an angry sea. How little did it think of God and other people, and how much did the world think of itself! How men tried to overreach one another and defraud and crush their fellow men! I thought how little the old world prayed and how much it raved; how passion and selfish appetite and covetousness swamped human souls, and how little men turned to spiritual things. I thought of how the race had broken the laws of God and how over and over it repeats the crime of Calvary. Maybe this man was right and the race was going bad. I would see from now on to the end of the trip what evidence I could get as I studied my fellow travelers. Perhaps their conduct as I studied them would at least tell me which way they were going. The crepe hanger rose to go, saying:

"We are going to the dogs. I will be glad when I am dead and it is all over."

A young woman entered the train and took her seat. Her face was fair and her clothes were fine. She carried a grip that told her standing, as grips will do, and a late novel was in her hand. Here was a gay butterfly on frolic bent as she gayly danced her way on to the dogs in the lure of the Siren songs while many followed. She read her book for a few minutes, when she heard the cry of a baby near her, and looking up she saw a poor mother who had been on a long journey and had many more miles to go. She was worn out with the child, and the little one also was threadbare. The young woman put down her book and, going to the mother, asked with a kindly smile if she might take care of the babe and let the mother rest. She took the little one and with that charming touch God has put in a woman's hand she soothed and charmed the little tired heart and body the whole day through. I could but commend her as I left the train, and as I saw the light in her eyes I knew that human kindness had not vanished from the earth. I thought of One who said, "Not him that sayeth, but doeth," and I wondered if the spreader of gloom would do as much to brighten a car as the traveler on the road of life.

The night was on us, but with the coming of the night the howl of the dogs grew fainter because of the deeds of the woman. We were ready for bed when a Jew whispered in my ear, and as he whispered my hand went to the pocket where I kept my little portion of the root of all evil. But I soon found he was not after my money, for he was saying:

"Dot old man in da back seat vas seek. He vas a having epperliptic fits. He vas going a long vays and has no money to buy a bed. He vas too seek to sit up. Vould it not be good to make opp the money and put him to bed in da sleeping car?"

I told him it would be a noble thing, and put my hand in my pocket for my money. In a minute the price was ready and the old man was taken in the sleeper and tucked to bed by a Jew and some Gentiles. I went back to read my Bible ere I slept, and the place where the Bible opened was where the Master said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." And as I lay me down to sleep thinking of how much of this there is in the world the howl of the dogs grew fainter still.

The journey from the west coast to the east coast takes two days. It takes you through the Everglades and shows you one of the most interesting sections of our country. The first day from 9 in the morning to midnight was spent on a slow train that made five miles an hour. What better way to while away the hours of slow travel than to study our fellow travelers? Besides being a fruitful book of study, it would furnish some more evidence on the point of whether or not we were going to the dogs, as the spreader of gloom had claimed. How cheerful they were and how they did turn the tedium of that day into sunshine! One man said he would get out and walk, but his people were not expecting him till the train got there, and he did not want to get there too soon. Another reminded us of the story of Josh Billings on the slow train. He told the conductor that he had no desire to dictate to the company as to how they should run their road, but it seemed to him that it would be well to take the cowcatcher off the front and put it on the rear, for it was clear to all that the train would never be able to run over a cow, but some hungry cow might walk in the back door and bite somebody.

And all along that slow journey we studied our fellow travelers. And what is more interesting than to study the book of human life? We move through life so much to ourselves, never knowing who and what people are. How little do we know about the folks on our own block or those we ride with to and from our work every day. We know little of their joys and their sorrows, but form some opinion of them from some supposition. Often they are far better than we think they are, and the reading of their lives would be valuable to us. We read many books of fiction on our tables, while books of living lives with human facts stranger and finer than fiction go unread at our doors. Why do we live, struggle and toil together and try so hard to keep from getting close to one another? How much better and sweeter life would be if we knew one another better. Our guess is not always right, nor do we always weigh folks justly when we first lay eyes on them. So we would study this human library on the slow train, and we would as we studied read what we could of whether or not we were going to the dogs, for I could not get the crepe hanger out of my mind.

That young man and woman over there, who are they and where are they from? They are from South Carolina. This old man to the left, where is he from? Boston. Upon investigation both chanced to be right. How did I know? The old man at the hotel that morning ordered baked beans for breakfast, and the young couple ordered boiled rice with fried ham and gravy, and when it came they mashed a hole in the rice and put the gravy in it. Yes, but they might have been from several other Southern states.

Suppose we try this old gentleman in the rear. Who is he? Well dressed, dignified, fine features and commanding appearance. He is a professor in a Boston university or a congressman from Maine. I butted in to find out when I had a chance. When I looked at the book he was reading I judged from it he might be a preacher, and I asked him if he was.

"I don't know whether you would consider me one or not," he said. "Some people do and some do not."

I assred him I would be fair in my judgment and would like to know. He handed me his card and it bore the name of Col. L. F. Jenkins, editor of the War Cry in New York and editor-in-chief of all the Salvation Army literature. He proved one of the finest traveling companions I have chanced to meet, and was not at all stiff like he appeared before I made his acquaintance. I was richer because I met him, and had I gone on with clam-like reserve I would have robbed myself and misjudged him. He talked on many matters, and when he pictured the wonderful and heroic work of the Salvation Army in the trenches I thought of the crepe hanger, and the howl of the dogs grew fainter still.

This gentleman in black here, what evidence has he to give on the dog question? Who is he, anyway? Stately, quiet, cultured looking. I'll try him, too. I will be rebuffed here. He looks like an actor. No, he is a senator from New York. My friend dared me to do it, but I made the attack. He met me with a smile and the first question he asked me was how we were getting along with the Centenary movement. He proved to be a Presbyterian elder, district director of the New Era missionary movement of his church in New York, and was one of the officials of the Equitable Assurance Company of New York city. He talked with interest about travels and many things, but seemed to like rather to talk about the church. He was strong on tithing and told how he saw that plan changing men and churches in the North. He was enthused over the kingdom of God and rejoiced that he could carry on business to make money to support it. I thought of the spreader of gloom, and I thought of how the leaven of the true gospel is getting hold of the hearts and pock-

ets of many men, and I knew that many folks are not yet headed for the bow wows.

The lady across the way proved to be a Red Cross worker, and she talked about the great work of her organization at home and abroad and gave glowing accounts of what the Red Cross workers had done for our boys as well as for suffering Europe and Asia in these trying times. As we listened to her picture, the great service of these noble workers and the way the American people were supporting it we know practical Christian service had not yet vanished from the globe, the crepe hanger to the contrary notwithstanding.

A man with striking appearance sat down near me, and seeing the remains of a tag from a hotel in Jerusalem on one of our grips he asked about the hotel, and his questions told me he had been to the holy city. After a conversation of some length he whispered:

"Now tell me frankly if your travels and studies over there strengthened or weakened your faith."

I told him I was glad to say my faith was strengthened, and many things that were not clear cleared up, and the Bible was a new book to me.

"I am Dr. Blank from Detroit," he said. "I went over there as an agnostic to get what I could to use for disrupting the faith of my fellow men at home, but when I traveled those places and breathed that atmosphere I became convinced that Jesus Christ was more than an ordinary man, and I came home feeling that the meanest thing a man could do was to try to injure the faith of those who found comfort in these things."

This was very interesting and I have always been sorry the doctor got off at that point and prevented further conversation, but as he went I felt that the Spirit of God had not departed from among men, but was still here to convince and convict.

We were to leave Moore Haven at 7 a. m. for the journey by boat through the canals for a hundred miles and over the lake for sixty-five miles. We were anxious to have the trip by daylight, so we could see the sights. The drainage of the Evergldaes by these canals had already redeemed over 5,000 square miles of fine muck land and the end is not yet. Lake Ocheechobee presents a world of water, being the second largest lake in the Union, thirty-five miles wide and sixty-five long. You are out of sight of land for over an hour on the lake, and the most of the day the far stretches of the land, black and rich like the Nile valley, lie far ther than your eye can see. The wonders of this world here are unknown by many of our people.

It seemed that fate was against us for the daylight trip, for as we were ready to go the sheriff rode up and halted us. We looked at one aonther to see who he wanted. He told the captain that a woman with a little baby was stuck in the mud several miles down the road. She spent the night in the auto in the rain. She was anxious to get on this boat to reach her home, and if she missed it there was no boat till Monday—this was Saturday. She was so anxious to get home. They were sending back for her, but it would perhaps be three hours before she could get there. Could the captain possibly hold the boat until she could get there? He looked kindly at the sheriff and said how much he would like to do it. He was a family man himself and knew what this meant to the mother, but he did not see how he could do it. He must consider the other people. He could not confuse everything, make the other passengers and the mail late, and bring the wrath of the company down on his head to accommodate one woman and her babe, as much as he would like to help her. He had his own family to consider, and such things as this would make him lose his job and make them suffer.

Then a beautiful thing happened; a thing that the crepe hanger ought to have seen, but it is not likely he would have seen it had he been there, for his kind are not looking for such things. Behold the turkey buzzard and the honey bee. The bee puts his bill into the flower for the honey because he is looking for it, and the buzzard finds the carcass because he looks for it. The Jew—another Jew—made a motion. And this Jew I now introduce. He was a rich manufacturer of Philadelphia and he and his wife were the sunshine of the party. He was much interested in the Syiran relief fund and in the Red Cross work, and had worked and contributed for the success of both. His motion was that we wait for the mother and the babe, and that if need be we take the responsibility for the wait before the powers that be. The Presbyterian elder—he of the Equitable—seconded the motion, and it went through with but one dissenting voice—it was the cusser who opposed it.

You can seldom get a promiscuous crowd of men together that you do not have a cusser along. But the trouble with the crepe hanger is he listens to the filth of the cusser and does not remember how many more men he could count who have too much respect for themselves, their fellow men and for Almighty God than to cuss. Yes, here was the cusser—that contemptible pest. He cussed everything; cussed because he paid forty cents for breakfast, cussed because the boat was late and because the weather was cloudy. The cusser must be the meanest of men or the biggest fool among us all. If he means what he says when he consigns people to eternal destruction he is meaner than a thief, a robber or a murderer. If he does not mean it, after making it a prayer to Almighty God with such earnestness, he is an unreliable fool and no man could believe him sincere when he said anything.

He cussed because he would not be able to get back to Tampa in time to hear Billy Sunday preach. Then the crowd laughed him out of court. The Presbyterian elder suggested that he had better turn back and hear Billy if possible, as Billy had something he needed, and he went somewhere. As we waited I said we were indeed going to the dogs—some of us at least. The cusser was already there in the middle of the dog kennel eating with the pups. Then I remembered how many men and women bowed before God every day and asked God to bless this old world, while the cusser was asking the God he blasphemed to damn somebody. I knew that the world was full of men and women who would lose their right hands before they would use their mouths like that, and when I thought of this I knew many were not going dogward on the cussing route.

At 10 o'clock the auto drove up and a tired woman got out with her baby. Her face was worn and her hair disheveled. A cheer went up from the boat landing and the waiting crowd gave that infant a welcome like as though he was of royal blood. They took him from his mother's arms. The Jewess from Philadelphia, the well-dressed woman from Pittsburgh and a lady who is the largest woman farmer in the South all crooned over him as if he were the only baby in the land. The little bundle of helplessness and the tired mother were made comfortable below, and the boat started on her journey Palm Beachward, out through the canal, where alligators were lazily sleeping in the sun and where the white pelicans were dreaming on the sand. About us stretched the wide acres of fertile land and about us rose the perfume of poinsettas, pawpaws and moonvine blended with many more tropical flowers, making a mixture that the Lord pours from His alabaster box.

We spent a happy day and when the sun went down and the keeper of the day let down the curtain of the night the frogs began to sing and the moon and the stars flooded the tropical stretches with a silvery light. The party grew quiet, perhaps drinking in the perfumes of tropical flowers in midwinter there under the light of a tropical moon; or perhaps they were meditating on the doings of the day. The Presbyterian of the Equitable sat with half-closed eyes thinking thoughts orthodox and noble. The Jew from Philadelphia sat close to his wife with the dark eyes and spoke in soft words the language with which Jacob woed his Rachel in the days of the long ago. The business man from Pittsburgh, he who wore the men's class button, softly hummed "Onward, Christian Soldiers." In another chair sat a Methodist steward from Indiana, talking in low tones about the church back home and telling what a great preacher Bishop Quayle was.

But there was more silence than talk, and it is safe to venture that as sweet in our faces came God's flowers, about us sweeter still rose the perfume of some deeds of the day. Down below the mother hugged her little one to her heart and hummed the universal mother lullaby. The captain, who had been talkative all day, was still, but his eye was on the water and his hand was on the wheel. I sat near him, asking the question, "Are we going to the dogs?" The captain broke the silence:

"Yonder are the lights of the city; we are going home."

Then I thought of another boat and another Captain with His hand on the wheel and His eye on the water. I thought of those who waited at the landing for our boat to come in and the welcome there for us when we got home. I saw the lights of another city and I heard the music a multitude was making beyond the gates of shining pearl, and I said: "No, we are not going to the dogs, for our Captain is at the wheel and we are going home."

URGENT CABLE

The following cablegram just received through the American commissioner, Constantinople and the Department of State, Washington, is from Dr. G. H. T. Main, president Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, now serving as commissioner to the Caucasus of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief.

President Main would probably be classed by those who know him best as conservative and judicial rather than emotional in temperament.

The following message therefore comes with the greater force signed by an American of exceptionally high standing and experience in eduactional and philanthropic work.

C. V Vickery,
Constantinople.
Received April 14th, 9: 35 p. m.

Secretary of State,
Washington:
For Charles V. Vickery,
1 Madison Avenue, New York:

I have been handling refugee concentration along the former boundary line between Russian and Turkish Armenia. Alexandropol, a large center, and Ejchmiadzin, a small one, are typical. In the one are 68,000 refugees by actual census at our bread and soup kitchens. In the other there are 7,000. Refugees have streamed into these places hoping to find it possible to cross the border into their former homes in Turkish Armenia near Kars. Concentration at these two places and many others without food or clothing and after a winter of exile in the Caucasus and beyond has produced a condition of horror unparalleled among the atrocities of the great war. On the streets of Alexandropol on the day of my arrival 192 corpses were picked up. This is far below the average per day. One-seventh of the refugees are dying each month. At Ejchmiadzin I looked for a time at a refugee burial. Seven bodies were thrown indiscriminately into a square pit as carrion and covered with the earth without any suggestion of care or pity. As I looked at the workmen I saw a hand protruding from the loose earth. It was a woman's hand and seemed to be stretched out in mute appeal. To me this hand reaching upward from the horrible pit symbolized starving Armenia. The workmen told me that the seven in this pit were the first load of thirty-five to be brought out from the village that morning. The cart had gone back for another load.

The refugees dare not go forward. They halt on the border land of their home. The Turks, the Kurds, and the Tartar have taken possession of their land and will hold it by force of arms. A line almost like a battle line from the Black sea region, where is located the southwestern republic with Kars as its capital, to the Caspian sea, where Baku is the capital of the Azerbaijan republic, together with a line of Turks, Kurds and Tartars between these two extremes, holds the refugees where they are. The total number is more than 330,000. To these must be added the local inhabitants, also suffering indescribable hardships. The allied forces on the Turkish side are not in sufficient numbers to dominate the situation. The only solution is a considerable number of troops to be used as a policing force supplied by a mandatory power. Many Armenian soldiers would be available for such service. Such action must, unhappily await the findings of the peace conference and the votes of governing bodies. Every moment of delay means enlargement of existing horrors.

The Armenian republic on the Russian side of the line and our relief committee working together are not able adequately to feed the refugees. Meanwhile seeding time is here and passing. Another season of famine is inevitable unless there is immediate action by some compelling power. The world appears to be unconscious of the overwhelming human tragedy that is being enacted in the Caucasus. The Turk and his racial confederates are carrying forward with growing difficulty the policy of extermination developed during the war by the method of starvation. Starvation is aided by typhus, and already, as if in anticipation

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Mr. Geo. L. Hackney has been nominated for mayor of Lexington by the democrats and the indications are favorable for his election on May 5.

—Rev. J. D. Arnold filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church in Waynesville on the morning of Easter Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

—Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, pastor of Tryon Street church, Charlotte, will preach the annual sermon for the city schools of Charlotte on Sunday, May 11, at 11 o'clock.

—Mr. J. W. Neal, Jr., a member of the class of '22, Trinity College, died last week. This is the first death among the students of Trinity in about twenty years.

—Our church at Granite Falls raised in just a few minutes on Easter Sunday morning $1,000 to complete the payment on heating plant and Sunday school rooms.

—We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. M. C. Sims which occurred at her home in Charlotte last Sunday. Mrs. Sims was a woman of fine spirit and devoted to the church and her departure will bring sorrow to a wide circle of friends.

—Dr. Jesse L. Cuninggim, of Southern Methodist University, is the author of a new book entitled "The Organization and Administration of the Sunday School." The book is one of the series in the "Training Courses for Leadership" now being published by the General Sunday School Board.

—Methodist quarterly conference held here Sunday night and Monday, was a success. The sermons by Rev. Mr. West, presiding elder for Waynesville district, were enjoyed by all.—Marble items in Murphy Scout.

—Rev. W. F. Womble, presiding elder of the Mount Airy district, preached at Bethlehem church on the Wentworth circuit, last Friday night. Brother Womble was pastor of this church when he began his ministry, and is very popular with the people.

—A great revival has been in progress in our church at Kannapolis, Rev. G. W. Vick, pastor, during the last week. A visitor at the Sunday morning service reports at least fifty professions in that service with an evidently increasing interest generally. Brother Vick is leading the meeting and doing the preaching himself.

—We have just learned through Rev. D. S. Richardson, of the Broad River charge, that Providence church, one of the best in that charge, was destroyed by fire on Good Friday. The loss was total, as there was not a cent of insurance. Another lesson for all our churches. The congregation will rebuild at an early day. They have the sympathy of their friends and will no doubt find a ready response to the effort to rebuild.

—Rev. J. R. Walker, representing Rutherford College in the campaign for Weaver Hall, was in the city Monday. He reports steady progress in his work and also that work is going right along on the new building. Weaver Hall will be open to students at the opening of the next school year, and prospects are bright for a large attendance.

—We are reminded by Prof. Walker, the field agent of Rutheford College, that this is a good time to use some Victory-Liberty Bonds in helping push the Wearver Hall project to completion. These bonds will be accepted on old or new pledges at par and this will enable the holder to continue to help the government and at the same time help to push the Hall to completion. Buy some Victory bonds and use them in helping Rutherford College.

Rev. J. Frank Armstrong and little son, Frank, Jr., were welcome callers at the Advocate office on Thursday afternoon. Brother Armstrong is president of our Epworth League Conference and was in the city attending a meeting of the cabinet preparatory to the meeting of the Conference at Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, next month.

—Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon will deliver the commencement address at Drew Theological Seminary in June. He will also deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the Rice Institute, Houston, Tex. In addition to these engagements, he will deliver a series of addresses at Southern Methodist University during the preacher's summer assembly, June 10-19.

—A recent report of Fifth Sunday contributions to the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, shows that the Sunday school of the First Methodist church of Lexington has become a leader in liberal contributions to this worthy cause. $110 was the amount of one Sunday's contribution recently sent to this institution.—Lexington Dispatch.

—A correspondent of the Danbury Reporter writing from Campbell, says: "Rev. D. A. Oakley and family who have been at Rutherford College for several months, have returned to this community where they will probably make their home. Rev. J. J. Eads filled his regular appointments at Snow Hill and Smith's Chapel Sunday. Large crowds at both places and good sermons were delivered by the pastor."

—Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, home base secretary of the woman's missionary council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., returning from the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference, stopped over and met the ladies of Charlotte at Tryon Street on Sunday afternoon, and also met the ladies of Greensboro at West Market Street church in a banquet Monday evening. She is an interesting speaker and her visits were greatly enjoyed.

—Prof. H. M. Ellis, of the Trinity English faculty, has recently been appointed professor of English and head of the department of the Unievrsity of Maine, and has accordingly offered his resignation, effective September 1. He expects to remain in Durham with his family until August, having previously engaged to teach the course in Chaucer and American literature in the summer session of the University of North Carolina.—Trinity Chronicle.

—A press correspondent writing from Dallas under date of April 22, says: "It is with much regret and disappointment to many, that the week's meeting begun in the Dallas M. E. church here Sunday had to be brought so abruptly to a close. Rev. Jim H. Green, conference evangelist, who was to conduct the service, became ill with an attack of tonsilitis, shortly after a brief talk at the morning hour and today went to his home in Lincolnton. If well enough Sunday he will return and the meeting held next week.

—Rev. Walter Holcomb recently closed a very successful meeting at Charlottesville, Va. The report of results taken from an exchange follows: "About two hundred and sixty or more people were reclaimed or converted. One hundred and twenty-five united with First Church, sixteen with Hinton Avenue, sixty or more gave their names for membership in other churches, and many are still to join. Many of the students at the University of Virginia were saved. The whole church and community were given a great spiritual uplift."

—Mrs. Wade H. Phillips received a cablegram Sunday afternoon from her husband, Major Phillips, stating that he would sail for home Friday, April 25. Major Phillips is coming home on account of the serious illness of his father, Judge H. T. Phillips. The illness of Judge Phillips is distressing not only to Major Phillips and relatives but to the wide circle of friends and acquaintances of this good citizen, who is most popular throughout the county. Judge Phillips served the people as clerk of the court for a number of terms, and served well. He gave up office voluntarily, and did so with a record of faithful and efficient service behind him.—Lexington Dispatch.

—Last Sunday three great meetings were held in the Charlotte district to prepare the way for the Centenary drive. One at Trinity church, Charlotte, where J. A. Bell presided. One at Monroe, presided over by W. B. Love, and at Wadesboro where W. E. Brock presided. Dr. Boyer, the presiding elder, was at the Wadesboro meeting. Mr. D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte, is the enthusiastic district campaign director and is confident that the district will do more than is required of it. Mr. E. A. Cole, the conference director, was present at Monroe and took prominent part in the meeting.

—That was a serious railroad accident where troop trains collided between Trieste and Brest, France on April 17. Besides many French soldiers who were killed or seriously injured, there were eight American soldiers killed and eleven injured. Among the injured was, Jesse W. Boring, of Yadkinville, N. C. He is a son of the parsonage, his father being Rev. W. M. Boring, of Yadkinville. We have been unable to learn how seriously he is injured but sincerely trust he may soon be restored, and our sympathy goes out to the parents who are in anxious suspense on account of the accident.

—The ladies of West Market Street Church had a delightful evening on Monday with the ladies of nearby churches, including High Point and Reidsville, as guests at their banquet. Mrs Lipscomb, of Nashville, was the honor guest and gave the company a fine address on the women's part in the great Centenary campaign. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson presided and spoke briefly, and quite a number of the guests of the evening responded to appropriate toasts, including a few ministers who were present as special guests. Altogether this was one of the most pleasant incidents so far in our local Centenary program. If our women can just get the whip in hand after the men there will be no doubt of our success.

—We have learned with deep regret of the death of our old friend, Mr. David F. Beard, of Valle Crucis, Watauga county, which occurred at his home at that place on Thursday, April 17. Mr. Beard was for some time sheriff of Watauga county, and was a man of commanding influence in his section. He was a Confederate veteran and lacked but a few weeks of being eighty-four years old. His home was one of unbounded hospitality and the writer recalls many a pleasant stop with him while itinerating in that country. He leaevs an aged widow and a large family of chldren and grand-children. May the comfort of divine grace be given to them.

—Rev. L. B. Abernethy, of Dilworth, Charlotte, has, for the past ten days, been in a revival meeting in his church with gratifying results. He was well assisted by Chaplain J. H. Armburst, who has recently returned from France. Brother Armburst is a preacher of superior gifts and success in revival work. Last Sunday within ten minutes after the proposition was made to raise $500 annually for five years for the support of Rev. M. B. Stokes, in Korea, the congregation pledged $690 for this cause with many of the congregation yet to hear from. The Sunday school of this church has for two years supported a native preacher in Japan at a cost of $250, and will continue to. Dilworth will do her full part and more in the Centenary drive.

ASHEVILLE CIRCUIT

You don't hear much from Asheville circuit, but I dare say it has heretofore been looked upon as the weakest charge in the Asheville district. But this year our people are wide awake. We have the benevolences, which are three times what they were last year, all secured; the ten per cent for Childrens' Home is taken care of; the salary is paid up to date.

River View is working for the early completion of their new church. Elk Mountain is spending $125 on improvements. The two points have raised this year more than $500 for all purposes and both say that the Centenary must go over the top. Not only that, but they are desirous of becoming self-supporting and some of the leaders say that next year they will have a preacher of their own. I say they ought to have one. This is a field of promise. We have raised our quota of subscribers.

J. O. Banks, Pastor.

FOUR IMPORTANT ITEMS

Tuesday morning's report from Nashville placed our conference just twelve schools ahead in the Centenary work. There has been a marked falling off in pledges received during the past week. There are four hundred not heard from yet. Some are forwarding money to Nashville without registering their pledge. Send your pledge as a matter of record. Tabulation is based on pledges.

Be sure to have your school represented at your district institute. Two strong visiting workers will be there to help you. Kindly let the pastor of

the entertaining church know how many will come from your school. He wants you to have a good dinner. The institutes will be very profitable, just mark that down.

The first fifteen days in May are set apart for a church-wide Sunday school enlistment program. Be sure to write Dr. Charles D. Bulla, Nashville, Tenn., for free enrollment cards, together with leaflets, mottoes and placards. Let's not be too indifferent to grow in May.

Remember to plan for Sunday School Day. Hold your exercises just as soon as you can. Many things to be done just now and in many schools there are many people to do them. Let the work be delegated to various groups. Let none be found asleep on duty.

O. V. Woosley,
Field Secretary.

MAIN STREET, GASTONIA

Just a few lines to say that our work at Main Street is moving along splendidly. The Lord has been very gracious to us. Last Sunday night I received forty-one into our church, thirty of whom joned on profession of faith. They were converted at our regular services. Eighty-five have joined during the year. Our Sunday school is large and growing rapidly. No man could wish for a finer congregation than is to be seen here at both the morning and evening service. The most encouraging part of our work is the attendance at prayer meeting. The main auditorium was nearly filled last Wednesday evening. Out of thirty-three official members. I have counted as many as twenty-seven at prayer meetings. They are busy men. Nearly all of our official members are tithers and we hope to make it unanimous soon.

We have raised already our quota for the Centenary—we have raised in all nearly $200,000 for the Centenary and our building program. We hope to begin work on our new building at no distant day. Brother Kirk, presiding elder, is a live proposition, and don't you forget it. He makes a wise diligent and aggressive leader on the Shelby district. Brothers Albright, Stabler and Burgess are doing a most excellent work. Methodism in Gastonia is a unit. It should be so in every town. Our meeting begins tomorrow. Letall pray for our success. I am greatly pleased with my work.

Alfred Leland Stanford.

COOL SPRINGS CHARGE

Our second quarterly conference met at New Salem church on Saturday the 19. All reports were encouraging. The stewards report showed that nearly $500 had been collected during the quarter for pastor's and presiding elder's salary. We want to pay all claims monthly and we found that two churches on the charge had paid up to date with $50 over. Two other churches had almost paid up with only one that was very much behind.

Prof. Sisk, our district Centenary director, was with us and delivered a stirring address at the quarterly conference, and also to two of my congregations the following day which will make it much easier to raise our part of the Centenary apportionment. Of course we expect to raise every cent of it.

We have secured about forty-two new subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and we hope to get many more for we have learned that every subscription to the conference organ helps to interest in the church.

Our church at Cool Springs has appointed a committee to seat the building, and the money "is in sight." Our membership at this church is very small, but they are loyal. We have forty-two members only, and our assessment for pastor's salary, presiding elder's salary and the conference claims is $325, and our Centenary apportionment is $1,097. But we expect to raise it all easily after seating the church, and the ladies of the church are expecting to carpet the building. Other churches on the charge will do equally as well this year when all things are considered.

On the fourth Sunday in March, George Summers was buried at Rose Chapel with a congregation in attendance that the church could not seat. On April the 2, Mrs. Combs was buried at Bethany Presbyterian church, the writer conducting the services. Mrs. Combs was the mother of Miss Amanda Combs, one of our faithful members at Rose Chapel. On April 3, Private Claude Fry was buried at Rose Chapel. He had gone through the war and had returned to Norfolk when he died of pneumonia. He said, before passing away, "The God who was with me in battle will not forsake me now." May God bless and comfort all the bereaved ones.

R. R. Swaringen, Pastor.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

This is to advise that all subscribers whose time has expired or will expire by May 1st should not wait to be called on by the pastor or church committee, but send renewal direct to the office. All who do not intend to renew are urgently requested to notify the office at once, remitting any balance that may be due. This must be attended to promptly, as we are determined to adhere as strictly as possible to the cash system. Address your letter to

Christian Advocate,
Greensboro, N. C.

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REVIVAL AT CENTENARY, GREENSBORO

Rev. Burke Culpepper, of Memphis, Tenn., one of the general evangelists of the Methodist Espicopal Church, South, has closed a most successful revival meeting at Centenary church, Greensboro, and while it is too early to tabulate results, there are certain outstanding features of the campaign of which I should like to write a word now.

After the first two days, the congregations had outgrown the capacity of the large church, and a great tabernacle-tent was erected by the side of the building, in which the throngs were subsequently accomodated. It was soon apparent that while conducted under the auspices of Centenary church throughout the meeting would rapidly take on city wide dimensions, which it did much to the delight of the Centenary pastor and congregation. Thus it contributed to the membership and spiritual resources of nearly all the churches of all denominations in and around the city. Not only so, but the revival influences spread to the neighboring towns and communities as indicated by the increasing numbers of out-of-town people attending the services from time to time.

Burke Culpepper is a veritable dynamo of spiritual and physical energy. He never drawls nor whines. Everybody knows where he stands on the great fundamentals of the gospel. Strong personalities hang upon his words and unconsciously estimate the energy of divine grace to save by the earnestness of the preacher who declares the old-time gospel in the new way. His exhortations stir the aspirations and move the wills of men; his propositions are fair and brotherly, and his methods with the sinner are Biblical and tender. I do not know a man who appreciates more keenly the co-operation of his brethren in the ministry than does this big-brained, big-hearted, evangelist, nor do I know one who appeals more strongly than he to his brethren of the ministry.

Thus, he is different from other men in his calling. If he were not, he would still be in Georgia where he was "hatched." Sometimes he will turn over a piece of furniture or upset a dignified preacher or two; oftentimes he is in the aisle or elsewhere about the building in his eagerness to press home some great truth that has gripped his own heart, but these movements of his are absolutely spontaneous and are never invoked for sensational effect. It would be marvelous if some did not criticise—conventionality, selfishness, pleasure-loving society desire nothing so much as to be let alone. Crickets chirp their protest against the great plough-share which breaks up the winter-packed sod in which they live, but the plow moves on because the nation awaits the food which springs only from the furrowed soil.

Culpepper is sound in doctrine, safe in method, and fair to his hearers; he is a man of energy, courage, and consecration; he is big-hearted, brotherly, and broad; he exalts the church and preaches Christ straight from the shoulder without fear or favor. I regard him as a messenger of God called to do the work of an evangelist and I wish that he might find the time to hold more meetings in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Brother Culpepper is ably assisted in his campaigns by Mr. John U. Robinson, also of Memphis, who directs the music. In addition to being a most capable director of music, he is an effective personal worker and speaker of no mean ability, and, withal, a splendid, genial Christian gentleman whose presence in any community cannot help but be a benediction.

J. H. Barnhardt.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT NOTICE

On account of the drive the Asheville district conference has been postponed one week. It will be held at Flat Rock beginning Wednesday evening, May 28th. Bishop Darlington cannot be with us on the new date.

W. H. Willis.

IMPORTANT WINSTON DISTRICT NOTICE

Brother O. V. Woosley, conference Sunday school secretary, has arranged a one-day district Sunday school institute for the benefit of the Winston district at the Methodst church in Lexington, Wednesday, May 7, beginning at 9 a. m.

The Lexington Sunday school will serve noon luncheon at the church. Brother Woosley will be assisted by two of the most competent specialists from the Nashville office.

The day will be given to a school in methods of Sunday school organization and work.

I hereby call upon all pastors and Sunday school superintendents throughout the district where possible to plan to attend and to have each school on Sunday, May 4, to elect one or more additional delegates, preferably teachers. Lexington is Central.

Frank Siler.

URGENT CABLE

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of the hot season, cholera is developing.

At this last moment can Christian civilization do something to restore and heal? In the emergency I have told the officials of the Armenian republic that our committee would take over the orphanages until some mandatory power is given authority to assist in establishing order and giving financial stability to the peoples concerned. This move on my part I firmly believe is demanded by the conditions and by the most elementary principles of humanity. Should our government delay in reaching out a helping hand to these suffering people? The question of political expediency ought to be forgotten in the presence of this world catastrophe. These people look to America. Our government is under moral obligations to respond.

(Signed) Main. Smith,
Heck American Commissioner.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

This week the Asheville and Waynesville district meetings are in session, the Asheville at Bethel church, Asheville, N. C., and the Waynesville at Bryson City, N. C. We hope that these meetings have been seasons of enjoyment and great profit and that great good may result from the coming together of the elect women of these districts to plan for the extension of God's work.

Next week two others will be held, as the following announcements will show. We pray God's blessings upon both these meetings.

The Shelby district meeting will be held in Lincolnton May 6th and 7th, beginning with the night service on the 6th. Mrs. W. A. Newell, conference superintendent of social service, will be there and will speak at the first service. We want delegates from every society, and also from churches with no organizations. Let us make this a great meeting.

Mrs. B. T. Morris, Dist. Supt.

The Salisbury meeting will be held at East Spencer May 8th and 9th. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, conference president, and Mrs. W. A. Newell, conference superintendent of social service, will be in attendance and will add to the success of the meeting. All names of delegates should be sent to Mrs. C. E. Fesperman, East Spencer, N. C.

We would call special attention of superintendents of study and publicity to the following communication from Mrs. R. M. Courtney, conference superintendent of study and publicity. Mrs. Courtney was recently elected to this important office and it is our duty to assist her in getting a mailing list that is accurate, so that she may be able to get her work before the auxiliaries. Let us read carefully what she has to say and comply with her request:

To the Auxiliary Presidents and Superintendents of Study and Publicity:

I am sending out the April bulletins, which contain important material concerning the recent council meeting and authentic information of the Korean revolution. It is important that this information be given the auxiliary members at their next meeting. With the bulletin I am sending a letter to each superintendent whose name is on my mailing list, asking that she do this. But I find that my mailing list is not entirely correct or complete, so I am also asking in this letter that in case I have the wrong name or address on my mailing list those to whom the letters are sent help me to correct it by sending me the right name and address, or by giving my letter to the president of her auxiliary with the request that she furnish me this information.

The Bulletin is an important part of our literature. It contains news of general interest and stories of our accomplishments, and is intended for use in our monthly meetings and in preparing material for the newspapers. It is sent each month to the superintendents of study and publicity. However, a number of superintendents in their reports for the first quarter stated that they did not receive the Bulletin. If I can procure a correct mailing list I will try to see that the Bulletin reaches the auxiliaries regularly. There may be auxiliaries where the superintendents of study and publicity have not been elected, and in that case will the president kindly send me her name and address, stating whether her auxiliary is adult or young people's?

Owing to the many cases of influenza throughout our conference there was a decrease in study classes reported last quarter. It has been our custom to have our study classes in the spring and fall, but why should we not have a great many of these classes this summer? In some communities the people have more leisure in the summer, when clubs and other organizations are not active. Two of our books suggested for study, "Adventures in Faith in Foreign Lands" and "Making America Safe," should be read by all our people. Also the centenary commission is sending splendid missionary literature into all the congregations, so it should not be difficult to have interesting reading circles at any time. The prayer circles and Bible study should be constantly encouraged and maintained at this crucial period in the world's history.

Mrs. R. M. Courtney,
Superintendent of Study and Public
Supt, of Study and Publicity.

WOMAN'S CIVIC CENTER LUNCHEON

In connection with the great Centenary movement by the Methodist Church a series of luncheons are being inaugurated by larger towns and cities. Only four of these were scheduled for the Western North Carolina Conference—Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro and Salisbury. Easter Monday was the date assigned to Salisbury. The Grace McCubbins Society assumed the burden of the luncheon and arrangement of the dining room, leaving the program to their older sisters.

Easter lilies, narcissus and ferns had transformed the first floor of the church into a bower of beauty. The dainty place cards added another appropriate Easter touch. The lunch had been beautifully prepared. It consisted of a salad course with coffee, followed by cake and ice cream. The young women served with such deftness and precision as to eliminate all confusion or waste of time. The following program was carried out:

Song—Onward, Christian Soldiers.
Prayer—Mrs. A. L. Smoot.
Serving of lunch.
Talk—Mrs. D. A. Beaver, toastmistress.
The Woman's Missionary Society: Yesterday, Mrs. O. V. Houser; Tomorrow, Mrs. W. W. Weant.
Solo—Teach Me to Pray, Mrs. Ernest Beaver.
The Y. W. C. A. in Reconstruction, Miss Florence Steward.
Women in the Red Cross, Mrs. E. W. Burt.
Publicity, Mrs. P. N. Peacock.
Solo—My Task, Miss Steward.
Address on the Centenary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.
Impromptu remarks from visitors.
Song—The Battle Hymn of the Centenary.

It is a matter of regret that Mrs. Burt was detained at home by sickness. Her paper was read by Mrs. A. R. Lazenby. All of our local women acquitted themselves with grace and ease, Mrs. Beaver being especially apt and happy in her introductions. Mrs. Lipscomb is home base secretary of the missionary work, with offices at Nashville, Tenn. Her address was a masterly presentation of the subject. She held the closest attention of her audience and left a deep impression on their hearts.

Salisbury considers herself fortunate indeed in being chosen as one of the few places to be favored with a luncheon of this character.

Visitors from Norwood, Concord, Badin, Statesville and Spencer added to the pleasure of the o casion.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP AND SOCIAL SERVICE

In looking over the reports of the auxiliaries for the first quarter we find that there are a number of the societies that have not this year presented Christian stewardship and social service. We want to emphasize the importance of these two departments of our work and ask that closer attention be given them in the future.

In the Year Books for Adults, Young People and Juniors programs bearing upon each of these subjects have been arranged, and leaflets with information upon the suggested subjects are sent each quarter to the auxiliaries, so there is no good reason why these subjects should not have their share of attention once each quarter.

The first month of each quarter the program is arranged for a presentation of Christian stewardship and the corresponding secretary or some one whom she may select should see that this topic is presented. Then, we find that the third month of each quarter is given over to social service, and the social service sperintendent is expected to have charge of that program and stress the work of her department.

Let us look more closely after these two departments and see if the answer to the qestions, Has social service topic been presented this qarter" and Has Christian stewardship been presented this qarter? cannot be in the affirmative instead of the negative, as has been the case heretofore in a great many instances.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Adult society, Fines Creek, Waynesville district—Organized March 16, 1919, with thirteen members and the following officers: President, Mrs. J. I. Spinks; first vice-president, Mrs. G. A. Brown; second vice-president and agent for Missionary Voice, Miss Mollie Brown; recording secretary, Mrs. R. L. Noland; corresponding secretary, Miss Nellie Graham; treasrer, Mrs. D. R. Noland; post office address of all the officers is Crabtree, N. C., R. F. D. 1. We would like to call especial attention to the fact that this society was organized by the pastor, and we feel safe in predicting its success. With the women of the church and the pastor interested in a movement it usually succeeds.

Young people's society, Lenoir, N. C.—President, Miss Lucille Abernethy; first vice-president, Miss Louise Todd; second vice-president, Miss Florrie Wilson; recording secretary, Miss Jewel Smith; corresponding secretary, Miss Sybil Henry; treasurer, Miss Margaret Teague; superintendent study and publicity, Miss Faith Courtney. We hear glowing reports from this society and pray that their greatest hopes for their society may be realized.

Junior society, Leaksville, N. C., Mount Ararat district—President, Ina Stamper; first vice-president, Johnsie Fagg; second vice-president , Bessie Clarke; recording secretary, Ruth Farrell; treasurer, Sallie Hester Lane; auxiliary second vice-president, Mrs. S. M. Harris.

"THE COMING LAYMEN"

For a long, long time this question has ever been in the minds of our second vice-presidents, "What can we do wtih our boys after they are ten years old to keep them interested in the missionary society?"

Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, seems to have solved the problem, for they have their boys not only organized, but already at work under the leadership of Mr. W. L. Hargett. They have named themselves "The Coming Laymen," and we think this is a splendid name and feel sure that when they are really laymen they will make the very best ones possible because of the good training they are now receiving. This is not a very old organization, as it was organized in March last, but it has twenty members, and when twenty boys work together for anything we may look for wonderful results. We are expecting results from the "Coming Laymen" of High Point and are sure we shall not be disappointed.

What Wesley Membrial has done for the boys other churches can do, and we hope this organization may be an incentive to others and that very soon we may hear of more of our splendid boys enlisting in a missionary organization of this kind.

Miss Amy B. Hackney,
Second V.-Pres., W. N. C. Conf.

EASTER SERVICE BY JUNIORS OF LENOIR

By Mrs. J. M. Downum

The junior division of the missionary society of the Methodist church of Lenoir gave an Easter program on Sunday night, consisting of songs and recitations. The children were all at their best and the evening was much enjoyed by the large audience. Miss Amy Hackney of Asheville, conference second vice-president, was with us and told a beautiful "pansy story" to the children. Her talk to the mothers has already begun to bear fruit. Her visit to us was helpful in many ways.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The following paper on Christian stewardship was read at the annual meeting at High Point by Miss Clyde Johnson, a representative of the young people's society at Thomasville:

As we come together again in the seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference we fully realize, as a body of Christian women, that it is the greatest time in all the world's history. The command of our Heavenly Father never was heard so plainly as at this very moment, "Go ye into all the world and preach My word." Then comes the thought at once of the money it will take to carry out this command that He has given. "Money," that small word, and yet how very much it can mean when used as God intended it to be used. Yes, we each and every one is a steward, and the question of greatest importance now is, Am I a faithful steward? When the great books of life are opened, will our account with God balance up? We must surely give an account of every penny. Then we say, "I have so little," but even there that little belongs to him.

Let us pray more, and if we pray right we will give right; then, He has promised us blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

May the young people of the Western North Carolina Conference pledge themselves to be true stewards to the Master. By so doing His kingdom will come by leaps and bounds. May every Methodist place himself or herself right with God; then what we have will be a free offering to God. We are awakening to see our duty through this great Centenary movement, and we know that the Centenary will prove a mighty blessing to our whole church and to the kingdom. God has trusted us with His gold and silver; let us not fail him.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Florence Blackwell Missionary Society, Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.—President, Mrs. N. E. West; first vice-president, Miss Julia Bynum; second vice-president, Miss Anna Farrow; recording secretary, Miss Florence Barrow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. N. E. Perry; treasurer, Miss Lottie White; pledge treasurer, Miss Anna Ogburn; superintendent study and publicity, Miss Claude Poindexter; superintendent social service, Miss Annie Grogan; superintendent supplies, Miss Bessie Blum.

TELLS WHY CHICKS DIE

E. J. Reefer, America's foremost poultry expert, 4254 Poultry Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free his valuable chicken book just off the press entitled "White Diarrhoea and How to Cure It." This book tells how to prepare a simple home solution that will cure this terrible disease over night and will actually save 90 per cent. of every hatch. This book is worth $1 of any poultry raiser's money, but Mr. Reefer is sending it absolutely free as long as the present edition lasts.

Write Mr. Reefer today for a copy of his valuable free book.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

Institute Directory

North Wilkesboro district—North Wilkesboro, May 2.

Salisbury district—Concord, May 5.

Statesville district—Statesville, May 6.

Winston district—Lexington, May 7.

Greensboro district—Southern half, Asheboro, May 8.

Greensboro district and part of Mt. Airy district—Reidsville, May 9.

Mount Airy district—Walnut Cove, May 10.

Charlotte district—Monroe, May 12.

Shelby district—Lincolnton, May 13.

Marion district—Southern half—Rutherfordton, May 14.

Asheville district—Hendersonville, May 15.

Waynesville district—Waynesville, May 16.

Marion district—Northern half—Morganton, May 17.

Some Punkin

These one-day institutes are to be brim full of value. They will begin promptly on time, ten o'clock new time, and will keep hustling along till time to stop, then they will stop on time. There will be no time for formalities. God's guidance will be prayerfully envoked a few stirring songs sung and then the day's schedule will be begun.

There is to be a definite understanding that when the proceedings become dull or out of point the sexton is to call the dogs. The meetings are designed for live, busy working people and will be subject to change on a moment's notice. In short they are to be some punkin. Bring some of your thoughts and problems along. Let them be discussed. Mr. Brabham, who will direct the work above the Elementary departments, will be glad among others to discuss any of the following topics:

A definite policy for our Sunday school work.

The superintendent's program.

Where shall we place the emphasis?

Diagram: A study of the pupil.

Suggestions for organizing and conducting Teacher Training Classes.

Some essentials of a successful Sunday school.

Four Sunday schools words.

The Wesley Bible Class.

Questions and answers on Intermediate and Senior work.

The Young People's Department of the Sunday school.

Interest.

Some laws of teaching.

The Workers' Council.

The Challenge.

Where the Bridge is breaking down.

Keeping interested.

The Charlotte District Institute

Presiding Elder Boyer proposes to put the Charlotte district institute before the Sunday school workers of his district. He has sent the following letter to each pastor in his bailiwick:

"This is an insistent invitation to all pastors, Sunday school superintendents, officers and teachers to attend the Sunday school institute to be held in Monroe, May 12, 1919. I shall depend upon the pastors to secure the attendance of superintendents and teachers. Mr. Brabham and Miss Hansen, of Nashville, Tenn., will be present in this institute

"I quote from Mr. Brabham on the institute: 'No one has a right to invite any person to attend a meeting in this day of so many meetings unless he is willing to insure a meeting of real value and merit. Mr. Woosley and his co-workers expect to make the District Institute one of genuine helpfulness and to this end will make it, first of all, practical.'

Sincerely your co-worker,
H. K Boyer."

Three Hundred and Six

Up to Saturday morning 306 Western North Carolina Methodists Sunday schools had lined up with the Centenary, they having sent in their pledges to that effect. This is the largest number from any conference, it being some fifty-seven more than the next highest. We might crow a little bit, but for the fact that not half of our schools are yet on the band wagon. But hurrah for the three hundred and six!

There are a few schools in our conference that are supporting good missionary specials that ought to receive credit for same through the Centenary channels. I would be glad to get a line on such schools and will thank any superintendent to report such to me in order that the matter may be arranged for Centenary credit.

What Will Your Answer Be?

At the close of the eight day drive the Centenary director of each church will, among other items, have to answer the following question: What amount does the Sunday school pledge on the Centenary? What will your answer be? Will you be willing for your school to show up blank in so good a cause? Bless goodness, 306 can give a good answer.

Recruits for the Week

Asheville district—Tweeds, Teagues, Flint Hill, Total Centenary schools 30.

Charlotte district—Lilesville, Poplar Hill. Total Centenary schools 34.

Greensboro district—Naomi, Asheboro. Total Centenary schools 33.

Marion district—Tanner's Grove. Total Centenary schools 25.

Mt. Airy district—Stony Knoll, Salem, Boonville. Total Centenary schools 24.

North Wilkesboro district—Miller's Creek. Total Centenary schools 8.

Salisbury district—Unity, First Church, Salisbury, Tabor,. Total Centenary schools 34.

Shelby district—Laboratory, Sharon. Total Centenary schools 39.

Statesville district—Total Centenary schools 25.

Waynesville district—Norton, Hayesville, Sylva. Total Centenary schools 26.

Winston district—Mt. Olivet, Farmington, Mt. Pleasant, Lexington, New Hope. Total Centenary schools 28.

Grow—Glow—Go

At least sixty per cent of a school's effectiveness should be placed in getting people to attend its sessions. Your school can't do much with people who do not attend. And if your school does not put forth a most earnest effort to get outsiders inside the school it is not doing much for the good of the community.

Now is a great time for securing recruits. The whole of Southern Methodism is asking its Sunday schools to put forth systematic efforts during the first half of May to get all Methodist probabilities in the Sunday school. Only 59 schools in our conference had up to a week ago agreed to get into this meritorious enterprise. Brother A. L. Dietrich, assistant corresponding secretary, writes, "Am looking for some more membership enlistments from your conference. You were pretty well in the lead until Baker came in from Little Rock yesterday with nearly one hundred enlistments in one batch."

We don't like to be beaten at a good job. Let's enlist. Drop me a card and I will get you your literature free.

"The Sunday school lesson of today is the code of morals of tomorrow. Too much attention cannot be paid the work which the Sunday school is doing."

This tremendous truth, expressed by President Wilson, should go ringing throughout the length and breadth of the land, to the end that superintendents and teachers every where get a new conception of the magnitude of their task and the infinite possibilities involved

Every parent, all the young people and all the children of every age should be members of some department of the Sunday school. Let everybody attend the institutes announced by Brother Woosley, and let us all take a new start and show ourselves equal, by the help of God, to the responsibilities of the new times and opportunities.

H. K. Boyer.

State how many families you will visit. Our Sunday schools must grow and glow and go and it takes you to make them so.

Growing Schools

The following schools have entered the Memembership Drive and have had free literature sent them from Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, Nashville, Tenn:

Asheville district—Shaw's Creek.

Charlotte district—Union Grove, Union.

Greensboro district—Centenary, West Market Street, Bethel, Holt's Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Zion, Trinity, Mt. Tabor, Wentworth circuit, Oakdale.

Marion district—Pleasant Grove.

Mount Airy district—Rockford, Leakesville.

Salisbury district—Central, Epworth, Cottonville circuit.

Shelby district—West End, Lowell Mt. Pleasant.

Statesville district—Carson's Chapel, Granite Falls.

Waynesville district—Franklin, Tusquittie.

Winston district—Good Hope, Hanes, Lexington, Burkhead, Centenary, Grace, Liberty, Southside, West-End.

Some Things Uncle Billy Said at the Teachers' Meeting

A. L. Dietrich

"You can tell your scholars all the Gospel truths you want to, but onless'n they 'propriates them truths into their own lives they ain't been learnt by the scholars."

"If you can't tell the diff'rence between steal' a egg an' fergettin' to tell the groceryman that he made a miscount' an put thirteen eggs in the bag when you only bought a dozen, you ain't ready to teach a lesson on honesty."

"I don't look at the teacher's ob as bein' like feedin' ears o' corn into a shellin' machine; 'pears t'me it's more like feedin' prosphate an' nitrogen an' sunshine an' moisture to the grain o' corn an' so helpin' it to grow up into something."

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FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR TITHING

By Walter B. West

Fact IV—The Blessing of God Attends It.

In the previous articles, we have argued that Christians ought to tithe, first because God's proprietorship demands that we recognize Him as owner of all things and acknowledge ourselves as stewards of His goods; second, because God, in His Word, commands us indirectly and directly to return to Him at least the tithe; and third, because the cause of God, for which Christ shed His most precious blood, urgently needs the tithe. In this paper, it is our purpose to prove that the temporal and spiritual blessings of God attend the payment of the tithe.

The Promise of God

In the third chapter of Malachi, after sorrowfully reproaching His peculiar people for neglecting to "offer unto the Lord righteous offerings," and after several arraigning them for disobeying His ordinances, and after judicially pronouncing a curse upon them for robbing Him of the tithe, God issues this command: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house;" and He continues with this promise: "Prove me now herewith—if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field—and all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land."

"O Ye of Little Faith"

Nevetheless, in violation of this God-given command, and in repudiation of this God-given pomise, porfessing children of the Shepherd-Lord not only refuse to tithe, but also asseverate that they cannot tithe. They do not think that the maintenance of their position leads to but one logical conclusion—renuciation of the promise of God and impeachment of the veracity of God. But the all-righteous Father cannot be guilty of falsehood. He has never commanded a son to do something which he cannot do. He has never imposed any obligation on a child which He will not help him to perform. And He has never failed to fulfill any promise which He has ever made. No man can excuse himself from the observance of the tithe on the ground of inability. Christ uneqivocally settles this point, when He promises that, on condition we refrain from carping care and from treasuring up earthly treasure, and make God's interests first, all material needs shall be added unto us. The failure to tithe is not to be found in lack of funds, but in lack of faith. The truth is that we do not believe the unimpeachable promise of God our Father and Christ our Saviour.

If the Hebrew nation had manifested faith in God's promise, "return unto me, and I will return unto you," the blessing and not the curse of Jehovah of hosts would have abided upon them. But, as a nation, they were faithless, and, with with the exception of the faithful few who kept this ordinance, they were swallowed up by alien nations that knew not God. This remnant of God's chosen millions, because of implicit trust in the covenant God of their fathers, were permitted to return unto the Land of Promise, and to give birth to the Lord of us all. May not this be the ultimate fate of America—the present divinely selected channel for the transmission of God's transforming truth to the dying world—if she continues to worship at the shrine of Materialism and refuses to obey the inescapable mandates of the Almighty.

The Reward of God

When the bounteous blessing of God is advanced as a cogent reason for paying the tithe, opponents of this systematic method of financing the Kingdom not infrequently say, "I will not pay the tenth on that basis; it is an unworthy motive." Tithers concede that, were a man mean enough to attempt to enter into a cold-blooded, commercial partership with God with the sole and sordid expectation of reaping material gain, the irrevocable promise would not apply in his case. However, in the light of Jacob's vow and God's consequent blessings upon him it would seem that even the bargaining spirit is honored.

In answer to such "conscientous objectors" to the tithe, God, in His inspired Word, continually holds before His trusting children, as a return for their faithfulness to Him, the laudable incentive of recompense here and hereafter. This was the divinely-given motive which impelled the patrarchs of the old and the disciples of the new dispensations to surrender, self denial, service, suffering, and death. It is the incentive that accounts for the manifold activities of life in all ages. Christ recognized this principle in the training of His disciples. When Peter's mind was obsessed with the hope of reward, Christ assured him that all who follow Him shall receive one hundredfold here and everlasting life hereafter. On the other hand, God constantly endeavors to bring sinners to repentance and faith, by holding up before them the retributive fires of penalty here and hereafter.

God Blesses a Tithing Church

The concrete application of the principle is conclusively manifest in the history of hundreds of churches that have tested out God's promised blessing. Many of these churches have been raised from the dead and infused with new life as a result of the practice of tithing. Read "The Story of the Geneva Church," Geneva, New York, which illustrates how a city church, overwhelmingly in debt, with a working membership, falling short $130 on weekly budget, and spiritually and numerically declining, was absolutely transformed within a period of one year by the organization of the "Geneva Tithers" Asciation." Or read the story of another city church, "Old Wesley," the mother and grondmother of nearly every Methodist church in Cincinnati, who all but gave her life in bringing so many into the world, but who was transformed with newness of life by following the Scriptural method of giving. Or, if you still doubt the fulfillment of God's promise, write to the secretary of the Tithers League of East Avenue Tabernacle, Charlotte, N. C., and find out what tithing has done for that church If you want to read of the same miracle wrought in a rural charge, read "The Story of Franktown and Johnson's." Illustrations are endless.

God Blesses the Individual Tither

Examples under this caption are numberless. In fact, we have never heard of a sincere tither who was not bounteously blessed in temporal and spiritual things. What man who has "proved" God by honestly tithing would ever go back to the old, irrgular, disproportional, give-what-is-left policy of honoring the Lord with his substance?

There is an ex-presiding elder in our conference who is an exacting tither His tireless tuition on this subject and his continual practice of the principle influenced many men and women to adopt God's methodical plan of financing His Kingdom. But during his incumbency of this office he was stricken with what was diagnosed as a fatal malady, and advised by reputable physicians that he had but three months to live. However, he and his loved ones refused to accept this sentence, and determined to consult the best authorities on the disease. This was two years ago and he is still living and is doing a great work in our conference. But this has been made possible only through a number of costly operations. Nevertheless, the expense of the first two trips was more than met by willing friends in the district. In addition, his present salary is sufficient to enable him to educate his children. The only explanation of this needed supply of material things is that God always fulfills His promises. At a time when the future was uncertain and dark with forebodings, this faithful servant said to the writer, "I don't know how I am to support my family next year; I don't know what my salary is to be; but I know this, if my income is but one dollar, I shall give the Lord ten cents, for He will enable me to live better on the remaining ninety cents than I could on the whole."

If you have heard Doctor Knickerbocker's story of the German farmer, you can no longer be a skeptic on ttihing. After the doctor had preached one of his characteristic sermons on tithing, this farmer, who was a member of his congregation, approached him and told him that he felt that he should tithe, but that he had not been able to support his family for several years on his income; and that, as a consequence, he had gone in debt about one thousand dollars. Under the circustances, he wanted to know if he ought to tithe. Brother Knickerbocker, who is an ardent tither, quoted the promise of God in Malachi, and told him that he believed God would always do what He promised. Futhermore, he told him that after testing the matter for a year if he was loser, he would give him a certified check for the amount of loss. To make a long story short, the farmer not only supported his growing family the first year, but saved several hundred dollars to put on the debt. In a few years he was ahead of the game and prospering. But he was a cabbage farmer, and one year the cabbage worm was about to destroy his splendid crop. After using every human means to get rid of the pest without avail, he called his wife and children together, took down the Bible, read God's promise about rebuking the devourer so that he would not destroy the fruits of the ground of tithers, closed the Book, and prayed: "Oh Lord, you promised that, if we would bring the tithes into the storehouse, you would destroy the devourer for our sakes; Lord, we have done all that we can; we depend on you to fulfill your promises." Next morning there wasn't a worm in his fields and he marketed a great crop of cabbages. On the other hand, the friut of his neighbors was actually eaten to the ground.

Yes, it pays to tithe. Try it, and see if God "will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

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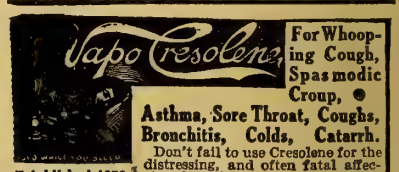
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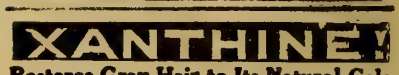














THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

The Home Stretch

In the Centenary campaign we are on the home stretch. The workers have been intensifying their activities, the interest of the people has been increasing from week to week till now we find ourselves upon the eve of the Big Drive. The remaining days before the Drive are momentous days. Much depends on what we do during these days. If there is a Methodist who does not know about the Cetenary, this information should be given him right away. If there is one who is cold on the proposition, he should be warmed up.

Good News

From every part of the conference the good news comes that the Centenary is making fine progress. Mr. T. F. Hudson, chairman of the Methodist Minute Men and campaign director of the Salisbury district, says that every trip he makes gives added encouragement that the Salisbury district will triumph in the Centenary. Brother Hudson is speaking two and three times every Sunday and often during the week. He is also enlisting others in the work.

Prof. Horace Sisk, director in Statesville district, writes: "Things seem to be moving on nicely in the Statesville district. I feel more than ever like we are going to be able to put it over."

Rev. Dwight Brown writes from Belwood, "Things look good and I believe that we are going over the top. I am very much encouraged. Remember that we are with you up this way and we shall not be satisfied unless we go over the top."

Standard Plan

Pastors and local church directors will do well to follow closely the Standard Plan in preparation for and in carrying out the Financial campaign of the Centenary. This calls for considerable work to be done in advance of the Drive. Much of the success of the Drive will depend on this work being well and wisely done. If you fail in this preparatory work you need not be surprised if the machinery does not run smoothly through the eight-day drive.

A Service in Every Church

It is important that there shall be a service in every church in our conference on Sunday, May the 18th and th 25th. On the 18th when the big drive begins, all our people should get together for prayer and fresh inspiration for the work of the week. On the 25th they should be together for praise and thanksgiving. In these serivces the Methodist minute men will fill an important place. In many they will be the speakers.

Senator Overman on the Centenary

With the great unrest and demoralization following the great war, with Bolshevism at its height and anarchy preaching the doctrine that God is a myth and that the history and teachings of Jesus Christ is all fiction, sweeping over Central Europe like a prairie fire and by propaganda and otherwise, injecting its vile and deadly poison among the people of our country, the church and all Christian people are now face to face with the greatest menace which they have had to face in a thousand years.

It is a crucial period in our Christian civilization. In order to save the world from all these destructive isms and to save our civilization from barbarism and infidelity, the church must be up and doing. The loyal American citizens, in order to win the war, gave most liberally of their means to support the cause of justice and humanity and to make the world safe for democracy. Now, to aid the league of the allied nations and to save the cause for which our boys fought and died, the Christian people of our land must make an extreme effort and organize with all the means in their power. To aid in this respect we must get behind the great Methodist drive and save the religion we profess and the Christian civilization we enjoy, to stem the tide against wars and rumors of wars, revolutions, social disorder, general chaos, starvation, disease and extermination. As all patriotic American citizens aided in the winning of the war, so should patriotic and loyal Methodists enthusiastically and liberally subscribe to this great drive which the church is now making, in order that we may have justice, humanity, peace on earth, good will to man, and that God's cause may prosper in all lands.

Stewardship

"Stewardship does not primarily concern money at all. Stewardship is the Christian law of living. It is the Christian appraisal of living o,f opportunity, of power, of education, of the whole underlying force of personality. It begins with God, the owner."

"The tithe is my grateful acknowledgement as I sit in quiet after days of toil that God holds personal dominion over all that I possess. It is not a subscription to any fund or any cause. It is the sacred portion, God's tithe. As I separate this portion I am not thinking of the church or its budged. I am not planning for missions nor movements. I am shut in with God Himself. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned and saturates my spirit."

"The primary test as to wether a man really recognizes his stewardship is this: 'Does he manifest it by tithing?'"

"Tithing has never hurt one, but has helped many. Let no poor man be afraid to venture out on God's promises."

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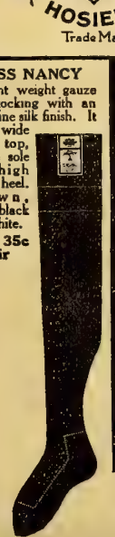
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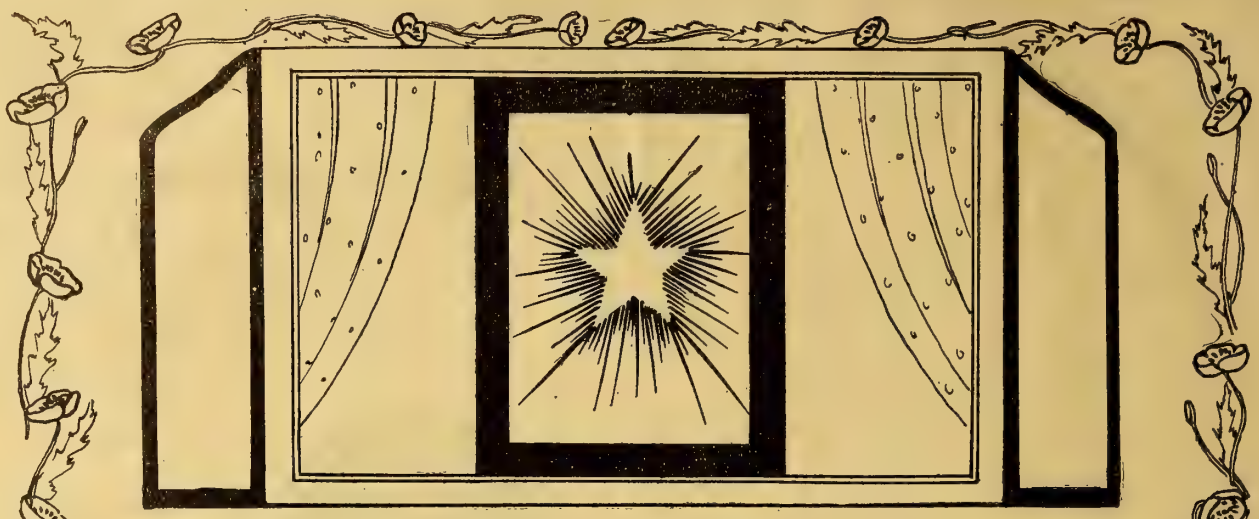
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Then, having fulfilled your duty as an American, counting no deprivation too hard, no sacrifice too great for your loved nation, you'll gather yet another message from the star on your service flag. In the same spirit with which you answered the call of the government you'll heed this other call.

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And that is always playtime
When hearts are young and free.

Ballons we'll set a-flying
Along the windy crest;
See! all of them are bright ones,
And all of them are light ones,
And the wind will do the rest.

Then high they drift, and higher,
Until they point the way;
And so we follow after,
With jolly songs and laughter
That fit the merry May.

—Olivett Morris.

BIRD SONGS

The robin sings: "Cheer up !cheer up!"
The bluebird: "Tru-al-ly!"
The meadowlark: "Spring o' the year!"
Gold finch: "Per-chic-o-ree!"
The crow sends for his: "Caw! caw caw!"
Redwing his: "O-ka-lee!"
And we all know the blisssome song
Of merry chickadee.

And then who has not heard bob-white
His name call o'er and o'er,
From fence rail or an old stone wall
Where he has perched before?
"Chewink! chewink!" ground robin says,
"Teacher!" the oven bird;
And I suppose there're many notes
That I have never heard.

—Helen H. Richardson, in Our Dumb Animals.

TWO FRIENDS

"In-a-minute" is a bad friend. He makes you put off what you ought to do at once, and so he gets you into a great deal of trouble.

"Right-away" is a good friend. He helps you to do pleasantly and quickly what you are asked to do, and he never gets you into trouble.—Our Little One.

Little four-year-old Harold met with a very serious accident, having both broken arm and a broken leg in consequence. When he was able to talk his father questioned him as to how it happened. "O," he said, "I went upstairs and there was a window open. I looked out, thenI hollered out, and then I jest followed the holler."—Selected.

THE WORST BREAK

That baby broke the mirror;
He threw my ball—and hit,
The darling little rascal—
He does not care one bit!

Susanna broke a teacup;
But mother did not blame
The kitten ran and tripped her;
You would have done the same.

And Bobby broke a window
He had to shake his bank
And take his own good pennies
To mend that snowball prank.

But Tommy! See poor Tommy!
(There is no cure, I've heard).
For Tommy feels so wretched
Because he broke his word!

—The Child's Hour.

LINCOLN AND THE CHILDREN

The very few children knew him, for there was not one of them for whom he had done some kina deed. "My first strong impression of Mr. Lincoln," says a lady of Springfield. "Was made by one of his knd deeds. I was going with a little friend for my first trip alone on the railroad cars. It was an epoch in my life. I had planned for it and dreamed of it for weeks. The day I was to go came, but as the hour of the train approached, the hackman, through some neglect, failed to call for my truck. As the minutes went on I realized in a panic of grief that I should miss the train. I was standing by the gate, my hat and gloves on, sobbing as if my heart would break, when Mr. Lincoln came by.

"'Why, wat's the matter?' he asked, and I poured out all my story.

"'How bg's the trunk? There's still time, it is isn't too big.' And he pushed through the gate and up to the door. My mother and I took him up to my room where my little old-fashioned trunk stood, locked and tied. 'Oh, ho!' he cried, 'wipe your eyes, and come on quick.' And before I knew what he was going to do, he had shouldered the trunk, was downstairs, and striding out of the yard. Down the street he went, fast as his long legs could carry him, I trotting behnid, drying my tears as I went. We reached the station in time. Mr. Lincoln put me on the train, kissed me, and told me to have a good time. It was just like him."—American Messenger.

ALL THE DIFFERENCE

I sent a message all my own
By our new dorway telephone;
But though I spoke as clear as clear,
I could not make my brother hear!
"What did you say?" called Bob, the tease,
"Speake a little louder, please"
I murmured soft as I knew how;
"Mother is baking cookies now,"
And though I whispered every word,
That funny little brother heard!

—Selected.

HOW THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED

Miss Hart was puzzled over a problem when she went to school on Monday morning. She had tried ever since Friday night to solve it, and yet she knew that she was no nearer to the answer after the more than two days thought over it.

Harold and Robert, her primer pupils, had been getting along with one book between them, and now she had a brand new book for the one—the problem was, which one, which one? Harold was an only child, and had been used to having what he wanted. Robert was an only boy, always delicate, and he, too, had been used to having just about what he wanted if it was proper for him to have it. In the new book, Miss Hart saw trouble ahead, for who could blame a little boy for wanting to exchange the old, scuffed book for the one without a soil or a wrinkle.

When it came time for the primer class to recite, she held up both books, and asked the boys to whom the new book should go. Much to her surprise, Robert whispered in his bashful little way, "Give it to Harold." And Harold, who was not so shy, said, "Yes, give it to me!"

"There are not very many little boys," said Miss Hart proudly to Robert, as she handed the new book to Harold, "who would make such a choice."

As Robert took the old book he asked. half hesitatingly, "Will be soiled book be marked on my class record?" For that very month she had commenced to mark the boys for neatness in keeping their books and desk in order. She very promptly told him that he would not get a lower mark for the soiled book, and was wonder-how she could manage to give him a higher mark for his unselfishness, when he setteled down in his seat satisfied.

"How easy, after all," thought Miss Hart; "and to think how I puzzled in order to have no one feel slighted. This must be one of the bridges grandma used to warn me out to trouble about crossing until I got to it."

But Harold was growing uneasy. Something was wrong. Miss Hart watched him with surprise until finally he burst out, "Say, I want Robert to have the new book, and I'll take the old one myself," And suiting the action to the word he quickly took the old book from his little mate and replaced it with the new one.

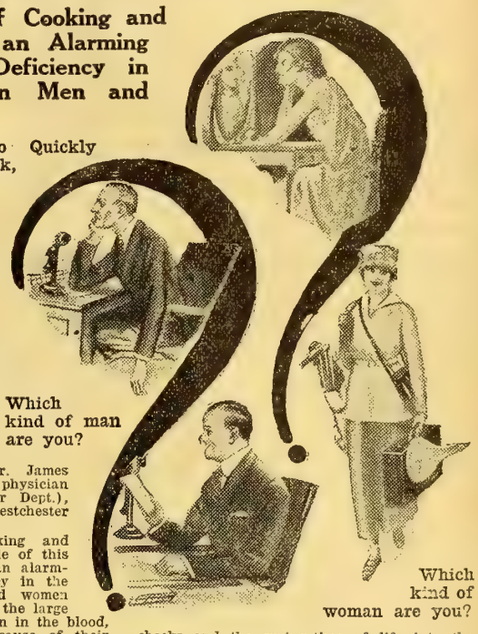
"Since you both want the old book," said Miss Hart, "we wi'l fiix it this way: "Robert shall have it one day and Harold the next."

And so this was the last and best way of solving the problem, and both boys enjoyed the new book and each took pride in keeping it looking like new.—Bessie L. Putman.

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His body was shipped home and laid to rest in Gray's Chapel cemetery to await the trumpet sound that will call us all to judgement. Father and mother, brothers and sisters, and friends are left behind to mourn his loss. May the God of all comfort, bless and save them all. Brother C. C. Totherrow, former pastor, held burial services.

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D. S. Richardson, Pastor.

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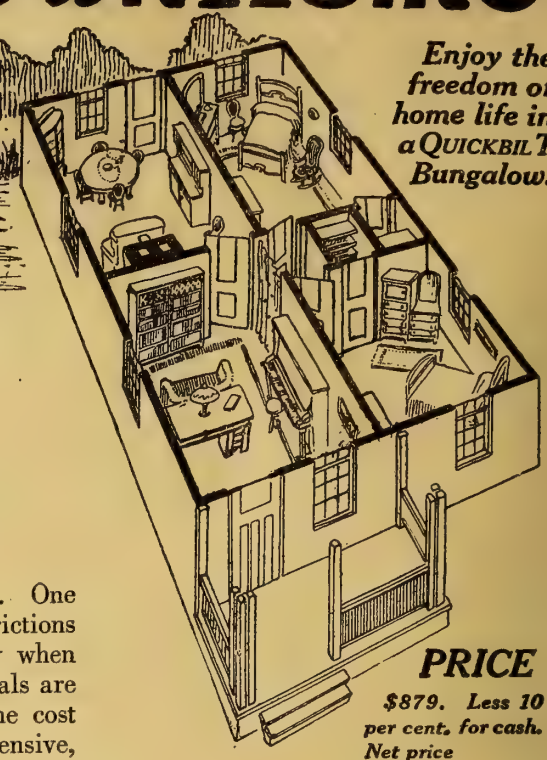
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Hendersonville	11
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Brevard	19
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Third Round

	May
Trinity, 11 a. m.	4
Spencer Memorial, night	4
Brevard Street, 11 a. m.	11
Thrift, night	11
Seversville, Trinity,, 11 a. m.	18
Chadwick, Chadwick, 3 p. m.	18
Belmont, night	18
Tryon Street, 11 a. m.	25
Calvary, night	25
	June
Pineville, Marvin,	May 31-1
Hickory Grove, Derita, 3 p. m.	8
Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m.	14-15
Monroe, Central, night	15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Dilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
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Second Round

	May
Uwharrie circuit, Union	3
Asheboro, 11 a. m.	4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill	10-11
High Point, Main Street, night	11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
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Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

	May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel	3-4
Danbury, Delta	10-11
Dobsen, Rockford	17-18

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	May
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville at Burnsville	2-3-4
A Centenary rally beginning Friday night.	
Thermal City, Pisgah	10-11
Marion circuit, Pleasant Garden	17-18
Mill Spring, Bethlehem	24-25
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa	31-June 1

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	May
Avery circuit, Pisgah	3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma	10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's	17-18
North Wilkes Mission	24-25
North Wilkesboro station	24-25
Wilkes circuit	31-June 1
Wilkesboro station	31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

	May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	4
Stanley, 7 p. m.	7

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Second Round

	April
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m.	26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m.	26-27
	May
Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m.	10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m.	10-11

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Gold Hill, Zion	3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night	4
Concord circuit, Carmel	10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m.	11
Kerr Street, night	11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill	17-18
First Street, night	18
Salisbury circuit	24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage	31-June 1
	June
Kannapolis station	1
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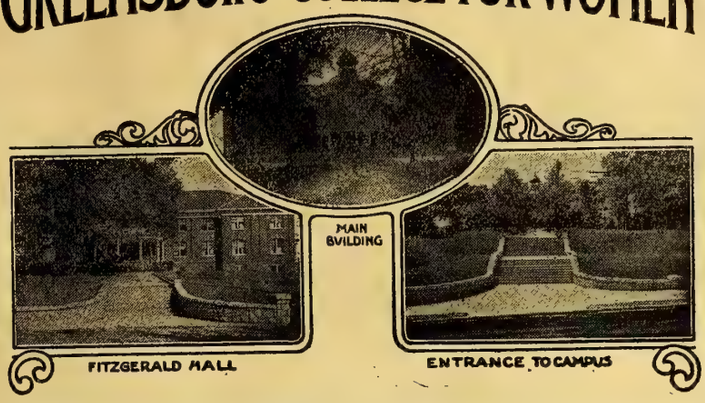
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Burkhead, May 4, night.
New Hope circuit, Eleazer, May 10-11.
Grace, May 18, a. m.
Liberty Street, May 18, night.
Centenary, May 25, a. m.
West End, May 25, night.
Advance, Mocks, May 31-June 1.
Hanes-Clemmons, Mt. Pleasant, June 2.
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Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.
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Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.
South Thomasville, July 4, night.
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Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
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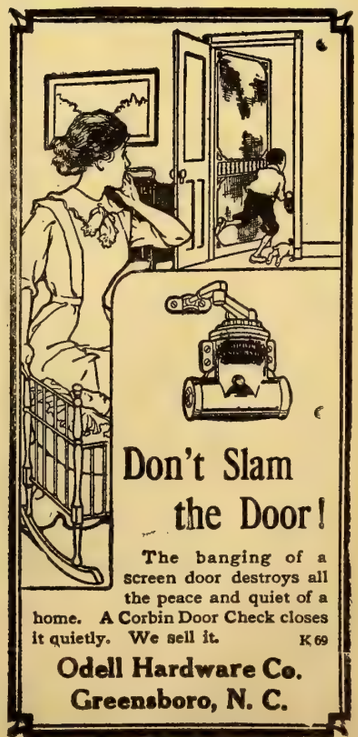
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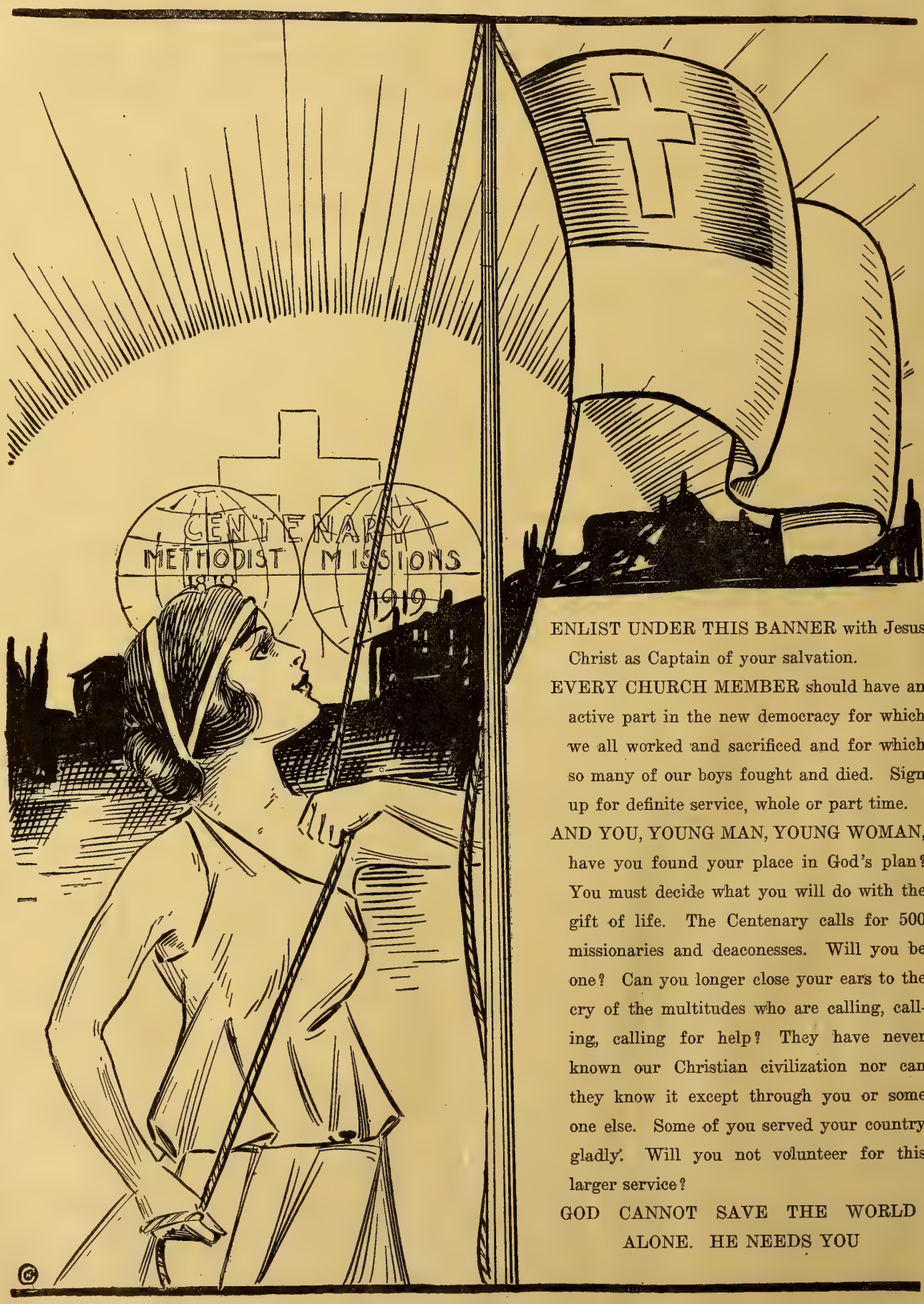
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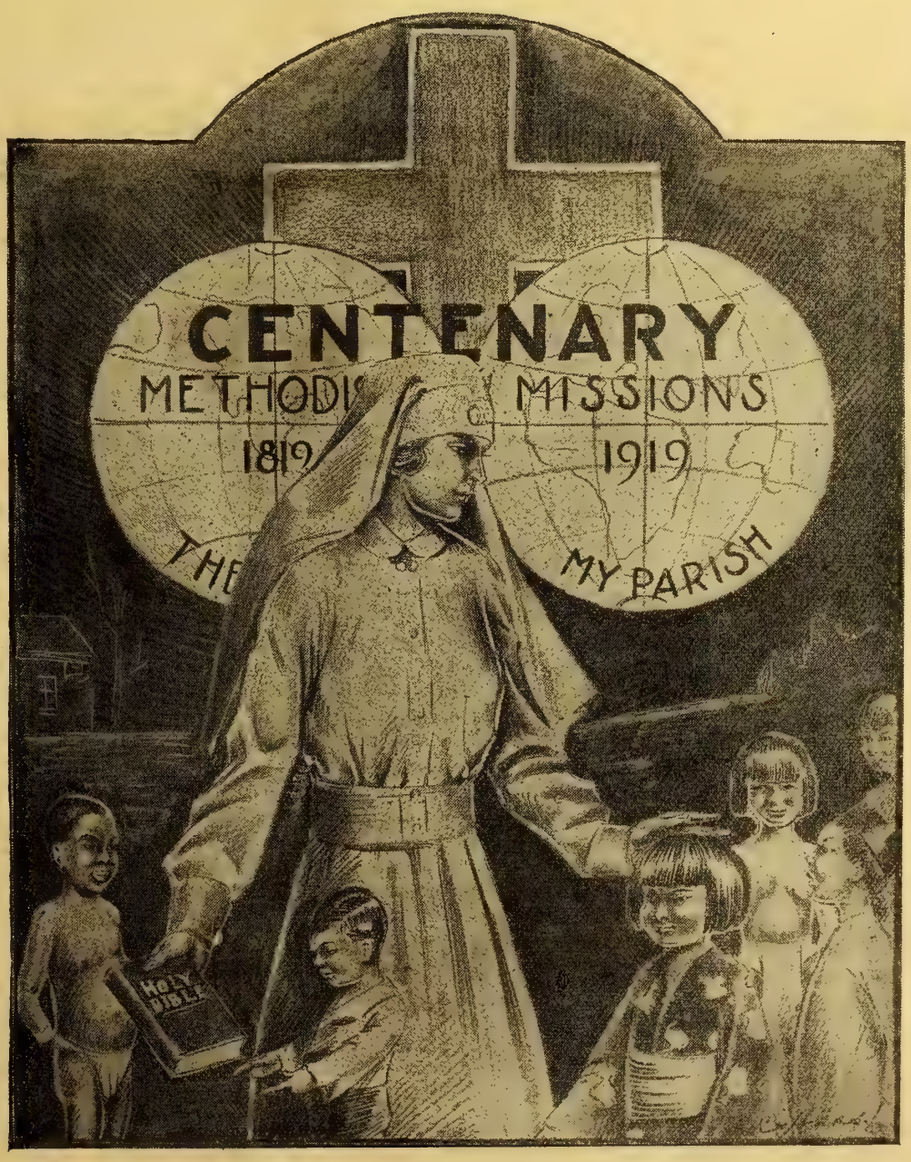
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Editorial

THE GREAT DRIVE MAY 18-25

Our Centenary campaign has to this date been apparently all that one could wish. Educational and inspirational efforts have been such as to kindle a genuine enthusiasm and the whole church has felt the thrill of a new purpose. It is safe to say that every institution of the church has been vastly benefited.

Now that we are face to face with the actual drive for visible results in securing the enlarged financial budget so as to meet the demands of an enlarged vision and purpose, it behooves us to go to our knees and ask the Great Head of the Church to save us from the humiliation of defeat. Not only do we want to be saved from the humiliation of defeat, but we do not want to be robbed of the joy and elation that the success of such a forward movement will give us. On the 25th of May we cannot afford to be singing "Hark, from the tomb, a doleful sound." Rather let us be singing the victory song, "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before."

We are not writing this message because we have the least doubt as to the success of the drive in the church as a whole. We are confidently expecting to have the message over the wires before the sun rises on Monday, May 26, that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has cleared the decks for action with a fifty million dollar offering to supply the munitions of war against wickedness on a scale adequate for the conquest of the world for Christ. This will constitute the first great call for a program of effort entirely beyond the amateur stage, and there will be no more mere "playing at missions." But, while this is our hope and expectation as to the church at large, we fear that some of our churches are going to miss the blessing and rob themselves of the greatest boon that has come to them in all their history. Let the pastors, the minute men and all our leaders stir the fires of emotion now that there may be the thrill which will insure victory May 18-25.

THE VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN

Genuine patriotism and pure religion are usually associated in the same individual. The love of God is not hindered by devotion to one's country. The fact is that we can never reach the ideal citizenship nor have a government stable and secure till the whole social life is leavened by the principles of the Christian religion. We must "fear God and honor the king."

The great campaign now on for selling to the citizens of our nation over four billions of bonds in order to meet the demands of the war and reconstruction situation furnishes the very best opportunity for the American citizen to show his love for and loyalty to his country. The Advocate hopes that it may not be necessary to prod the people into response to this call. It is not a call to give, but to invest. This great country, with all its vast resources, is behind these bonds and the rate of interest is high, so that with tax exemption the investment is really an attractive one. We urge our readers to look into this at once and help to make this in reality a victory loan.

ELIJAH EMBREE HOSS

Truly a prince and a great man is fallen. On the evening of April 23, 1919, at 9:30 o'clock, Bishop Elijah Embree Hoss passed from labor to reward at his home in Muscogee, Oklahoma. For several weeks he had lingered in the ante-chamber of the better world, much of the time unconscious or delirious, not even being able to recognize his friends. The massive brain which had made him such a power intelectually gradually gave way under the touch of disease and the house of clay collapsed, the glorified spirit going back to God who gave it.

Bishop Hoss was born at Jonesboro, Tenn., April 14, 1849. He was the son of Henry and Anna Maria (Sevier) Hoss. He was educated at Emory and Henry College, where he took his A. B. degree in 1869. Afterward, in 1885, the some college conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. D., and the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1906. He was happily married to Miss Abbie B. Clark, of Christiansburg, Va., November 9, 1872. He was admitted on trial in the Holston Conference in 1869 and served a few years in the regular pastorate, and in 1876 was elected president of Martha Washington College. Afterward he was president of Emory and Henry College and served for a while as professor in Vanderbilt University. In 1890 he was elected editor of the Christian Advocate. It was here, during the twelve years that he served as editor, that he made his greatest impression as one of the greatest thinkers of his age. Nothing of current interest escaped him, and when he had finished his editorial there was little more to say. He was a born editor and by his great learning and skill in discussing current questions he became known throughout the literary and ecclesiastical world as an authority.

In 1902, at the General Conference held in Dallas, Texas, he was elected bishop, and from that time till his health failed, a little more than a year ago, he rendered great service as one of our general superintendents. He belonged to the church militant, never hesitating to draw the sword of defense against those who would inveigh against our doctrine or discipline, and he was always panoplied for the conflict with evil, no matter what form it assumed. He could not be neutral.

He was a man of fine humor and a master of the art of repartee. One could wish no greater entertainment than to see him cross lances with one of his colleagues on the platform. Like the skilled gladiator, he nearly alawys left his antagonist on the floor. He was also a great expounder of the Word. His preaching ranked high. At one time he was pastor of Central Church, Asheville, while that territory was a part of the Holsten Conference. This has led to the error published in a number of papers that he was once a member of the North Carolina Conference.

It is but fair to say that Bishop Hoss was one of the most widely known and best loved bishops we have ever had. He honored the sacred office and left a record of whcih his children may well be proud.

A FEARFUL DISASTER

Last Saturday morning at a few minutes before seven o'clock the warehouse of the Texas Oil Company in this city was blown up by some deadly explosive. The whole community for blocks near the plant was badly wrecked and for a time many nearby houses were endangered by the flames of burning oil which ran down Lithia street for a considerable distance. The plant is located on the corner of Lithia and West Lee streets, only about two blocks from the campus of the State College for Women (Normal College), and is in a rather densely populated section of the city.

Many houses were badly wrecked and a number of people severely shocked, but only one life was lost. A young Negro man who was employed at the college laundry, and who happened to be passing by at the moment, was instantly killed and his body almost completely cremated. Fortunately, the great gasoline tanks did not explode, the fire department by diligent work keeping them cool. The loss to the company and to the citizens will run high up into the thousands. There is a strong protest against the company being allowed to rebuild, and it is likely there will be a general protest against having such plants located inside the city limits or in any densely populated section. The Advocate sincerely hopes that the city authorities will heed this protest. If one or all of the large tanks had exploded, there is no doubt that scores of lives would have been lost and many more homes demolished.

It is now the general opinion that the explosion was the work of some persons connected with the propaganda of fright now prevailing in the country.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE ADVOCATES

As has already been announced, the Board of Publication of the Western North Carolina Conence and the Board of Publication of the North Carolina Conference, acting under the authority of the two conferences, met at the Advocate office in Greensboro, North Carolina, on Thursday, February 20th, and agreed upon the terms of consolidation of the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the North Carolina Christian Advocate. By the terms of the agreement the two conferences will become joint owners of the plant in Greensboro, merging the assets of both corporations and publishing the North Carolina Christian Advocate as the official organ of both conferences.

After appointing a committee to draw up the articles of agreement and draft a new charter, adjournment was taken till April 16th, when another meeting was held to hear the report of the committee. The terms of consolidation set forth in the articles of agreement were finally passed upon and executed and a new charter adopted providing for the organization of the Methodist Board of Publication, Incorporated, consisting of ten members, five from each conference, to wit: D. B. Coltrane, T. C. Hoyle, N. L. Eure, F. S. Lambeth and Rev. S. B. Turrentine, representing the Western North Carolina Conference, and Henry A. Page, W. P. Few, Rev. M. T. Plyler, Rev. M. Bradshaw and Joseph G. Brown, representing the North Carolina Conference. The terms of two of these expire each year and their successors are to be elected by the respective conferences on nomination of the Board.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, April 29th, the Board was organized. D. B. Coltrane, of Concord, N. C., who for eighteen years has been connected with the management of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, first as president of the old Christian Advocate Publishing Company, and since 1909 as president of the Board of Publication, was elected president of the new Board. Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen, N. C., who is widely known as a leading citizen and a loyal Methodist layman, was elected vice-president; T. C. Hoyle, of Greensboro, N. C., was elected secretary and treasurer; W. P. Few, M. T. Plyler, T. C. Hoyle, N. L. Eure and S. B. Turrentine were elected as an executive committee.

Revs. L. S. Massey and H. M. Blair, former editors of the two papers, were elected editors. H. M. Blair was elected general manager and agent of the Board.

It was agreed to bring out the first combined edition of the paper as soon after June 1st as possible, and it will probably be issued June 5th. It is expected that the paper will be enlarged and every effort will be made to make it an ideal family paper for North Caro-

lina Methodists. In view of this and the stress of increased expenses in every department it was the unanimous decision of the Board, after thorough discussion, to make the subscription price of the paper two dollars ($2.00) per year.

The combined circulation will be about eighteen thousand (18,000), and it is earnestly hoped by the Board that the people of both conferences will rally to their great central organ and soon bring the circulation up to at least twenty thousand (20,000). It is the purpose of the Board to do everything possible to put the paper in every Methodist family in North Carolina.

In this effort to consolidate our papers there has been nothing but the spirit of harmony, every member striving to do the best thing for all the Methodists of the state, and we shall expect nothing but the same spirit of brotherhood among the more than 200,000 Methodists in North Carolina in the effort to make our Advocate a great evangelical and educational agency.

It is unnecessary to enumerate the many advantages in having one paper for all North Carolina Methodists. They are numerous and easily apparent to those who think. Not the least of these is the bond of unity and fellowship which it affords and which may be made practically helpful to all our institutions.

This statement is made at the request and in the behalf of the Board.

T. C. Hoyle, Secretary.

NOTE AND COMMENT

It Is Announced that President Wilson will call Congress into extraordinary session by June 1.

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It Was Predicted by the experts at the beginning of the Victory loan drive that the bonds would be sold without much effort on the part of the workers, as the terms were better than previous issues, but at the end of the second week the subscriptions reached only one and a half billions, or one-third of the amount offered. It is hoped that by the end of the present week, when the campaign ends, the remainder may be more than subscribed for.

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The Public Debt, according to an official statement from the treasury department, amounts to about twenty-five billion dollars, one-third of which is secured by loans to the allied powers of Europe. The war has cost America a vast sum, but it would have been vastly greater had we not been victorious over the enemy.

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Governor Bickett has silenced all rumors as to his future political plans by the announcement that he has no purpose of contesting with either Senator Simmons or Senator Overman for a seat in the senate, and that his present ambition is to faithfully perform the duties of governor of this commonwealth.

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While the World Is Hungering for bread it is gratifying to know that the agricultural department's forecast of the present American wheat crop is 900,000,000 bushels. In all parts of the land the wheat outlook is fine and there will be a large surplus for export.

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New York Landlords on May 1 so increased rent rates that tenants refused to pay them and are ready to face eviction. Sentiment is with the tenants and Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has tendered the Methodist church buildings of New York and Brooklyn as shelter to any who may be turned into the streets. Landlords claim that the higher cost of everything else forces them to raise prices, while tenants contend that rent rates are already exhorbitant.

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The Program for the University of North Carolina commencement next June has been announced. Rev. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, S. C., will preach the annual sermon and Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, will deliver the commencement address.



BISHOP EMBREE E. HOSS
1849-1919

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It Has Been Announced that the American troops overseas will be returned home as rapidly as possible after the peace terms have been signed, and that if no unforeseen conditions shall arise all our soldiers may reach home by September 1. This prediction is based on the statement of President Wilson that after peace terms are concluded our troops will be withdrawn from enemy territory.

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IMPORTANT STATEMENT

The Board of Publication and Manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate have been a unit in the purpose to keep from having to advance the price of the paper. While the nominal price of the paper was advanced to $2.00 last November, yet under the special campaign proposition the price has been continued under certain conditions at $1.50, and few have paid more. Meantime instead of finding the cost of material and labor declining, there has been a stiff advance in both, and we must face the necessity of going on to the regular rate of $2.00 per year.

A few of our charges, for one reason or another, have failed to make the regular campaign drive. In such cases we will allow this to be done on same conditions, provided it is done before June 1st. Now, this does not mean that individuals may send in renewals at $1.50, unless the campaign drive is made and the alloted number of new subscribers is sent in. Those who take advantage of this must act quick.

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Judge Boyd, who some time ago held that the Keating child labor law was unconstitutional, was sustained by the United States Supreme Court. Last week he ruled again that the new law written into the revenue bill, by which a ten per cent tax is imposed on all the products of child labor shipped out of a state, is in violation of that section of the federal constitution which guarantees free trade between the states. An appeal has been taken to the higher court, pending which Commissioner of Internal Revenue Roper will enforce the law as it stands.

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Anarchy, as Its Name Implies, is the enemy of all order, and every lover of liberty should do his utmost to stamp it out. Bolshevism and bombs are synonymous. The most dangerous element is the sneaking, submarine crowd who come unawares to destroy and to murder. The arch conspirators are abroad in the land. Last week the mails were crowded with innocent looking packages addressed to various high officials of the government and of finance. One sent to former Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, exploded and injured his innocent wife and servant. Another sent to Senator Overman, of Salisbury, was suspected and intercepted before it reached his home, and a score of others mailed in New York were held for more postage and then found to be charged with dynamite. Ole Hansen, the brave mayor of Seattle, Wash., says that the "loyal citizenship of the country must combine to discover and deport every anarchist in the land. The safety of American institutions is hazarded by the growth of that dangerous and insidious element.

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The Work of the Peace Conference grows apace and it is hoped that by the end of the present week the terms may be submitted to the German representatives who are now in Paris awaiting the final action of the allied representatives. The Italian situation is still precarious, but the most hopeful prophets claim that Italy will not finally forsake her friends, but by some kind of compromise (in order to save her face) her representatives will return in time to participate in the final peace treaty. The moral sense of the world is clearly behind the President in his ultimatum to Italy, for by it he stands for the protection of weak as well as strong governments, and Italy can hardly afford to hold out against a position which is so clearly just and right. The Germans will be given fifteen days to consider and sign the peace terms, but should her representatives hold out against these demands the final settlement would be again referred to General Foch and the allied armies.

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The Gift of One Hundred Thousand Dollars which Mr. J. A. Odell recently made to Greensboro College for Women has already had prominent mention in the Advocate. It was a great and commendable act, which beautifully and practically expressed both his devotion to the sainted wife, who so recently departed, and his love for the old college which they had supported with unselfish loyalty when it was in sore need of friends. This noble gift from that splendid gentleman will be a monument to his generosity and a memorial to his departed wife, more enduring than metal or marble, for from it blessings will flow into the life of the young womanhood of the land and continue to flow on through the generations to come. This loyal Christian steward has laid this large sum upon the Lord's altar to be used for His glory. May the reflex blessing bring great peace to him.

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A True Father finds no sacrifice too great if for his own child. We read in the paper the other day of a little child falling into a well. At once the father, forgetful of everything except his child, jumped feet foremost into the well to rescue his little boy. It was some thirty feet to the water. The child came near drowning and was saved from such a death only by the daring of the father. Fortunately, neither father nor child was seriously injured. Now, a true father could have done nothing less than risk his own life for his helpless, innocent little child, but it deserves mention that man does possess that noble quality we call love which will risk all for those he loves. That man is worthy to wear a Carnegie medal.

CONTRIBUTIONS

SNAKES IN THE STUMP

By Bishop Robert McIntyre, D. D., LL. D.

The cabin in the clearing, in the middle of the West fifty years ago, was a familiar and cheering sight to the summer traveler along the highways of the timber lands.

Smoke curling from the chimney, the cow tethered in the grass, the sheep grazing on the hill, the horse looking from the stable, the chickens feeding in the yard, pigeons wheeling overhead, the Cherokee roses around the window, the hollyhocks along the fence, the lilacs beside the well, where the tall sweep brought up the brimming bucket, and the open door through which

The open dressers preached all the hospitable code
Of the friendly ethics common on the old country road,

made a picture on the retina to be hung on memory's walls as a joy forever.

In such a home lived a young farmer and his wife, with their two boys, four and six years of age. In the garden stood the big stump of a sycamore tree, which had in its top a depression partly filled with leaves. While playing the younger lad climbed on it and stepped into the hollow place. Instantly he screamed in terror, trying to get out, calling for help, stretching his hands pitifully. The other one ran to his aid and scrambled in to lift him out, but, alas, he was caught also in the terrible trap, for that remnant of the tree around which the wild morning glories climbed and on which the robin sang at dawn was a nest of rattlesnakes.

When the father ran from the meadow and drew them out, the curly haired darlings were moaning with agony and writhing with convulsions, and soon, while both parents bent above them on the porch, weeping and praying, they closed their eyes in death and their sweet spirits left the swollen, distorted bodies to enter another world. Next day two little graves were dug under the elm tree and the sad-hearted couple burned that stump down to its roots and covered the ashes with earth to hide it forever.

Herein is a homely parable. That stump sets before me vividly the liquor traffic and its inmost diabolism. Around this gigantic wickedness poets like Anacreon and Omar have wreathed the flowers of fancy and twined the tendrils of imagery till its hideousness is hidden in sensuous strophes of licentious desire. Singers like Burns and Villon have fluted their mellifluous notes in praise of this destroyer of man until millions have been brought low by the serpents coiled within. One of them is

Degeneracy

In the Popular Science Monthly for January, 1911, Dr. Davenport, an authority on eugenics, says, "Our only hope for humanity is in better matings.

This is the gospel, shouted through the megaphone of modern science.

All our prisons, almshouses, insane asylums, quarantines and lazarettos attest it.

All institutes for the feeble-minded, all reform schools, orphanages, infirmaries assert it likewise.

One must ask here:

"How can we have Better Heredity when Alcohol is permitted to pollute men and women, to dilute the blood, to shrivel the nerves and engorge the delicate tissues of the brain?"

The increased host of delinquents, defectives, demented, subnormals and incompetents coming into existence and threatening to shake down the social order show that some enemy of the race is poisoning the stream of life at its source.

Oh, the pathos of the children flung crippled into existence, facing the stern realities, maimed, diseased, halt, fearful, unfit.

Their cradle is the infested stump.

They are bitten at birth.

Their pinched faces make mute protest against us. Their wan hands beckon us to judgment.

How shall we step over their little graves to face the ire of Him who loves "the least of these?"

The second snake is

Crime

When anarchy lifts its red front and hisses its lawless threatenings through the shuddering city, its nest is surely found over or under or in or nigh the saloon.

When the mob howls in frenzy and the town is blanched with fear, loud ascends the cry: "Close the bar rooms, keep the liquor locked up, shut every groggery at once!"

When misrule of any type, open or secret, is set up, or iniquity of any degree is planned or executed this breeder of violence and disturber or peace stalks abroad.

Then the stiletto flashes and the victim sinks on the sanded floor of the village shebeen. Then the pistol cracks and the officer of the law reels. Then the bludgeon descends and the helpless wife staggers and falls. Then the door opens and the family flee shivering into the night. Then the hiccoughing colonel in the saddle orders brave soldiers to hapless destruction. Then the boozy captain on the slippery deck runs his ship on the rocks and cuts her throat on the cruel reef, and the drowned sailors are thrown on the sand. In almost every calamity this hag of hell has her full share, dancing her ghastly delirium in red-stained robes and shaking pestilence from her leprous hands, and for what?

Why are millions mired in shame, bogged in poverty? Why do criminals immured from the sun play with insects in their cells to keep from madness? Why do transgressors, weak-kneed and repentant, whisper "good-bye" through the black cap upon the scaffold stairs? Why do heart-broken wives hide and mothers moan and little kiddies cry when they learn that father will come home no more?

Oh, well, reason enough: That the lords of the still may feed fat and sleep soft and roll in wealth, and their jeweled dames seek the Riviera in swift yachts to watch the blue ocean flash and flow; that our masters of the mash tub may dwell in stately mansions on the select boulevards and have winter houses amid the ilex and orange trees, when their victims face the sleet in cooped and windowed raggedness. Oh well, what more would you have? Hush! The third snake is

Misery

There is a slack-twisted sophistry spun down the line of years which runs, "Let rum alone and it will let you alone.' ' Will it? There never was a baser, sadder lie than this. My ears ring now across forty years with the "keening." Did you ever hear it? Oh, the wordless, piteous, long-drawn agony of it, of a fine girl from Erin's isle, who found her brother dead in the weeds beside a doggery in the village of my youth, and all night above the chirping of the crickets, the call of the katydids, the plaint of the whippoorwill, rose that unearthly, soul-chilling wail. She let it alone, but it branded her for life.

I can see the well-to-do farmer sitting before me in church as I told the old, old story. As twilight fell I dismissed the people and he rose, went to his wagon, rode home, entered the door, to be shot dead by a drunken hireling. He touched no glass, drank no drop. He let it alone, but the fuddled fool who slew him hauled his corpse to a stream and flung it in. He was hanged for it, and, weeping in his prison, told me drink had been his downfall.

The dear old German father who took me one night to help get his son out of a dive, said: "When he was a baby he had fever, and the doctor said he would die before morning. He was the only child I had and I couldn't let him go. I prayed the Lord to spare him, but I have wished a thousand times that he had died in his innocent childhood. He is a drunkard now; he has crushed his mother and brought my gray hairs down in grief." That sire let it alone. He is in heaven today, but, oh, if I could only say he has his boy.

It lets no one alone. I have seen a bonnie wee girl under a surgeon's knife because of her father's craving. I have seen a chum bang his head as a debauched parent tottered by. I have seen a whole family wiped out by it. I have seen honor smirched, man degraded, woman dethroned, childhood disgraced, bodies rotted, minds clouded, souls lost. Our whole nation is impoverished, peeled, made sorrowful by the trouble it makes.

This was well put by a woman who was often humbled by her husband's weakness. At a prohibition meeting she heard a well-dressed wife of a saloon keeper say, "What will we do for a living if our place is closed?" "I will give you my job scrubbing the floors and stairs of the school house; I will have money enough if my man goes no more to your bar."

Do you hear the children sobbing in the night? My friend, do you hear the poor women praying? Hark! They are saying, "Lord, is there none to help?" Give me your hand. Let us stand up together and make a vow: "While we have a vote or a voice we are against this thing any time or anywhere."

[The above tract may be had at 15 cents per 100 postpaid by addressing 204 Penn. Ave. S. E., Washington, D. C.]

IS A MISSIONARY WORTH WHILE?

By J. F. Caperton

The scene is laid in a little inland town of eastern Cuba, provincial in customs and standards. The only foreigner in the town was the missionary, and because of the fanaticism of the people and the activity of the parish priest he had made small headway in planting the true gospel among the people. The night was inky black and the rain was falling in torrents, and the missionary was enjoying a well-earned night's rest after the usual strenuous Sunday's work. He had preached in the morning, then had ridden sixteen miles across the cane fields to preach in the streets of a village, returning to preach in the chapel at night. He was awakened by a loud knocking on the door, and found the caller to be a forlorn, half-clad native boy, who begged with tears in his eyes that the padre would come and "rezar" or say a prayer over his dying mother. The priest had refused to be dragged out on such a night, and the poor old mother could not die without her last communion.

Soon the missionary was feeling his way through the muddy streets at the heels of the boy till they came to a little low palm hut, with thatched roof and dirt floor, where they found the old woman lying on a rudely constructed bed of canvas stretched on four sticks driven into the ground. The husband and father was crouching on the ground at the head of the bed, and surrounding her were the children and grandchildren. She was wasting away with malignant cancer and lay like a shadow ready to flit away with the first ray of sunlight. They made way for the missionary, who knelt down on the floor by the side of the old woman and, taking her bony hand in his, began talking to her. They knew nothing of Christ in a real, personal way, and salvation was a term they did not understand. He told them about Christ and His coming into the world to bring salvation from sins and, best of all, to conquer death. They could understand death, for they were face to face with it. Then he told them about the life beyond the grave that Christ had promised to those who would believe on Him. Then he took from his pocket his well-worn Bible and told them that it was the message of love that Christ had left to His children. Then, by the flickering light made by a wick floating in a small can of oil, he read to them of the love of God in sending His only Son to die for us. Then he read them that sweetest of all messages that Christ gave us from the upper chamber on that sad, beautiful night when He was betrayed. There was a breathless stillness in the room as the words of the missionary fell clear and strong: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." "This is for you," said the missionary to the old woman, and was answered by a tightening grip of her hand on his. There was stillness in the room for a while, as the meaning of those words penetrated for the first time into the inmost feeling of the hearers. It was the first time they had ever heard those words so familiar to Christians.

The silence was broken by suppressed sobs and then the father spoke: "Can you not tell us something about the home to which Mother is going?" he asked. Yes, he could. He turned the leaves of the book until he came to the Revelation given to John and read what that inspired and glorified prophet has told us about our future home. "And the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it * * * for the Lamb is the light thereof." "And there shall be no night there * * * for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever." "And the

building of the wall of it was jasper, and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass." "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth." Then as he closed the book he softly whispered the words: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Enough! That poor body, tired with pain and sorrow, wanted nothing more than rest. There was a hole quietness in the room while the Spirit worked in all hearts. Just a short while after the soul of the old mother took its flight to that home it had so recently come to know and love.

Eternity alone will tell the story of the result of that night's visit. One by one the members of that large family came out from the darkness and superstition of Romanism into the blessed light of the true gospel. Don't ask that missionary "Does it pay?" If he had a thousand lives to give, Cuba should have them all.

WHAT THE CENTENARY MEANS TO ME AS A LAYMAN

By J. E. Edgerton

The reflex influence of the Centneary upon the life of every lay member who does not deliberately get out of its path cannot be measured by words. It is the supreme test of our faith in the promise of the one and only God who has never broken a contract nor quibbled when an account against Him fell due. It will measure our responsiveness to the unprecedented needs growing out of the most tragic situation the world has ever faced. It will register the degree of our self-respect as the members of the largest Protestant church, which has proud traditions of achievement to sustain and which seems to have been purposely prospered by a confident Providence. It is our outstanding opportunity to furnish the proof that we can adjust our patriotism as readily and adequately to a task of construction as to one of destruction. It is a sight draft drawn by the Lord of our creation upon a debtor people whose account is already overdue and who can pay. We cannot dodge it, ignore it or reason it away. No excuse short of absolute impossibility can be credited to the church or to a responsible member. The call is for the very best and most in us and of us. By yielding to the pressure of our unmistakable and peerless obligation we can and will lift ourselves by the might of our generosity and consecrated energy out of the narrow groove of niggardliness in which we have been running.

We have rendered well what we conceived to be a necessary service to the god of war. Whether or not our work of destruction was necessary and whether or not we are worthy of the military victory which God suffered us to achieve will be determined by the uses which we make of the consequential opportunities before us. It seems to me that God is waiting expectantly to see what the greatest chrch in the greatest nation on earth is going to do toward making the world safe for Jesus Christ; for until it is safe for Him it will not be safe for democracy or anything else that is desirable. The next few months and years will show conclusively whether or not we were sincere in our profession of unselfish interest in humanity as a motive for war. He who was sincere in his patriotic responses when we were fighting the Germans in the sacred name of civilization will respond with no less cheerfulness and liberality now that we are fighting the devil in all of his manifestations.

What a limitless opportunity and privilege it is to participate in so great a movement! How it thrills the soul and strengthens hope as we contemplate what the results of such a magnificent movement must be for not only those whom it is primarily assigned to help, but for those who lend themselves to their accomplishment. Never again will we content ourselves with miserly programs. We shall in the future think, act and live in large terms and more grandly. That lay member or preacher who can't see or doesn't see and appreciate in some degree the meaning of these things should be noted and included as one to be served in the future enlarged missionary program of our church.

CLEANING OUT THE PIGEONHOLES

This is written mostly to preachers, though other folks may read it if they can spare the time.

Have you a desk, a place where you write, a place where you keep paper and pen and ink and pencil? Does the light strike it right over the left shoulder, so that writing is not a drudge as far as seeing is concerned?

Do you write much? Have you ever realized that writing is absolutely necessary to the best culture, and that no man can attain to the highest education who does not write? Do you know you will never learn to spell until you learn to write? Has it ever occurred to you that downright laziness often stands in the way of your writing? Do you know that if you had begun early and written much, writing would be almost as easy as breathing? And just to think, too, of all the good things —the good thoughts—that have come to you and are now gone forever, all because you did not write them down. If you are fifty years old—nay, if you are forty-five—the probability is that you cannot now reproduce them; and so during the rest of your life you must and will go on using the threadbare things that come to you and have often come before. By and by—not far away, either—when you find yourself kicked out of the pastorate, you will come to wonder why it is. I can locate the trouble for you right now. You used to think and read; you were not too lazy for that, but you were too lazy to write, and now, when it is too late, you couldn't write if you were to try. The ink in the old bottle is dry; the fingers have lost their nimbleness, and it is too late to mend your ways. You used to preach to others about not doing their best, and, lo, here you are, like the old man who said he believed in death-bed repentance because he was a sample. There was a day when you did not do your best; it does not please the people before whom it is done. So some of us pass away as old men before we are old. The trouble is we have a worse disease than age.

But your desk—is it the roller-top kind, and has it got pigeonholes for papers? Are the pigeonholes full? Aren't you tired of looking at them just as they are day by day? Are you hoarding those old papers for the benefit of posterity? Why not take a day off now and then and clean out your desk just to see what is in it? Brush out the dust and trash, and make the thing presentable. The change will do your own eyes good. You have no idea, perhaps, what you'll find in that desk. The book of the law was once found in the rubbish of the temple. I assure you, you will never find pleasure in writing, you will never feel disposed even to answer letters, unless you keep your desk so that it will not be obnoxious to you.

I went into my annual cleaning today. Lots of papers went into the waste basket and will go into the fire, and others—well, if you'll bear with me I could fill the next issue of the paper with notes and queries and stories I once wrote and rammed into pigeonholes. Some of them I borrowed, others I hewed from the stump; but they are all at my disposal and I can use them when I will, all because I wrote them down when I read or heard them.

Let me give you a few samples of the things I have pulled from my desk today.

Here is a story from Sunshine Dietrich. I heard him tell it and I made a note of it, thinking it might come into use some day:

Somewhere in the mountain land there was a doctor, a good and pious man, a friend and benefactor to all. On his old horse, with saddle bags behind him, he climbed the steep mountain paths by day and by night, ministering to those who needed him. His pay was small, his liberality large. By and by, after a long life of service, he died, and the mountaineers came to bury him. Tenderly they laid the old doc's remains in a coffin which they themselves had constructed, and on the mountainside, under the shadow of the overhanging peak, they dug a grave and put him away. At the head of the grave they set up a cross of wood, but this did not seem to satisfy them. There ought to be some writing on it, but, alas, not a man of them could write. One old fellow with a little more ingenuity than the others sneaked away to the nearby village and came back with the sign that was over the old doctor's office. He nailed it to the wooden cross over the grave, and this is the way it read:

"Dr. Goodfellow. Office Upstairs."

Maybe the thing was not so bad, after all, and meant that in a better land—upstairs—the old doctor could still be found.

Dietrich had another one.

As the bishop entered the church door he dropped a quarter into the charity box. After the service was over the bishop and his little boy set out for home. Before they had gone very far a vestryman overtook them, gave him the quarter, and said: "This is bishop's day, and the collection belongs to you." As the bishop and his boy walked away the lad said: "Paw, ef you had put more in the box, you'd have got more out."

This story is capable of broad application, but I have no right to abuse any one but the preachers.

"I just can't live at this rate," says the preacher. "I am not receiving enough money to meet the common cost of living." Maybe so, but how much did you put into the thing—how much time, study, genuine work? How long did you go to school? What have you added to your education since leaving school? The boy's words are of wide application—"Paw, ef you had put more into the box, you'd have got more out." I've known men who received six hundred dollars for preaching—six hundred a year—whose sermons all put together would not be worth sixty cents. We get out according to what we put in.

Here is another scraping from my desk. It is about a Virginian, too—one O. L. Martin. It was at an association—I need not say which—when Martin declared that the country was a great one; that in going along the highway one spent a great part of his time dodging automobiles only to fall over the smokestack of a cotton mill. But religiously, declared he, the churches are all diseased and the country ecclesiastically sick. The churches have softening of the brain, carbuncles of the neck, angina pectoris, cancer of the stomach, paralysis of the legs, and a pair of box ankles which make progress next to impossible.

He then turned to Crain, who was next to speak, and said that his consulting physician would suggest and administer the prayer remedy. Martin had spoken an hour or more. Crain began by saying he had never attended one of these all-night speakings before and didn't know where to begin at that hour. Martin, you know, is a mean man, anyway—that is, a mean man to follow in a speech, and Crain seemed unable to get any headway, except to say that leadership in a church meant that a pastor was on the job seven days in a week, and that churches would not now pay fifty cents for ten-cent sermons.

I got these forgotten stories from my desk. Clean out yours, beloved, and tell us what you find. If there is nothing there, the fault is—well, attributable to some one else than yourself, may be, but hardly.—Religious Herald.

THE HOME STRETCH

The Centenary is face to face with its supreme test during the next four weeks.

We have planned and conferred, talked and glowed with zeal. Now will we do the job?

The Centenary has lifted us to heights of vision and stirred the depths of our emotions. Now, what will we do? Will we, as individuals, do the hard self-sacrificing work that the success of the Centenary demands?

We believe that the world situation presents an opportunity to Christ's forces such as history may never repeat. Let us, as individuals, put the zeal and energy of belief into our work for the Centenary.

We believe that the thrones of the world stand abdicated today, and that Christ can be enthroned as the King of kings. Are we reflecting that belief in our works?

We believe that in this reformative period—in the midst of wavering nations, tottering kingdoms —the events of a week are of more moment than the whole years we have lived. Let us concentrate into the next four weeks the Christian zeal and energy of a generation.

No work too hard—no trips too long—no engagements too tiring—no other duty more important when the Centenary calls.

I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; * * * exercising economy in expenditures, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a child-like trust in God.—John H. Vincent.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. W. J. Baker, pastor of the Robbinsville charge, says that their aim is to "go over the top" in the Centenary drive.

—A cloudburst in Madison county last week, near Mars Hill, washed away the home of Robert Ponders and drowned three of his children.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Washington Street church, High Point, will be the speaker at Churchland high school, Davidson county, on May 8th.

—Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College for Women, preached the annual sermon for the Monticello high school on last Sunday morning.

—Rev. John W. Moore, of Charlotte, aided by Rev. W. F. Elliott, of Pineville, who had charge of the music, has been in a meeting at Clover, S. C., for the past ten days.

—Mr. Charles H. Ireland, Jr., returned last week to his home in this city, following his discharge from military service after several months overseas. He is the son of Mr. Charles H. Ireland, lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference.

—Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, of Charlotte, preached the annual sermon at the Troutman Academy last Sunday, and will next Sunday preach the sermon to the graduating class of the Charlotte city schools.

—Rev. G. A. Page, a useful local preacher of Charlotte, has been elected to the important position of commissioner of public safety in that city. He is a good man and will make a safe and conscientious officer.

—Rev. Dwight W. Brown, of the Belwood charge, delivered the annual address at the commencement of Douglas Academy last Wednesday. This is one of the Negro schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located in Cleveland county.

—Rev. W. C. Jones, of the Ruffin circuit, who was operated on for appendicitis some time ago, is resuming his work this week and is apparently entirely recovered. His numerous friends among Advocate readers will be glad to hear this.

—Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, spoke in our church in Morganton last Sunday morning on the Centenary. Mr. Hoey is a busy lawyer and serving as assistant district attorney, yet he finds time to do much church work, making himself useful as a Centenary speaker.

—Prof. O. V. Woosley, Sunday school field secretary for the Western North Carolina Conference, is now holding a series of institutes in the various districts, assisted by Mr. M. W. Brabham and Miss Marie Hansen, from the Sunday school headquarters at Nashville.

—Rev. B. F. Hargett, of the Seversville charge, was a visitor in the city on Monday afternoon. He made the Advocate office a pleasant visit and gave quite an encouraging report from his charge. He says the Centenary is in fine shape and that Brother Henderson is proving to be a splendid leader.

—We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. R. S. Harmon, which occurred after a lingering illness at her home near Kings' Mountain on May 1, and the body was laid to rest at El Bethel on the following day. She was a devout Methodist and the mother of Rev. J. C. Harmon, of Walkertown. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved friends.

—The students of Greensboro College for Women have a movement on hand to raise $3,000 to re-seat the college auditorium. This will commend itself especially to those who have suffered cramp from occupying the chairs heretofore in use. They ought to find a ready response, and we believe they will. The students themselves are pledging $1,000.

—That loyal Shelby layman John D. Lineberger is the director of the Centenary missionary movement for Cleveland county, and while not claiming to be a prophet, he has great faith in the success of the drive. He says that every Methodist family in Shelby is a subscriber to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Shelby always does things whole-heartedly.

—Rev. W. F. Elliott, of Pinville charge, as announced elsewhere, was absent last Sunday and Rev. W. L. Sherrill preached for his people at both Harrison and Marvin to large congregations on that day. The Centenary campaign is well organized down there and the people are not only hopeful, but enthusiastic over the prospect of success. The new church at Marvin will be handsome when completed and a credit to the community.

—The Belmont correspondent of the Gastonia Gazette says: Rev. J. E. Thompson, pastor of the Belmont Methodist church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the school auditorium Sunday night. This was one of the ablest discourses of this kind ever heard here, and to the graduating class he gave some helpful and encouraging advice. A fine congregation was present and there were many expressions of appreciation of the sermon.

—Sunday was a happy day for the people of the First Methodist Church, for at that time were taken into the church eighteen new members. Fourteen of them, all children, were received by profession of faith. Four were received by certificate. The fact that the recent revival service reached so many of the young folks of the church means much for the future growth of the work in this congregation.—Lexington Dispatch.

—Hon. Robert N. Page, of Biscoe, former representative in Congress from the seventh district, is definitely in the race for our next governor. Mr. Page will have strong support, for he is known as one of the cleanest and most capable men in public life in North Carolina today. Among other things that might be said is that he is a good Methodist layman, a thing which would not in any sense hinder him from making an ideal governor.

—The Guilford county Sunday school convention, under the auspices of the state Sunday school association, was held in Westminster Presbyterian Church, this city, last Saturday. There was a good attendance and the program is reported as quite interesting and helpful. Guilford has taken quite an advanced position in this work recently, Miss Martha Dozier, a very capable woman, being employed for all her time as superintendent of the work. It is thought that her work is already telling for good in many ways.

—Judged by all visible results, the Culpeper meting at Centenary Church was a great success. On last Sunday morning Rev. A. W. Plyler, the pastor, received 121 candidates into the fellowship of the church and has quite a number on the waiting list. Thirty-five of them were by letter. As many, or perhaps more than this, will go to other churches. The meeting assumed a wide range and the most gratifying result is the deep spiritual impression made upon the entire community. Last Sunday was indeed a great day with Brother Plyler and his congregation.

—The Salvation Army is laying out a great building program in the South for the near future. Assured of the succes of the approaching home service campaign, the national committee has announced that almost $700,000 in cash has been allotted to the department of the South for the erection of buildings to be used for Salvation Army purposes. Among these appropriations are Greensboro, N. C., $7,687.92; High Point, $2,026.26; Asheville, $7,950.98; Durham, $7,464.92; Winston-Salem, $12,581.33; Wilmington, $9,267.24; Charlotte, $18,620.26; Raleigh, $24,047.92.

—The Greensboro Record was sold last week to Parker R. Anderson, of Washington and Wilmington, and Julian Price and Mr. Kelly, both of Greensboro. The price is said to have been upward of $40,000. Col. Fairbrother and wife, who for three years or more have been sole owners, will retire for the present at least from the newspaper business. They have made the Record one of the best afternoon papers in the state, and in a special issue of 112 pages recently beat all records so far as we know in this respect. We suspect that Col. and Mrs. Fairbrother will be like fish out of water, without a publication of some sort on their hands.

—One of the most beautiful suburban villages in the state is Reynolda, the country estate of Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem. The editor of the Advocate is not surprised that Mrs. Reynolds is striving to do good with her wealth. When she was only a girl in the early teens we frequently taught the Sunday school class of which she was a member at Mount Airy, and had occasion to note her fine personal qualities. She has built a handsome church home, established a fine school and made it a model community in every respect. A devoted Christian, she will not fail to administer properly the great estate which has fallen into her hands.

—Mr. W. H. Penland, for many years an active Asheville layman, died some days ago and was buried in Riverside cemetery in that city.

—It is now the prediction of the department of agriculture at Washington that the present wheat crop is to be a record breaker. The condition is now the best in the history of the department and a 900,000,000 bushel crop is forecast.

—The Morganton News-Herald says: Mrs. F .M. Scroggs leaves today for Charlotte. She will be joined there tomorrow by her son, Andrew Scroggs, and later by her two sons who are away at school. It is with deep regret that many friends here see the Scroggs family change their residence from Morganton to Charlotte. Mr. Scroggs remains as steward for the state hospital, a position which he has held since the establishment of the institution.

—Our congregation at Spring Garden Street, this city, are restless to get themselves properly housed so as to take care of the rapidly growing congregation. Excavation is now well under way and the congregation has purchased a large tent to be used during the summer months or until the new edifice is completed. The canvas church will hold more than 700 persons, and it is planned to have a big revival there some time within the near future. Services and Sunday school were held in the training school of the North Carolina College for Women last Sunday. It is expected that the tent will be erected and ready for the congregation by next Sunday.

REVIVAL AT MAYWORTH

Rev. R. V. Self, of West Asheville, N. C., assisted Rev. J. W. Kennedy, pastor of the Lowell circuit, in a ten days' meeting at Mayworth. Rudd Newsom, of Guilford College, led the singing. There were perhaps 125 professions, and 39 new members were added to the Methodist church. The devil was defeated in Mayworth and a victory won by our Lord which will never be forgotten. I am with Brother A. P. Ratledge at Gibsonville, this week, leading the singing. All who read these few lines breathe a prayer for this meeting, which will continue about ten days or more.

Rudd Newsom.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE UNIFICATION OF AMERICAN METHODISM

The joint commission on the unification of American Methodism is called to meet in the city of Cincinnati, Thursday, July 3, 1919. The request for this meeting came from the commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The General Conference of our own church in adopting Report No. 3 of the committee on church relations went on record as desiring to continue negotiations on the basis approved by the General Conference meeting in 1914. In conformity, therefore, with the spirit of the General Conference and in obedience to the highest authority of the church we have arranged this meeting.

The eyes of all the people called Methodists will look toward this important meeting in Cincinnati, and their hearts will turn that way. The purpose of this announcement is to call on the members of our churches everywhere to pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon us in our deliberations at Cincinnati. We need divine guidance that we may know the will of God, and wisdom that we may do it.

Edwin D. Mouzon,
Chairman Executive Committee.

CLIFFSIDE

Our meeting at Cliffside continued from the 15th to the 26th of April. Brother W. L. Dawson, of the Forest City charge, preached every sermon except one. This was preached by the pastor on Sunday at 11 a. m., it being necessary for Brother Dawson to fill the Sunday appointments on his charge.

It is difficult to give an exact report of the good done. It is safe to say there were from 90 to 100 conversions and reclamations. The meeting was harmonious. Christians of the various denominations all worked together as if they were one. Truly the Lord's saints were all in unity in the Lord's work. Brother Hunt, the Baptist pastor, gave us his hearty co-operation and rendered most

valuable service. The churches each, Baptist and Methodist, will receive a class of six as a result of the meeting. Brother Dawson presents the truth in a very forceful manner. The congregations were large, very attentive and responsive. Several were turned away for lack of room. Brother Dawson greatly endeared himself to our people. We believe a deep work of grace has been wrought.

A. J. Burrus.

ASHEVILLE PASTOR PELTED WITH SILVER PELLETS

The Woman's Missionary Society, led by Mrs. H. E. Walter, the president, gave the pastor of the Haywood Street Methodist Church a singular pelting recently. They asked each member of the church to bring half as many pennies as he had had birthdays. When all was counted up it made a fine purse full of shining silver, precious to the pastor and family like the "precious ointment" that Mary poured forth in the love of her heart. The pastor's reply is found in Phil. 1: 7.

This same Woman's Missionary Society is also doing work in the parsonage, painting and beautifying walls and halls in splendid style, so that it looks like a new house almost. They seem to be in a sweet humor; so is the pastor's wife. The pastor will be—after the dust settles.

This same missionary society conducted an evening service recently for the pastor and preached the gospel of "tithing" in the strong and Scriptural way they have been preaching it for many years past. Moral: The pastor who does not work to promote the Woman's Missionary Society in his church is failing to utilize one of the most powerful and progressive institutions of the church.

O. P. Ader.

SHELBY CIRCUIT

The Lord hath done great things for us on the Shelby circuit. He gave us a great revival in our church at South Shelby. As a result of this meeting we received fifteen on profession of faith and others by letter. Our church is in fine condition and doing what it can for the cause of righteousness.

We have one of the best Sunday schools here that I know of, certainly the best with which this pastor has been associated. Brother Marvin Blanton, our superintendent, is a live one and has the power of leadership. They are putting the Advocate in the home of every member of the school, as well as every member of the church. This school has assumed the Centenary program and will carry it out to the full.

When this congregation undertakes to do a thing they do it well. They came to the parsonage a few nights ago and gave us such a pounding as we had never before witnessed. It was great, and all unexpected, too.

A few of the men came one Saturday afternoon a week or so ago and wired the parsonage, and now we have electric lights. Of course we appreciate all these things and hope to be of real service in return.

In regard to the Centenary, we are using every means possible to carry out the program. We are having service in almost every church each Sunday, and have been for some time. Our minute men have done fine work, and we are hoping and praying that it may be a real success, and I think that it will. Pray for us.

Respectfully,

N. C. Williams.

FROM BURNSVILLE

The death of Hon. Miles O. Sherrill and the tribute to his memory impressed me very much. The only time I ever met him was at the state library in Raleigh. He was librarian at the time and I had loaned one of my portraits, that of General Nathaniel Greene, to the library. He persuaded the committee—Governor Kitchen, Hon. Bryan Grimes and Superintendent Joyner—to buy it for the library, as it was the only one of General Greene there, and he wrote me that it was to encourage me in my work mainly. In the years since then when I have grown tired or careless in my work this thought would create new interest in it. It would make me feel that I must do something worthy of the trust of that committee, especially of the librarian, Miles O. Sherrill. It has been my greatest earthly aid in trying to do my very best.

The church work here is progressing fine. In the past three years we have had a nice new Methodist church built and many new members added. We miss our last-year pastor very much, Rev. A. C. Swofford, but our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Hornbuckle, is making good. Though his health is rather delicate, his sermons are uplifting and delivered with an earnestness which calls to a higher Christian life.

With best wishes for the Advocate,

Mrs. N. M. Pleasants.

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

I have just read Bishop Kilgo's article on the above subject with much concern. If conditions in the church are as bad as he pictures them, surely it is time for us to be alarmed. We may, like Nineveh, repent by fasting and prayer and be saved, or like Sodom refuse to repent and be destroyed. Whether the Lord uses fire and brimstone or Bolshevism as His agents in executing judgment upon us is a matter for Him to decide. However, the distinguished prelate gives one hopeful thought. He intimates that the real spiritual saints are in the wilderness, kept by divine care. Surely there are more than ten righteous persons in the rural sections alone, not to mention some good, praying saints in the cities. If the good bishop will come up to Lenoir, just in the foothills of the mounatins, I will take him in my old buggy (driving Billy Sunday, an orthodox Methodist, though named for the big evangelist) around in some of "Uncle Ivey's" tracks. I think we can find a good sister who has been living nearly a century and who is a distant relative of the first president of the United States, who reads the Bible, sings a hymn and prays three times a day. At Hudson we will find a good brother eighty-six years old, who is as cheerful and happy as a twenty-year-old boy, and who is about as liberal, in proportion to his ability, as Washington Duke. Then we will go around to all the other churches and find many more good praying people. When the bishop goes back home he will write another little piece to the Advocate, telling us all about the wilderness saints, and perhaps something about the blood-washed throng in heaven, the real spotless bride of the Lamb.

John M. Price.

Lenoir, N. C.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Jefferson school has just closed its most successful session. The enrollment for the year reached 136, about 65 of whom were boarding students. The loyalty of the faculty and students and the enthusiasm for the school are at the highest mark they have ever been.

The commencement occasion was one of especial success. The recitations and declamations, the play and the musical recital given by the students were of high order and served to show to the public something of the character of work done by the student body. The senior class day exercises were more than ordinarily interesting and portrayed the energy and accomplishment of the class.

The programs of chief interest, however, were the sermon and the address. Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Asheville, preached a soulful sermon from the text "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." In his own pleasing and magnetic manner he made his audience thrill with life and religion.

The annual address was delivered by Rev. John F. Kirk, of the Shelby district, chairman of the board of trustees of the school. The address was an intellectual feast and the man of unbounded enthusiasm carried his audience with him in his enthusiasm for the school. It would be difficult indeed to estimate the worth to the school of his annual visits. Followng the address Mr. Kirk awarded diplomas to the nine graduates, three boys and six girls.

At the annual meeting of the board W. L. Scott was re-elected principal. Plans were launched for a campaign to raise $40,000 for the school, $30,000 of which will be used to erect an administration building and the remaining $10,000 to pay all indebtedness on the school and make needed repairs. A three weeks' canvass for the raising of this fund will begin July 13th. We shall expect the loyal Methodists and friends of the school throughout the conference to stand by us in this effort. We need your prayers and any material aid you can give. This school stands already as one of the strongest factors of Christianity in this part of the state, and when we succeed with this enterprise its efficiency will be greatly increased.

W. L. Scott.

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL TANDARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

Young women desiring to engage in any line or missionary work in the foreign field under the Woman's Missionary Council must be between the ages of twenty-four and thirty-five. The following educational standard has been adopted:

Educational Missionary Candidates

1. A candidate must present a diploma from a state university or a standard college

2. A candidate will be eligible who presents a diploma from an accredited high school and a state normal. By a graduate of a state normal is meant the holder of a diploma from a state normal requiring four years of work.

3. A candidate must have had two years of successful teaching experience.

Evangelistic Missionary Candidates

1. A (candidate must present a diploma from a state university or a standard college.

2. A candidate will be eligible who presents a diploma from an accredited high school and a state normal. By a graduate of a statt normal is meant the holder of a diploma from a state normal requiring fuor years of work.

3. A candidate must have had two years' experience in practical religious work.

Missionary Nurse Candiadtes

1. A candidate must be a gradute of an accredited high school or its equivalent, and a diploma graduate of a standard hospital.

2. A candidate must have had one year of nurse practice.

Kindergarten Missionary Candidates

1. A candidate must present a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent, and from a standard kindergarten training school or college.

2. A candidate must have had two years of successful teaching experience.

Medical Missionary Candidates

1. A candidate must present a diploma from an "A" grade medical college.

2. A candidate must have had one year of practice or post-graduate work.

Additional Requirements

In addition to the above requirements, all candidates desiring to engage in any line of missionary work in the foreign field uner the Woman's Missionary Council must present a diploma from an accredited missionary training school, after which they must have the recommendation of its faculty and of the council board of medical examiners before acceptance by the council.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dr. Stowe wants the name of every church, charge or district that signs up and sends in twenty per cent of their membership as tithers. He is compiling a list for the records and for use in connection with the Centenary celebrations at Columbus.

Don't stop when the twenty per cent is attained but go on striving for one hundred per cent Centenary efficiency. But just as soon as the twenty per cent point is reached send in the names. Urge your people in filling out cards to write legibly. Send to J. J. Stowe, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WAR WORK COMMISSION

The War Work Commission of our church is called to meet in Centenary church, St. Louis, Mo., at 10 a. m., May 13, 1919. A full report of the year's work will be presented and plans for future work perfected. This is an important meeting and will have many vital questions to consider. It is hoped that every member of the commission will be in attendance.

E. O. Watson,
Secretary.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE MEETING

The trustees of Rutherford College are hereby called to meet at the college Tuesday, May 13, 1919, at 1: 30 p. m. I am very anxious that every member of the board be present, for we have matters of great importance to be considered.

H. H. Jordan, Chairman.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Sunday school experts will give us one day at Hendersonville, May 15, beginning at 10 a. m. Pastors and Sunday school workers who can be spared from "drive' preparation are urged to attend. Hendersonville Methodists will entertain you.

W. H. Willis, P. E.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

GOD KNOWS BEST

Some time, when all life's lessons have been learned
And sun and stars forevermore have set,
The things which our weak judgments here have spurned,
The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,
Will flash before us out of life's dark night,
As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue,
And we shall see how all God's plans were right
And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh,
God's plans go on as best for you and me;
How, when we called, he heeded not our cry,
Because his wisdom to the end could see.
And even as prudent parents disallow
Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if sometimes, commingled with life's wine,
We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink,
Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine
Pours out this potion for our lips to drink.
If we could push ajar the gates of life
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife
And for each mystery could find a key.

But not today. Then be content, poor heart!
God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart;
Time will reveal the chalices of gold.
And if through patient toil we reach the end
Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we will say, "God knew the best." —Selected.

THE CALL OF THE CENTENARY FOR LIFE INVESTMENT

Adapted from "The Centenary Bulletin" for May

The Centenary deals with churches, hospitals, schools, money and all the visible paraphernalia of the world. But all are futile unless manned by a living being.

This great missionary movement will be an absolute failure unless men and women are led to invest their lives in the service of the church. So through the Centenary the call is sounded for people to make the investment of their lives.

One of the great needs of the church is for women to devote more of their time to the affairs of the Kingdom. The Centenary calls for that. Those who have become interested in church work during these campaign days, must not after the drive is over, drift into idleness again. The Centenary appeals to us to get under the burdens of the church, to organiez the finances, study the plan of action, read the church papers, relieve the pastor of the detail work and leave him free to preach the gospel.

Invest All the Life

We expect missionaries to give up home and native land, to devote all their time to the church for bare living expenses.

What about those of us of independent means? The Centenary is calling to many to devote all of their time to the church. It is not too much to expect that some will have a broad enough vision to answer their call.

New Missionaries

The Southern Methodist Church needs five hundred new missionaries. They must be our best, our most consecrated, our well trained and efficient young people. Every district in our church should have a missionary in some field, and today through the Centenary the call is coming for volunteers for service. Who will answer, Here am I, send me."

The Opportunity

Here is where life will count most. The Christian preacher in China reaches a hundred times as many people as any preacher in America. The same is true of physicians and teachers. The world is being remade and the missionaries are determining its future course. If they make it Christian the world will be safe and civilized, if it goes into atheism and pagan ways, it will mean eventual confusion, war and anarchy. The missionary is now the most important person on earth.

What Will It Pay?

In speaking of investments it is right to ask about the returns. What will it pay our men and women to serve the church, what will it pay young people to be missionaries? Ask the soldier what it paid him to smash the line of the enemy, to free the world from the Prussion meance! He has his reward and the money he received is no part of it. He has the reward of the consciousness of a duty well done, that he had a part in saving his country and the world. That is what the Centenary will pay to the young men and women who give their lives to the church.

The Appeal of the World

The Centenary brings to the people the appeal of a world in tears. Dazzled by the brilliancy of a western civilization, all the heathen nations call for help. The unfortunate people in our own slums and mountains make their mute appeal.

Broken Europe shattered by war, sits in the debris of her own ruined social order, and lifts to us her faltering lips and trembling hands. And in this wonderful day when everything is being worked over, when the need is so great, when a life means so much, the Centenary sounds the call for Life-Investment.

Bolsheviks or Missionaries

What breeds the red terror and Bolshevism? Ignorance, oppression, hunger, immorality, irrelgion and atheism. The missionary opposes these things and enough of them can banish them. Then our hope lies in Life Investment. It is the Missionary or the Bolshevik who shall dominate the world.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Mount Airy district will be held at Pilot Mountain June 5-6. The first session will be held on Thursday evening, June 5, at 8 o'clock, and at that time Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson and Mrs. H. A. Dunham will deliver addresses on the recent council meeting and the different phases of the woman's work. Let all the societies on the district take notice and elect delegates at once and send names to Mrs. R. E. L. Flippin, Pilot Mountain, N. C. An interesting program is being planned and every society on the district should have representatives present. The work of the children and young people will be made an important feature of the meeting and it is desired that delegates from these departments be present.

Mrs. J. L. Woltz,
District Secretary.

Two District Meetings

At Lincolnton on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the Shelby district meeting was held, and today and tomorrow representatives of the woman's work on the Salisbury district will be in session at East Spencer. While we have not heard from these meetings, we feel safe in saying that both were occasions of great profit. We hope to have report of each for an early issue of our Advocate.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

With practically every society in the district represented, the Asheville district meeting, held at Bethel Church, Asheville, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, was a most pleasant and profitable occasion. The first session was held at 11 a. m. on Tuesday and the opening service was a prayer and praise service conducted by Mrs. H. E. Walter, of Chestnut Street Church, Asheville.

Following the organization a paper on "What Mission Study Has Meant to Me" was read by Mrs. Charles Abernethy, of the Biltmore Church. A most interesting account of the recent annual meting held at High Point was given by Mrs. M. H. Cox, of Central Church, after which Rev. J. O. Ervin, pastor of Bethel Church, in most fitting and cordial words welcomed the delegates and visitors on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society, whose guests we were. A beautiful solo, "The Plains of Peace," by Mrs. Ernest McDowell, closed the morning program.

After a most tempting luncheon served in the dining room of the church the afternoon session was opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. O. J. Chandler, pastor of Chestnut Street Church.

Mrs. V. L. Stone, district secretary, gave a most interesting annual message, in which she commended the work of the past year and urged to greater effort this year. She referred to the Centenary and what it meant to the women of her district, and stressed the important part which each woman of the church had in this great missionary movement. A beautiful vocal duet, "Abide With Me," was sung by Mrs. Arch Monteith and Mrs. Ernest McDowell.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham, corresponding secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, gave most interestingly the news from the council at Memphis, Tenn. She also stressed the Centenary and urged the women to do all in their power for its success. A vocal solo by Mrs. W. R. Griffith was enjoyed.

At this juncture a program by the representatives of the children's societies of the district, consisting of songs and recitations, was given, after which Miss Amy Hackney conference second vice-president, gave very briefly a report of her department.

Wednesday morning's devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Rea, of Biltmore, who made a most helpful talk on prayer. The work of the young people was presented by Mrs. W. R. Harris, conference first vice-president, who conducted an institute on young people's work A plea for volunteers for service from among the young people was made by Mrs. Harris, after which one of the young women present testified her desire and intention of giving her life to the foreign work. A paper, "God's Call to the Young Women of the W. N. C. Conference," was read by Miss Emily Mathis.

The work of the social service department was discussed by Mrs. O. J. Chandler, and that of Christian stewardship by Mrs. F. J. Bates, each in a most interesting and helpful paper.

After a vocal solo by Mrs. J. H. Sullivan, of Haywood Street Church, and prayer by Mrs. W. N. Hackney, the pledges were made and, much to the gratification of the district secretary and others present, the amount assumed by the district at the annual meeting was over-pledged.

After the report of committees and a consecration service the meeting adjourned to meet next year with the Mills River Church, a live rural church, having an adult, young people's and junior society.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY AT MILLS RIVER

We are glad to be able to report a young people's society at Mills River, on the Asheville district, though we have not the number of members or the names of the officers, which we hope to have in a few days. This is one of the best churches on the Asheville district, and with the splendid, progressive spirit of the women of that church to encourage and inspire those young people we are expecting a live organization.

NEW OGRANIZATIONS

We are glad to report three new children's organizations, two from the Greensboro district and one from the Mount Airy district. There is no department of our work that is of greater importance than that which looks after the training of our children in the missionary work, and we congratulate Miss Hackney on the splendid number of organizations in our conference.

South Main Street, High Point, organized March 3d with seventeen members. President, Mabel Russell; first vice-president. Elizabeth Wall; second vice-president, Millie Snyder; corresponding secretary, Elsie Green; recording secretary, Margaret Clinard;; treasurer, Lyda Treaddy; adult second vice-president, Miss Elsie Pegg.

Walnut Street Church, Greensboro, organized April 14th with twenty-two members. President, Sylva Webster, Proximity station, Greensboro; first vice-president, Helen Shields; second vice-president, Millie May Rayfield; corresponding secretary, Mary Brewer; recording secretary, Iredell Rary; treasurer. May Cole; superintendent mission study, Mamie Page; superintendent social service, Bessie Hunter; adult second vice-president, Mrs. C. P. Scott.

Boonville organized April 7th, with eleven members. President, Carmen Fry; first vice-president, Grace Hayes; second vice-president, Elmer Helton; corresponding secretary, Rosella Sizemore; recording secretary, Edith Oakley; treasurer, Beulah Smith; superintendent mission study, James Armhurn; superintendent social service, Jettie Smith; auxiliary second vice-president, Miss Bettie Hendrix.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

Institute Directory

Salisbury district—Concord, May 5.
Statesville district—Statesville, May 6.
Winston district—Lexington May 7.
Greensboro district—Southern half, Asheboro, May 8.
Greensboro district and part of Mt. Airy district—Reidsville, May 9.
Mount Airy district—Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove, May 10.
Charlotte district—Monroe, May 12.
Shelby district—Lincolnton, May 13.
Marion district—Southern half—Rutherfordton, May 14.
Asheville district—Hendersonville, May 15.
Waynesville district—Waynesville, May 16.
Marion district—Northern half—Morganton, May 17.

More Centenary Sunday Schools

Asheville district—Brick Church; total, 31.
Charlotte district—Pleasant Grove; total, 35.
Greensboro district—Salem, Shepard, Tabernacle, Tabor, Union; total, 38.
Marion district—Gilkey; total, 26.
Monnt Airy district—Center; total, 25.
North Wilkesboro district—Cox's Chapel, Moriah's Chapel; total, 10.
Salisbury district—Harmony, Rehoboth, Liberty; total, 37.
Shelby district—Belmont Fallston, Kadesh, St. Peter's, McKendree, Snow Hill, Lafayette Street, Plateau; total, 47.
Statesville district—Cool Springs, St. Paul, Williamson, Pisgah, Troutman; total, 30.
Waynesville district — Sweetwater, Palmer's Chapel; total, 28.
Winston district—Newsom, Pleasant Grove, Oak Ridge Ebenezer, Unity; total, 33.

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Uwharrie's High-Water Mark

Rev. J. M. Varner, our good-natured and efficient pastor on the Uwharrie circuit, in a most neatly written letter has the following good news on the Centenary: "All our Sunday schools on the Uwharrie circuit have agreed to raise the amount requested as a Centenary offering. I herewith note them: Concord, 100 scholers, $5; Oak Grove, 60 scholars, $3; Salem, 40 scholars, $3; Shepard, 70 scholars; $3.50; Tabernacle, 40 scholars, $2; Tabor, 50 scholars, $2.50; Union, 40 scholars, $2."

You will note that the 400 scholars on the Uwharrie circuit propose to give $20 the month on the Centenary, and, best of all, the whole circuit is enrolled. Thank the Lord for Varner and the good people along the Uwharrie river.

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Some Signs of the Times

The following short letters relative to the Centenary have been hastily gathered from a large batch of letters your secretary has received from the good superintendents who are on the joib :

"Please send to my address 24 copies of Sunday School Day programs. I will do all I can to make the day a success, and take the collection and forward it as directed. I expect to push the Centenary for all there is in me, because I see and feel the need of it."—R. A. Hunnycutt, Bethany, New London, Circuit.

"Yes, we will do it; so put us down of course. We expect to double the amount and more."—M. S. Leverett, Mills River, Mills River Circuit.

"Centennial is late in sending its subscription, but we are in a country district and we wanted to enlarge our enrollment before subscribing. Some time ago our school wanted to pledge for the Centenary when we had 26 scholars. Our delay gives us 12 more scholars and our pledge includes them. We hope to double this number. With best wishes for the cause."—Freelin Walker, Centennial, Thermal City Circuit.

"Your letter of the 4th received and will say you may put our school down as a 100 per cent school on the Centenary movement now on among the schools of our conference. We hope every school in the conference will do likewise."—A. N. James, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Circuit.

"I am out of bed and well again. I got our school to take our allotment. We have 209 members at present on the roll. We have in addition a Cradle roll of 21 babies and a Home Department of 23 members. I think we can round up about 30 in each department soon."—J. R. Query, Epworth, Concord.

"To save you from giving the third notice I will respond. To start with, I am only a boy of 70 years and have been unable to attend church or service all winter and spring, and my assistant and his entire family have had influenza, measles and fever. Consequently we have had no school since October. Our school is a little mountain school and very, very poor people When we start our school I will ascertain what we can do. I want you to know that we are loyal to this great cause."—G. F. Wells, Antioch, Walnut-Antioch Circuit.

"This should have gone to you several days ago, but was overlooked. Our Sunday school was unanimously in favor of this move. We will want an additional 'special' of $100 when they are ready."—I F. Craven, Ramseur, Ramseur-Franklinville.

"Replying to your letter of the 4th, will say I am pleased to advise that the Marion Sunday school has pledged to raise the amount asked for the Centenary movement. On April 6th we had our first collection and received something like $27, which will be forwarded to J. J. Stowe, Nashville, Tenn., at once. You can count on this Sunday school to do its part in this movement."—E. H. Dysort, Marion Station.

"Fair Grove Sunday school has just reorganized, after several months' idleness. Cause, influenza in the community. I am trying to get our school in line on the Centenary movement. I expect to forward our first installment the first Sunday in May. We have some 40 scholars on roll and hope to increase our membership during the summer months. You have our heartiest co-operation in this worthy cause."—E. Searls, Fair Grove, Thomasville Circuit.

"Our school being small at present and some of our little fellows can't pledge on account of parents not being interested, the inclosed card is the best we can do. It is based on our attendance. We are trying to build up our school, and are also trying to get our people interested in missions. Think we will be able to do better later"—G. A. Lefler, Liberty, Davie Circuit.

"Have just received your letter and in reply will say that we have decided we can give $30 the year on the Centenary. I had hoped to make it more, but we have quite a lot of repairing to do on the church and other extra things to pay on this year, but hope we can give more next year."—Mrs. Nora Ward, East Bend, Rural Hall Circuit.

'.'We have taken up the Centenary movement in our school, which you will see from the inclosed subscription blank. Our school seems glad of the chance to work. Please inform me where the money is to be sent. I have not got much information yet."—M. C. Scercy, Unity, Kannapolis Circuit.

"Please find inclosed pledge card for our Sunday school. When I received this card we had not reorganized, owing to the 'flu' in our school. Please list our school with the others in the Advocate."—O. R. Edwards, Hill's Chapel, Lowesville Circuit.

"You may enroll Bethel Sunday school as a 100 per cent school on the Centenary They took the vote yesterday. I hope our other schools will fall in line. Things are looking up on this work. For the past five Sundays the Morven school has averaged 38 per cent increase in attendance and 90 per cent increase in collections. All the schools are doing about as well. We have one more Wesley class at Bethel."—Rev. S. T. Barber, Morven Circuit.

"I read your letter to our school and told them about the matter. The school voted to accept the allotment and authorized the signature, and by the direction of the superintendent I signed the card and inclose it. Any literature or helps you may have for distribution will be gladly received. Our school has been a missionary school for six years."—R. L. Snow, Taylorsville, Alexander Circuit.

> The Sunday school is the whole church and the whole community studying the Bible and practicing it in an organized way.
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> It is the only agency that can meet the twofold requirement for life development of impression and expression for all the people. It is destined through organized class activity to unify and harmonize all church activity.
>
> Frank Siler.

Among the Wesley Bible Classes at Nashville during the two weeks ended April 28 were the following from the Western North Carolina Conference.

"Morning Star," Caraway Memorial Sunday school, near Greensboro, Adult certificate No. 7441. A class of thirty-four men and women, with Mr. D. E. Matthews as teacher and Mr. Edgar Neese president.

"Character Builders," Mt. Pleasant Sunday school, Greensboro, Adult certificate No. 7415. A class of twenty-three men and women, with Mr. O. W. Hines as teacher and Miss Jessie Pillow, president.

"Flinn," Leakesville Sunday school, Intermediate certificate No. 2470. Fourteen girls, organized April 13, Mrs F. M. Flinn teacher and Miss Ruth Moore, president. Their motto, "Be Prepared."

During the same period the Teacher-Training Department reports the enrollment of the following from the Western North Carolina Conference: At Bald Creek, a class of four students, Miss Blanche Penny teacher. At Charlotte, Hawthorne Lane Sunday school, a class of five students, Miss Bertha Casey, teacher.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"Don't let your scholars get the idea that Christian service is sendin' flowers to dead folks an' chicken broth to sick ones. It may be Christian service, an' it may not. There's some folks that ain't sick or dead yet that needs Christian service done for 'em."

"If you're reely enjoyin' your ignerance, don't read the School Stndard. It might spoil your bliss by makin' you wise."

"When fall time comes an' I measure up the cotton an' corn an' hog-meat what Zack Bunch has made on that farm o' mine he works on shares, we just divide what's there—course we can't take no 'count o' what Zack oughter have raised, but on account o' his shiftlessness didn't raise. But I'm wonderin' if the Lord's settlin' with us at judgment day won't take into 'count the crops we might of raised, an' didn't, as well as those we did?"

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LETTERS FROM RHEUMATICS

Possibly you have imagined that you could never get your own consent to write a testimonial letter, but if you have ever experienced the excruciating pains of Rheumatism you can at least appreciate the feelings of those who have been relieved of this terrible disease by drinking the Mineral Water from the justly celebrated Shivar Spring. This water overcomes many diseases, including Indigestion, Gout, Uric Acid Poisoning and Liver and Kidney diseases, but no patrons of the Springs are more enthusiastic in their praise of the water than those who have been relieved of their Rheumatism. Hundreds of letters like the following have been received by the Management:

Dr. Crosby, a South Carolina physician, writes: "I have tested your spring water in several cases of Rheumatism, Chronic Indigestion, Kidney and Bladder troubles and in Nervous and Sick Headaches and find it has acted nicely in each case, and I believe that if used continuously for a reasonable time will give permanent relief. It will purify the blood, relieve debility, stimulate the action of the Liver and Kidneys and Bladder, aiding them in throwing off all poisonous matter."

Dr. Avant of Savannah writes: "I suffered for years with a most aggravating form of Stomach disorder, and consulted a number of our best local physicians, went to Baltimore and consulted specialists there and still I was not benefited. I had about despaired of living when I began using Shivar Spring water, and in a short time I was entirely relieved."

Mr. Rhodes of Virginia writes: "Please send me ten gallons of Shivar Spring Water quickly. I want it for Rheumatism. I know of several who were relieved of Rheumatism with this water."

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Mr. McClam of South Carolina writes: "My wife has been a sufferer from Rheumatism and after drinking twenty gallons of your Mineral Water was entirely relieved of the horrible disease."

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

LEAGUERS, ATTENTION

From time to time, possibly, every week you will nfid some notice upon this page, relative to our coming conference, to be held in Hawthorne Lane church, Charlotte, June 10-12.

We will hold a two day's session, commencing Tuesday evening, June 10 at 8 o'clock, and closing Thursday evening at 9:30, June 12.

A wonderful program has been outlined. If it can be arranged among our Leaguers, and carried out in detail, we may expect the best that has ever been rendered, at least, in the five years of my connection with you. Program will be given in full on this page just as soon as speakers are secured, and all details arranged.

There are many letters that will have to be sent out and I beg of you all that whatever is asked of you to do, comply with a graciousness and willingness that will bring you to the front as ever ready and waiting to serve your Lord.

This special writing is directed to all League presidents. A memorial service will be held in honor of our boys who have given up life in patriotic service. We desire a full list of names of these boys to be read at this specal serivce, to be held at the Thursday morning hour, June 12.

My young friends, let no name be omitted; there is no way of securing these names, only through our League presidents, or some representative from each local chapter; so if a boy (or boys,) have been taken from your midst, present his name at said conference on date mentioned.

Watch, carefully this page, for news concerning approaching conference, and in the meantime, stir up your chapter; and above all, get a list of your delegates and send names promptly to Mrs. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte, N. C. Katharine B. Browning.
Conference Secretary.

GOD'S SPRING

By Grace Duffield Goodwin

If this were all, how could we bear
To lie in darkness and forget
That in some upper, golden air
Spring wakes the violet?

That somewhere lifted, sunlit wings
Begin brave journeys in the blue?
Must it be so, poor, dreaming dead?
Has spring forgotten you?

How can it be that amber brooks,
Gold with the suns of all the year,
Shall seek, content, the river's breast
Knowing you are not here?

If this were all, how could we go
To lie beneath love's futile flowers?
God, Thou wilt grant, on greener hills
A fairer spring than ours!

—Congregationalist.

FITTING ONE'S SELF FOR HIGH PLACES

That no man who takes liquor at any time should be admitted to the air service was the opinion given by a jury not long ago.

The work is dangerous, requiring a clear head and a skilled hand, and no man indulging at any time in strong drink possesses these qualifications in a sufficiently reliable degree to be intrusted with such service.

Indulgence in our off hours in anything that is weakening or harmful is sure to unfit us for high places of service. If we indulge in unclean thoughts we cannot soar to the same heights of inspiration. If we indulge lazily in slip-shod work instead of giving our employer the square deal, we can never fit ourselves for the place of trust.

Whether we can be trusted with the world's difficult tasks and places of honor depends often on the kind of pleasure and recreation in which we indulge in our spare hours.—East and West.

TALLEST CHIMNEY ON EARTH

The new concrete chimney at Sagonoseki, Japan, is said to be the tallest chimney in the world. Four hundred tons of steel and 2,700 cubic yards of concrete were used for the building. The chimney itself is 570 feet high and stands on a hill 430 feet above the copper smelter with which it is connected.—Kind Words.

There are experiences sweet and sour in every life. And it is not well that our menu should contain pickles as well as candy? Moreover to know how sweet the sweet is we must have a taste of the sour now and then.—Baptist Boys and Girls.

THE WAY OF LIFE

Death-fellowship with Christ is followed by life-fellowship with Him. "If we have become united with Him by the likeness of his death, we shall be also by the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him" (Rom. 6.5-8.) Over and over again Christ makes this clear, as the references to which we have already called attention show. He that loses his life for Christ's sake finds it, but he that loves his own life loses it. In other words, we cannot have at the same time what the world calls life and what Christ calls life. The higher can be obtained only by the sacrifice of the lower. One of the most distinguished of living oculists was a great cricketer in his early years, and after he had commenced practice he sought in that pastime a relief from the anxiety and pressure of his professional work. He soon found out, however, that the game interfered with the steadiness of hand so imperative in a man touching one of the most delicate organs of the human body; he found out, in a word, that he could not be a great oculist and a great cricketer at the same time, and he at once died to the lower that he might live to the higher.

Professor Drummond has wisely reminded us that the limitation of the natural life is the necessary condition of the full enjoyment of the spiritual life. "No man," he says, "is called to a life of self-denial for its own sake; it is in order to a compensation which, though sometimes difficult to see, is always real and always proportionate. The life of self-denial is the more abundant life—more abundant just in proportion to the ampler crucifixion of the narrower life. It is a case of exchange, where the advantage is entirely on our side."—J. Gregory Mantle.

The Best Tonic

"Did the doctor do anything to hasten your recovery?"

"Wallace—"Oh, yes; he told me he was going to charge me a guinea a visit."London Tit-Bits.

"Memories, Memories"

"I see they are making shingles out of cement now."

"Then I recall my wish to be a boy again."—Boston Transcript.

CHILDREN'S HOME

FIFTH-SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Rev. W. I. Hughes, Weaverville, Alexander's Chapel SS, $1.11; Miss Ola Callahan, Brevard Institute SS, $8.66; J. W. Allspaugh, Winston-Salem, Centenary SS, $293.19; John F. Stuart, Guilford College, R. 1, Friendship SS, $1.50. Total $304.46.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Jeff Enloe, Franklin, R. 1, $3; W. F. Sanford, Albemarle, Class No. 9, First Street SS, Easter Offering, $5; E. C. Crowell, Acton Church, Easter Offering, $14.41; B. G. Torrence, Cornelius, $2. Total: $24.41.

TEN PER CENT ASSESSMENT

Rev. W. M. Boring, Yadkinville charge, $9.77; M. L. Kiser, Spencer, Central church, $32.05; Rev. T. B. Johnson, Trinity, Randolph charge, $29; Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, Swannanoa charge, $11.55; Rev. W. L. Dawson, Forest City charge, $12.15; Rev. A. G. Loftin, Stony Point charge, $14.40; Rev. W. I. Hughes, Weaverville circuit, $7.59; Rev. John C. Harmon, Walkertown, Loves church, $100; Rev. Dwight W. Brown, Belwood charge, $53; Welch Galloway, Brevard station, $50; Rev. Ira Erwin, Asheboro charge, $150; Rev. J. B. Tabor, Morganton, Table Rock circuit, $12; Rev. M. F. Moores, Hendersonville station, $16; Rev. Otho J. Jones, Weaverville station, $50.86; Rev. R. K. Brady, East Spencer-North Main Street church, $49. Total: $597.37.

TEN PER CENT ASSESSMENT OMITTED APRIL 17

Rev. A. G. Loftin, Stony Point circuit, $25; Rev. J. S. Hiatt, Winston-Salem, Burkhead church, $50; Rev. J. J. Eads, Danbury circuit, $2.10; Rev. T. B. Johnson, Randolph circuit, $6; Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, Swannanoa charge, $5.50; Rev. W. M. Boring, Yadkinville, Prospect circuit, $8.36; Rev. W. M. Boring, Mt. Plasant $3.75; C. P. Rogers, East Flat Rock circuit, $12.74; John C. Watson, Charlotte, Tryon Street church, $75; C. P. Rogers, East Flat Rock, $3.42; Dr. L. T. Smith, Reidsville church, $100; Rev. E. L. Kirk, Kings Mountain circuit, $84; J. A. Smith, Shelby, Sharon, $2.11; Rev. J. E. Gay, Madison-Stoneville charge, $13.74; Rev. J. M. Varner, Farmer, Concord circuit, $5; Rev C. O. Kennerly, Winston-Salem, Liberty Street church, $25.

Note: Rev. J. C. Mock, Rural Hall should be credited with $50 omitted from former report.

FIFTH-SUNDAY AND SPECIAL GIFTS OMITTED

E. A. Leinback, Winston-Salem, R. 2, Mt. Tabor SS, $12.88; Rev. Reid Harris, Fairview SS, $5.76; W. H. Rees, Greensboro, West Market Street SS, $180; W. C. Daniel, Candler, Oak Hill SS, $3; A. C. Morris, Cabarrus, Bethel SS, $3.05; E. C. Coe, Rockford, Stony Knoll SS, 80c; H. N Sharpe, Hiddenite, SS, additional $5; A. B. Rives, Statesville, Race Street SS, $5.50; Carmi Felker, Cleveland SS, $5.25; Miss Nora Ward, Dillard, Cleveland SS, $4; R. S. Kyles, Troutman's SS $4; R. E. Biggerstaff, Forest City SS, $16.50; R. L. Speer, Booneville, R. 2, Center SS, $2.50; Clyde Hathcock, Norwood, R. 2, Mt. Zion SS, $1.20; E. C Foy, Mt. Airy, Central SS, $25; G. V. Bodenheimer, Thosmasville, Trinity SS, $2.36; T. B. Baldwin, Joe, Balding's Chapel SS, $5; Jas. W. Ivey, New London SS, $1.04; C. A. Dorton, Concord, R. 6, Harmony SS, $2.51; R. C. Walser, Lexington, Bethel SS, $2.90; W. L. Gwynn, Mount Airy, R. 5, Salem SS, $2.13; W. L. Freeze, Mooresville, R. 2, McKendree Chapel SS, $1.35; Dr. J. A. Young, Newton SS, $5; J. E. Everhart, Welcome R. 1, Sharon SS, $4.30; Rev. J. E. Gay, Madison, Settle School House SS, $1.68; Rev. J. M. Varner, Farmer, Concord SS, $3; Total: $972.12; Previously reported, $1,538.30; Total to date, $2,330.42; Average contribution of last report, $13.29; Average contribution of all schools so far reported, $12.14; Average contribution of this report $11; Number of Sunday schools on roll, 842; Number of Sunday schools thus far reported, 279: Total number of schools not yet reporting, 563.

SPECIAL GIFTS

"Two Charlotte Friends," $10; W. H. Clarke, Winston-Salem, Easter Offering, $10; Mrs. D. W. Potts, Franklin, R. 1, Easter Offering, $1; R. H. Latham's Bible class, West End, Winston-Salem, $24; C. F. Lambeth, Thomasville, Main Street SS, and Philathea class, $50. Total: $95. Previously reported, $699.12; Total to date: $794.12.

SAVED IN AND FROM PRISON

G. D. Parker

Cases of conversion through the reading of the Bible are numerous in missionary literature, but those effected by the Methodist Discipline are rare. To the latter class belongs the interesting case of Gaudencio Maia, a customs employee on the Brazilian frontier at Uruguayana. About six years ago he was transferred from this place to Livramento where he became involved in a quarrel with a neighbor of powerful physique and criminial reputation. One day this notorious character attempted to enter Gaudencio's home. During the hand-to-hand struggle that ensued an enemy slipped up and, unobserved by the combatants, stabbed the bully in the back. He fell in Gaudencio's arms, who naturally was accused of the murder. He was arrested and placed in solitary confinment.

Alone and among strangers his wife was almost hopeless, but the widow who owned the little house which they had rented asked her to go to her home, as it was dangerous to remain alone, the slain man's friends having threatened vengeance. She went and it happened through God's providence that that very night our native pastor, Eduardo Menna Barreta, held a cottage meeting in the home. Gaudencio's wife attended the meeting and the Gospel message fell as balm upon her troubled spirit.

As soon as he could communicate with her, the prisoner asked his wife to send him something religious to read to while away the tedium of his lonely cell. His wife requested the pastor to lend her a book on religion and he, thinking that she wished to read up on the doctrine of the Methodist church, gave her the Discipline which she sent to her husband. The reading of it awakened his conscience, inspired his faith and finally, after pastoral visitation, prayer and interest, led to his conversion in jail.

While all was dark as to the outcome of his trial, all was light in his heart and he believed that God would not forsake him, since he had "commi'ted his way unto Him," but would "bring forth his righteousness as the light." Circumstantial evidence was strongly against him; the murdered man was rich and had influential friends, while Gaudencio was poor, unknown and friendless. He managed, however, to retain counsel and when he came to trial, strange to say, was acquitted. This wonderful good fortune he attributed to Divine intervention.

Being a man of much natural ability and but few advantages he, after having found Christ, decided to improve every opportunity for intellectual development. He has done this to such goor purpose that he has risen steadily in his profession. When I first knew him, nearly four years ago, he was living in a ramshackle mud hut with dirt floor and straw roof; today a neat and comfortable brick cottage stands on the site of the hut. While engaged in material and intellectual improvements, the spiritual has not been neglected, but rather has been the inspiration and cause of the former. He is the teacher of a class of young men in Sunday school, the superintendent of an afternoon Sunday school in the factory district, and president of our board of stewards, an all-round, faithful, efficient, humble follower of Jesus Christ.

The Centenary program as outlined for Brazil will lead other eager, earnest souls to the living Christ who alone can save.

At School

"Tell me, boys, the last thing used in a farm implement, and also in trade that is like the letter 'S'?"

"A shoe, ma'am," said a boy at the end of the class.

"How so,, Nicholas?" asked the teacher.

"Because 'tis in a last,' ma'am."

"Now, again," said the teacher. "Hands up, all who can tell me anything they know that's like the letter 'A'?"

"A honeysuckle, miss," said a boy named Peter.

"How is it like a honeysuckle, Peter?"

"Because it is followed by a 'Bee,' miss."

THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

TEN DAYS MORE BEFORE THE BIG DRIVE FOR THE CENTENARY

Thorough preparation for the drive is exceedingly important. Directors, team captains and teams should all be ready for one of the most important tasks ever committed to the hands of men when May the 18 arrives.

May 18-25 will go down in Methodist history as an historic week.

Some congregations are waiting anxiously for the coming of the drive. Everything is ready for the Centenary subscriptions to be taken, and the teams are anxious to do the work.

The motto adopted by the laymen of the Waynesville district is, "The first district over the top." Evidently a new day is dawning for this large district, which stretches over seven counties. The increase in pastor's salaries for this year is over $4,000 On Ranger circuit the other day the stewards jubilantly voted a $200 increase on salary.

The city press carries the good news that Central church, Asheville, will, in the Centenary movement, build two memorial churches in mission fields and support the pastors of three churches. The two churches to be built will be memorials to Drs. Chas. W. Byrd and E. K. Hardin. Funds have been provided by Asheville Methodism for the building of another church in Soochow, China, to be known as the Asheville church. It is stated that the Byrd memorial church will be built in Japan, and that Hardin memorial church will be built in Brazil. The pastors of these three churches are to be supported by the Central congregation.

"I will put that new dress I was planning for into the Centenary," said a lady to the secretary the other day.

Little Marlene Lowe, of Thomasvilleville was very happy as she came to the meeting of the Junior division in Main Street church a few weeks ago. It was the day for opening the mite boxes. When Marlene's box was opened $5 appeared. This was the proceeds of a missionary hear.

OUR MISSION FIELS—CUBA

I. WHAT WE HAVE

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II. WHAT WE ARE DOING

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III. THE TASK BEFORE US

To reach the untoucher masses. Only one person in two hundred of the population is an evangelical Christian.

To reach the number for which Southern Methodism is responsible—860,000 our share.

To give the Cuban people a Biblical Christianity; to guide them into an intelligent conception and acceptance of Christ as their only hope of salvation.

To leaven the mass of 600,000 Cuban children with Christian doctrine.

To train boys and girls to become leaders in church, community and state.

To promote the founding of Christian homes by educating both boys and girls.

To provide a Christian literature for Cuba.

IV. WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO

Send out 14 additional workers; develop and train more native preachers and teachers.

Develop native pastoral leadership to the highest degrees of efficiency.

Provide thorough training for native ministry in Candler college and in Bible and Theological institutes.

Improve existing publications and increase their circulation.

JUST FOR FUN

The teacher was giving the school a little lecture on good conduct. "Avoid criticizing," she said. "Don't make a practice of finding fault with other people, or picking flaws in what they say or do."

"Teacher," spoke up a little boy, "tha't the way my father makes his livin'!"

"You surprise me, George! What is your father's accupation?"

"He's a proof reader, ma'am."

The teacher coughed,. "Well George" she said, "I make an exception in the case of your father."—The Youth's Companion.

Johnny—"Dad, there's a girl at our school whom we call Postscript."

Dad—"Postcript? What do you call her Postscript for,"

Johnny—"Cos her name is Adeline Moore."

Get a Man-sized Job

It is so easy to find fault that self-respecting persons ought to be ashamed to waste their energies in that way. —Boston Transcript.

Unveiled Truth

The visitor had dropped in "just for a minute," but she remained about three hours after the minute was up.

Little Freddie had formed several plans, the execution of which must be postponed till the departure of his mother's guest, so he sat quietly thinking things.

"Dear little man!" gushed the visitor. "And what is he thinking about so deeply."

"I was wondering if it wasn't time for you to be going," said Freddie.

"Hush!" said his mother. Then, turning to her guest: "You mustn't be offended, Mrs. Smith. Children will go blurting out the truth without thinking, but they don't mean anything by it."

Then Mrs. Smith recollected that she had only three minutes in which to catch the last car home.

Her Broken Heart

She was an incorrigible flirt, and she was married. Therefore she deemed it quite safe to say pretty things to the handsome captain by her side.

"I suppose," she remarked, "you've broken many a woman's heart?"

"Only one," replied he, "And that was some years ago."

She scented romance.

"Do tell me about it!" she persisted.

"Well, several years ago I had occasion to journey up north. My only companion in the railway compartment was a very pretty girl. We rode on for many hours together, and no one else entered the carriage—"

"Yes, yes?" she interrupted eagerly.

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CHURCH EXTENSION NOTES

Mrs. Corinna Patrick, of Greensboro, N. C., has recently established with the Board of Church Extension a memorial on the annuity plan.

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A good friend of the church extension cause recently sent in his checks amounting to $3,000 establishing the "V. V. Loan Fund." This money will be loaned for the building of churches and will be doing good throughout all the years to come.

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William E. Griffin, of Miami, Fla., a loyal Methodist, has recently deeded to the Board of Church Extension property valued at $20,000 on the annuity plan. Brother Griffin has thus established for himself a memorial as lasting as time.

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Mrs. B. P. Wilson, of Lake Butler, Fla., sent her check some time since for $200 establishing a memorial on the annuity plan.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, of Vidette, Ga., life-long Methodists, have established a $3,000 memorial with the Board of Church Extension on the annuity plan. After these worthy people have been carried home by the angels they will be making possible the preaching of the gospel they so much enjoyed while here.

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Miss Anna L. Woods, of Roanoke, Va., has adopted a unique plan in taking out three $100 annuity bonds with the Board of Church Extension, making the annuity payable to her nephews and niece, the amount being payable just before Christmas. This annuity comes annually as a Christmas gift to these little folks and will be continued during their entire lives.

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Rev. W. W. Spates, of Flemingsburg, Ky., recently sent in his check for $500 establishing a memorial with the Board of Church Extension for himself and wife.

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Miss Jessie Schriver, of Fort Thomas, Ky., recently established with the Board of Church Extension a $1,000 memorial fund in memory of Miss Jessie Lee.

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Mrs. Martha J. Ross, of McLoud, Okla., recently sent in her check for $300 and received an annuity bond bearing good interest while she lives. This money goes to swell the loan fund capital.

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A Good woman from West Virginia recently sent her check for $1,000 making a straight donation to the loan fund capital.

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Dr. H. A. Boaz in his report to the annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension states that during the past eleven months as secretary of the board he has visited twenty-one annual conferences and sixty-nine pastoral charges, traveling more than 53,000 miles, a distance reaching more than twice around the globe. He has spoken publicly in delivering addresses or preaching sermons more than 100 times, and has assisted in raising $203,958 for the building of new churches or the payment of church debts. In the meantime he added $147,301 to the loan fund capital.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

A Jewish Overture to Christian Clergymen

So many requests have come to J. M., P. O. box 202, Noroton Heights, Conn., in response to the offer of a copy, absolutely without charge, of Rabbi H. G. Enelow's "The War and the Bible" that the first edition is exhausted and another edition of the book has been ordered and is now printing. The committee is delighted with the number and character of the applications that keep coming in, and repeats its invitation to those who have not accepted. So many requests have come from non-clergymen to be allowed to purchase copies it may be well to say that "The War and the Bible" is a regularly published book, which can be had of any bookseller.

The Secretary of the Committee.

ORIENTATION

M. H. Newton

There are six definitions in the dictionary—all in their last analysis meaning "towards the East"—the source of light; the begniing; the rising sun. In this connection we note the custom of placing a church so the high altar will be to the east and of burying the dead with feet toward the east, so he may face the coming Lord whose star in the east indicates he may appear in that quarter.

Orientation also means that instinct in animals to find the way home, as the homing pigeon. Such expressions as "Chickens come home to roost"—"The cat came back" indicates it. Bryant expresses it in "To a Waterfowl."

He who from zone to zone
Guides through the sky thy certain flight
In the long way that I must tread alone
Will lead my steps aright.

But there is another meaning, a seventh and a holier, not now in the hearts of men. "Towards the East" means to bring salvation to these orientals who know not Christ. From the western line of Asia to the eastern line of America is 65 degrees while it is four times that far around by the East, so East is West, and there is no longer any dividing line. Just as the Civil war did away with the North and South line and we are all one, so this last war has broken down the Chinese wall and we are brothers. We may be the big brother but we must protect our little brothers.

April 2 Venus and the Moon were in conjunction, the star and the crescent. What does it mean? It means that we shall extend Christ's kingdom to Turkey.

Watchman tell us of the night
Higher yet the star ascends
Traveler blessedness and light
Peace and truth its course portends.

Is Asia only orient? No, East is West. The Centenary Plans call for help to those in need, whether Africa's sunny fountains need healing, or India's coral strand is strewn with wrecks of Budda. The Centenary provides that the Earth shall be full of His knowledge and glory as waters that cover the sea.

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WHAT CHARLIE LOST

"Charlie lost something last night." said the professor to a class of boys one Monday.

"What was it?" asked one.

"Something valuable," said the professor.

Charlie was looking at the professor with as much curiosity as the other boys.

"Where did he lose it?" asked another.

"Up by the church," answered the professor.

Charlie moved a little uneasily.

"What time was it?" asked a boy.

"About half past eight," replied the professor.

Charlie dropped his head.

"Was it a dollar?" asked one boy.

"No." The professor shook his head, "It was worth much more than a dollar—yes, than ten—twenty dollars.

"Can't we go hunt?" suggested one of the class, who was ever ready to hunt lost things.

"No." replied the professor. "Nobody can find it but Charlie, and it will take him a long time."

The class set puzzled for a moment.

"Do you want to know what it was?"

All the boys were looking up eager to know—all except Charlie—his head was down.

"It was the good opinion of five good men." The professor spoke seriously. "During the church services last night Charlie was on the outside running around. He thought it would be fun to pry up a window a few inches and let it drop with a bang. He did it—and, of course, was seen. Somebody always finds out those things. And when service was over I heard five or six men—good men, important men—speaking about the boy's conduct. They were much surprised—they had thought well of Charlie, and had believed he was going to grow up to be a manly, useful fellow. But now—well, they shook their heads—and that kind of conduct was a mighty bad start."

The professor spoke regretfully, and looked disappointed, too.

"Strange how some boys do not understand what is fun and what is not. Strange they forget how valuable a good name is; how much it is worth to have the good opinion of a good man, and how foolish it is to lose that good opinion by some silly trick that is not any real fun at all. Every right-thinking person wants boys to have fun. They like to see you have a food time. But whenever a boy or a man, tries to have fun by wronging or disturbing others, it makes out a bad case for him, and he loses part of the good opinion people have of him." —William H. Hamby, in Young Christian Soldier.

WHEN THE GUESTS ARE GONE

Will you have a cup of tea, Dolly?
And a bit of candy, too?
It's the best we had and I'm very glad
That some was left for you.

Oh, yes, we had a lovely party.
And I like them all, you know;
But when it's through I'm glad that you
Are not the one to go.

You never scold or cry, Dolly,
Nor upset what Ive planned;
I never heard you speak a word,
But I know you understand!

So have a cup of tea, Dolly,
And cake and candy, too;
The best of fun when the party's done
Is my little chat with you.
—Harriett Southerland, in Youth's Companion.

THE MEMBER IN FRANCE

By Adelaide Lyons

Jean and Jeanette looked so much alike that nobody but Mother could tell them apart. Everybody else just called them "The Bentley Twins." Everybody except Uncle Harry. He called them "The Sunshiners" because they were always so happy.

They used to say a little rhyme Mother had taught them.

"One is I and one is she
Now can you tell which is me?"

And no one could tell.

On their sixth birthday Uncle Harry gave them two furry white rabbits with pink eyes.

"Oh, such loevly bunnies," said Jean, and Jeantte echoed,

"Such lovely bunnies."

"Why they are so much alike I can't tell them apart," Jean said as she put them down on the grass.

"They must be twins like we are."

"Yes, they're twin rabbits. Let's call them Bun and Bunette."

The children loved Bun and Bunette better than any of their pets, and never tired of watching their pink noses wrinkle when they ate lettuce.

The only trouble was that the little girls couldn't tell the rabbits apart, and as Mother Bunny was not there, nobody knew which was Bun and which was Bunette.

But one morning when Jean went out to see the pets, she found that one poor bunny was dead.

"Oh, Mother," she cried running back into the house, "Jeanette's rabbit is dead. Isn't it too bad?"

By that time Jeanette had gone to the rabbit house.

"Oh, Jean," she called. "Come here. Your rabbit is dead."

"Tisn't mine. It's yours."

And then a sad day began. First Jean and Jeanette quarrelled about whose pet had died, and then they cried because one of the rabbits was gone.

They were crying when Uncle Harry came in to see them.

"Why, what's the matter with my Sunshiners?" He asked.

When they told him about the rabbit, he said, "I know how to remedy that. Take this and buy another one."

So he threw them a big shiny silver dollar and went away.

The twins ran to show the dollar to Mother.

"And we can have Bun and Bunette just the same as before." Jeanette laughed.

"I wonder if it will be the same. Mother, will our old Bunny love another one just the same as if it were his own twin?"

Mother didn't know, but the more the twins thought about it, the surer they were that nobody could take the place of your own twin.

"What are we going to do about it?" they asked.

Mother looked for a minute at the two troubled faces. Then she took a little girl on each knee and said:

"I know what I'd do if I were you. You know about the war in France and how it destroyed lots of houses and things."

The twins nodded.

"Well, there used to be a great many rabbits over there. Every family had some, and now since the war most of them are gone. If I were you I'd send my dollar to buy a rabbit for some little French girl."

"How could we do it?" both the twins asked at once.

"Our church is going to send a lot of money to help the people over there, and if you would give it to the preacher on Sunday, he would know how to send it."

For a minute Jean looked at Jeantte and Jeanette looked at Jean. Then they said.

"Let's"

"And we will have a member of our family in France," Jean laughed.

"Come on, let's tell Bun about it," Jeanette said.—Selected.

THE LITTLE COOK

By Florence Jones Hadley

Sometimes when mamma goes away
And leaves the work for me,
I quickly tidy all the house,
Then hurry to get tea.

I try and try so hard to think
Of something good to eat,
And everything that I like best
Somehow seems to be sweet.

I Get some cookies and some tarts,
A cake all frosted white,
A jar of jam, a jelly mold,
Then tea is ready quite.

And when my papa hurries home
As hungry as can be,
He laughs and says he's very glad
He has a cook like me.
—From Child's Gem.

THE OTHER ROBIN

Montreal, as most people know, is blessed with long, cold winters. The snow covers the ground for about five months, while the thermometer is often down below zero. Consequently all the song-birds leave early in the autum and do not return till toward the end of April or the begnning of May. Of course the English sparrow stays, for the sparrow can live, it seems, in any climate. The crow and the flicker also stay, but they cannot be classed as "song-birds."

This winter it was a surprise for one to see a robin feeding on the dried berries which still hang on the Virginia creeper which covers part of our house. We wondered at first what had kept him from flying off with all the other robins last October, at which time we often see large flocks making their annual migration South, but we soon found that one of his wings had been injured, and this had no doubt been the reason for his enforced stay.

He must have found some very warm shelter in which to spend the nights (and I assure you we have had one or two evry colds ones), although the winter, on the whole, has been very mild—for Montreal. We could not but pity our robin, for we knew he must be very lonely, with only the sparrows, who are his "sworn enemies," for company. The robins and the sparrows, it is sad to relate, fight all summer long. One morning about Christmas-time we saw for the first time the injured robbin's mate! The two were having a very substantial breakfast of berries. Since the return of the "other robin" we often see them feeding together.

Now the most interesting part of my story is the fact that the "other robin" came all the way back from the South. Heretofore we always thought that robins did not remain mated after the young birds had been fledged. We knew that the old nest was never reoccupied and it seemed natural that a new mate might be chosen to make the new nest in the far-South after the long flight. (Our robins never build a second nest in the season). And then also, as the flocks going South number hundreds, it would seem likely that mates might get separated by miles and miles, and never find each other again. We know now, however, that robins remain mated, and we also know that mated robins will seek each other, even going hundreds of miles to do so.

At Christmas the long-separated one having appeared for the first time, I have no doubt that last October, when the time came for the long Southern journey, and hundreds of robins congregated, the "other robin" flew off with the great flock, and did not miss her mate till the end of the long journey had been reached. When she could not find her mate, she must have started North, probably flying over exactly the same ground, searching every corner, covering hundreds of miles. How far she flew may be roughly estimated by the time it took to get back here. It was about three months.—Lewis Skaife, in the Christian Register.

MY RACER

Some people have buggies and horses to ride
And autos with just lots of room.
But the racer that pleases me best of them all
Is my mother's old-fashioned broom.
—A. W., in Our Boys and Girls.

WHAT AMY SAID

"There's a bad boy moved into the house next our," said Bobby Magee to Amy Brown. "When my ball rolled into his yard he—he kept it. Then I threw a stone at hime and he threw one back. He set his dog on my cat. And I can't begin to tell all the mean things he's done."

"That's too bad," said Amy. "A naughty little girl lived near me for a while, but I made her go away."

"How did you do it?" asked Bobby. "Do you suppose I could make Willie Travers move, too?"

"Why, of course, you could," said Amy, holdling up one plump finger. "I did it by throwing things back."

"Throwing things?" said Bobby.

"That is just what I did."

"Yes; but you thew the wrong kind of things. When Nellie threw a stone I threw an apple. When she found my paper dolls and tore them up I made a funny little one out of an ear of corn and put it in the mail box. She pulled up my flowers once, but I gave her some pansy plants. After that she was nice."

"That sounds," Bobby said, "like something we learned at Sunday school about 'returning good for evil.' I guess I will try it with Willie. I'll invite him to my party."

"I think that would be very nice," said Amy. "We will all see that he has a good time."—Selected.

A SLIP OF THE KNIFE

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Our Dead

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CRARY.—Edith Jones, daughter of Charles B. and Sarah Jones, was born March 18, 1873. When but a girl she was converted and joined the Methodist church. On November 18, 1895, she was happily married to Truman B. Crary, of Brevard. To this union four children were born. The eldest son had just returned from overseas a week before the mother became ill with influenza. In another week she had passed away, leaving her husband, four children and other relatives to lament her untimely death. Her remains were laid away in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Crary was an excellent woman, a loving wife and mother, a devout christian and a faithful church member. She will be missed in the home, church and community. "Living, Christ lived in her; Dying, she lives in Him."

W. E. Poovey.

CANNON.—Sister Jane E. Cannon, widow of the late Wesley Cannon, was born January 26, 1841, and died March 22, 1919.

She leaves two daughters and five sons to mourn the loss of a very kind and devoted mother.

She has been a member of Littlejohns Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for many years and her Christian life was of a very high order.

She was loyal to God and to her church and has, for years exerted a great influence for good in the community where she has lived.

Brother Julius G. Rader, of Littlejohns church, says that she was one of several devoted Christians whose lives so influenced him, when a young man, as to make him what he is as a Christian.

Her maiden name was Corpening and thus she came of one of the leading families of this community.

The funeral sermon was preached by her pastor to a very large audience of relatives and friends who assembleld in Littlejohns church to pay their last respects to one whom they much esteemed and loved.

Elmer Simpson.

JACKSON.—Leona Jackson, daughter of B. E. and Annie Jackson, was born in Randolph county, N. C., October 30, 1902, and died February 5, 1919, being sixteen years old her last birthday. She was converted during the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Varner and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Denton, October 8, 1916, and remained a loyal member till death. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, at New Hope church and her body was laid to reest in the burial plot near the church.

By her godly life and example she won the respect and high esteem of her associates.

To her the battle is fought, the victory won, she has passed to the heaven of perfect rest where no cruel influenza can harm, or close the service at the Father's house, or hinder in making her request known to loved ones.

The family circle is broken here, may it be unbroken in the heavenly home and the God of all grace keep the bereaved parents, the three brothers and friends.

P. H. Brittain.

KENNEDY.—Thomas W. Kennedy was born August 6, 1876 and died October 26, 1918, aged forty-two years, two months and nineteen days.

He was married to Miss Maggie Arnold May 15, 1906. Thomas Kennedy was a man of noble character, quiet and unassuming in manner, a consecrated Christian man and a devoted husband. He was always ready to do his part in all that was right. He was especially loyal to his church and church work. He was at almost every church service, and a regular attendent at Sunday school.

He was patient in his sickness and thoughtful of those who were dear to him, especially of his wife, who was ill of influenza at the time of his death. His precept and example will linger in the hearts and minds of his friends and relatives. He professed religion and joined the church in young manhood. He said during his last illness that he was on his way to Heaven, and that he saw Jesus; that the gates were opened wide for him. May God bless the wife who is left alone and all his relatives. May they all meet around God's bright throne to part no more.

T. B. Johnson.

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No more loyal and devoted member could have been found than he; always ready to respond to every call, whether of time, service or resources, he was true to every trust committed to him; was an inspiring leader and enthusiastic co-laborer and faithful friend of the college in all of its highest and best ambitions and ideals. We shall miss his genial presence from our gatherings and his absence will create a vacancy which it will be very difficult to fill. We are comforted, however, that in the midst of our sorrow we can rejoice in the consciousness that our brother has passed out of the strenuousness of this life into one of peace and joy and contentment; that his life was as white, pure and unsullied as the snow; he lived above the contaminating influence of the sordid life, and carried with him wherever he went the marks of an unspotted character.

To his wife and children we extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathy and love, and pray that in the hour of this bereavement they may be divinely comforted and sustained by the unseen Hand, who has promised to be a help and comforter to all who turn to Him in the hour of need.

We commit this memorial to our records as a faint expression of our appreciation of our departed brother, and await the final triumphs of the resurrection of that unbroken circle around the Father's throne.

E. L. Bain,
S. B. Turrentine.
C. H. Ireland.

DEATON.—Mrs. Fannie Eva Keener Deaton was born May 23, 1891. Was married to Fred A. Deaton, Novemebr 20, 1912. Died of pneumonia folowing influenza, December 4, 1918, aged twenty-seven years, six months and eleven days. She was the daughter of George W. and Elvira Keener, of Maiden, N. C. Her father and mother, two brothers and several sisters, her husband and one child (a little boy) survive her. She professed faith in Christ in early childhood and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Maiden, where she lived a consistent and loyal member until God called her home. She always had the interest of the church at heart and was ready to do her part in every undertaking. She was a faithful teacher in the Sunday school for several years and had charge of the Cradle Roll at the time of her death.

She was a faithful member of the Ladies Aid Society. We, her fellow workers, will greatly miss her presence and excellent influence. While we are sad on account of her departure, we know that our loss is her gain. We submit to the will of the good Father above and extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

Mrs. C. H. Curtis,
Mrs. G. L. Whisnant,
Mrs. B. M. Spratt, Jr.
Committee Ladies Aid Society.

WRIGHT.—John W. Wright was born February 10, 1878, was married to Miss Dovie Clark August 20, 1905 and died April 18, 1919.

Brother Wright professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church September 1, 1917.

In the presence of a large cngregation we laid his body to rest in the family burying ground at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Dallas Clark.

He leaves his widow and one son, Bennie, age twelve years; two brothers and his mother to mourn the loss of an affectionate father and husband; a true brother and an obedient son. The church has lost a faithful member and faithful steward, and the community a good citizen.

J. I. S.

REDFERN.—On Easter morning William Dorsey Redfern died at his home in Ansonville, N. C., at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. In a very marked degree he had the characteristics of our great spiritual progenitor, Isaac. He did not have the daring pioneer spirit of Abraham, nor the aggressive shrewdness of Jacob, but the quiet, retiring, unassuming disposition of Isaac. Like Isaac, too, his long life was uneventful except as the tumultuous currents of the world demanded action, and then he was not lacking. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and to the end there was a most beautiful affection existing between him and his old army comrades.

Because of his own and his wife's patrimony he was necessarily a farmer, but it was not in agriculture but in education that he made his chief contribution to the world. Many successive generations bear grateful witness to his ability and faithfulness as a teacher. For many years he was also superintendent of education in Anson county, and did in this field a work of great value during the period when public education was securing in the midst of many difficulties an established place of power with us.

In 1860, he was happily married to Miss Winnifred Watkins, and their home has been characterized by the peculiar charm and gracious hospitality so well known in the best families of the Ante-Bellum South. There are three children, C. W. Redfern, of Ansonville; Mrs. R. L. Mauney, of Kings Mountain; and Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, of Charlotte; the two daughters having two children each. Had he and his wife lived till next December, they would have celebrated their golden wedding.

In early life Mr. Redfern dedicated his life to God and united with the Methodist church. He was devoted to the church, and in his last years that devotion was particularly beautiful and inspiring. In age and feebleness extreme, in heat or cold, almost to the last he would be found in God's house on Sunday mornings. For many years he was teacher of the Bible class, and when he would have resigned because of feebleness, his class would not permit it, but furnished a supply teacher the few Sundays he was not able to be present.

It seemed very fitting that God should take him to Himself at the Sunday school hour on Easter morning. After a serious illness of three days with pneumonia the end came very quietly. One of the daughters understood him to call my name, and say "Psalm," I then started to read the 91st Psalm, but even while I was reading his gentle spirit went to his God.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. R. Bell, assisted by his aged friend, Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, of the Baptist church. The large number present from Anson and the neighboring counties indicated something of the deep affection in which he was held.

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Third Round

	May
Swannanoa, West's Chapel	24-25
Black Mountain	25
Flat Rock	31-June 1
	June
Saluda	1
Hot Springs	7-8
Central	8
Fairview, Bethany	14-15
Weaverville, 11 a. m.	15
Biltmore, 8 p. m.	15
Henderson, Reedy Patch	21-22
Hendersonville	22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
	August
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Trinity, 11 a. m.	4
Spencer Memorial, night	4
Brevard Street, 11 a. m.	11
Thrift, night	11
Seversville, Trinity,, 11 a. m.	18
Chadwick, Chadwick, 3 p. m.	18
Belmont, night	18
Tryon Street, 11 a. m.	25
Calvary, night	25
	June
Pineville, Marvin,	May 31-1
Hickory Grove, Derita, 3 p. m.	8
Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m.	14-15
Monroe, Central, night	15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Dilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Uwharrie circuit, Union	3
Asheboro, 11 a. m.	4
Randolph circuit, Pleasant Hill	10-11
High Point, Main Street, night	11

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round in Part

	May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel	3-4
Danbury, Delta	10-11
Dobsen, Rockford	17-18

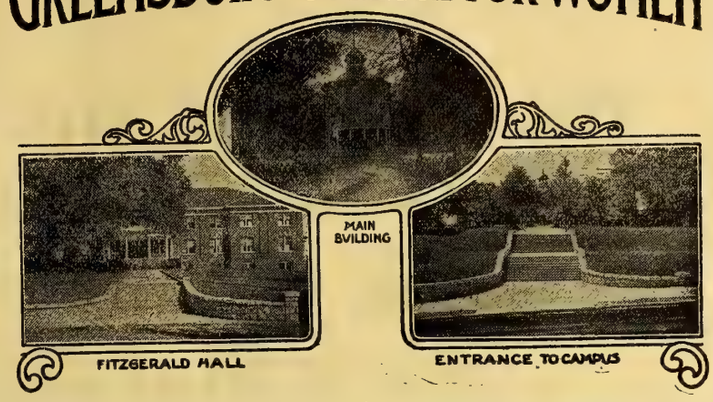
MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	May
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville at Burnsville	2-3-4
A Centenary rally beginning Friday night.	
Thermal City, Pisgah	10-11
Marion circuit, Pleasant Garden	17-18
Mill Spring, Bethlehem	24-25
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa	31-June 1

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m.	26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m.	26-27
	May
Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m.	10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m.	10-11

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NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
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Second Round

	May
Avery circuit, Pisgah	3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma	10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's	17-18
North Wilkes Mission	24-25
North Wilkesboro station	24-25
Wilkes circuit	31-June 1
Wilkesboro station	31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

	May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	4
Stanley, 7 p. m.	7

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Gold Hill, Zion	3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night	4
Concord circuit, Carmel	10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m.	11
Kerr Street, night	11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill	17-18
First Street, night	18
Salisbury circuit	24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage	31-June 1
	June
Kannapolis station	1
Bethel-Loves	7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Hayesville, Oak Forest	3-4
Glenville	10-11
Highlands	11-12
Fines Creek	17-18

Third Round

Webster-Cullowhee, Dillsboro, May31, June 1.

	June
Bryson and Whittier, Olivet	1-2
Haywood, Davis Chapel	7-8
Clyde, Clyde	8-9
Sylva	14-15
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, 4 p. m.	15
Macon, Maidens Chapel	21-22
Franklin, night	22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge	23
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

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Salem, April 20, night.
South Side, April 27, a. m.
Walkertown, April 27, 3 p. m. and night.
Kernersville, Kernersville, May 3-4.
Burkhead, May 4, night.
New Hope circuit, Eleazer, May 10-11.
Grace, May 18, a. m.
Liberty Street, May 18, night.
Centenary, May 25, a. m.
West End, May 25, night.
Advance, Mocks, May 31-June 1.
Hanes-Clemmons, Mt. Pleasant, June 2.
Farmington, June 6-8. Quarterly meeting at Wesley Chapel, June 7, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.
Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.
Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.
Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.
Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.
South Thomasville, July 4, night.
Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
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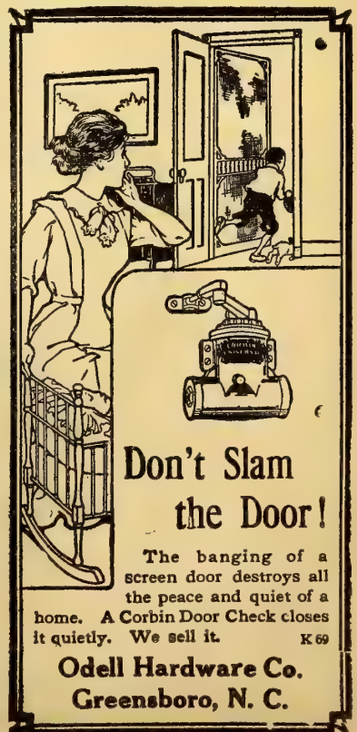
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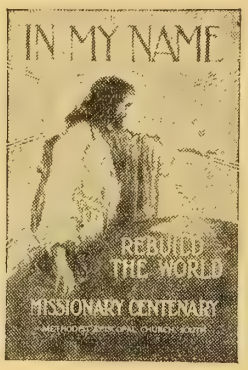
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IS IT NOTHING TO YOU THAT THESE NEEDY ONES PERISH FOR WHAT YOU HAVE TO GIVE? THAT MONEY, THAT PROPERTY WHICH YOU CALL YOURS is only held in trust. God, the owner, your Father and theirs, wants these, His other children, to share what you hold for him. **THE TENTH IS THE LORD'S. THE TENTH IS THE MINIMUM.** Your part may be more.

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"GIVE till your heart says, 'Stop,' " the poster reads.
"Give till it hurts," a voice takes up the cry.
"Count not the sacrifice too great at home
For those who do and die."

BRAVE words are these; words of our nation's own
Who travel o'er the haunted seas to share
The burden of the white man's load, too great
For brothers there to bear.

BUT Thou, O Spirit of our God, descend
Upon Thy people, born in Liberty;
Teach us to say, "We give unto the end—
Until the world be free."

—*Leonora Sill Ashton.*

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PRAYER FOR VICTORY

Our Father, Thou hast loved us with a love that sin could not quench nor rebellion destroy; a love that gave Thy Son to live and serve and suffer that we might live and serve and rejoice.

Teach us to come to Thee humbly and yet confidently. May we neither be made presumptuous by pride nor discouraged by our unworthiness. Shine upon us with a light that shall reveal our hideous infidelities and yet speak to us with a tenderness like that of a mother to an erring child.

Thou hast brought us to a great hour. Thou hast lifted us to a great place. Thou hast laid upon us a great responsibility. We are awed by the magnitude of our task and overwhelmed with a sense of our insufficiency. May we remember that Thy promises are equal to Thy commands and Thy grace commensurate with Thy purposes. Save us from doubt and deliver us from discouragement. May we gird ourselves for the battle without counting the cost. May we advance to the rescue of a stricken world with the prelude of victory singing in our hearts.

Deliver us from our pettiness and from the poverty of our past ideals. May we dare to set new standards of loyalty and service. Fill us with a new passion and discover to us possibilities of service hitherto unsuspected.

Rebuke the unbelieving and reassure those who have lost hope by the vision of Thy people lifted to the flaming height of victorious adventure. Speak again to Thy dull world by the miracle of a people transformed, obedient and girt with power ready to attempt the impossible. Begin in us a new and more glorious chapter of spiritual biography and a new power of Christian achievement.

We dare to ask great things of Thee, although we be weak and unworthy. Thou art able. We lift our eyes above the task and above the poor instrument. Thou hast called us. Thou hast commissioned us. Thou wilt make good. Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. It is ours only to obey and to dare till we see Thy salvation.

May we be able to hasten the day when Thy kingdom shall rule over all the earth; when Thy power shall hold sway through all forces and when Thy glory shall flood the nations! Amen.

THE LAST WORD

This is our last word editorially before the great drive in our Centenary. We have faith in God and also in North Carolina Methodists. As we have approached this event in the history of our great church the conviction has deepened that we are following God's leadership. We believe, moreover, that our people as a whole feel the same way about it, and therefore we can expect nothing but victory in the great drive. We believe that the number who have failed to catch the step and march in line are exceedingly few, and they are to be pitied rather than blamed. There are a few people who do not know, and therefore do not consider. They are the few that have not been reached. The value of publicity and education through the press is for the first time having a sufficient test to demonstrate its real worth in the work of the kingdom, and henceforth the church paper is to have a larger place.

By the way, this suggests the importance of a timely reminder. At our last annual conference the report of our Board of Publication, the Committee on Books and Periodicals concurring, recommended that a part of our Centenary offering should be $50,000. for the endowment of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Of course, this can not be a part of the $35,000,000, but, as we understand it, any individual or congregation having met the regular apportionment can give in addition to objects of their own choosing. We are therefore expecting this $50.000. as a by-product of the Centenary in the Western North Carolina Conference. We are looking for a good number of pledges to be reported for this important fund, and we beg our friends who have stood by us in all the years not to forsake us in this most important enterprise of all. These pledges will be paid in five annual installments. Let us do this over and above our part of the $35,000,000.

Jesus, our Great Captain, leads, and He expects every man to do his duty.

THE BARACA-PHILATHEA CONVENTION

This inter-denominational body was the guest of Greensboro churches last Saturday and Sunday. The fact that it is inter-denominational gives it a sort of fascination to almost every one, and the meetings are always largerly attended and inspiring. The social feature figures largely and we have no doubt that the cause of the Sunday school, especially the organized class, is greatly helped.

The convention was specially favored in having the presence of Marshall A. Hudson, national president and the founder of the organization; also a number of distinguished workers. Mrs. N. Buckner, of Asheville, general secretary and editor of the Herald, has rendered very efficient service and was honored by special resolutions of commendation and by re-election.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of our conference, and Dr. Prettyman, of Washington, D. C., were speakers in the meeting at West Market Street church on Saturday evening, and Mrs. Bickett, wife of Governor Bickett, and Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, spoke at the memorial service at the Municipal Theater on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Charles L. Jackson preached the convention sermon on Sunday evening, and the convention came to a close with the installation ceremonies.

Greensboro thoroughly enjoyed the presence of these representative men and women, and will be glad to have them call again.

THE FULLNESS OF TIME

The centennial year of Methodist missions has arrived, and it strikes on a world situation unique in all history. This was not according to our plan, but a part of the plan of the ages. The time was set by the mills of God.

A world war has broken down the social order of a dozen nations and spread confusion over all the earth. Never did the world contain so much uncertainty, devastation, suffering, viciousness, poverty and woe as at the present time. Old governmental forms, ancient social conceptions, the foundations of an order which has prevailed for centuries, all of these are changing. From the wreckage of the old there will arise a new social order in this world.

And it will be done in the next twenty years, the years of reconstruction, the years in which ideas will take shape and crystalize into institutions and attitudes which will control the world forever. This means that what is done in the next twenty years will determine what the world will be for centuries.

If the church meets the challenge of such times as these, she must act quickly, surely broadly. If the world is not rebuilt upon a Christian basis, its new foundation will be atheism, and this means anarchy, war, bolshevism. The world situation thus brings us a mighty challenge.

Coupled with the challenge is an opportunity. All nations are calling to America for help, and all ears are open to the appeal of a Protestant gospel. In the flux of things we have an unprecedented opportunity of turning the whole world to Christ.

Then, we were never so wealthy before. The war has taught us the virtue of liberality and the necessity of large expenditure in benevolent activity, so that the very spirit of the times works with us when we launch an international Christian program and ask for large sacrifice in its interest.

All of these elements of the present situation have met in this wonderful day. Here is the centennial of American Methodist missions to be fittingly celebrated. Here is a world with greater needs and opportunities than we ever faced before. Here are Methodists with an international vision, large wealth and liberal spirit. Plainly, the fullness of time has come. It is a porvidential hour for the church.

Delay would be ruinous. It would keep the church on the small plane of her ancient program, always miserably inadequate, in this infinitely larger day. It would allow the radical and ungodly elements of a demoralized society to previl and work further confusion. It would mean to fling away the greatest opportunity and disregard the clearest call God ever gave to the church. It shall be done now.

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Happy is the man who is "given to hospitality," whose social nature demands association with kindred spirits, whose interest and love for his fellow men draws them to him and holds them, whose doors open at the approach of friends or strangers. Welcme beams upon his face and he feels that in entertaining strangers he may be entertaining angels unawares. In the good old days this scriptural injunction was accepted and practiced and our people were far-famed for their abounding hospitality. But in recent years, since commercialism has taken possession of our land, men have grown so busy and the rush of labor has become so rapid that the tendency is more and more to sidetrack everything which limits our producing power, and the social side of our life suffers most on account of it. Men are so busy that they think there is time for nothing but business. Everything else is made secondary to bread winning and money getting. In the morning the rush to work hinders social and private prayer, the breakfast is hurriedly consumed and to the shop or field the busy man hastens. The press of business forces the habit of brusqueness of speech. Time is too precious for common courtesies, and the busy man will make his sentences as brief as telegrams. Politeness is abbreviated and simple "thanks" is substituted for "thank you, sir."

All these conditions tend to selfishness—to the strangling of the social side of our nature. We have not time to entertain, and the neglect of this gracious custom tends to dry up the fountains of human sympathy, and further and further apart and more and more strangers we become to each other.

Nothing of a social nature binds men together more than hospitality. When men gather around the board and break bread together it is a sign of friendship and warm personal regard. The Savior by accepting the hospitality of publicans and sinners and eating with them proved by that act His love and interest for them. And this all leads to a recent case in point where Christian hospitality was extended.

A certain Methodist preacher with his wife and six children was moving a long distance from one hard circuit to another. On this expensive trip they had to pass through a neighboring city, stopping over for a day on account of poor railroad connections. This fact reached the ear of a consecrated Methodist layman, himself the son of a sainted father who for fifty years had served faithfully as an itinerant preacher. That layman met that company at the train upon thair arrival, took them all to his home, cared for them during their stay in the city, and when they departed conveyed them to the train and supplied them with a great basket of lunch and fruits sufficient to last them for several days. "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," so quoted that big-hearted layman. who said that in his youth he was moved from place to place, and when generous hospitality was extended on the way their hearts were gladdened and filled with gratitude to the kind friends who ministered to them. And now whenever a Methodist preacher is in need he finds no better friend than that good man, that layman who loves his church and those who labor in it for the souls of men. He knows what Christian hospitality is and knows how to abound in it. Let us cultivate the grace of hospitality for our own good and for the good of those we entertain.

THAT FIVE-YEAR PLEDGE

"I will give what I can, but I will not sign a five-year pledge. One never knows what may happen in that time, and I do not want to embarrass my family in the event of my death."

This excuse has done valiant service whenever the church has sought money for any cause. No board of stewards ever made an every-member canvass and asked subscriptions on a twelve-mon[illegible] basis [illegible] got without encounte[illegible] it in some [illegible]

some forewarnings that it is likely to become more or less prevalent in certain quarters between the dates of May 18 and May 25.

The attitude back of this excuse, if it became very widespread, would defeat the entire Centenary movement. The five-year plan is one of the fundamentals, and any timorous soul who hesitates and urges an excuse for refusing to make a pledge on that basis should reflect seriously upon the logical consequences of his act. If all Methodists chose to act as he acts, it would mean irretrievable ruin to the greatest movement ever launched by any church.

It sometimes seems that the timidity which makes persons so discreet in the matter of incurring obligations applies only in connection with an enterprise of the church. Most people would never own a home if it were necessary to pay in cash the total purchase price. We nearly all bought our Liberty bonds on a plan of deferred payments. Methodists are usually very sanguine when an agent comes around and shows how the payment of 11 3-4 cents a day will bring them into possession of a de luxe set of "The World and What Is in It," a player piano or a phonograph with records of "all the most popular hits of the day." And if some enterprising person sets up to sell automobiles on payments he does a land office business.

But when the church asks subscriptions to the cause of the kingdom and offers Methodists the privilege of deferred payments, there is an immediate epidemic of discretion in certain quarters.

The five-year plan is necessary for hundreds of thousands of our most loyal people. It will be adopted by practically all the people. If it does not please some scattered Methodists, if some prefer to make but one payment, then these should pay in cash as much as the committee asks of them for the five years; otherwise it will be unjust to the multiplied thousands who loyally adhere to the plan of the church.

Certainly it is unthinkable that any Methodists would repudiate the standard plan as unwise and then do less for the Centenary than could easily be done if the plan were conscientiously followed!

"But I may not be able to meet the payments. I may die, and then my heirs would be embarrassed."

Perhaps some people have had to return their de luxe editions and their phonographs, but not many. The probability of such an unfortunate event does not debar many of us from making the purchase.

But of this we may be sure: No Centenary van will back up before the door, and the church never has and never will enforce payments from the dead. Men die every year and leave church subscriptions unpaid; misfortune has overtaken many Christian people; but no man ever heard of a contest suit in which the church was plaintiff, and no heirs were ever harrassed by any undue insistence on the payment of unredeemed subscriptions.

The Centenary obligation is a moral one, and it is difficult to believe that people really fear the church will attempt to enforce collection by legal process in the face of misfortune. Methodism is too wise and too solicitous for the welfare of her children to make any such foolish attempt. The history of the church in all ages vanishes any such trepidation.

Make the five-year pledge in all earnestness before God and with a great faith in Him. Never fear concerning the outcome, for if men are sincere in their desires to advance the kingdom of God the future will take care of itself. "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." If a servant of God fails, the church, so far from contributing to his further failure, will be the first to come to his aid.

The Centenary movement is a five-year movement, and five-year pledges are an absolute essential. We cannot launch a program of building, evangelizing, teaching and ministering in all nations on an income which may be cut off at the end of one year. The church cannot have a campaign like the Centenary annually, and money cannot be collected until it has been promised.

If Methodism should undertake the vast projection of her work for which the Centenary provides without having made absolutely sure that the money to sustain it would be forthcoming for at least five years, she would be guilty of a blunder almost criminal. It would mean certain disaster. The future would never forgive us.

If our pledges were for one year only it would be necessary to maintain an expensive high-pressure organization and propaganda which would weary the church in a few months. The second-year pledges would be far under those for the first year, and they would decrease each year thereafter. Thus we would be forced to close churches, schools and hospitals, withdraw workers and cut off supplies. General demoralization would be inevitable.

And each Methodist who refuses to make a five-year pledge, or who by any means contributes to any sentiment against the plan, contributes to just such a calamity.

The church does not need $35,000,000 in one year. It could not be spent in one year. Five years will be required to bring the vast scheme of world reconstruction into operation.

But we must have pledges covering this period because Methodism must not leap in the dark. Work cannot be projected unless there is some assurance it will be taken care of next year. Men cannot be sent into foreign lands unless we know they can be supported for a longer period than twelve months. Institutions cannot be erected for one season only.

The church, therefore, prefers to leave the money in the hands of the people until it is actually needed, and thus demand of them no greater sacrifice than is absolutely necessary. Methodism will rebuild the world in His name if given the assurance that her children will stand by the cause for at least five years; otherwise it would be foolish to try.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Vice-President Marshall was a distinguished visitor to North and South Carolina last week, having speaking engagements in various cities in the two states.

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The Methodist Episcopal Church will erect a memorial building at Chateau Thierry, France, in honor of the heroic American troops who made the place famous by their daring charge and the brilliant victory they gained there. It is planned also to reconstruct several devastated towns in that section of France.

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The President Has Called the Congress to meet in extraordinary session on Monday, May 19, and the presidential message to Congress will be cabled from Paris. The President may not be able to reach Washington before June 15, as the peace treaty with Austria-Hungary will hardly be completed so as to permit his earlier return.

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General Pershing, commander of the American army, has announced that by September 1 all our troops will be withdrawn from the occupied zone. If the peace treaty is signed promptly by the Germans, the withdrawal of troops will proceed at once with a rush and by the date mentioned about all our army abroad will be on the way to demobilization.

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The Friends of Woman Suffrage are rejoicing because Senator-elect Harrls, of Georgia, has announced his purpose to support the woman suffrage amendment, and with his vote, if the former adherents of the cause remain steadfast, the measure will easily pass the Senate by the required majority, and, according to conservative estimates, there is but little doubt of its early adoption by the states if once it has the indorsement of the Senate.

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The Aeroplane is a machine which proved its worth in the war, and will be even more useful in time of peace. Before a great while aeroplane mail routes will be general throughout the country and passenger lines will be established for rapid transit. The aeroplane will soon be built to cross the sea. Tests are now being made of machines to cross the Atlantic with stops en route at Halifax and Newfoundland. These will finally be perfected, and long-distance planes, it is predicted, will fly from New York to Liverpool in a few years.

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The Progressive Republicans of the Senate, led by Senators Borah, Kenyon and Norris, bitterly oppose the elevation of Penrose and Warren to the chairmanships of the finance and appropriation committees, respectively, of the Senate, and should they carry the opposition to the floor of the Senate it is likely that the democrats may retain their chairmanships. By the seniority rule of promotion these positions would automatically fall to Senators Penrose and Warren, but the progressive protest that these old-line conservatives shall not by their support be so rewarded.

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The Tax Law adopted by the last legislature which provides for a re-assessment of property at fair sale value will so increase the total value of property in North Carolina that a material reduction can be made in the tax rate. In order to have fair and uniform estimates of land values it will be necessary for the various county assessors to work in harmony and with honest purpose to raise values so that every county may bear its full share of the tax burden. In order thereto the state has been devided into districts, in each of which conferences of county assessors are being held, the governor and the members of the state corporation commission also attending to aid the assessors in formulating plans for this complicated and important task.

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The Victory Loan Campaign, which was entered into with confidence that the bonds would be easily sold, was disappointing later when the people seemed slow to buy. But the American people, who never fail to finally do the right thing at the right time, rallied to the cause on the last day and it is now estimated by the treasury officials that the total sales will reach six billions, which is a billion and a half more than the amount offered. The heavy task of financing the war has been accomplished in every way creditable to the loyal citizenship of the United States, and this last bond issue was disposed of with more ease than even the first one. Fifteen million individuals were purchasers of this last issue.

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Sam Jones Was Right when he said that a manly youth did not need an inheritance, and that it would be as a millstone around the neck of a wayward youth. Money so invested as to enrich the mind and heart of youth brings satisfaction and profit to both parent and child, but when money is turned over to inexperienced and untrained young people it more frequently breeds idleness, extravagance and final moral ruin. Money is a good thing in its place, but its place is not in the pocket of the average youth. He who knows best how to use money is he who has by industry and self-denial accumulated it. Jay Gould, the great financier who died thirty years ago, bequeathed his millions to his children, some of whom were incapable of husbanding it. Now they are in litigation as to who shall control it. The prodigal who wastes his substance in riotous living has generally discovered too late that the inherited fortune has been his greatest misfortune.

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The Peace Treaty was last week submitted to the German representatives, who have been given fifteen days to sign. The Germans complain that the terms are severe and some are inclined to reject the demands of the allies, but the ultimatum has been laid down, and should Germany reject our demands, which she will hardly do finally, the blockade of Germany would be tightened, making conditions among her people far worse than if the terms are accepted. The news dispatches indicate great disappointment among the Germans on account of the peace terms, but they are fair and just, even lenient to what they would have been had Germany been victorious. The first cash payment required is five millions, with annual payments thereafter for a long period; the surrender of Alsace and Lorraine, together with the Saar district to France; the cession of all her outlying colonies; the dismantling of Heligoland and all other fortresses; the reduction of the army to 100,000 volunteers and the surrender of her merchant marine to make good losses sustained by allied shipping on account of the submarine warfare.

—A letter recently received from Rev. H. L. Atkins, of Bandera, Texas, a superannuate of the Western North Carolina Conference, brings the cheering news that he is gaining a little strength. He sits up almost half a day at a time and walks about the yard some. He also reports a fine season in that country, where for several years they have suffered a ruinous drowth. He sends love to the brethren, and we feel sure a letter from any of his old friends occasionally would be very cheering to him.

CONTRIBUTIONS

NOT MIRACLES, PERHAPS, BUT SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD

A Story of Our Publishing House in Brazil

By J. W. Clay, Manager

Almost six years ago the writer was sent to Brazil to take charge of our publishing house that was located in the city of Rio de Janeiro. There was quite a party of missionaries—some twenty souls, counting children and all—being taken down by Bishop Lambuth and Dr. Ed F. Cook, and our boat was the ill-fated Vandyck, which was later to be sent to the bottom by a lurking Hun. Our voyage through southern seas was delightful in the extreme, and when we reached the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro we thought we were in fairyland. We were happy, extremely happy, as is the adventurer when he comes into view of the object of his adventure. As the child loves the lullaby of its mother, and as the sailor loves the moaning of the sea, just so does the writer love the noisy grind of the printing press, and the fact that we had reached our destination, that in the future we were to print for God and not for the sordid dollar, and that we were to have the privilege of exerting our influence, in a degree, in the shaping of the literature of a great people, all this brought a joy to our souls that we shall never forget.

We had no details of the business to which we were going. We were told that we were to be publishing agent for the Methodist church in Brazil, and were to be manager of the Methodist publishing house. These were formidable titles. To one not well acquainted with the magnitude of plants on the mission field they were impressive. So our enthusiasm was high. Dr. Cook, who was visiting our work in Brazil for the first time, went around to see the publishing house, in company with Bishop Lambuth. When he entered the door of the dingy little shop with the high-sounding title his heart sank. He was accustomed to seeing our big modern plant at Nashville. He had just been through the monster plant of the Methodist Book Concern in New York. He turned to Bishop Lambuth and said: "Is this the job to which we have brought Clay?" You see, Dr. Cook had carried on the correspondence which had led us to accept the place. He, too, had been impressed with the high-sounding titles and had dwelt at some length, in his correspondence, upon the great importance of the position. In reply Bishop Lambuth smiled. The bishop was born on the mission field. He had not only seen the Methodist publishing house of Brazil, but he had seen them in China, in Japan and in the heart of Africa. He had learned on the mission field to despise not the day of small things. So at the dreadful shock of Dr. Cook he could only smile. After the doctor had gained his normal state he said: "Well, for goodness sake, you had better not let Clay see this outfit until after conference." Conference was to meet within a few days in a neighboring city, and he thought it wise that they tie the prospective publishing agent and manager of the house down with an episcopal appointment before he should see to what he was being tied.

Well, the appointment was made, and without a day in which to study the language the publishing agent was put to work. It was soon decided that because of the very heavy expenses in the city of Rio it was better to move the plant into the interior; so the move was made. This was not accomplished, however, without its difficulties. In the first place, the employes were mostly men of families and did not want to move; second, on so short an acquaintance they had not developed any too much love for their foreign boss. So they were inclined to be stubborn. As we were boxing up our presses and moving them, when I would say "Push" they would pull. I learned afterward that it was not so much the fact that they wished to be contrary, but that as the English word "push" sounds very much like the Portuguese word for pull they thought I was trying to say pull in Portuguese.

After quite a bit of hard work and worry and delay the plant was moved and was set up in the little town of Juiz de Fora, where it has been located and in full operation ever since. And from there it has published all the Sunday school literature for the Methodists, as well as the greater part of the literature for all the other churches, with the exception of the Baptists. It publishes our church organ, a weekly of twelve pages. It prints a monthly of sixteen pages for the young people, a quarterly of one hundred pages for the Sunday schools, as well as the other Sunday school publications, tracts, books, etc. It also does a good business in selling American magazines and books. The business has grown wonderfully and is limited only by our lack of equipment.

Like all countries, Brazil was hard hit by the war. Perhaps it suffered more than any other country that was not invaded by the enemy. In the United States war stimulated business in many ways and it put much money into circulation. There was employment for all and good wages. But in Brazil it had the opposite effect. While prices went up in this country fifty and one hundred per cent, the prices in Brazil for the same articles climbed to three and four and six and eight hundred per cent. Our little publishing house especially suffered. In this country the price of paper just about doubled, and our publishers raised a mighty howl and in many cases reduced the size of their publications, and also raised their subscription prices. In Brazil the cost of paper increased eight hundred per cent, yet we neither raised the price of our subscriptions nor did we reduce the size of our publications. In some instances we enlarged them. How did we do it? Well, we can explain this only in part. God alone knows the details. In the first place, the year preceding the war had been a prosperous one for us. We had succeeded in saving up a little money, with which we hoped to begin a fund for the purpose of buying a new equipment. With the coming of the war this fund had ceased to grow and finally it began to shrink. Then we began to take subscriptions for American magazines in a large way, and we sold lots of American books, especially war books. In this way we were able to serve our missionaries and American and English friends in Brazil, and at the same time make a snug little profit, which helped us to make ends meet. We also had great success in publishing a number of books in Portuguese, which brought us a fair profit. But in the end it was God and God alone that brought us through. The writer well remembers one gloomy day almost a year ago. The foreman came into the office and announced that the Sunday school literature was ready to print, but that there was no paper. No paper! That was bad. But what was worse, there was no money in the safe, and had there been money in the safe there was no paper which could be bought at the time, for the supply had been exhausted, and every one who had paper held to it for their own use. What was to be done? The greater part of the Sunday schools of Brazil were dependent upon us for their supply of literature, and in a few weeks they would be clamoring for it. And we had no paper on which to print, and no money with which to buy, and there was no paper to buy at any price had we the money. There was but one thing to do, but one that could be done, and that is what we did. The foreman thought that the manager went down into the basement to look over the situation, for there is where we kept our paper, but that was not the object. We went down to pray, and falling down upon the torn paper that was scattered around we presented our case to the Master. For four years we had stood by the job. The first nine months had been rosy, and we had prospered in spite of our meager tools, and we had planned great things for the future. Then came that great world blight which struck down our hopes, and during these dark years we had planned and schemed and maneuvered, and we had held on with the grim determination to keep the wheels turning. But now we had come to the point where we could not move. We had come to the Red Sea. We had arrived at the place where we could do nothing but pray.

This is a materlaiistic age, and people do not believe in miracles. Yet there are miracles. It was a miracle that transformed the soul of the prayer as he prayed there in that dark, cold basement. He entered there as a prisoner might enter his cell. Of course he had prayed during the years, and had always asked Gods guidance in the management of affairs, but he had never been to the point where he could do nothing else but pray. He had never seen the presses stop running for lack of paper before. He had never had to go to God and confess: "O God, I'm up against it! I'm a failure at the job!" It was like a millstone about his neck that pulled him down into that basement to pray.

But it was for only a little while that the millstone weighed him down. Soon there came a peace to his soul such as he has seldom felt, and the millstone sank into oblivion. A miracle had wrought the change. But you ask, what miracle? Had the empty spaces in the basement been changed into great piles of paper? Had the presses overhead begun their steady grind of literature on paper that came from an invisible hand? Well, no, not exactly. But is it too mean a thing, the lifting of a soul from the depths of despair and placing it upon the pinnacle of hope, to be called a miracle? At any rate, it was as good as a miracle, and we will let it go at that.

The manager went upstairs. His confession of failure had been made, yet a feeling of victory was filling his soul. He could not explain it, he didn't try to explain, but he was as happy as if the whole basement had been filled with paper. He went to his desk and found that the postman had been in while he was at prayer and had left a letter on his desk. The letter showed that it had come from "God's country," for it had U. S. A. postage stamps upon it. The letter was opened and what do you think it contained? It contained the bill of lading for more than a year's supply of paper. A gift, you may think, from some kind friend or from the Board of Missions. No, it was not a gift. It had been ordered for more than a year, and it had to be paid for, but here it was in the nearest port, after all hopes of its coming had long since been abandoned. And this, too, was no miracle, you may say, and you may be correct, but the fact is we were not after miracles and had not prayed for miracles; it was paper we were needing, and paper is what we got, a whole year's supply. So, with the bill of lading in our hand we were able to borrow enough paper from a local newspaper to take care of immediate needs, with the understanding that it was to be returned.

After this crisis a new courage came to us. We were emboldened to press forward in the fight, and not to be content to only hold our own. And for this forward movement we saw that the little old equipment which we had was not at all sufficient, so we began our campaign on the Board of Missions for a new equipment. We got our friends in Brazil to write us letters, addressed to the Board, stressing the needs of better literature and a better printing equipment. We got letters from all our missionaries and native preachers, and from hundreds of our laymen. We got letters from Presbyterians, from Baptists, from Congregationalists, from Episcopalians and from others, and we sent them to the Board. We had it so arranged that the secretary of foreign missions should receive one letter each day. And for six months he received them. Finally he sent a cablegram to Brazil worded something like this: "Tell Clay to hold up; letter follows." But as the cable was not on the subject, the stream of letters continued. And some of the envelopes would bear post marks on the back like this: "See Luke 11: 5-8." Others this: "See Luke 18: 1-5. So when the letter did finally come from the secretary it read something like this: "You have made out your case. Come home and we will fix you up." And so we are here.

And you may be interested to know just what kind of a plant we are going to put up in Brazil. Well, we can't describe it here. We were born in a print shop. At the age of eleven we held the office of "devil" in a country newspaper, and since that time we have made each successive rung in the ladder. We love the beautiful in printing, just as the artist loves the beautiful in art. And books —why, books have been our best friends. The little education we have and our ideals, they came from our books. So it is not necessary to tell you what kind of a plant we are going to buy, or what kind of books we are going to print. Just as it would not be necessary to tell you what kind of pictures an artist would buy should he be told to go into an art store and buy. To be sure, he would come out with some treasures. And we expect our publishing house to be a treasure. We expect

it to be just as ideal as money, and long years of experience and a burning passion for the production of good literature can make it. And why should it not be ideal? It is to print for the Lord. It is to tell the old, old story. It is to be a living fountain unto a thirsty nation. It is to be the source of life for future generations. It is to be more than any of us know. It will cost a hundred thousand dollars, but its value cannot be estimated in terms of dollars.

We feel very much like the spies felt who were sent out by Moses, or at least two of them. We see the future of Brazil flowing with milk and honey. It is a goodly land, and the armies of the Lord are able to take it for God. And we have not come back without some of the fruits of the land, either. Do you want to see them? Well, look at these:

While the average church organ in the U. S. A. has one subscription for about every fifteen members of its church, our organ in Brazil has one subscription for every two and a half members. Another: Last year we had "The Challenge of the Present Crisis," that splendid book by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, translated, and we published an edition of two thousand, notwithstanding the fact that an edition of five hundred is considered large in Brazil, and before the edition was off the press it was sold out. We immediately put it into type again and started another edition of three thousand, and before that was off it was all sold and many orders had to be turned down. We also brought three living specimens from Brazil. They are now at Nashville in the publishing house, one in the linotype department, one in the press room and the other in the book bindery, rounding out their experience in the art of printing and bookmaking, so that they can take charge of these departments in our new house in Brazil. They are all three young men of more than ordinary intelligence, and have been with our house in Brazil for some years.

We expect to get our house from the Centenary drive, and we hope to have it established in the flourishing city of Sao Paulo, Brazil, by the end of the year, where it will be a mighty fortress for the forces of God, and where it's busy linotypes and clattering presses will make music for the soul of the printer as they grind out a new literature for a grateful people.

CENTENARY FORUM

The part Southern Methodism is now taking in the Centenary of American Methodist missions is deeply gratifying to me. The present condition of the world, the past history of Methodism, the ever youthful spirit of Christianity as it abides in Methodism call for world-wide missions that surpass in depth of conviction, wisdom of movement and power of execution anything ever witnessed in the life of the church. A drive can now begin that will mean the world for Christ.—Bishop R. G. Waterhouse.

The Hour Has Struck

The coming of the Centenary of missions just at this time is strikingly opportune. The Centenary clock struck twelve at Gods t'ime, not ours. The great war brought with it the spirit of self-sacrifice, of liberality and of a new reckoning as to the things which are really worth while. It showed men as never before that only the things which cannot be shaken shall remain. The church of Christ alone is the keeper and dispenser of these unshakable verities. She cannot, she will not prove untrue to the hour and the occasion. On with the Centenary!—Bishop James Atkins.

The Centenary of American Methodist mssions will put our church to the test. We have been very slow in meeting our obligations to peoples of other countries. Every one of our mission fields needs reinforcement in men and material. If at this time the church will respond to the call of those who have been placed in charge of this important work and will contribute the workers and the means to support the workers, she will not be meeting a plain duty; she will receive perhaps the greatest spiritual uplift that Methodism among us has ever known.—Bishop Collins Denny.

Nothing More Timely Than the Centenary

The Centenary of Methodist missions suggests considerations of deep import. We are on the threshold of a new era. In a profoundly significant sense the world must be reconstructed.

The history of the church throughout the centuries has been marked by well-defined periods—periods signalized by providential indications. Sometimes these periods have been epochal in their nature, but unfortunately they were recognized only in retrospect after it was too late to seize and improve opportunities. Sometimes leaders who were wise to discern the signs of the times have made these periods memorable by advance movements which have created eras of conquest and victory.

Nothing could be more timely than the celebration just now of our missionary centenary. It is full of inspiring possibilities and should be gloriously fruitful in results.—Bishop W. B. Murrah.

Timely and Inspiring

The Centenary celebration of American missions is timely and inspiring. Methodism and the foreign mission boards and societies are contemporaneous. Indeed the influence of the Wesleyan revival is the source from which several boards and societies sprang. It is fitting that this Centenary celebration should be observed, and in view of all that has been done in the past one hundred years, and all that ought to be done now, it is to be hoped that hoarded treasures will yield under the inspiration of the celebration. The needs of the heathen world and the resources of the church at home are such the sum of $35,000,000 ought to be secured easily.—Bishop W. A. Candler.

We Must Do or Die

The Centenary celebration of missions is the unmistakable call of God to our church. The time has come for us to give ourselves to the task assigned us. While we have an honorable record in missionary endeavor, yet we have by no means measured up to our ability. In this celebration we have an opportunity such as we have never had to fix the heart and thought of the church upon the worlds' need of our Christ. The doors of the world are open to us and the needs are much greater than we are able to conceive Our possession and the world's need make the obligation a binding one. The suffering world needs our Christ, and we have the means to meet those needs. What will become of us if we do not discharge our obligation? The time has come for us to do or die.—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.

An Adequate Program

The Centenary of Methodist missions has given us for the first time a program for the world-wide evangelization which is adequate to meet the needs. The movement is timed to meet the most potential period in the history of the world, and must, therefore, have the blessing of Almighty God upon it.

The advance which is contemplated by the Centenary movement will carry our missionary forces into the heart of those great unevangelized areas which have long been waiting for the coming of the messengers of light. Last, but not least, the missionaries of our church, who have long been waiting for reinforcement, will be heartened, strengthened and inspired by these wisely laid plans which contemplate the complete investment of our fields at the earliest possible day.—W. R. Lambuth.

Our Missionary In Step With Him

It is always timely to obey our Lord's great commission, but never did it seem more urgent than now, when we are challenged to show what remedy Christianity has for a world at war. It shows the great hold which Christianity has on human thought when by common consent Christ is our only hope. One hundred years ago, in that dark period of human history when the Reign of Terror filled the world with despair, Christianity alone responded to the world's crisis and in heroic endeavors gave birth to the great missionary societies which have so signally blessed all lands. Blot out those years of missionary zeal and imagine a world now without God and without hope. Christianity has put heart into the nations and will do it again. It is man's extremity that proves God's opportunity. Happy are we to know the way God is moving and to keep step with Him.—Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Another and Different World

The Centenary movement will doubtless produce three results:

1. It will expand the thinking of the church at large. The idea of a world work will produce a world thought, which has never before grasped the multitudes. That world view will produce a sense of world obligation in those whose ideas of obligation have hitherto been only local.

2. This broader view and expanded sense of obligation will open the avenues of liberality and raise the flood gates for the outflow of money to meet the outcry of heathenism and bring the water of life to refresh the long-famished millions of the pagan world.

3. The Centenary movement, together with the present world war, will bring the world to feel its need of Christ as never before.

Christ will be more real both to the darling son as he dies on the battle field and to the broken-hearted parents receiving the cablegrom "Killed in action." Christ in the future will be recognized in His true relation as the one and the only absolute need of humanity.

This will make our world another and different world from what it has ever been since the tragic death of the Son of God.—Bishop H. C. Morrison.

Prom a Purely Business Standpoint

The church is real business—religious business.

The church desires to do all the business it can with all the people it can.

The church cannot be satisfied with a retail business to a purely local clientage.

The church must do a wholesale business.

The church in doing a wholesale business must extend its business to the largest area possible.

The church cannot satisfy itself with the business of one continent..

The church must seek the patronage of the whole world.

The church must invest enough of its capital and men to do a wholesale business in an enterprising way.

The rim of the earth is the only limit to the business of the church.

If the church is to touch the other man, and the other man is to touch the other man, then the church of necessity must reach the utmost limits of the globe before it ceases its effort.

This is what the Centenary of American Methodist missions means in the viewpoint of a business man.—J. R. Pepper.

Save America

Just as we are discovering the magnitude of our home mission problem the Centenary movement is born to provide the adequate revenue. The real home mission problem is to make this country so thoroughly Christian that it may deliver itself wholly on the non-Christian lands of the world.

The foreign missionary program as proposed by the church today involves the outlay of a vast amount of men and money. If our nation were wholly Christian we could furnish our quota of the resources for carrying out this program. But ours is not a Christian nation. More than half our inhabitants have no church affiliation. Fifteen millions are foreigners and more than that number near-foreigners, not yet assimilated. Many thousands in the remote mountain settlements are not available for missionary work. Nine million black people must be changed from liabilities to assets in missionary work; many thousands in industrial centers are drifting from God, while a few hundred thousand aborigines are waiting to be brought to Christ.

The Centenary movement undertakes to supply men and money enough to evangelize the unevangelized; to Americanize the un-Americanized; to lift the colored people from the column of liability to asset; to give the belated mountaineers a chance; to make Christ the center in industrial centers and to Christianize the red man. Nothing but a great movement like the Centenary would provide adequate resources to do this. Having made this country wholly Christian, then, shall we be able to do our part in a world-wide evangelization. Thanks to the Centenary movement for the prospects!—O. E. Goddard, Secretary Home Department, Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

General Foch Commends Bible

The Bible is certainly the best preparation that you can give to an American soldier about going into battle to sustain the magnificent ideal and the faith.—F. Foch.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Mr. Stonwall Durham, of Gastonia, was the Memorial Day speaker at King's Mountain May 10.

—Mr. Jake F. Newell, a prominent attorney of Charlotte and brother of Presiding Elder W. A. Newell, delivered a centenary address in Broad Street Church, Statesville, last Sunday evening.

—Bishop W. A. Candler, Chancellor of Emory University, Atlanta, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the auditorium of the North Carolina College for Women next Sunday morning.

The family of Rev. Frank Siler, presiding elder of the Winston district, have taken up their residence at Lake Junaluska for the summer.

—Rev. L. B. Abernethy preached the annual sermon last Sunday evening at the Southern Industrial Institute, of which Rev. J. A. Baldwin is principal.

—Prof. O. A. Hamilton, who for two years has been principal of the Greensboro high school, has resigned to take up work as superintendent of the Goldsboro city schools.

—A good meeting was in progress at Forest Hill church, Concord, last week. Rev. R. M. Taylor the pastor, was assisted in the meeting by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, of Spray.

—Rev. D. A. Oakley requests us to announce that his address is now Campbell, N. C., and he would be glad to hear from any pastor desiring to engage his services in meetings.

—Rev. John W. Moore, of Trinity Church, Charlotte, will begin revival services in his church May 25, and has secured Rev. Dr. B. F. Frazier, of Memorial Church, Atlanta, to assist in the meeting.

—We are indebted to the faculty and students of Rutherford College for an invitation to be present at the commencement exercises May 10-14. These exercises are in progress as we write, and mark the closing of perhaps the most successful year in the history of the institution.

—Rev. Burke Culpeper is having great crowds in the meeting at Gastonia. The meeting began in Main Street Church, but has been removed to a large tent, the church having proved to be too small to accommodate the great crowds.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street Church, this city, has been assisting the pastor of our church in Roxboro in revival services during the past week. Brother Kirkpatrick is an earnest and effective revival preacher and happily combines the pastor-evangelist qualities.

—Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, who for several years has been president of Columbia Theological Seminary, has resigned and Rev. Dr. J. O. Reavis has been chosen to succeed him. The Columbia Seminary is a Presbyterian school of the prophets.

—The nineteenth national convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America will be held in Washington, D. C., on June 4, 5 and 6 in the Billy Sunday tabernacle. This convention probably will be the most important meeting of prohibition workers ever assembled.

—Last Sunday Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt preached the annal sermon to the gradates of the Charlotte high school. The service was held in Tryon Street Church, and from the news reports it was a very impressive service and the great auditorium was crowded with hearers.

—Many friends among Advocate readers will learn with regret of the death of Mr. H. T. Phillips, of Davidson county, which occurred in a hospital at Asheville Saturday night, May 3d. Mr. Phillips was a prominent citizen for many years and served as clerk of the court in Davidson for several terms.

—Mr. W. F. Wood, son of the late Rev. Frank H. Wood, of our conference, has been in charge of the Trinity high school since the resignation of Prof. Johnson. Brother Wood had made special preparation for Y. M. C. A. work in France, when the armistice cut short the necessity of more workers.

—The Advocate congratulates Mr. E. J. Stafford on the handsome majority given him in the recent city election for the office of mayor. Mr. Stafford has given the city a clean administration and well deserves this splendid indorsement. We feel sure the city will be safe in the hands of the new board of which Mr. Stafford is the head.

—The death of Engineer R. B. Hill, of Hamlet, who was killed in a wreck near Lilesville recently,, is a great loss to our church in Hamlet. He was a steward and also the superintendent of the Sunday school. It is said that he always refrained from work on Sunday when possible, letting some one else take his run on that day.

—Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Crowell, formerly a member of our conference and an educator of wide reputation, is now president of Howard College, Gallatin, Tenn. The bulletin which comes to this office regularly indicates the same push and energy in his administration out there as always characterized his work here and elsewhere. Dr. Crowell is always an optimist and ever looks forward for bigger and better things.

—A good woman inclosing $2.00 for the renewal of her paper incidentally gives us this kind boost: "I enjoy the paper; not only enjoy it, but am helped by reading it. I often wonder how many Methodists can get along without it. So often I want to speak out big and loud 'Amen' to the editorials." Such letters make the editor feel like trying hard to do better.

—We are indebted to Rev. J. B. Craven, president of Davenport College, for an invitation to the commencement exercises May 19-21. The annual sermon will be delivered on Tuesday, May 20, by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington. The address will be delivered on Wednesday, May 21, by Hon. O. Max Gardner, lieutenant governor. The college is closing a very successful year.

—A portrait of the late Dr. Stephen B. Weeks was recently presented to the State Historical Society at Raleigh, with appropriate ceremony. Dr. Weeks was an authority on North Carolina state history and author of several volumes of valuable historical data. Many years ago he filled the chair of history at Trinity College, but for some time previous to his death gave his time largely to historical research.

—Our readers will regret to learn that the Piedmont Institute at Charlotte suffered a heavy loss by fire one night last week, when a large barn was consumed, together with considerable stock of feed, etc. Rev. J. A. Baldwin, the president of the institute, thinks the cause of the fire was a barrel of unslaked lime which had been stored in a shed and which was exposed to moisture from a very heavy rain storm. We have not learned the amount of the loss.

—Our congregation at East Spencer is moving for the erection of a new church. Rev. R. K. Brady is pastor of the church, alternating with North Main Street. At the quarterly conference held on Wednesday night of last week a building committee was elected. The committee is composed of J. I. Williams, C. A. Sides, W. B. McKinney, A. L. Nash and W. J. Hatley. The building will be of brick and stone and will cost about $25,000. Steps will be taken at once to raise the money and secure the architectural plans.

—Rev. Dr. Forest J. Prettyman, for many years chaplain of the United States Senate, and a member of the Baltimore Conference, was a delightful visitor to our city on Saturday and Sunday. He was here on invitation of the Baraca-Philathea convention and spoke to the convention on Saturday evening and preached a splendid gospel sermon on Sunday morning at West Market Street Church. Dr. Prettyman is an old-fashioned Methodist preacher and stands for the fundamentals without explanation or apology. The people love him.

—Mr. Gilmer Siler, son of Rev. Frank Siler, and superintendent of the public schools of Atlanta, is engaged to give two series of lectures at Johns Hopkins University this summer Lieut. Beal Siler is still in the service in France. He is in the sixth division and has been put into the recreation department, where he has formed a glee club of twenty-six men drawn from the 35,000 men in the division.

—A poor afflicted brother who has suffered intensely for many months writes from his sick chamber as follows: "I would like to ask every pastor in our conference and the readers of the Advocate to offer a special prayer for me, that if it is God's will He may restore me to health again." God knows the name and we trust every reader of this note who believes in the divine promises will comply with this request. May God be very near this brother with the comfort of His Spirit.

BURKHEAD, WINSTON-SALEM

The following good news is from the Twin-City Sentinel of last week:

Forty-three new members were received by the pastor of Burkhead Methodist church Sunday night as a result of the revival meeting which closed at that time. The total new members received for the year numbers seventy-five.

The revival lasted for a week, the preaching having been done by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hiatt. A large number of conversions have been reported.

This is the first year that Mr. Hiatt has served this church as pastor, his appointment to the work having been made last November. His success as a pastor and preacher is attested by the results of his work already this year.

The Burkhead Sunday school is one of the largest in Winston-Salem, having an enrollment of more than four hundred. Large congregations are present at each preaching service. In token of their appreciation of Mr. Hiatt as pastor, the stweards of the church at the beginning of the year raised the salary $600, which placed the appointment among the best in the city.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

On Wednesday afternoon, May 7, 1919, a very delightful reception was given by the local alumnae association of Greensboro College for Women. A progressive receiving line was stationed in small groups between the main building and Hudson Hall, where the reception was held. An enjoyable program was rendered by students of the music and expression departments. After the program the guests were given the opportunity of inspecting the domestic science rooms, with their new furniture and equipment. Here refreshments were served, in which the college colors were carried out.

During the meeting Mrs. Reuben Alley, the college librarian, spoke with appreciation of the interest the alumnae had ever shown in the library, its growth, its present status and its needs to enable it to measure up to the demands of the future. Following this Mrs. Frank Owen outlined the plans for a state-wide campaign among the alumnae to raise the $5,000 endowment for the library pledged last commencement. These plans were formulated at a recent meeting of the executive board of the general association, with the expectation of having the fund rounded out by commencement, June 3, 1919. The Greensboro alumnae gave added inspiration by their approval of the motion that they raise $1,000 of this during the next year. The other chapters throughout the state will no doubt respond according to their strength. An alumnae "service book," with the names of all conrtibutors, will be preserved in the library. It is expected that every former student of the college will be enrolled therein.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the undersigned committee, speaking for the membership of Salem Methodist Church, do resolve,

First, That we tender our sincere thanks to Mrs. Carolyn Holt Gibbs for the beautiful communion service which she has so generously presented to our church.

Second, That in accepting this gift we recognize the unselfish spirit of the donor, and we commend to our people, especially to the young, this spirit of follewship, this readiness to help in the Master's work.

Third, In order to preserve a permanent record of our gratitude we request that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of the church conference; that a copy be sent to Mrs. Gibbs and another to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication therein. Signed by

Mrs. C. A. Stokes,
Mrs. F. L. Townsend,
Mrs. L. B. Stokes,
Salem Church, Wentworth Charge.

CLYDE

The Clyde correspondent of the Waynesville Mountaineer says:

The Centenary campaign in the Clyde congregation of the M. E. Church, South, came to a successful close Sunday afternoon, two weeks before the drive was scheduled to be made. The work of prep-

aration extended over a period of three months or more. The 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning was very interesting and inspiring. Ten-minute talks were made by Edwin Fincher on "The Centenary and the Business Man"; Mrs. W. P. Fincher, on "The Centenary and the Woman's Work"; Mr. J. Dale Stentz, on "The Centenary and the Conservation of Life"; the pastor, Robert E. Hunt, on "The Centenary and Foreign Missions.' ' The service was closed with an inspiring duet by Mr. and Mrs. Stentz as they alone can sing. At 1: 30 o'clock three teams, under the general direction of Edwin Fincher, church director, started on the drive. Team No. 1 was composed of Edwin Fincher and Rev. W. P. Fincher, No. 2 was made up of Geo. F. Rogers and Mrs. W. P. Fincher, No. 3 was composed of C. F. Rhinehart, Miss Sara Cathey and the pastor. Three thousand dollars was the amount to be raised. At the evening praise service more than that amount was reported. Monday's round-up increased this until the congregation is rejoicing in a $500 surplus. Reports from the other two churches make it absolutely certain that Clyde circuit will be over the top.

WEAVER COLLEGE

The commencement exercises began with a sermon Sunday morning by Dr. Roper, of South Carolina, who came in place of Bishop Darlington, who was so worn out with excessive labor that he could not come. Dr. Roper's sermon was spoken of in the highest terms. Dr. McLarty preached Sunday evening a very appropriate and helpful sermon. The usual exercises, recitations, orations and essays led up to the literary address Tuesday morning by Dr. E. L. Bain. His theme was "American Patriotism." It was timely, instructive and inspiring.

The school had a patronage of 174 during the year. The income was sufficient to meet all running expenses, pay $1,800 indebtedness, leaving more than $500 in the treasury. The bonded debt of $16,000 has been pledged and much of it paid. The trustees and friends of the school are enthusiastic over the condition and the outlook for the college. There is general regret that Dr. Blake could not remain at the head. His administration has been very satisfactory, but the attractions of his mother conference and drawings to the pastorate were too strong. D. S. Hogg, who has been at the head of Emory and Henry preparatory school, an educator of the finest equipment and wide experience, has been elected president. Other members of the faculty are T. J. Eskridge, Jr., L. C. Blevens, Miss Lassie Reeves, Miss Mattie Graybeal, T. D. Deadrick and Mrs. D. S. Hogg. Two others are yet to be chosen. This is a very fine faculty. Considerable additions will be made to the library and the science apparatus. We think the school is entering upon an era of greatly enlarged power and usefulness. D. Atkins.

SPRING GARDEN STREET

Probably never was Spring Garden more alive and interesting than at present. Our present church building is entirely outgrown, though only ten years of age. To meet this need we are now in the midst of a building enterprise to cost approximately $60,000. Our plan has been worked out after careful study and consultation with various Sunday school experts. When completed our plant will take care of 850 for preaching and 1,200 for Sunday school.

One thing which has been to the front in all our plans is the need of a church for our Methodist girls in the State College for Women. Their needs have been carefully looked after in our plans for Sunday school. Provision is being made not only for their needs on Sunday, however, but for a library and writing room to be used any day in the week. Spring Garden counts it a privilege to minister thus to the needs of the future teachers of the entire state. Last year with our meager equipment eighty of these girls joined our Philathea class. Twenty-five counties and three states were represented.

In financial matters our people have made great strides. We now have 136 tithers and the people still call for the cards. Every man of the nine building committeemen is a tither, ten of my fourteen stewards and nearly all of my Sunday school teachers. But for this fact our membership would never have raised $35,000 toward the new church.

Two hundred and forty new members have been added in a little more than two years and our work in general is very hopeful. My earnest hope and prayer is that we may go on to perfection.

Truly, C. S. Kirkpatrick.

SELECTION OF STEWARDS, CENTENARY CELEBRATION, COLUMBUS, OHIO, JUNE 20-JULY 13

Plans have finally developed for the selection of Stewards for the celebration to be held at Columbus this summer.

The first thought was to gather the stewards from all over the United States because of the great benefit which will accrue from participating in a gathering of this sort, but the tremendous expense of such a plan was found prohibitive and so most of the stewards will be selected from in and around Columbus. Provision has been made, however, for a limited number of students in our Southern Methodist institutions to have a part in this work. The conditions are as follows:

$15 per week to be allowed for board and lodging while in Columbus. This will cover necessary expenses if economy is exercised. Should a steward desire better quarters or fare than this amount allows the difference must be met by the individual. There will be no special places in which stewards must live.

A steward will be expected to arrange for his own transportation and pay the special reduced registration fee of $2. This fee will entitle a steward to a "Certificate of Enlistment," printed in Centenary colors, with the official insignia thereon, which upon presentation entitles him to (1) text-book, (2) a ticket to the great pageants in the Coliseum, (3) the official badge admitting to the State fair grounds, all exhibit buildings and the oval where pagents, stereoptican views and motion pictures will be shown.

Efforts are now being made to get reduced rates on the railroads, and it is believed that this will be possible.

For further information regarding the length of service, date of arrival, plan of training, etc., address R. D. Smart, Doctor's Building, Nashville, Tenn.

CENTENARY CADETS

Methodist Missionary Celebration, Columbus, Ohio, June 20-July 31

Major-General Leonard Wood, commander Central Department U. S. A., headquarters in Chicago, has agreed to serve as honorary colonel of a regiment of one thousand Methodist boys to be recruited from every state in the Union, whose applications must be appproved by the pastors of their churches. The boys will act as guards, ushers and guides at the Centenary celebration of Methodist missions at Columbus. The enlistment period will be from June 16 to July 16, and the applications must be sent immediately. General Wood will review the regiment after it is mobilized.

Candidates must be given sixteen to nineteen years old, inclusive. Their height in stocking feet may be as little as five feet six inches, but not more than five eleven inches. Each applicant must present a medical certificate from a physician, stating that he is in good physical condition, and no one will be admitted who has not had sufficient military training to adjust himself to company drill. Boys must have completed at least one year of high school, or the equivalent.

Members of the regiment will receive free all living expenses, including tent or barrack accommodations, mess, laundry and the like. They will be required however, to defray traveling expenses from their homes to Columbus and return, and the cost of a simple uniform, which will be reasonable.

The regular army regimental organization will be followed. It is planned to have the field officers from the regular service, the companies to be officered by boys selected from the ranks.

Ample provisions for recreation and for instruction of the boys has been made. Strict military discipline will be enforced throughout, but opportunity will be afforded for such diversions as drills, sports, hikes, and other camp features.

For further information, address R. D. Smart, Doctor's Building, Nashville, Tenn.

A YOUTH WHO PRAYED

How one of the Centenary leaders began his college career some years ago on a capital stock of $32 and an unflinching faith in God and the efficacy of prayer is told by Dr. F. T. Keeney, Centenary secretary of the Buffalo area. Part of the $32 went to pay the young man's railroad fare to Syracuse, a week's room rent and the price of a few necessary books. These investments made, the youth went to his room, emptied his pockets and took an inventory. His gross assets were two dimes and two pennies. There followed a period of deep meditation, then a season of Bible reading, and then almost a whole night of prayer.

Dr. Keeney at this time had up for consideration fifty applications for scholarships. He had just two to award. Shortly after the youth's night of prayer Dr. Keeney again read over the applicants' letters. As he studied a certain one it was impressed upon him that the man who wrote it should receive one of the scholarships, although Dr. Keeney knew nothing whatever about him or his qualifications.

Meantime the young student had received by mail an anonymous gift of $10. Before this was all expended a letter from Dr. Keeney reached him apprising him of his being awarded a scholarship.

This young man was Dr. W. E. Doughty, now executive chairman of the Department of Spiritual Resources of the Missionary Centenary. His fervor in securing a million members for the Fellowship of Intercession to pray for the Centenary is understandable. He knows "prayer gets things done."—Centenary Bulletin.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The Centenary movement has a financial goal of thirty-five millions for home and foreign missions and church extension in the next five years. It has other goals even more important. Great emphasis has properly been placed upon prayer, one of the goals; the other goal, to bring the church to the consciousness of Christian stewardship, is of supreme importance.

If we really believe that we hold in trust from God all that we have and put this principle into daily practice, it will absolutely revolutionize the life of Methodism. Many have lived according to this law; unfortunately, many more have accepted it as a theory but denied it as a rule governing their thought and conduct.

Honesty requires that we shall not use that which is another's as if it were absolutely our own. Trustworthiness demands that what we have and hold from God in trust we, as free agents will use as we believe God would have it used. Being free agents, we can abuse this trust, but to do so is to miss the full measure of Christian manhood and face at the judgment the consequences of our conduct.

To be honest and trustworthy in our relation to God brings us into blessed fellowship with the Father and enables the spirit through us to work the will of God. The importance of this campaign on Christian stewardship and tithing cannot be exaggerated.—J. J. Stowe.

"Spirituality is no retreat from men and things, but a burning fire of knowledge that destroys bondage, consumes sluggishness and egotism, and penetrates everywhere. Not the withdrawn but the transfigured life, radiant with power and energy, triumphant in its selflessness, is religion."—Ex.

Let the weakest, let the humblest remember that in his daily course he can, if he will, shed around him almost a heaven. Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness—these cost very little, but they are priceless in their value.—F. W. Robertson.

"The day well spent makes of yesterday a pleasant memory, of tomorrow a pleasant anticipation." —Exchange.

On the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, in June, a noble bronze statue of Rev. George Whitefield will be dedicated.—Exchange.

The power to risist is obtained through resistance. An oak can not be grown in a hot house, but in the open where it meets the blasts and gathers strength through the strain.—Selected.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

We are glad to announce the following new organizations, and wish each one of these societies the greatest success.

Young People's Society, Hanes M. E. Church, Winston-Salem N. C.—President, Miss Marguerite Ellison; first vice-president; William Coggins; second vice-president, Miss Ethel Sanders; secretary, Miss Ione Hudson, treasurer, Charles Hicks; superintendent study and publicity, Wilbur Parrott; superintendent social service, Sam Ellison; superintendent supplies, Miss Winnie Cox. (P. O. address of officers, Winston-Salem, N. C., Route 1).

Young People's Society, Boonville, N. C.—President, Miss Ella Bohannon; first vice-president, Miss Hilda Fry; second vice-president, Miss Allie Oakley; recording secretary, Miss Lillie Smith; corresponding secretary, Mr. Everett Gouph; treasurer, Miss Myrtle Oakley; superintendent study and publicity, Miss Bettie Oakley; superintendent social service, Miss Nell Bohannon; superintendent supplies, Miss Luray Bohannon. All addresses Boonville, N. C.

Children's Missionary Society, Cherryville, N. C.—President, Kathleen Dellinger; first vice-president Bertha Moser; second vice-president, Lel Howell; recording secretary Thelma Dellinger; corresponding secretary, Occie Seigle; treasurer, Tula Harrelson, auxiliary second vice-president, Miss Grace Beam.

DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. L. N. Presson, district secretary of Charlotte district, is planning to hold two district meetings this year, one at Harrison church and the other in another part of the district. She asks that we announce that the first one which will be held at Harrison church has been postponed until after the close of the schools, so as to give an opportunity to all the young people and childrens societies to have representatives present. Date to be announced later.

It was the happy privilege of your editor to attend the annual meetings of the Shelby and Salisbury districts which were held last week in Lincolnton and Spencer. Next week we will have a full account of these two meetings which proved most enjoyable and profitable occasions. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Shinn, the district secretaries, have their districts well organized and under their splendid and efficient leadership these districts are making fine records.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

We are glad to have the following account of the recent annual meeting of the Waynesville district, which comes to us from Miss Sara Cathey, who was the efficient secretary on that occasion.

The Waynesville district meeting was held in Bryson City, May 1 and 2. Mrs. M. D. Cowan, the faithful secretary of the district, presided in her usual efficient manner.

The hospitality accorded the visitors was typical of the good Bryson City people. We were made to feel entirely welcome and it seemed they spared no effort to make our visit pleasant.

We had present delegates from ten of the twelve adult auxiliaries as compared with five at the first district meeting six years ago.

The financial reports were also encouraging when compared with previous years, and there seems to be a growing interest in the work all over the district. Mission study classes are being organized, a decided growth in social service work, and more junior and young people's societies being organized.

Mrs. Dunham was with us at each session, and was ready with any needed information on any question that was being considered. Her address on Thursday night was an inspiration from start to finish.

The junior society and also the Young People's society of Bryson City church presented programs that were well prepared and very much enjoyed.

The netx annual meeting will be held in Franklin.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ENTERTAINS DAVENPORT

One of the most delightful social events given at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Courtney by the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church, of Lenoir to the teachers and student body of Davenport College. To make it easier to handle so many girls they were divided into three relays, each one received at the door by Mrs. G. C. Courtney. The young ladies were then ushered into the parlor, where they were most cordially greeted by the receiving line, composed of officers of the society. They then passed on to the libary, where Mrs. S. M. Clarke had them to register. Passing on into the beautifully decorated dining room, a committee of the younger women served delighful refreshments. Miss Lucile Abernethy then enterained the girls with games, etc., and from the sounds of laughter proceeding from that part of the house it seemed that joy and happiness reigned supreme. Beautiful music was furnished throughout the afternoon by outside friends and others.

The women of the town and church take great interest in the "girls on the hill," and it was a most pleasant occesion for all.

OFFICERS OF Y. P. MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF FIRST CHURCH, SALISBURY

Vice-president, Miss Mary Moyle; corresponding secretary, Miss Nona Bruce; treasurer, Miss Grace Smith; superintendent Mission Study, Miss Obeira Houser; superintendent social serivce, Miss Catherine Sides.

This is only a partial list of the officers, as the young ladies filling the other officers are away at school, but others will be chosen soon. It was the pleasure of the conference first vice-president to be at the meeting of this society on last Friday evening in the beautiful new church in Salisbury. While they have only a very small membership they are wide-awake and enthusiastic and are doing a good work. They have laid their plans for a successful year during 1919, and we feel that if their enthusiasm does not lag they will make a fine record for this year. They are one of the seven societies on the Roll of Honor for 1918, and we hope they will strive for that distinction again.

INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

The Interchurch World Movement will conduct the following conferences formerly held by the Missionary Education Movement:

Blue Ridge, N. C., June 24-July 3; Silver Bay, N. Y., July 4- 13; Estes Park, Colorado, July 11-20; Asilomar, California, July 15-24; Ocean Park, Maine, July 18-27; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, July 25-August 3; Seabeck, Washington, July 30-August 8.

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If you want a ten days' vacation amid ideal surroundings;

If you want to know the purpose and plans of the Interchurch World Movement and the program of the great Mission Boards of Ameriac;

If you want efficiency in your local church;

If you want best methods for your Missionary Societies;

If you want to learn to matr3 Guaud

If you want to learn how to make your Sunday school an effective missionary agency;

If you want to be introduced to the new Mission Study books;

If you want best normal methods for Mission Study leaders;

If you want the information and inspiration for great platform addresses by outstanding speakers;

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Among the speakers and leaders will be:

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Information

An enrollment fee is expected from each delegate to help defray expenses.

Rates for room and board, for the ten days, vary from $15.00 to $25.00.

Inquire from your local agent concerning transportation rates.

Reservations

Attendance at all conferences is limited. Apply at once.

Reservations will be made as nearly as possible in the order of application.

Registration fees will be returned to any who apply after all accommodations are taken, or who previous to the opening of the conference send notice of inability to attend.

Address all inquiries to Rev. E. O. Cronk, Interchurch World Movement, 124 East 28th Street New York City, or to the following conference headquarters:

Ocean Park, Maine, Rev. J. P. Brodhead, 53 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass.; Estes Park, Colorado, Dr. William J. Minchin, 415 Temple Court, Bldg., Denver, Colo; Lake Geneva, Winconsin, Dr. L. Breed, 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.; Asilomar, California, Rev. J. C. Worley, 1101 Wright & Callender Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.; Seabeck, Washington, Rev. John H. Matthews, Sixth and University Seattle, Wash.

There never in the world was a clearer illustration of the foreign responsibilities of Home Missions, than among the Russian Jews on the East Side, New York City. Had the church been able to reach large numbers of this particular class of New York City the Bolshevik movement in Russia might have had a different history. As a complement to this we have Bishop Bashford's recent statement to the effect that, had the Methodist Episcopal Church spent $40,000,000 in the last forty years in Russia, the Russian democracy would never have gone back on the Allies.—Carl F. Price.

WHEN THE MISSIONARY BALKED

A Missionary man in Malaysia suggested that the town needed a hospital. The people agreed. He proposed that they put up a $5,000 hospital, and he would see to furnishing a missionary doctor. The people agreed again. But the missionary man wanted to be sure, so he armed himself with a subscription pad and went to see the people. He returned with $12,500 subscribed.

In another town there was a debt of $160 on the parsonage. The missionary man had scarcely suggested that it be paid before a member of the church handed over a check for $160.

Next he suggested that the young men of the town should have a place for recreation. Almost immediately a field was leveled for tennis courts. One man handed the missionary man a check for $600, and said that $600 more had been put in the bank for a Young Men's Christian Association.

Soon after this a group of men were talking. Said one, "We need a boy's school building. If the government will give $5,000 toward a building, I will guarantee $3,000 more. I will also duplicate that offer for a girl's school."

Here the missionary man balked. "Don't offer another thing to me. I have already more than one mere missionary man can do," said he. Churches and preachers to superintend, government officials to interview on the question of schools, play grounds and curricula to make, teachers and workmen to hire, a hospital to equip. That is quite a program for one man!

This generous giving represents the whole attitude of the people of Malaysia toward the big Centenary Drive. The sum needed for Malaysia is $724,600, and the Malaysia conference proposes to raise $343,480, almost half.—Exchange

THE WEST STILL WILD?

The West is still wild according to the old ideas. Only eight months ago a slacker shot a sheriff after refusing to show his registration card. He was hunted for two weeks through the desert by a crowd f cowboys. He was finally discovered in a camp of brush in a humble swamp. He raised his gun to shoot, but the leader of the cowboys was too quick for him. He was shot dead and his body brought back to town. This is the Western way of dealing with crime.—A Nevada District Superintendent.

SHOES WEAR LONGER

When you walk in comfort; so do stockings. A package of Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to shake into the shoes and sprinkle in the foot-bath, gives you that "old shoe" comfort. Allen's Foot-Ease stops the pain of bunions, corns and callouses, and makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Ladies can wear shoes one size smaller with the same comfort by shaking some Allen's Foot-Ease in each shoe in the morning. Sold everywhere.

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Barium Rock Water is being prescribed by many physicians in the treatment of nervous debility and as a tonic and flesh-builder. They also recommend it in cases of indigestion, dyspepsia, rheumatism, gout, eczema and diseases arising from uric acid poisoning and for disorders of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.

Mr. J. W. McCoy, of Charlotte, N. C., writes: "I had a violent case of typhoid fever and for three years was a nervous wreck. I was totally unfit for any kind of business. I suffered continually from my stomach. My improvement began with the use of Barium Rock Water and I was entirely cured."

If you are weak and nervous, if you suffer from melancholia, hysteria or are afflicted with any of the above diseases, send $2.00 for ten gallons. If it fails to relieve your case, we will refund your $2.00. It is understood that the empty demijohns are to be returned prepaid. Address Barium Springs Co., Box E-12, Barium Springs, N. C.

THE FUTURE OF TEMPERANCE REFORM

After a great victory comes a lull in the battle and a let-down by the victors. The temperance forces faced this situation immediately after the ratification victory. Many said, "It is all over; let's disband." The brewers unwittingly helped the temperance forces to meet this situation quickly. After the eighteenth amendment was adopted they redoubled their efforts through an aggressive propaganda to save beer and have the eighteenth amendment declared unconstitutional. For any temperance or church organization to even relax its efforts under these conditions would be disloyalty to the cause.

We naturally turn to the churches at such a time because they made possible this victory. Coming generations will be increasingly grateful to the church for backing the organized effort which made the eighteenth amendment a part of the organic law of the nation. If the church had nothing else to her credit in this decade it would justify her existence. With such a record we turn to you with confidence of support to repel the last attack of the enemy.

The brewers are working through all of these camouflage organizations which are attacking war and constitutional prohibition. The hotel men's associations, the so-called soldiers' protests, the no beer, no work campaign, the legal battles to prove that beer is not intoxicating, these and many others are a part of a national program to influence Congress against enacting a law enfrcement code to make the eighteenth amendment enforceable. The moral and patriotic forces must throw light on these methods of the brewers and their allies, who are attempting to nullify that part of the federal constitution which was adopted by fifteen-sixteenths of the states of the union, representing over ninety-five per cent of the population under majority rule.

There must be a united front to urge upon Congress the necessity of enacting as effective a national prohibition code as those which we find in the average prohibition state. An aggressive campaign should be launched to enlighten the people about the intoxicating quality of beer. It is the most insidious in the liquor rattlesnake family. It takes more to make peple drunk, but its ultimate effect is as bad as the stronger liquors. The alcohol in the beer is assimilated quickly, while the liquid and solid substances in the so-called lighter intoxicants is absorbed more slowly, but it intoxicates the drinker by taking a proportionately larger volume. From a legal standpoint a person is intoxicated whose mind, nerves or physical organism is affected by liquor so that it may be observed by others. From a scientific viewpoint he is, in fact, intoxicated before this. Even the famous liquor control board investigation in England admits that small amounts of alcohol will affect the judgment, self-control, power of self-criticism of the drinker.

The brewers' affidavits and experiments upon drinkers prepared in the New York liquor case show the line of their attack. It must be met with facts and not with theories.

A great constructive program should be outlined. Among other things it should point the way to new business opportunities fr ex-liquor dealers and inform the people of their chance for self-betterment under the new era. Over two billion a year will be available in new lines of expenditure. By proper enlightenment much of this will be used for home betterment, education and self-improvement.

American patriots must do their part also in the campaign for world-wide prohibition. Universal democracy and universal sobriety must go hand in hand. The liquor traffic is an enemy to both. By helping others we help ourselves. The best way to safeguard the fruits of our prohibition victory at home is to be willing to share our blessings and bear testimony of their value to the peoples in foreign lands. Now that nation-wide prohibition is a part of our federal constitution we have the right to expect every patriot will sustain it and help to enforce it until it is modified or repealed in a legal and orderly manner. The reign of lawlessness which is sweeping over the country is the logical resultant of the liquor dealers' attitude of contempt for all law. The dignity and supremacy of the law must be upheld at any cost. The people must be educated to realize that all good laws, including this amendment, were adopted for the public good. A patriotic campaign for law enforcement must be continued until we reach the ideal advocated by Lincoln when he said:

"Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in the schools, the seminaries and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpits, proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice, and, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation."

Wayne B. Wheeler.

WOMEN FRANCE'S HOPE, NOT POLITICIANS

France and all it means must be restored for the sake of civilization and it is the French women who must mainly do it, not the politicians, declares Ida M. Tarbell in the June number of the New Red Cross Magazine.

"Let the politicians do their best—or worst," the writer continues, "it is not they that will lift and save France. It has got to be done from the bottom, down where people live in love and labor. And it is the women who will play the chief part there. Their task in the peace which has come is not unlike that of the poilu in the war that is past. They come to this work with the most terrible handicaps."

The handicaps, Miss Tarbell finds, are not merely the fact that France has been stripped of the flower of its manhood while thousands of others have come back from the war mutilated for life, but also include the problems of employment. Many of the women who went into munition plants will not return to their old work, some because they have been rendered unfit, some because they have succumbed to the innumerable lures of Paris, some because there it not work for them. There is the principal rub. But, concludes the writer, it is the handicaps which force them to their big task.

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Less than a month remains in which to close the year's work and be in readiness for our Epworth League conference to be held in Hawthorne Lane church, Charlotte, June 10-12.

I wonder how many of our local chapters have reports ready? Their year's work summarized, Africa Special in full, and ready for the roll call? What an ideal conference that would be! Every league in quick succession responding as soon as name called, and ready with full report. In all of my years of experience in attending League conferences, I have never known this to take place, let us make this one a record-breaker.

Now, again. I want to impress upon you the importance of sending in names of delegates, at an early date, to Mrs. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte. This is exceedingly important friends, for these good people of Charlotte are opening their hearts and homes to us; for I have been informed that they are providing free entertainments; which to me, considering conditions, is most magnanimous, and we must not be remiss in doing the little that is expected of us; merely write a few names and send them to Mr. Ivey.

Probably, in two weeks, our program will be ready for publication. I am waiting to hear from a number yet, who have been placed upon it, and should this catch the eye of one who has not written of his, or her acceptance or refusal (I desire to hear either way). I wish you would do so immediately. If not hearing from you within the next two weeks, I shall conclude "Silence gives consent," and your name will go on.

Now, young friends, attend to the matter I have asked of you, thus contributing your share to the success of our conference.

Katharine B. Browning.
Conference Secretary.

JUST A WORD

Dear Epworth Leaguers:

The "big drive" is only one week in the future. The apportionment has been sent to each district secretary, and before this writing the quota for your local chapter is perhaps in your hands. The Epworth League of our conference will, of course, overscribe and by so doing they will prove that they can be depended upon to do their part in any emergency. All together for the Centenary!

J. Frank Armstrong, President.

NEW OFFICERS OF WEST END EPWORTH LEAGUE

At recent meeting of the Epworth League of West End Methodist church officers were elected as follows:

President, Forrest Fulton; vice-president, Nancy Stockton; secretary, Lena Willis; treasurer, Banks Newman; corresponding secretary, Ava Carter.

A committee was appointed to assist Rev. R. H. Daugherty as follows: Francis Hitchcock, Hal O'Brien, Ina Carter, Morris Emmert, Elizabeth Newman, Bernice White.

Superintendents of the several departments of League activity were appointed as follows:

Robbie Cobb, superintendent of spiritual department.

Francis Hitchcock, superintendent of social department.

Ina Carter, superintendent of recreation and culture.

An interesting address was delivered by the pastor on "What the Christian Endeavor League is and what good can be accomplished," Every member is doing his and her part to make the league count for something worth while. Interesting programs are being prepared for each meeting and a synopsis of the programs will be published later.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

AN EPWORTH ERA CALL

In the current issue of the Era Dr. Parker gives us the clarion call, from which we clip the following:

"It is a truism to say that we can do unitedly through organization what is impossible otherwise, but it is not so easy to live accordingly. For example, what is the promise made in regard to united prayer? Yet who of us duly appreciate the Centenary fellowship of intercession and have any vision of what spiritual forces would move forth under the conditions created by a million intercessors in Southern Methodism? Thrice especially Jesus gave emphasis to the congregation—in administering discipline, for which he promised his approval; in worship, where he promised his presence, and in prayer, to which he gave his unconditional promise, 'Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you of my Father.' The Centenary will bring us to a new and juster conception of the church and of the church in its widest significance—Christ's congregation under whatever name or sign. And already there are great results of the movement evident as one after another of the denominations lifts up its eyes to behold the fields that are white unto the harvest and makes ready to thrust in and reap.

"The Centenary idea must be brought to large fruition very soon. May 18 has been designated as the day upon which the drive is to begin. For one week the whole church will focalize upon the work of raising the subscription of $35,000,000 in order to finance the enterprise of evangelism that the church has undertaken. To this great work every force must move, every effort must focalize here, every individual must take his part. Epworthians, not as an organization within the church, but as members of the church, must fall into line and do their utmost under the direction of the regularly constituted leaders. There has been great wisdom in the planning; there must now be boundless energy and resourcefulness in the doing. We are praying and have been praying. When the day of the drive comes we must go forth to gain the victory."

The North Carolina Conference Epworth League, under the wise and efficient leadership of President F. S. Love, plans to do more than meet the apportionment of the Centenary. The members of the Conference Epworth League Board were in attendance at a quarterly cabinet meeting.—Epworth Era.

NEEDED—MEN AND WOMEN AND PRAYER

By E. M. Bounds

We are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man or sink the man in the plan or organization. God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than of anything else. Men are God's method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.

What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use; men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. He will never talk well and with real success to men for God who has not learned well how to talk to God for men.

It is necessary to iterate and reiterate that prayer as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine or in a professional way, is a dead and rotten thing. Such praying has no connection with the praying for which we plead. We are stressing true praying, which engages and sets on fire every high element of the preacher's being—prayer which is born of vital oneness with Christ and the fullness of the Holy Ghost, which springs from the deep, overflowing fountains of tender compassion, deathless solicitude for man's eternal good, a consuming zeal for the glory of God, a thorough conviction of the preacher's difficult and delicate work and of the imperative need of God's mightiest help.

It is prayer force which makes saints. Holy characters are formed by the power of real praying. The more of true saints, the more of praying; the more of praying, the more of true saints.

More time and early hours for prayer would act like magic to revive and invigorate many a decayed spiritual life. More time and early hours for prayer would be manifest in holy living. A holy life would not be so rare or so difficult a thing if our devotions were not so short and hurried.

To pray is the greatest thing we can do, and to do it well there must be calmness, time and deliberation; otherwise it is degraded into the littlest and meanest of things. True praying has the largest results for good, and poor praying the least. We cannot do too much of real praying; we cannot do too little of the sham. We must learn anew the worth of prayer, enter anew the school of prayer.—Selections from Preacher and Prayer.

CHILDREN'S HOME

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THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

PRESIDENT WILSON'S CABLEGRAM

The other day President Wilson sent a cablegram from Paris to Dr. W. B. Beacham, of Nashville, Tenn., expressing his interest in the success of the Centenary. The following is the message sent:

"I am deeply interested to learn of the effort you are about to make to secure the needed money for the expansion of the work of the Methodist church and wish to extend my most cordial good wishes for the success of the effort."

Woodrow Wilson.

STRENUOUS DAYS

Were there ever days more strenuous for bishops, presiding elders, pastors, secretaries, minute men, directors, conference, district and church, than are these which immediately preceed the Big Drive. It seems to me that the busiest men I am finding as I travel over the conferences, are the ones who have responded to the call of God and the church to work in the Centenary movement. Presiding elders are keeping close touch with the whole movement on their districts. They know, or at least some of them do, just how the Centenary goes in every church in their districts.

In smaller fields pastors are just as busy looking after the local organizations and interests of the Centenary. If there is a pastor within the bounds of the conference who is not working at the Centenary, I have failed to run across him. However, it is true that some are working more than others.

One of the most inspiring things to me in the Centenary is the way the laymen are taking hold of this great work. We are finding scores of busy men who are ready and willing to leave their farms or stores, or factories or offices during work hours to devote time to the Centenary.

Prayerful Days

If the highest success is to crown our efforts, these must be prayerful days. Prof. Horace Sisk, Statesville district director, is urging his church, directors, team captains and teams to spend sometime wherever they meet in prayer. This is a good suggestion for all who are enlisted in this important task. Let all of us join in making these last few days before the drive and the days during the drive special days of prayer.

Two Great Sundays

The two Sundays, May the 18 and the 25, will, without doubt, go down in Methodist history as great days. Our Centenary leaders are urging us to have a service in every church on these two days. In order to do this, we shall have to use the Methodist Minute Men extensively. These men have rendered a notable service during the past four months, and they will not fail us now if we call on them.

In the Waynesville and Statesville districts, and perhaps in others, a serious effort is being made to raise the full allotment in each church on Sunday the 18. Why not make this unanimous for the whole conference? What do you say for your church?

In every church there should be a thanksgiving service on Sunday the 25. In this service there should be thanksgiving for the success of the Drive, and also for the fact that we have the opportunity to go on to even larger things for the Kingdom. The thank-offering will be sent in to defray the expenses of the Centenary. This offering should be taken in every church.

Centenary Treasurers

Up to May 1st the names of 239 local church Centenary treasurers had been sent to Dr. J. J. Stowe, leaving 667 churches in our conference not heard from. It is important that the local church Centenary treasurers be selected at once and their names sent to Dr. Stowe.

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2. Not only is it meet that we observe in a worthy way the celebration of the hundred years of such blessing, but God has given us the most fitting day in all history for such a celebration.

3. Every nation is wide open and ready now for the message of Jesus Christ.

4. Men and women are heeding the call for enlistment for service in a larger way than was ever known before.

5. The historic celebration and the providential hour mark a wonderful conjunction for us in the history of the world. We can never undertake the things of the Kingdom of God on the small basis of our past endeavors. We must meet the world situation in adequate terms of service and of gifts.

6. The Centenary Movement is fundamental to the right adjustment of international relations. It is no accident that the Centenary comes at this time. We have our legitimate and worthy place in this larger service for humanity.

7. The Centenary Movement comes with the message of Jesus Christ for the whole world, which is the only basis upon which we can build with any secure hope of permanent peace among men. At such a time and with such a mission every Methodist in the land ought to bring his very best in service and in gifts, that we may do our part in this world-wide task.

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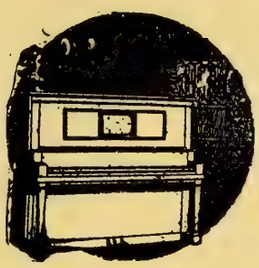
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TAKING THE GROUCH OUT OF GIVING

Many years I was in the class of Methodist laymen—all too numerous then as now—who developed a large and aggressive grouch whenever the subject of monew was mentioned in connection with church work. To my shriveled mind it was nothing but give, give, give all the time. One special collection would spoil three good sermons. Collectors, men or women, approaching me were nearly always received with sarcastic remarks and a wish that they would leave me alone. I felt that I was doing all that a church member should do, and once, when, in a moment of unusual generosity, I gave $5 to a pretty girl for the missionary cause, I strutted around for a week, chest out and head up, thanking the Lord I was not mean and narrow, like some people I knew.

But there came a day when in this self-satisfied spirit I happened to cast up my accounts with a view to finding what proportion of my income I was really giving to the Lord's work. The result was both startling and humiliating. I said to myself: "May the Lord have mercy on yur miserable, old, stingy soul." And I reckon He did, for I had the courage then and there to declare that as for me, whether rich or poor, it would be one-tenth for the Lord thereafter and for evermore. Immediately a change appeared. Instead of side-stepping the collection plate I took pains to get in its path. My increased subscription to current expenses brought a shout of joy from an overburdened finance committee. My grouch disappeared. For the first time in my life I could listen to an appeal for money with a smile on my face and a willingness to give in my heart. The one-tenth became as much a part of my financial program as my rent, interest, insurance and building and loan; it simply did not belong to me and was set aside each week. I considered myself merely its temporary custodian and I handled it as I would any other of my business affairs.

For a time I was puzzled to know just what a tithe was. Did it mean one-tenth of my gross income or one-tenth of the balance remaining after certain living expenses had been met? Some good people told me one thing and some another. Finally I said: "Lord, I can't be bothered by all these problems; to be on the safe side I will call it one-tenth of everything I get, and if I cannot live on the other nine-tenths I will have to starve." That was eighteen years ago, and I have never failed to get three square meals a day since and provide for my family. Business has prospered and the remaining nine-tenths, like the widow's cruse of oil, has always been ample to meet my every need.

From my experience I wuld say to the fellow who is carrying the money grouch that I dropped it eighteen years ago, read Malachi 3: 8 and followed it with Malachi 3: 10. Apply it to yourself and you will get a missionary smile that won't come off. I firmly believe that if Methodism tithed itself conscientiously and prayerfully the church wuld hardly know what to do with the money. Even the Centenary movement could not swallow it. My advice to church members is, Don't try to cheat the Lord; you will suffer a thousand times more than He will, and it is going to take a lot of good deeds to squeeze a stingy soul through the pearly gates.—New York Christian Advocate.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR BACKS SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

The official indorsement of the Order of the Eastern Star of Georgia, enrolling 5,000 women and the guaranteed backing of the order in the Salvation Army home service fund campaign for $13,000,000 is given by Mrs. Winifred McConnell, grand worthy matron of the Eastern Star, in a statement issued by her just before starting from Savannah on a tour of the state in the interest of the campaign.

"I feel confident in asking for the support of our women in this movement," said Mrs McConnell, "and it is proper to say at this moment that we are pledging the Order of the Eastern Star to contribute to all work of this kind.

"The Salvation Army has done so much good to every community I feel every confidence in pledging the support of my own organization.

"I hope and trust they will all feel the importance of acting promptly and generously. Every community owes a great deal to the Salvation Army and none more than the cities, where the influence of their work reaches many cases that are withdrawn from churches and organized charities.

"The Eastern Star is trusting to secure the entire co-operation of its ninety-seven chapters in the state of Georgia to get funds to equip and provide for the continuance of this sort of work. So many efforts must be made to meet the demands on society as the direct result of the war and the unsettling of business.

"It would please me if members of my order who read this interview would take it as a statement of our position and make every effort to assist county committees and organizers appointed for the Salvation Army fund.

"I never have believed," continued Mrs. McConnell, "the Salvation Army received recognition that was its due in acknowledgment of work they have done unselfishly in the past and are continuing at the present moment.

"Members of the Salvation Army have gone to the front with the boys and fed them and made doughnuts for them and shared their dangers and privations."

DAILY MANNA

Sunday—He giveth His beloved sleep.—Psa. 127: 2.

Monday—The house of the righteous shall stand.—Prov. 12: 7.

Tuesday—The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble.—Nahum 1: 7.

Wednesday—Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28: 20.

Thursday—Unto you it is given to believe on Christ.—Phil. 1: 29.

Friday—For by grace are ye saved through faith.—Eph. 2:8.

Saturday—And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—John 12: 32.

"NEVER TO BE DISTURBED"

In a Boston burial ground there is an inclosed grave lot. The iron fence is warping and rusting and crumbling after only seventy years. On the iron gateway to the lot is molded the caption, "Never to be disturbed," the epitaph of a timorously complacent soul, fearful of the world he was leaving behind.

The challenge to change has come to the church. Soldiers of the great upheaval are accepting the challenge and are finding the Christ of the highway crucifix to be the Christ of a guileless experience in a changed viewpoint of life. It is the new birth of a changed heart. There need be no anxious moments as to what the soldiers do with the New Testaments that the churches are sending them. Better be anxious to keep a companion Testament for each one sent abroad and read it ourselves, lest we be unfamiliar with the helping spirit and the sacrificial sacraments that its pages uncover to the men overseas.

The complacent critics of the soldiers' morals are running after will-o'-the-wisps. They are chasing fireflies in the valleys, while the men "over there" in France are on the heights, face to face with the stars and with God.—William R. Owen.

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This world, which has become a neighborhood, must become a Brotherhood.—Bishop Warne.

O Lord and Master of us all, open our blind eyes that we may see; enlighten our dull understandings that we may know; and seeing, may we behold Thee; and knowing, may our faith be established in Thee. And may the truth as it is in Jesus make us free from the shackles of sin and give comfort to our anxious hearts, and the all-pervading quietude of God to our troubled spirits. Amen.

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MOTHER

The noblest thoughts my soul can claim,
The holiest words my tongue can frame,
Unworthy are to praise the name
More sacred than all other,
An infant, when her love first came—
A man, I find it just the same;
Reverently I breathe her name,
The blessed name of mother,
—George Griffith Fetter.

THE NEWSBOY'S MOTHER

He was a ragged little newsboy who lived with his mother They were all in all to each other. Tenderly he cared for her, bringing to her small earnings and doing his best to help her in the household tasks.

One day the tired mother, weary of her hard struggle, closed her eyes to the scenes of earth. The lad was inconsolable. How could he live without her? After a few days of giving way to the bitterness of his grief, he began to wonder what he could do to show his love for her.

The picture of the unmarked grave came before his eyes. Other graves were marked by stones; why not hers? Of course, stones cost a great deal, and his earnings were small.

But love found a way. At a cutter's yard he found that even the cheaper stones were far too expensive for him. He was turning sorrowfully away when he saw a broken shaft of marble, part of the debris from an accident in the yard. Eagerly he asked the price of the irregular piece. The low price named by the proprietor came within his means. But he knew he would be unable to pay for cutting the inscription. The brave little chap made up his mind to do his best to prepare the marble himself.

The next day he carried the stone away on a little four-wheeled cart, and managed to have it put in position. One who was curious to know the last of the stone made a visit to the cemetery one afternoon. On his return he thus described in an article what he saw and learned:

"There was our monument at the head of one of the newer graves. I knew it at once. Just as it was when it left our yard. I was going to say, until I got a little nearer to it and saw what the little chap hod done. I tell you, when I saw it there was something blurred my eyes so's I couldn't read it at first. The little man had tried to keep the lines straight, and evidently thought the capitals would make it look better and bigger, for nearly every letter was a capital. I copied it and here it is. But you want to see it on the stone to appreciate it:

"'MY MOTHER
SHEE DIED LAST WEEK.
SHEE WAS ALL I HAD.
SHEE SED SHEAD BE
WAITING FUR——'

And here the lettering stopped. After a while I went back to the man in charge and asked him what further he knew of the little fellow who bought the stone.

"'Not much,' he said, 'not much. Didn't you notice a fresh little grave near the one with the stone? Well, that's where he is. He came here every afternoon for some time, working away at that stone; and one day I missed him, and then for several days. Then the man come out from the church that buried the mother, and ordered the grave dug by her side. I asked if it was for the little chap. He said it was. The boy had sold all his papers one day, and was hurrying along the street out this way. There was a runaway team just above the crossing, and—well, he was run over, and lived but a day or two. He had in his hand when he was picked up, an old file sharpened down to a point that he did all the lettering with. They said he seemed to be thinking only of that until he died, for he kept saying: "I didn't get it done; but she'll know I meant to finish it, won't she? I'll tell her so, for she'll be waiting for me." And, he died with those words on his lips."

When the men in the cutter's yard heard the story the next day, they clubbed together, got a good stone, inscribed upon it the name of the newsboy, and underneath it the words: "He loved his mother."—Baptist Commonwealth.

THE MAGIC WORD

Bennie was cross. In the first place, it rained when he wanted the sun to shine. Then he had cut his finger, and now he was hungry and Jane wouldn't give him anything to eat. "You've got to give me some bread and butter," he said

"You go along and stop your noise," replied Jane.

So Bennie wandered out in the garden and found George playing with his ball.

"Give me my ball!" he said, crossly. "You've had it all the morning."

"Don't bother me," replied George. "I have not finished with it."

Bennie turned away, half crying. Annie was sweeping the parlor. "I want you to put some salve on my finger and tie it up," he said. "It hurts."

"Wait a little," replied Annie. "I'm so busy now."

The tears in Bennie's eyes got bigger and soon began to fall fast. He lay down on the sitting room couch and sobbed, and there mamma found him a little later.

"Why, what's the matter, Bennie, boy?" she asked.

"Any one won't do a thing for me," he cried. "They just send me off instead of doing what I ask them to do."

"Perhaps you haven't used the magic word."

Bennie brushed away the tears and looked up. "Magic word?" he said.

"Why, yes. Didn't you know there was a magic word that would make people do just what you wanted?"

"What is it, mamma?' 'cried Bennie,

Mamma whispered in his ear. Bennie wiped his eyes, grinned, and then jumped down and ran to the kitchen. "Oh, Jane," he cried, smiling, "please give me some bread and butter."

"Of course I will," said Jane, and she put jam on it, too.

Bennie sat on the doorstep to eat it, while he watched the clouds break away and let the sunlight through. Then he went out in the garden.

"Please, George, may I have the ball now?" he asked, smiling.

"Catch it," said George, tossing it to him. "I'd have let you have it long ago if you hadn't been so cross."

When he had grown tired of playing he went and stood beside his mother where she sat sewing. "Well, Bennie, Boy, how does the magic word work?" she asked.

But before he could answer little May came in with a frown on her face. "You promised you'd make me a dollie, and you didn't do it,' 'she complained.

Bennie laughed. "I think I'd better teach May the magic word, too," he said to mamma.—Ex.

THE TALE OF A BOY AND A BIRD

I met the boy, but not the bird. The boy is the champion all-round athlete in his high school, holding a record or two, and having a great love for any healthy sport or athletic exercise, so much so that I fear his studies sometimes suffer.

One afternoon after school hours he was hurrying to the playground, when he saw a wounded bird.

"Poor little bird! Sorry your wing is hurt and you cannot fly, but I'm off to the baseball match with the junior team," he might have said and acted, but he didn't.

Instead, he cut out the day's sport by picking up the little hurt meadowlark and carrying it several blocks away to a bird doctor, who kept it for two weeks and then released it with a healed pinion.

That's all there is to this little tale of a boy and a bird, but when it was told me I liked the boy all the better for this revelation of himself.—Exchange.

WHAT TOM'S PIG DID FOR HIM

Tom was a twelve-year-old colored boy down in Mississippi, who belonged to a pig club organized by one of those wide-awake state supervisors of rural schools. The town bank agreed to buy pigs for the boys and girls if each one signed a promissory note for twelve months at the legal rate of interest, agreeing to work with the pig for that time, and pay the note from the sale of the pig's off spring.

Tom could hardly write his name. The banker called in the supervisor to help him make out the name and address. Tom borrowed $15 from the bank on September 9 1915. "One day in July, 1916,' says the supervisor, "I noticed Tom walking down the street on the opposite side, and he had a great, big smile on his face. He saw me and he came running across the street, and said: 'Mr. H., I have something to tell you.' He pulled out of his pocket the cancelled note and said: 'It cost me $16 dollars and a few cents, interest and principal,' and he had calculated the interest and knew exactly what it would be. He got one of his brothers to help him in this calculation, and when he went to pay the note he knew the exact amount. That was not all. He pulled out of his other pocket a bank book.

The bank had credited him with $76, as proceeds from the pigs he had raised that spring. That was the happiest boy I have ever seen, with that great, big smile on his face, seeming determined to do greater things in his life. I felt that was a turning point in the history of his life.

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RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO THE DEATH OF BROTHER ROWLAND C. TAYLOR

In the providence of God, our kind Heavenly Father. The third member of our Board of Stewards of Centenary has been transferred from the church Militant to the church triumphant within twelve months.

About high noon on April 7, 1919, Brother R. C. Taylor "fell asleep" in the fifty-second year of his age; faithful in all of the relations of life, as husband and father. Secretary and treasurer of our Board of Stewards, a member of our choir and a high toned Christian gentleman.

Born and reared in the "hill country" of our beloved State, there was incorporated into his very nature those everlasting principles of justice and truth, tempered with gentleness and kindness that ever designated him as a true follower of the "Meek and lowly Saviour."

His nature being attuned to the higher strains of music, he has doubtedless joined the choir Celestial in singing the "Songs of Moses and the Lamb."

Resolved first, That in the death of Brother Taylor, not only Centenary church, with all of its varied interests, has lost a good and faithful member, but that the whole community has lost one whose example and influence for good is worthy all emulation.

Resolved second, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, assuring them of our deepest sympathy, and that our payers shall continue to ascend on high, that they shall so follow his footsteps as he followed those of his Divine Saviour as to form one undivided family in Heaven.

Resolved third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and that a copy be sent to our daily papers and also to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

J. A. Gray,
J. F. Griffith,
T. L. Rawley,
Committee.

BUMGARNER.—James Newton Bumgarner was born November 13, 1852, departed this life April 9, 1919. He leaves a wife, three children, mother, six brothers, two sisters and many friends to mourn his loss. Brother Bumgarner was loved by every one that knew him.

About three years ago he was stricken with paralysis which lasted him to the end. He has been helpless all the while. But amid all this, he still held to the faith.

Brother Bumgarner has been a true and faithful member of our church at Double Springs, of which he was a faithful steward. He was converted and joined the church in early life. Brother Bumgarner served his county as commissioner for several years. In this office he gave wonderful service. He was loyal to the church and to his pastor.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer. Brother Bumgarner was buried by the Masonic order of which he had been a true and faithful member. Our church has lost a good man. May the blessings of the great God rest upon this bereaved family. His body was laid to rest in the Pine Creek cemetery to await the resurrection morn. T. L. Noble.

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While we are mourning our loss, the angles in heaven are rejoicing over their gain. Although it seems hard for the bereaved family to give up their babe, still it is not forever. It is just for a little while. She is waiting on the other shore with outstretched hands, and a sweet smile for her loved ones.

Her smiling face will see no more,
But we hope to meet her on the other shore.
Father and mother and relatives need not weep,
For she is playing with the little angels on the streets.
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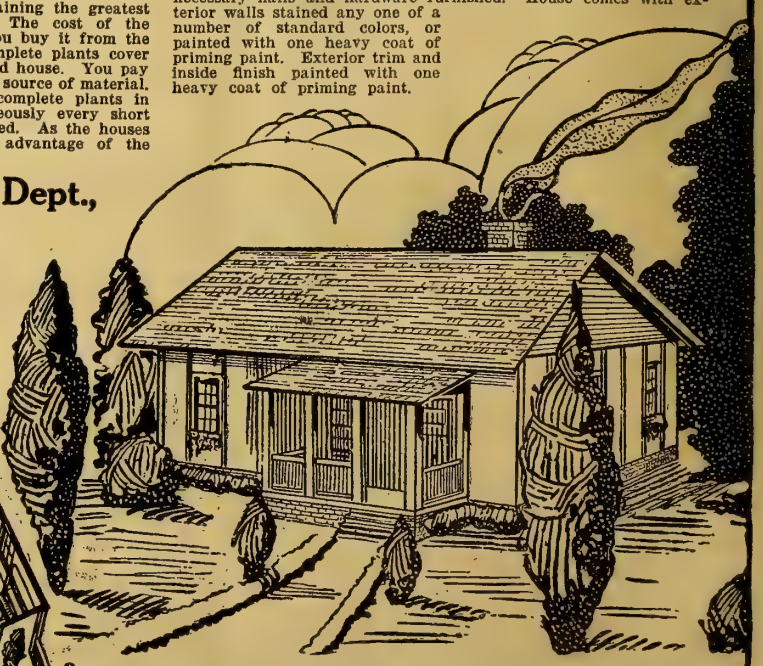
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Second Round

	May
Weaverville Commencement	4-6
Mills River, Shaws Creek	10-11
Hendersonville	11
Rosman circuit	18-19
Brevard	19
District Conference, Flat Rock	28
Third Round	
	May
Swannanoa, West's Chapel	24-25
Black Mountain	25
Flat Rock	31-June 1
	June
Saluda	1
Hot Springs	7-8
Central	8
Fairview, Bethany	14-15
Weaverville, 11 a. m.	15
Biltmore, 8 p. m.	15
Henderson, Reedy Patch	21-22
Hendersonville	22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
	August
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Trinity, 11 a. m.	4
Spencer Memorial, night	4
Brevard Street, 11 a. m.	11
Thrift, night	11
Seversville, Trinity,, 11 a. m.	18
Chadwick, Chadwick, 3 p. m.	18
Belmont, night	18
Tryon Street, 11 a. m.	25
Calvary, night	25
	June
Pineville, Marvin,	May 31-1
Hickory Grove, Derita, 3 p. m.	8
Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m.	14-15
Monroe, Central, night	15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Dilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Greensboro, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 o'clock	18
Greensboro, Walnut St. and Carraway Memorial at Walnut Street, night	18
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, 11 o'clock	25
Greensboro, Centenary, nigh?	25
	June
Pleasant Garden, Liberty-Bethany	May 31-June 1
Summer School for preachers at Trinity College, all pastors urged to attend	8
Coleridge circuit, Olivet	14-15
High Point, East End, night	15
Deep River circuit, Cedar Falls	21-22
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, night	22
Randleman, Old Union	28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night	29
	July
Greensboro circuit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
	August
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer	23

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MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Second Round In Part

	May
Ararat, Carter's Chapel	3-4
Danbury, Delta	10-11
Dobson, Rockford	17-18

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	May
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville	
at Burnsville	2-3-4
A Centenary rally beginning Friday night.	
Thermal City, Pisgah	10-11
Marion circuit, Pleasant Garden	17-18
Mill Spring, Bethlehem	24-25
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilbea	31-June 1

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	April
Stony Point, Center, 11 a. m.	26-27
Alexander, Rocky Springs 3 p. m.	26-27
	May
Troutman, Wesley Chapel 11 a. m.	10-11
Mooresville circuit, Triplett, 3 p. m.	10-11

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Second Round

	May
Avery circuit, Pisgah	3-4
Elk Park, Montezuma	10-11
Watauga circuit, Henson's	17-18
North Wilkes Mission	24-25
North Wilkesboro station	24-25
Wilkes circuit	31-June 1
Wilkesboro station	31-June 1

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia
Centenary Round

	May
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	4
Stanley, 7 p. m.	7

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Gold Hill, Zion	3-4
North Main, East Spencer, night	4
Concord circuit, Carmel	10-11
Westfor, 3 p. m.	11
Kerr Street, night	11
Albemarle circuit, at Stony Hill	17-18
First Street, night	18
Salisbury circuit	24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage	31-June 1
	June
Kannapolis station	1
Bethel-Loves	7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Hayesville, Oak Forest	3-4
Glenville	10-11
Highlands	11-12
Fines Creek	17-18
Third Round	
Webster-Cullowhee, Dillsboro,	May31, June 1.
	June
Bryson and Whittier, Olivet	1-2
Haywood, Davis Chapel	7-8
Clyde, Clyde	8-9
Sylva	14-15
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, 4 p. m.	15
Macon, Maidens Chapel	21-22
Franklin, night	22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge	23
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

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Salem, April 20, night.
South Side, April 27, a. m.
Walkertown, April 27, 3 p. m. and night.
Kernersville, Kernersville, May 3-4.
Burkhead, May 4, night.
New Hope circuit, Eleazer, May 10-11.
Grace, May 18, a. m.
Liberty Street, May 18, night.
Centenary, May 25, a. m.
West End, May 25, night.
Advance, Mocks, May 31-June 1.
Hanes-Clemmons, Mt. Pleasant, June 2.
Farmington, June 6-8. Quarterly meeting at Wesley Chapel, June 7, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.
Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.
Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.
Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.
Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.
South Thomasville, July 4, night.
Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.
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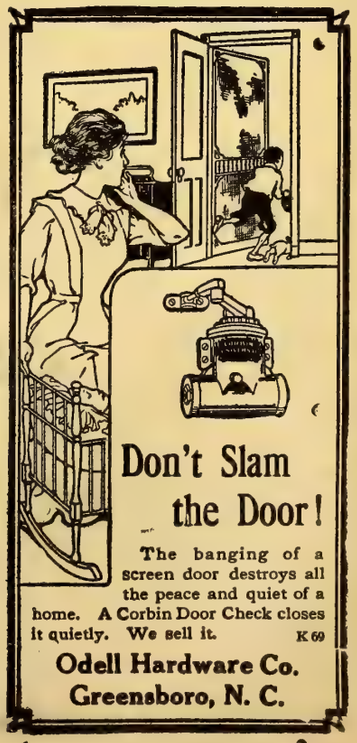
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Editorial

DISINTEGRATING FORCES

Things are unsettled. To be sure, as is often repeated, the world is in a state of flux. However, we must not concede that nothing is stable. Fortunately there are some things that will abide no matter what changes may take place. There are some things that will not melt even though they may be subjected to the intensest heat. Such are only purified by fire.

It is encouraging to know that the things which remain after social and political upheavals such as we are now witnessing, are the real and substantial,—the essential things in human society. Among these we may reckon the faith once delivered to the saints. This vital and indestructible thing will continue the same, yesterday, today and forever. No matter what forms of expression our religion may take the vital matter of individual trust in Jesus can never be changed. The things that shake the very foundations of government and society, the fires that consume ecclesiastical systems, will all pass away and be quenched after awhile, but the word of God will abide forever, and the smiple faith of the child of God will shine only the brighter.

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The times in which we live are not only unsettled but they are peculiar. One of the strange developments of the time is an apparent unrest and dissatisfaction, not only with social and political conditions but with old orders in religion. Few people, apparently, are saying now that the old order was better. The iconoclast is abroad in the land bent on the destruction of the old order, even religious and semi-religious organizations lending themselves to this work of destruction. Without receding in the least from our proposition that the truth can not be destroyed nor the word of God permanently bound or fettered, yet there is danger in a time like this that insideous wickedness may be clothed in the garments of light and that the cause of Christ may be greatly hindered by organizations calculated to deceive the very elect. It is well known that the primitive church which had flourished under the simplicity of the gospel message as preached and exemplified by the apostles and fathers to the time of Constantine, was throttled by a vision of a world conquest projected wholly upon the theory of the supremacy of physical force. We might say that the church kept in the path of safety till it was delivered into the hands of a man whose only conception of conquest was that achieved by physical force. The patronage of the rich and mighty became the stumbling block of God's people, and the light of the gospel was eclipsed for centuries as the result.

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We do not hesitate to say that this is really the greatest danger confronting the church today. These strange conditions which have developed so suddenly afford the opportunity to lay blame here and there, and not a few are saying that the troubles of our times are due to a gospel, selfish in its very essence, because it proposes to deal with the individual—inadequate, because it offers nothing but soul-rest, and leaves the individual to struggle with the inevitable amid social conditions that enslave and debauch. They preach all the time from the parable of the tares, proposing to root up vice and, by force, cast out the evil. They never preach the doctrine of the parable of the leaven, which proposes to save the whole lump of society by a power from within. Constantine led the church astray because he had joined himself to the church, not having the root of religion in himself, but seeing in it a wonderful organization to which he could hitch the chariot of his ambitions. The peril of the church today is the fact that some such men patronize her and see in her a great organization to which they can tie the chariots of their ambitions.

The church has only spiritual functions. Through this social order, sanitation, civic righteousness and all the mere betterments so worthy in themselves, will come just as foilage, flowers and fruit come upon vegetation. Our concern, therefore, is to see that the church functions spiritually, and to keep absolutely shy of such organizations as, at best, propose only to veneer society by making clean the outside of the cup and the platter. Civic, social and reformatory organizations have their legitimate place, all of them the result of the working leaven of the gospel, and we rejoice in them; but they are not to be exalted above, nor set up in place of, that only institution by which God has ordained to save the world by saving the individual.

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There are others who are inclined to lay the blame of all our trouble and unrest at the door of denominationalism. These are now ready and clamoring for the repetition of the attempt to set up a world church. Even the church—the modern church visible—dreams of world power. In this is born the Inter-Church World Movement for a union of all denominations. They call it a federation, but it will not likely stop short of invoking force to carry out the ambitious program. We doubt if there is a denomination that has not its providential place and mission. If by a normal process, any of these may come together it may be well, but a propaganda of force to bring about union would be nothing short of wicked. God's people dwell in families still, and the spirit of unity is manifest amid this diversity, for these may be all one just the same.

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In this connection we would call special attention to the report of a recent address by Rev. J. M. Gray, D. D., of the Moody Bible School, of Chicago, printed on our fourth page, and to the following comment on this address by the Religious Herald:

"Without giving our full approval to all that is here said, we venture to say that it is worthy of careful and thoughtful consideration. It is our own clear judgment that attempts to 'federate' our Christian denomninations will fail, and that in so far as they succeed they will hinder rather than help the progress of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. We do not question in any way the sincerity of the motives of many who are urging amalgamation of Christian denominations into one body. But if such a union is based upon either disloyalty to the word of God as one interprets it for himself, or upon indifference to its teaching, it is bought too dearly. Indeed, it becomes an unnatural and must prove to be an impermanent alliance.

Doubtless, the promoters of such a movement can find great numbers of people in the various Christian denominations who are there in some accidental or incidental way, who are uninstructed as to the teaching of their own people, and who might as well be in one place as another; but the strength of our great Christian bodies is not in these elements. And if the difficult task of creating among them religious hopes, purposes, aspirations, is accomplished, these new convictions will inevitably lead to new divisions and new groupings and in due time we shall have not fewer, but more, distinct organizations than we had at the beginning."

REDUCED RATES TO COLUMBUS CELEBRATION

News was received by the Joint Methodist Committee while in session at Columbus, May 16th, that the Railroad Administration has decided to grant a reduced rate of one and one third fare for the round trip for the celebration beginning June 20. Announcement of rates from Washington will be made as soon as tariff can be completed.

A wire message containing the above information was received by the editor on Saturday morning, signed by T. T. Frankenberg. This ought to greatly increase the attendance at what promises to be the greatest Methodist gathering in the history of the church.

THE CENTENARY GOING OVER

From reports received from various sections up to the hour of going to press, Tuesday noon, we think it safe to predict that the aggregate result will be not less than $50,000,000. for the enlargement of our missionary program and the reconstruction of the world. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

THE ADVOCATE ENDOWMENT

We call attenton to a communication this week from Rev. M. C. Field on the Endowment of the Religious Press. Brother Field, for years one of our most faithful and devoted itinerants, now a superannuate, is really the founder of the endowment already started for the North Carolina Christian Advocate. He not only believes in it as a wise and essential movement for the establishment of this most vital part of our educational system, but he has faith in North Carolina Methodists and fully expects to see an early response to our call.

We are glad to announce a pledge of $500. this week by a friend who has been watching this movement with great interest from the beginning, and who expresses the hope that, before the five-year period is out, he may be able to make it $1,000. We are praying and hoping for at least $10,000. to be pledged before our next issue. On with the good work! Liberty Bonds will do just as well as cash! Who will speak next? Pledges payable in five equal annual installments.

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises at Rutherford were held last week as per schedule announced, but the inclement weather made it impossible for the usual crowds to assemble. All day Tuesday the rain continued to pour down without intermission and with all roads in the immediate community in a horrible condition things were little more favorable on Wednesday.

The sermon of Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, on Tuesday morning was very timely and appropriate and made a very profound impression upon the audience present, composed mainly of the student body.

The trustees meeting held on Tuesday afternoon was not largely attended, but was of unusual interest on account of the very fine condition of things as revealed in the reports of the President and the Financial Agent, respectively. These reports showed that, despite adverse conditions, the attendance had been about up to the average and the work of the students quite satisfactory; also that fine progress has been made in securing the building fund, and that Weaver Hall is nearing completion. There is no doubt now that this building which will house one hundred students comfortably, will be ready for the opening this fall. A full heating plant, water works and a lighting system is to be installed and plans are under consideration for the erection of another building which will take care of as many more students.

With the substantial buildings already there and the assurance of a good beginning for the permanent endowment of the institution which the Centenary assures, day is surely breaking for Rutherford. Prof. Hinshaw and his co-laborers have done and are doing a great work, and there is a growing appreciation of this work throughout our Conference. Professor Walker, who has given all his time to the work of raising the buidling fund during the past year, reports about $28,000. secured and expects soon to reach the $35,000. mark.

The editor was sorry that his brief visit could not include the commencement day exercises on Wednesday, when Prof. Robert Lee Flowers, of the Trinity College faculty, was the speaker. He also regretted that he was not permitted to be in the Alumni meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when Rev. L. B. Hays, of Franklin, was the speaker.

Rutherford still maintains its place as pre-eminently a school of the prophets, there being some twenty-five or thirty young men now in attendance who are preparing for the ministry.

We were sorry to learn that Prof. Usry, who has been so seriously afflicted for more than a year, is still lingering with no signs of improvement, also to learn of the deep sorrow that came to the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Clegg on Tuesday morning when their darling boy was taken home to God. Let our readers pray for these stricken families.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PREACHERS

The Summer School for Preachers will begin its second annual session at Trinity College June 4th and will continue till the 13th. This is an occasion for our preachers to keep in mind, especially the undergraduates who can get fine help on their course of studies. All pastors who can possibly do so should attend, first for the sake of an outing which will be far better than a trip to the mountains or the seacoast and far less expensive. The main reason, however, why our pastors should attend is the fact that they will have the benefit of hearing several of the most eminent men in America in lecture courses which would cost hundreds of dollars to get otherwise. We doubt if a pastor in North Carolina could get so much that would be really helpful to him in his ministry as he will get here in the nine days of the term.

We suggest again as we did last year that congregations join in a purse to defray the expenses of their pastors. All that is needed in many congregations is for some leader to make the suggestion and the money will be forthcoming. This will pay every way.

BISHOP CANDLER VISITS GREENSBORO

Greensboro was peculiarly favored last Sunday in the visit of Biship W. A. Candler, who was the Baccalaureate preacher at the State College for Women, and who preached also at the evening hour to a great congregation at West Market Street church. His theme at the College was The Permanence of Christianity. The sermon was a clear-cut estimate of the value of the Christian religion as compared with all other systems. The text was Matthew 24:35. At the evening hour he preached on Christ's Lament over Jerusalem, and with great pathos and power pictured the utter ruin of any nation or individual losing the consciousness of God as the great head and ruler of all things.

It has been a long time since we have seen such a grip on a great congregation and this message of the Bishop will doubtless be spoken of in generations to come. There is no estimating the value of such a message, especially at this time when so many things seem out of joint. Our great church ought to be profoundly thankful for such a man in the van of her leadership.

Bishop Candler, as the head of our great University at Emory, Ga., is in position to touch and mould the young manhood of the church in a way that will tell for good in a time when such a bulwark of strength is greatly needed. He had never visited Greensboro before, and the great majority of our people knew little or nothing of him. They will want him to come this way often hereafter we are sure.

ECHOES FROM THE CENTENARY

—A phone message from Brother Frank Lambeth, of Thomasville, on Monday morning, says, "Main Street over with a pledge of $22,639.26.

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—Rev. M. H. Vestal reports the Epworth-Center charge "over the top" Sunday afternoon with a handsome margin and the campaign not completed.

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—Rev. N. R. Richardson was in the city on Monday and called at the Advocate office. He reports Cooleemee, his charge, over the top and on beyond.

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A wire message from Granite Falls, received at 1.45 p. m. Sunday and signed by H. G. Allen, says, "Over the top with $1,500. surplus at 11 a. m.

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—Rev. R. K. Brady, pastor East Spencer and North Main, says on Monday: My charge seems to be going over the top this year on everything. I thank the Lord and take courage.

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—Report from Winston District indicates gratifying results under the leadership of the presiding elder and Director, Leon Cash. Winston-Salem churches reported as follows on Monday: Liberty charge, $2,750.00; Burkhead, $7,228.25; Salem, $12,217.80; Centenary $33,325.00; West End, $24,530.00; Grace, $4,527.00; Southside, $2,243.00. The Salem congregation, with Mr. C. H. Jones, director, reports that their total will be increased about seven or eight hundred dollars before the drive closes. Southside and other local charges will also materially increase their total before the week closes.

—At Lexington by the time of the evening service the congregation had pledged $23,000.

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—Spring Garden Street church, with a $50,000. church building enterprise already on hand and under way, came right up on Sunday morning with their quota of the Centenary fund amounting to $5,533. One of the pluckiest congregations in this or any city.

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—Little Bethel, the youngest child of the Greensboro Methodist churches, went over the top without counting the credits at the service last Sunday morning. Counting the credits they will be about 150 per cent. The Greensboro circuit, of which Bethel is a part, went over with a good surplus and Brother Woosley is happy. Zion is still to hear from.

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—Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial both crossed the great divide and are shouting happy over their achievement. No telling where this thing will stop since once we have it going. If the whole church is anywhere in sight of the churches in Greensboro and vicinity we are sure of $50,000,000 and some more.

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—Centenary church, this city, easily went over at the Sunday morning service with about 50 per cent. overplus, and they say by the time they are through they will likely have doubled the quota. They are feeling the good effects of that splendid revival which still has its glow on the congregation.

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—At an inspiring meeting of the faculty and students of Greensboro College for Women held on Sunday afternoon following a talk by Mr. Gunter, the local Centenary director, it was resolved to pledge the sum of $3,500 by the students and faculty for the support of a missionary in the foreign field, this amount being the estimate of a support for five years.

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—Rev. J. L. Neill, Superintendent of the department of Missionary Education of our General Sunday School Board, says: Reports to date show more than six thousand schools 100 per cent. for the Centenary, with subscriptions totalling approximately $30,000 per month, for the next five years, and our real campaign in the schools is just beginning with the issuance of these Specials.

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—At West Market Street church, Sunday evening, the teams reported through their captains, a total amount of more than $41,000., which is considerably more than the apportionment. There was great enthusiasm during the taking of reports, and great hand-clapping when these were written on the blackboard and the aggregate taken. The actual taking of these pledges consumed only about three hours.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Organic Union of the Northern and Southern branches of the Presbyterian Church in America has been recommended unanimously by the Conference Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly now in session in New Orleans. We learn that policy will meet with the hearty endorsement of the northern branch of that denomination. If the report should be adopted it will have to be approved by the various Presbyterys before it would be finally effective. We are glad our Presbyterian friends are planning to get together. The Northern and Southern Methodists have been talking much about a closer union also, and we hope to see the time when all the Methodist hosts are practically one. The slavery question caused the separation of 1844 and now since it has been settled and the union of the states cemented there is no good reason why the church should continue to be divided on sectional lines. We are moving toward that good day when a united Methodism shall go forth to evangelize the world.

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Our Baptist Friends in Southern Convention, held in Atlanta last week, spoke out in no uncertain way against the abolishing of denominational lines. They, with all Christians, want unity of spirit but hold properly to the denominational tenets which set them apart as a distinct branch of the church. There is a field for the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Methodists and all other evangelical sects and each can do its best work as a separate organization, while at the same time the most cordial relations should exist between them all. We believe in a broad fraternal spirit which co-operates with all who love our Lord, but we should have a distinct and clear grasp of doctrine which may sometimes conflict with the views of brethren who are just as honest and sincere as we are. To these we owe tolerance and Christian charity.

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We Are Glad to Announce that Bishop Darlington has been assigned for another year to this Episcopal district. For the past year he has been instant in season and out of season in his labor of love and knows the field thoroughly, having gone in and out before the people even to the remotest bounds of his territory. The people and the preachers hold him in highest regard because he is a wise administrator, an extraordinary pulpit preacher and a very lovable Christian gentleman. The Conference date, October 22, is earlier than usual, but not too early. Our people do not have to wait now as in the old days for a cotton crop to be marketed before they can pay the church obligations. They can pay up now as easily in July as in November and the advantage of an early Conference is that all the preachers can move and be settled in their new homes before the severe winter weather begins. We are highly pleased with both the Bishop and the date.

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The Congress Met in Extraordinary Session last Monday. The House was organized by the republicans, with Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, as speaker. Former speaker Champ Clark was unanimously chosen minority leader by the democratic caucus. For the first time in our history the President, in a foreign country, cables his message to Congress.

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The German Representatives in Paris are carefully studying the conditions of the peace treaty and claim that the demands are so heavy that the German people will be unable ever to meet the payments. The German people back at home are grumbling too about the heavy penalties demanded and some sections of the press advocate the rejection of the allied demands; the Socialists, however, are frank to say that the easiest solution of the difficulty is to sign up and try to pay up. A refusal to sign will mean the further advance of the allied armies under General Foch; the complete subjugation of the German nation and finally heavier toll than is now demanded. The blockade would be tightened and the last state of Germany would be worse than the first. It is probable that by the time this comment is read the German seal will be affixed to the treaty and peace declared, but if they hold out against the allies' terms they will suffer the heavier penalty. Meanwhile the Peace Conference is arranging to submit terms to Austria and the other enemy countries and it is said the Conference will probably conclude most of its work by June 15.

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The Aeroplane Flights Across Seas have held the attention of the world for some days past. Lost seaplane N. C. was found by destroyers and crew taken aboard steamship. At this writing Seaplane N. C. 3 has been lost for more than forty hours, while Plane N. C. 4 is ready to resume flight from Azores to Lisbon. Accidents may be common for a time but in the near future there will be steady streams of aerial navigators to and from Europe.

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We Feel Sure that when all the returns are in the sum realized in the Missionary Centenary drive will far exceed the goal. The reports of last Sunday's work indicate that probably sixty-five per cent. of the amount sought was pledged on the first day. This was an optimistic forecast, but hardly too great. Methodist people have undertaken a great task and are meeting it in a great way. The sacrifices of our people will bring blessing to the hungry millions who need our help and even greater blessing to the generous Christians who are bringing their offerings into the storehouse of the Lord.

The man who can convince Christian people of the close connection between the maintenance of Christian colleges and the prosperity and growth of the church will be a benefactor of the race.—President Dwight.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE GREAT MILL WHEEL THAT WOULDN'T TURN

One of my boyhood recollections is of an immense overshot water wheel, designed to turn a mill, dry and still and going to wreck. The water to turn it had been brought from a distance in a mill race, or ditch. The story of it is simple. Crawfish got into the mill race and bored holes through the banks and let the water out, so that there was not enough to turn the wheel; and the whole investment, mill and all, went to nothing.

I raise the serious question now whether in our religious work we are not liable to such a disaster. We have been passing through extraordinary times. We are still in extraordinary times. Our minds have been turned to the great war, and now they are naturally turned to the taking care of the great results of the great war. Everybody wanted to do something for the soldiers and for the great war, and now everybody wants to help in the reconstruction. The churches are asked to get into all sorts of things, many of them good things, but only very remotely connected with the real purposes of the churches; some of them are things that churches ought not to give any countenance to at all. Every day I have to throw into my wastebasket propositions of one sort or another, one of the latest being to turn all the churches into physical culture institutions, winding up with dancing; the physical culture institutions, dancing, etc., to be, of course, under very close restrictions.

It comes to me with tremendous force that the churches now ought to get back to work that is pronouncedly religious. If we allow the energies of the churches to waste on all sorts of side enterprises, it will not be a great while until all the institutions which turn their wheels by the force they get from the churches will be in the same condition that great mill wheel was in, and everything will go to dry rot. Had we not better stop and ask ourselves the question seriously whether the churches are intended to run everything in the country? And then, especially had we better ask ourselves the question whether the churches are to be run by everything that is jumped up, even if they do have the humanitarian design?

If I read the New Testament right, churches are spiritual institutions. They are not intended merely to please and amuse and entertain. Their work is vastly deeper than that and stronger than that and more vital. If the spiritual life of the churches declines, there will be a spiritual drought on the country and everything will suffer. I have a serious word for the preachers, who are the leaders of the churches: Is it not time we got back to preaching the gospel some? Indeed, shall we not make that our real business? Social service is a by-product of Christianity. If the vital forces of Christianity are not maintained, then nobody can say what will come of all the forms of social service. If I can diagnose the times at all, our great need now is spiritual power in the churches. This revival will not come by combination. I confess myself utterly weary of all the great schemes for bringing on revivals. I can see the great old wheel and hear it creaking. The only thing that could have made that wheel worth anything was the water away up at the head of the mill way and that water properly conserved. We need a revival, and we need it in the churches. We need it for the soldiers who are coming home. I am not disturbed so much about the mental attitude of the soldiers as some other brethren are. I am concerned about the spiritual condition in the churches when they get home. My information is that the men overseas and in the camps at home are overfed on flim-flam religion, stunts, theatricals, and everything of that sort mixed together; and their souls are hungry for the vital things of religion—the message of a Saviour who died for them. Besides, I know, if I know anything at all about the Bible and about Christianity, that the gospel faithfully preached with the power of God on it will grip men's hearts everywhere. The gospel fire is the fire we need to burn up the chaff that has been scattered profusely all over the land. So I am raising the question now whether we shall not turn our thoughts everywhere to the main things. Our own denominational work depends on it. We are laying out great programs, not too great; but if our sources of strength fail, our programs will resemble the big, dry wheel. Machinery does not generate power. It consumes an amount of power. Some of it is necessary. My thinking all the time turns to a minimum of machinery and a maximum of power. We need power. We need genuine rveivals. We need to get away from the skip, hop, and jump style of things, and seriously, with our faces in the dust, seek God, for our strength is in God and not at all in any other thing.

When John Wesley saw the desolation of England, very wisely he didn't go around putting patches and plasters on the sores. He went out with a great spiritual passion, and the Wesley revival, so called, renewed the lives of the people, and the troubles got well without any plasters at all. What we need now is a blood remedy and the irresistible right arm of God in the things we have set ourselves to do.—J. B. Gambrell, in Baptist Standard.

THE PROPOSED WORLD CHURCH UNION—IS IT OF GOD, OR MAN?

Synopsis of an address by Dr. James M. Gray, Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, before the Graduating Class, April 17, 1919.

Dr. Gray said that his address was based upon the newspaper reports of certain regional conferences now being held for the promotion of a World Church union or an Inter-church World movement.

It was proposed to organize a League of Churches as the result of the war, and he asked what churches are to be included in the League?

"Three Protestant Episcopal Bishops" he said "are now across the seas seeking a conference on unity between the Russian Greek and the Roman Catholic churches, and the Protestant churches of the world and although the Pope politely bowed them out of his presence, yet the movement is significant as the first time since the reign of Henry VIII when Protestant bishops have waited upon the Pope.

"Here we may see prophecy in process of fulfillment for not only is a league of nations revealed in prophecy whose head is designated as a secular despot, but side by side with him is an ecclesiastical head who exercises his authority.

"It might be said that the regional conferences were not thinking of a union with the Roman and Greek churches, but one of the Protestant churches, but even in that case the recent war illustrated the kind of a union which it might be when the Knights of Columbus on the one hand and the Y. M. C. A. on the other controlled the entire field. However such unionizing of religious activities may have been justified by war conditions, it was nevertheless a body blow to evangelical Christianity and an injury to the spiritual interests of our fighting men."

Dr. Gray referred further to the reported declaration of the promoters of World Church union that the spirit of co-operation was in the air so that "sectarianism and the accompanying bigotry which it engenders will not be tolerated."

"I do not believe in bigotry," he said, "and with grief I am bound to admit that sectarian quarrels have produced bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil-speaking, but still it is true that devotion to and promotion of the tenets and interests of a denomination of Christians is a good and necessary thing in this age, when the tenets and interests are in harmony with the word of God."

He then went on to show that there was a time in the history of the church in this country when had it not been for the Evangelical Avdentists the testimony to the coming of Christ would have suffered an eclipse. He also showed that the Baptist testimony to the ordinance from which that denomination took its name has been a prominent factor in restraining Christian apostasy. He referred in the same way to the principle of independency as established by the Congregationalists on the one hand and that of Episcopacy as represented by the Anglican church on the other. "Silence the testimony of any of these distinctive denominations of Protestantism and the spiritual interests of the whole church would suffer.

"The same might be said," he declared, "of the Methodist emphasis on free grace on the one hand and the Calvinistic emphasis on divine soverignty on the other."

He paid a tribute also to the smaller denominations like the Christian church, the Evangelical Association, the Methodist Protestants, the Mennonites, the Moravians, the Reformed Episcopal church, the United Brethren, the Evangelical Church and others, "all of which," he said, "were born in revival or owed their origin to a new emphasis on an old and nearly forgotten truth or a protest against some error."

He said the argument for World Church union growing out of the thought of efficiency made a discord in the service of God. Efficiency means a maximum of result with a minimum of expenditures, but Christ answered that argument at Bethany when he commended Mary for wasting the alabaster box of ointment on His head. World Church union might secure more money for certain enterprises, but the smaller denominations and the smaller churches would bring more sinners to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the real mission of the Church.

The reported object of the World Church union was to "give expression on questions of Civic reform, law enforcement, international morality and world peace."

"No sane man," he said, "will question the desirability or the necessity of these objects, and no well-balanced Christian will think it well pleasing to God to neglect to promote them as an individual; but they are not the calling of the church considered either as an organization or an organism, and for the church throughout the world to become absorbed in them to the extent named is for the Bride of Christ to become a harlot. These things are by-products of Christianity, and when Christianity itself is promoted by the evangelization of the masses, these by-products are as certain to follow as the grass is certain to spring up after rain."

"The advocates of the World Church Union are riding into power on the plea of reconstructing things after the war," he continued. "They tell us that we are in a new world today and that the church must adapt itself to new conditions, but it is the same old world in reality which is only trying to get a new grip on itself. Sin has not weakened its hold upon humanity and no new remedy has been found to dispose of it.

"The claim of the advocates of union that the church is failing to function because its membership is absorbed in the salvation of their own souls while the world goes to the devil, has been effectively answered by Dr. Andrew Gillies in the Christian Advocate, who shows that the very opposite is true. For more than one decade there has been a steady change of emphasis in the church from the salvation of the individual to the salvation of society, and the danger is, as the writer above quoted says, that the churches shall become mere agents of social service, 'ethical asylums,' instead of homes in which souls are born into a newness of life."

Dr. Gray said further that the theory that the church must go into politics and socialism was not attractive to the masses, but the very opposite. "The masses are coming to believe that the church is infringing on the prerogatives of the State." he said, "and as a southern preacher puts it, 'The church is endeavoring to enact into laws such ideals of morality and social reforms as she has been unable to inscribe on the tablets of the human heart. She is endeavoring to enforce by the strong arm of the government what she has failed to accomplish by moral suasion.' For this reason the masses are murmuring against the Church and beginning to demand its abolition, and its hope lies in its return to the Gospel and the simple ways of saving men.'

In closing Dr. Gray showed from the Scriptures that the Christian union had already been made between true believers by the Holy Spirit, and the duty devolving upon them was simply to keep it in the spirit of love and in the bond of peace.

"In all this present agitation for World Church union," said Dr. Gray, 'It has been left for the Baltimore Sun a secular newspaper to utter the truest word that I have read when it said editorially, 'The principles of the Christian religion are essential to the safety and welfare of the world, but if they are to prevail the churches themselves

must be reconstructed, not in creeds, but in spirit and in life. The only thing necessary is that they should co-operate in Christian work as brethren.'

"Doctrinal agreements and church federations are obstacles in the way of the divine purpose in this matter because they so closely resemble the real article that they prevent it from receiving its proper recognition.

"As men and neighbors, as those of one blood and of one kin," said Dr. Gray, "Let us do all that we can legitimately do to reform the city and the state and to promote international morality and world peace, but when it comes to the formation of a World Church union to promote such things, important as they are, let us beware that we are not found fighting against God, betraying the Lord for thirty pieces of silver and selling our birthright for a mess of pottage."

ARMENIANS AND TURKS SINCE THE ARMISTICE

The Turks in the past have never made kind masters nor has their nature changed with the signing of the armistice. One has only to read of the horrors of the Armenian massacres to know that men who committed such atrocities would not change materially because of the cessation of hostilities. Expediency, for the moment, while the discussions of the Peace Conference are going on, makes the Turk put his best foot forward thinking thus to lighten his peace terms.

With a great show of repentance the Turkish authorities in Constantinople have sentenced and put to death some of the men whom they consider the ring leaders in the massacre of hundreds of thousands of innocent Armenians. One day they execute these men to prove their good faith for the future to the potentates deciding the fate of Armenia and other small peoples whom the Turks desires to rule, the next we read of fresh attacks on the Armenians.

As witness that massacres are still taking place we have the word of John H. Finley commissioner of the Red Cross for Palestine, who says, "Throughout Asia Minor, beyond the points to which the British and the French troops have advanced, the Armenians are still being persecuted by the Turks. The fact that the armistice has been signed makes no difference. In one way or another, by individuals and by groups, Armenians are being killed. I know of one case where one hundred Armenians were slaughtered, and another where forty were shot down—all of this since the armistice was signed. One of the most recent cablegrams which has arrived at the New York headquarters of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief tells something of the present treatment of the Armenians by the Turks. It is signed by John H. T. Main, president of Grinnell college, Iowa, who is one of the seven commissioners of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief studying conditions in the Near East with the object of placing the relief contingents where they will be of the greatest service. His message follows:

"I have been handling refugee concentration along the former boundary line between Russian and Turkish Armenia. Alexandropol, a large center, and Etchmiadzin, a small one, are typical. In the large one are 68,000 refugees by actual census at our bread and soup stations. In the other are 7,000.

"Refugees have streamed into these places hoping to find it possible to cross the border into their former homes in Turkish Armenia near Kari. Concentration at these two places and many others without food or clothing and after a winter of exile in the Caucasus and beyond has produced a condition of horror unparalleled among the atrocities of the great war. On the streets of Alexandropol on the day of my arrival 192 corpses were picked up, and this is far below the average per day.

"These refugees dare not go forward. They halt on the border land of their home. The Turks, the Kurds, and the Tartars have taken possession of their land and will hold it by force of arms. A line almost like a battle line from the Black Sea region, where is located the Southewestern Republic with Karl as its Capital, to the Caspian Sea, where is the capital of the Azerbaijan Republic, together with a line of Turks, Kurds and Tartars between these two extremes holds the refugees where they are. The total number is more than 330,000.

"The only solution is a considerable number of troops to be used as a policing force supplied by a mandatory power. Many Armenian soldiers would be available for such service. This action must unhappily await the findings of the Peace Conference, and the voice of governing bodies. Every moment of delay means enlargement of existing horrors."

A MAN'S JOB AND A PAUPER'S PAY

By R. B. Eleazer

"Since we took this charge, five months ago, we have received just twenty-six dollars a month as salary—the sole support of two people and a horse. What would you do about that sort of situation?

The questioner was a bright, enthusiastic, capable young preacher of more than average education and ability. He had but recently joined the conference and had been sent to a rural charge in a rich agricultural section. Fine farms stretched out in all directions and the members of his churches were nearly all land owners or business people, comfortable, well-to-do. They considered themselves the equals of the best in culture and character and entitled to as good a preacher as anybody.

And they paid to a struggling young couple, eagerly pouring out their lives in service to the community, $26 a month. With corn for the preacher's horse eight dollars a barrel, flour twelve dollars, meal seventy-five cents a peck and bacon fifty cents a pound!

What do you suppose they expect of him? Do they imagine two people can live on it? Or must the preacher go hopelessly in debt to keep body and soul together? And if he does,, what will be the effect on his standing and influence in the community? What of his peace of mind, his self-respect, his spiritual poise? They are good people; they do not wish him to starve, or even to be underfed; but what alternative do they offer him when they pay him less than a dollar a day, less than the cheapest, most ignorant, barefoot, ragged tramp or beggar would be expected to work for?

Oh, yes, they expect him to be well fed and to wear good clothes. A ragged coat or a pair of patched trousers in their highly respectable pulpit would shock and humiliate them unspeakably. They expect him to buy papers and magazines and books, and keep his mind fresh and up with the times. They expect him to always be cheerful and hopeful, full of faith and optimism, and able to comfort all who need his ministrations. And they pay him $26 a month. Could they blame him should he quit and go back to the office or the shop, his faith shaken, his devout purpose to serve God in the ministry blighted, mayhap his whole life ruined?

There are 866 such preachers of our church who are receiving $400 a year or less, and nearly 2,000 who are laying down their lives in service for $600 a year or less. And they are the men who do the hardest work, travel the longest circuits and serve under the most discouraging conditions. How long will Southern Methodism tolerate such conditions and still expect men of character and ability to enter her ministry?

The success of the Centenary will mark a decided step toward the relief of these deplorable conditions. It will mean that about 2,500 underpaid, struggling pastors will have their salaries supplemented by conference mission grants of a hundred to three hundred dollars each, in some degree relieving the terrible economic pressure under which they are now living, freeing them for a more effective service and redeeming the self-respect of a great people who would not treat any other class of employes so inconsiderately. Let us see that this worthy appeal is met in full, this crying injustice corrected. The Centenary allotment in full will go a long way toward that end.

"AS THY DAYS"

A wonderful promise is this: "As thy days, so thy strength shall be.' ' The most uncertain thing in life is the future. No one knows what it portends save God alone. It may be filled with sunshine or gloom; it may bring gain or loss, sickness or health, honor or dishonor. And the terrible thing about the future is its imminence. Yet we usually think of the future in terms of distance. The future is thought of as five or ten or twenty years hence. We often forget that the present and the future are twins and walk side by side. Our next heartbeat is the future, the next tick of the clock, the next minute or hour.

These all may be turning points in our experience and bring to us great responsibility, great joy, great sorrow, great weakness, great temptations. The man who would be safe against surprises on the part of the enemy must be ever vigilant and prepared. The secret of tomorrow's strength lies in today's attitude and experience.

This attitude and experience are to be centered in God. If we are right with him, we need not be afraid, whatever may befall. To believe in him implicitly gives absolute rest and assurance. And what could be stronger in the way of a prop to our faith than the divine promise "As thy days, so thy strength?" The one, then, is perfectly adapted to the other. If we walk by faith, we will ever find our strength adequate to the burden imposed and our cross will never be too heavy.

We are apt to underestimate the burdens of others and to exaggerate our own. We are in danger of provoking our Heavenly Father to anger by wishing, whether the wish be expressed or hidden in our hearts, that others' crosses were our own. We remember reading an illustration in a sermon by one of the English divines in the seventeenth century, which fully illumines such a situation.

A saint complained of his cross, and God sent an angel to him to ease him of his burden. The angel bade him follow him to a large hall filled with crosses. "For," said he, "God had one Son without sin, but never a child without a cross." The saint put down his own cross and looked for a better one. He spied a cross of gold, encrusted with jewels, and eagerly grasped it. Alas! it was so heavy, he could not stir it. Then he selected one after another, but they all failed him. One especially he desired. It was wreathed in roses. But when he put it on his shoulder the hidden thorns cruelly hurt him. In despair he then picked out a plain cross, engraved with many promises of God, and this fitted him to perfection. The angel smiled as the saint went his way rejoicing, for it was his own cross, left when he entered, which he had selected.

And so it will ever be. Our own cross is fashioned for us by the Father's hand. It is adapted to our strength, neither too light nor too heavy. "As thy days, so thy strength."—Christian Observer.

A ONE MINUTE SERMON

By H. L. Atkins

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 25:46.

Jesus Christ never tried to prove the existence of God, that the human soul is immortal, or that there is a heaven and a hell. He assumed that these doctrines are true, and are so thoroughly grounded in the universal human consciousness as not to admit of doubt, or require discussion. All contentions to the contrary are false excuses to justify ungodly lives, or to bolster false philosophies. The doctrine of hell as a state and place of misery, the final home of fallen angels and human beings who resist God's spirit till their characters are fixed in eternal impetence, is the one most bitterly attacked by the enemy. All opposition to the other of these doctrines seems to be an indirect effort to get this one out of the way.

The one argument against it is, that a just God could not and would not let angels and men suffer thus for their sins. Yet when a man sins himself into insanity and the criminal department of an insane asylumn, no one calls the state unjust for sending him there and letting him stay.

MEXICO

Mexico is another nation which is not yet out of its childhood. It reminds one of a bad boy when company comes. Knowing the unwillingness of the mother to administer the deesrved spanking in the presence of guests, the naughty boy takes advantage of the situation to do things he would not dare do under other circumstances. Nobody wants to go to war with Mexico, and this Mexico knows. The Carranza government is due its spanking, and it looks as if Mexico sooner or later must get rid of Carranza or else take the slipper. Possibly the League of Nations can squelch the brat.—Central Methodist.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

District Conference Directory

Asheville district, Flat Rock, May 28-31
Mount Airy district, Walnut Cove, June 26-28
Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4
Marion district, Marion, July 2
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. O. P. Ader has been assisting the pastor at Biltmore in a gracious revival meeting recently.

—Hon. Dorman Thompson, of Statesville, will deliver the annual address at Lenoir College, Hickory, on Sunday, June 2.

—Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, delivered the address before the graduating class of the Hickory graded school in the First Methodist church of that city on last Sunday.

—The Horne Memorial Church, Clayton, named in honor of the late Ashley Horner, was dedicated on Sunday, May 11. Rev. Dr. Thomas N. Ivey preached the dedicatory sermon.

—The Asheville District Conference will convene at Flat Rock May 28-31. This is the first of these Conferences for the year. See directory printed elsewhere. We hope by next week to have a complete directory.

—We are indebted to the Senior Class of Trinity College for an invitation to attend the commencement exercises, June 1-4, 1919. The program which we print elsewhere in this issue offers a very attractive literary menu.

—Prof. R. L. Flowers, of the Trinity faculty, is very popular as a speaker on special occasions in the Western North Carolina Conference. He spoke at Rutherford College on Wednesday of last week, and is the speaker at the Advance High School this week.

—Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor of Front Street Church, Burlington, reports his Centenary Drive complete with running over results. The date of the drive had to be moved up to avoid a confict with the Gipsey Smith revival which will be in process on the regular Centenary date .

—The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Clegg, of Rutherford College, will be sorry to learn of the recent death of their dear little three year old boy. Their infant child is now seriously ill but we pray the life of the little one may be spared.

—Homer L. Ferguson, president and general manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, has been elected president of the chamber of commerce of the United States. This announcement will be of interest to our readers for the reason that Mr. Ferguson is a native of Haywood county, this state.

—Mr. E. M. Hendrix, an estimable citizen of Greensboro and a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the city, passed away rather unexpectedly on last Sunday morning. He had been a sufferer for a number of years and unable to give attention to business. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

—The Raleigh Christian Advocate, representing the Eastern conference, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the organ of the Western conference, are to be consolidated and published in Greensboro, the editors of the two papers, Rev. L. S. Massey and Rev. H. M. Blair, retaining their places on the consolidated paper. This appears to be the sensible thing to do, and we hope for the combination enlarged usefulness in the promotion of the Kingdom.—Charity and Children.

—The Hidenite correspondent of the Statesville Landmark says: "On May 7, about 60 friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Murdock, of Hidenite, to celebrate Mrs. Murdock's 75th birthday. Their two children, Mr. N. F., of Salisbury, and Mrs. W. A. Sharpe, of York Institute, were there. Also all the grandchildren except two, Wagoner Fred. Sharpe, who is with the army of occupation in Germany, and Mr. Glenn Murdock, who is in college at Chapel Hill."

—Referring to the Sunday School Institute on Friday, May 9, the Reidsville Review says: "The Sunday School Institute for the district, composing the Methodist Sunday schools in the Northern part of Guilford and all of Rockingham county, was held in the Main Street M. E. church here Friday. The sessions began at 9 o'clock on Friday morning and, with brief intermissionns, continued all day. The attendance of delegates was fairly good, though not as large as was expected owing to the inclement weather.

—Dr. George Albert Coe, one of the leading thinkers and authors of the modern religious world, has been secured for the first week of the Trinity College Summer School for Preachers. Dr. Coe is well known as an author and speaker. Among the books which he has published are The Religion of the Mature Mind, The Spiritual Life, Education in Religion and Morals, and A Social Theory of Religious Education. Dr. Coe makes a very attractive addition to the already entertaining and interesting program.

—A gracious revival, one of the greatest in the history of the church, closed at Gibsonville last Sunday night. Rev. A. P. Ratledge, the pastor, did all the preaching and great crowds attended. The meeting continued two weeks, including three Sundays. Mr. Rudd Newsom, the singing evangelist, of Guilford College, was with him throughout the meeting and rendered good service. There are more than twenty candidates for church membership and others are expected to join. The church is said to have been greatly revived.

—The editor had a most pleasant visit to Whitsett on Sunday afternoon to fill the appointment of the pastor, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, who was in revival services with his congregation at Gibsonville. It would be hard to find a more beautiful and restful spot than the little village of Whitsett which grew up around the Institute so long conducted there by Dr. W. T. Whitsett. It is surrounded by a magnificent farming section, and the people of that community are making a great mistake not to replace the buildings and keep their school going.

—The former students of Capt. W. T. R. Bell, who for many years was one of the most successful educators of Western North Carolina, held a meeting at the Selwyn Hotel, Charlotte, last week and organized a Memorial Association, the object of which is to establish a memorial to Capt. Bell. Mr. John S. Schenck, of Lawndale, was elected president of the Association and Mr. R. L. Kirkwood, of Bennettsville, S. C., was chosen Secretary and Treasurer. We sincerely trust this memorial may be made to take some practical form and may be one truly befitting the briliant educator to whose memory it is to be erected.

—We are indebted to the faculty and graduating class of Greensboro College for Women for an invitation to attend the commencement exercises May 31-June 3. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered in West Market Street church on Sunday, June 1, by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, D. D., of Huntington, W. Va., and the address before the Y. W. C. A. will be delivered at 8:30 p. m. on the same day by Miss Henrietta Roelofs, general secretary, Y. W. C. A., New York. The graduating exercises and Baccalaureate address will be in the college chapel on Tuesday, June 3. Hon. Robert N. Page, of Biscoe, will deliver the address.

—Mr. F. T. Foy, Recording Steward of the Salem charge, Rev. A. C. Swafford, pastor, favors us with copies of the pastors' reports to the third quarterly conference. Sorry we have not space to print in full, but we gather the following facts: Total enrollment in Sunday school, 342; total present May 15th, 253; officers and teachers, 15; Home Department, 12; Cradle Roll, 62; gain for the Sunday, 21; United with church this quarter, 20. The report on the General State of the Church shows good working Epworth League; Sunday school has accepted Centenary allotment; good revival during the quarter. All ready for Centenary Drive, and work on parsonage to begin at once.

—The program for the forthcoming commencement at the University, the dates of which are June 15, 16, 17, and 18, has just been announced. It contains several new features, including an historical pageant to be presented on the afternoon of class day exercises and arrangements whereby the various reunion classes will have more time to themselves for renewing the bonds of friendship. Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane is the Commencement Day speaker, while Rev. John Ellington White, pastor First Baptist Church, of Anderson, S. C., will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon. The visit of Secretary Lane will mark the fourth University Commencement address by cabinet members within the past four years.

Linwood Circuit

Rev. W. R. Jenkins, the pastor, writes:

"One of my churches, Macedonia, at Southmont, has already made the canvass for the Centenary allotment for that church and has gone over the top by a safe margin, not counting any pledges made by members outside the immediate community, and not counting any credits. I am confident the Linwood Circuit will have a good report at the end of the Drive."

Epworth League Patriots

Will the pastors, or Epworth League secretaries, or both, please send me the names of any Epowrth Leaguer who lived in the bounds of our conference, and who gave their lives during the recent war? We wish to pay tribute to their heroism by holding a memorial service in their honor when we meet in our annual session to be held next month in Hawthorn church, Charlotte, N. C. Please be kind enough to furnish me with this information at once.

Lee S. Falls.

Mooresville, N. C.

Belwood at the Front

In a statement from the pastor of the Belwood charge he has this to say in regard to the Centenary drive on his work: Our apportionment was $9,585.00 but by the most excellent co-operation, fine spirit of liberality, devotion and loyalty to the church of their fathers, and that noble spirit of altruism which characterizes the people of the Belwood charge we have gone over the top, having raised in cash and subscriptions to date, $10,014.75, and besides three of our Sunday Schools have pledged themselves to support three Sunday Schools in Japan for five years. The pastor is the happiest Circuit preacher in the Conference.

Forest Hill, Concord

Last Sunday night we closed a fine meeting at Forest Hill. It began the previous Sunday, and continued all the week, with two services daily. Rev. J. Frank Armstrong came on Monday, and did all the preaching after he came. This preaching was of a high order, and was greatly enjoyed by all our people and the whole community. Many things seemed to conspire against the meeting. The mills were closed, and the public mind greatly agitated over their closing. The weather was almost uniformly bad, and several services were almost "rained out." But we held on persistently, and success crowned our efforts.

Sunday was a "red letter day" at Forest Hill. There were three services that day. At 11 A. M. there was a great congregation, filling the large auditorium full, and the sermon was a masterly effort. The subject was "The Home." The preacher seemed to be at his best, and the sermon was most timely, and cannot fail to accomplish great results. At 4 P. M. there was a great service for children. More than three hundred children were there, and entered into the service with all the enthusiasm characteristic of children. Not a dull moment from the first song to the benediction. They sang, they responded, they lined up, and we took the names of twenty-five for church membership among the children of the church and community. It was by far the greatest service of the kind I have ever witnessed.

The concluding service at 8 P. M. was not a whit behind the others. The house was full to the doors, and the sermon a very strong one. Much interest was shown by the congregation. Many persons renewed their covenant, and the whole church was lifted to a higher height of spiritual power. It is impossible to estimate the value of such a meeting to the community. Armstrong is a "live wire" and no preacher would make a mistake by securing his help in a meeting.

R. M. Taylor.

Davidson Charge

Perhaps the readers of the Advocate will be glad to know that the good Methodists of Davidson are on the job. These people are very loyal to their church, and they say that Davidson will go over the top in the Centenary Drive. Another proof of their loyalty lies in the fact that they have been faithful and helpful in a series of meetings. The revival was conducted by the pastor, and we had a good meeting with twenty-six conversions, many of whom were members of the church. Twenty-one members have been received into the church this year by letter and vows of faith, and there are others to join.

While Davidson receives full time in services a month, Fairview and Huntersville receive two services each in the afternoon. Both of these other churches are putting up a good fight for the Centenary. Huntersville has a new brick church that was completed about five months ago, and the congregation consisting of 48 members say they will pay out in full in spite of labor conditions. All three Sunday Schools have accepted their allotment to raise for the Centenary.

M. B. Woosley.

Bishop John M. Moore On the Endowment of The Religious Press

In the Nashville Christian Advocate, April 11, Bishop John M. Moore speaks like a statesman of the highest order in writing of the religious press. Hear him on the Conference Organ:

"The Conference organ should be looked upon as doing just as essential and just as valuable work as any school in the territory, and worthy of just the same financial consideration." . . .

"Colleges have been endowed, and rightly. Why have not great periodicals been endowed?" , ,

"Methodism can only hold by the press what she wins by the pulpit." . . .

"Make it dynamic in this new era. This powerful means of Christian propaganda." . . .

"Money must go into our publication work. . .

"Preaching through the press is a necessity today. The pulpit is severely handicapped without the support of a virile religious press." . .

"The Conference Organ is indispensable to modern Methodism. It is in the highest sense a true missionary agent."

The Baltimore Conference at its recent session laid an assessment of $4,500.00 for the Baltimore Southern Methodist—an amount equal to interest on $100,000.00.

Surely it is time to speed up endowment for our Advocate, voted by the Conference at Charlotte.

Once our people of the old North State see the importance of this vital matter of Christian literature in the homes of the people they will surprise everybody by the way they will make it double the modest amount voted.

Twenty millions of dollars ($20,000,000.) was given to Yale University a short time ago by one man. Oh, that the thousands of Methodists of North Carolina would give one million dollars to strengthen "This greatest of all arms of power" of Methodism.

M. C. Field.

Summer School for Preachers

The second annual session of the Trinity College Summer School for Preachers will be held this year from June 4 to 13. The first session will be held Wednesday evening, June 4, with an address by Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of New York City. Dr. Goodell is now connected with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He is a Methodist minister of far-reaching reputation and has held the leading pastorates in New York City. Dr. Goodell comes as Commencement preacher this year and remains the rest of the week as lecturer in the Summer School.

Other speakers of note who will attend the school as lecturers are Dr. Harris E. Kirk, pastor of Franklin Street Presbyterian church, Baltimore; Dr. Franklin N. Parker; Dr. J. A. Baylor, and others. It is hoped that Bishop McDowell may be able to remain over a few days also. Bishop Darlington is expected for the second half of the school. Other speakers are being secured for the program also.

Regular instruction will be given to the undergraduates, covering the Conference Course of Study. This instruction will be given by the chairmen of the various conference committees and by others specially selected for this work. For the graduates, Dr. Franklin N. Parker, formerly of Trinity College and now of Emory University, will offer a course of instructions.

In addition to the regular lectures and recitations, there will be appropriate devotional exercises held by gifted leaders; song services will be held, and social intercourse will be stressed. It is also hoped that some definite athletic activities may be provided for.

An unusual and helpful phase of the school this year will be the exhibits offered by the Publishing House and others. The Sunday school board will have a Sunday school exhibit under the supervision of Mr. E. E. French, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. French is one of the editors of the Sunday school literature, the arranger of most of our Children's Day programs, and a live-wire worker. Smith & Lamar will also have an exhibit of helpful books. Dr. Baylor will give an exhibit of modern church plans and will lecture on the need of improved architectural arrangements in our church work. There is perhaps no more crying need in our present system and Dr. Baylor ought to be heard with great interest.

It is expected and hoped that the majority of the preachers of both conferences will be in attendance upon this school as it is one of the most helpful things ever staged in North Carolina for its ministers. The same arrangements will be made this year as last so far as free lodging is concerned. Arrangements will be made at the college mess hall for board at cost and the expenses will be only nominal. As everyone knows, the undergraduates will also have their traveling expenses provided for also. It is confidently expected that the school will be one of the big events of the year in North Carolina Methodism.



Rev. Dwight W. Brown, pastor of Belwood charge. The first circuit preacher in the Western North Carolina Conference to report over the top in the Centenary drive.

Biltmore Blessed by a Gracious Revival

Biltmore has been blessed. The prayers of years have been answered. In closing my four years at Biltmore I was exceedingly anxious for a great revival. It has come. We give all praise to the God of all grace. The meeting continued three weeks, closing last Sunday. We could have services once a day only, but we began early in the evening hour a hearty song and prayer service before the preaching. The gospel was presented in the power and demonstration of the Spirit—the gospel of whole-hearted repentance and of consecration to God, the glad tidings of a Spirit-filled, victorious life, holy, and having the power of godliness. The people responded to this gospel, believed, prayed, and surrendered to God in a warm-hearted way. Soon "Showers of Blessings" fell, and souls came flocking to the altar for salvation. On Wednesday night, the third week of the meeting, we received a class of 22 candidates into the church. Others have given their names to join later. Some will go to the Baptist church.

One case of striking human interest was that of Henry Pursley, who joined on Wednesday night, and on Thursday at noon fell from a building on which he was at work 48 feet to the ground, and was taken up more dead than alive. His father, not a Christian, when he saw his boy on the brink of eternity, made a solemn vow that if Heaven would spare his child he would give his life to God. Earnest prayers were made at the church, especially by the new converts, while the father prayed at home for Henry in the hospital, and the good news comes that the boy is better and has a chance for life. The father stands by his vow.

On Sunday the Centenary Drive came on the closing day of the revival, and Biltmore went over the top and is now heading towards a thousand dollars beyond her quota. Another wonderful victory for the Kingdom was scored when 83 persons signed up as tithers. On the previous Thursday night about 30 young people came to the altar to give their lives to God for any service He has for them to perform in this world.

Rev. O. P. Ader of the Haywood street church, Asheville, and Mrs. Ader did the preaching through this revival—mostly Mrs. Ader, for she began the meeting, preached the last sermon in it, and was in the midst of it all the way through. For some thirteen years she devoted her life to evangelistic work in the north, east and west, from California, her home, to Maine; and she works in a revival as one who knows God and man, has love and faith in both, and knows what to do to save men. Back of all her work, and in it all, is a life of absolute consecration to God.

A free-will offering without the aid of any financial committee or any form of personal solicitation, was made to our helpers, and $100.00 was given in such a cheerful, spontaneous, whole-hearted way that it made us wonder what God can do when He opens the windows of Heaven and pours out His blessing upon His people.

D. R. Proffitt.

Some Centenary Don'ts

Don't cease praying because the great drive is over. We shall need intercession more than ever. We want God to direct us in using the money as well as in getting it.

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Don't stop soliciting because you have secured the allotment. We want every one to share the blessing by having a part in it.

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Don't stop the campaign in behalf of the tithe as a minimum of giving. The great Centenary will be a perpetual blessing if it only succeeds in bringing the membership to this.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION, 1919-20

First District—Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix

Virginia Conference .....Nov. 12
Western Virginia Conference, Ravenswood ..Sept. 3
Baltimore Conference .....March 24

Second District—Bishop Warren A. Candler

North Georgia Conference, Atlanta, Ga. .....Nov. 12
South Georgia Conference, Dublin, Ga. .....Nov. 19
Florida Conference .....Dec. 3

Third District—Bishop James Atkins

North Alabama Conference
Tennessee Conference, Nashville, Tenn.
Memphis Conference, Memphis, Tenn.

Fourth District—Bishop Collins Denny

Illinois Conference, Cairo, Ill. .....Aug. 21
Kentucky Conference .....Sept. 3
Louisville Conference, Glasgow, Ky. .....Sept. 24
Holston Conference, Princeton .....Oct. 8

Fifth District—Bishop John C. Kilgo

North Mississippi Conference, Aberdeen, Miss. Nov. 12
Louisiana Conference, Oakland, La. .....Nov. 19
Mississippi Conference, Meridian, Miss. .....Nov. 26

Sixth District—Bishop Wm. B. Murrah

Denver Conference, Denver, Colo .....Aug. 21
Missouri Conference, Mexico, Mo. .....Sept. 3
Southwest Missouri Conf., Boonville, Mo. ....Sept. 10
St. Louis Conference, St. Louis, Mo. .....Sept. 24

Seventh District—Bishop Walter R. Lambuth

Japan Mission Conference, Karuizawa .....Aug. 20
Korea Conference, Won San .....Sept. 3
China Mission Conference, Hoochow .....Oct. 1
Congo Mission Conference, Wembo Niama

Eighth District—Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon

Indian Mission Conference .....Sept. 19
West Oklahoma Conference .....Oct. 22
East Oklahoma Conference .....Nov. 5
North Arkansas Conference .....Nov. 19
Little Rock Conference .....Nov. 26

Ninth District—Bishop John M. Moore

Brazil Conference, Petropolis .....Sept. 4
Central Brazil Conference, Piracicaba .....Sept. 18
South Brazil Conference, Alegrote .....Oct. 2

Tenth District—Bishop Wm. F. McMurry

New Mexicon Conference, Tucumcari, N. M. Oct 1
Northwest Texas Conference, Lubbock, Texas Nov 12
Alabama Conference, Demopolis, Ala. .....Dec. 3
Cuban Mission Conference, Santiago, Cuba ..Jan. 29

Eleventh District—Bishop Urban V. W. Darlington

Western N. Carolina Conf., Greensboro, N.C. Oct. 23
Upper S. Carolina Conf., Greenwood, S.C. ..Nov. 5
North Carolina Conference, Wilson, N. C. ....Nov. 19
South Carolina Conference, McColl, S. C. ....Nov. 26

Twelfth District—Bishop Horace M. DuBose

Northwest Conference, Milton, Ore .....Aug. 27
Pacific Conference, Fresno, Calif. .....Oct. 5
Oriental Mission Conference, Fresno, Calif. ..Oct. 10
Los Angeles Conference, San Bernardino, Cal. Oct. 15

Thirteenth District—Bishop Wm. N. Ainsworth

West Texas Conference, Austin, Tex. .....Oct. 8
North Texas, Conference, Terrell, Tex. .....Oct. 23
Central Texas Conference, Waco, Tex. .....Nov. 5
Texas Conference, Tyler, Tex. .....Nov. 19

Fourteenth District—Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

Western Mexican Mission Conference.
Texas-Mexican Mission Conference.
Mexico Conference.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

ONCE IN A WHILE

Nixon Waterman

Once in a while the sun shines out,
And the arching skies are a perfect blue;
Once in a while 'mid clouds of doubt
Hope's brightest stars come peeping through.
Our paths lead down by the meadows fair,
Where the sweetest blossoms nod and smile,
And we lay aside our cross of care
Once in a while.

Once in a while within our own
We clasp the hand of a steadfast friend;
Once in a while we hear a tone
Of love with the heart's own voice to blend;
And the dearest of all our dreams come true,
And on life's way is a golden mile;
Each thirsting flower is kissed with dew
Once in a while.

Once in a while in the desert sand
We find a spot of the fairest green;
Once in a while from where we stand
The hills of Paradise are seen;
And a perfect joy in our hearts we hold
A joy that the world cannot defile
We trade earth's dross for the purest gold
Once in a while.
—From Heart Throbs.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Mount Airy district will be held at Pilot Mountain on Thursday and Friday, June 5-6.

Mrs. Woltz, district secretary is very anxious to have a full representation of the societies on the district and urges each one, adult, young people and children to send delegates. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, conference persident and Mrs. H. A. Dunham, conference corresponding secretary will be present and will bring to the meeting messages of interest and profit to the workers. All names of those expecting to attend should be sent to Mrs. R. E. L. Flippin, Pilot Mountain, N. C., so that entertainment may be provided.

DISTRICT MEETINGS OF SHELBY AND SALISBURY DDISTRICTS

Finding that the district secretaries of the Shelby and Salisbury districts had so arranged their meetings that we could attend both, and be absent from home only four days, we accepted their kind invitations and took advantage of the opportunity to meet with the workers of these districts and catch the inspiration of those two splendid meetings.

The first meeting was that of the Shelby District which met at Lincolnton on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6th-7th.

The opening session was held on Tuesday evening. Notwithstanding the fact that the evening was gloomy and threatening a goodly number was present. The meeting was presided over by the District Secretary, Mrs. B. T. Morris, of Gastonia who conducted the opening devotional service, with prayer by Rev. D. M. Litaker, pastor of the church.

After inspiring music by the choir, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Conference Superintendent of Social Service, gave a most splendid address on "The Work of the Social Service Department." Filled with her subject and fully alive to the great importance of this department of our work Mrs. Newell was heard with the closest interest by those present.

A beautiful vocal solo, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling, was sweetly sung by Mrs. Morris, by special request.

Mrs. W. R. Harris, Conference First Vice-President, then gave a talk on "Our Young People," stressing the importance of enlisting our young men and women in this great missionary work and showing some of the ways which are opened to the young people, in the missionary work, whereby they can render an efficient service.

After a beautiful voluntary by the choir the meeting adjourned with benediction by the pastor.

Wednesday morning's session opened with a consecration service most impressively conducted by Mrs. J. K. Dixon, of Gastonia. Mrs. D. M. Litaker, in words fitting and appropriate, extended a welcome to the visitors and Mrs. E. L. Kirk, of King's Mountain, voiced the appreciation of the entire congregation in her response.

At this time, Mrs. B. T. Morris, District Secretary, gave her annual report, which was full and interesting. Reviewing the work of the past year which had been the best year in the district's history, she commended the women for what they had done and urged them to a still bigger and better work for 1919.

A vocal duet by Mrs. Geo. Hoyle and Miss Elma Gaffney, of Shelby, was thoroughly enjoyed.

"Christian Stewardship" was the theme of a splendid address by Rev. C. A. Wood, pastor of Main Street church in Shelby. Mr. Wood emphasized the great Centenary work in which all Methodists are today so much interested, and stressed the importance of each and every one rallying to the success of this movement. He gave some of his personal experience in connection with his recent work for the Centenary which was most interesting, stressed our duties as stewards of Christ, and appealed for a greater service on the part of the women of the district.

Mrs. T. E. Summerow, of Gastonia, in a most happy manner, presented "Mission Study" and brought out many points of interest in connection with the work of that department. As superintendent of mission study in her local society and so live and enthusiastic as she is, we are not surprised at the splendid reports that come from her auxiliary along that line.

A "Model Social Service Meeting" was held with Mrs. W. A. Newell as leader, and a number of the social service superintendents present assisting. We could but wish that all the social service superintendents in the Conference were present to catch the inspiration of that hour, and to find just what a social service meeting may mean, how large the opportunity, how great the responsibility and how important the work of this department.

Reports from adult societies were given and were encouraging.

At two o'clock the meeting adjourned for lunch, which was served in picnic style on the grounds at the church. We have heard often of tables groaning under the weight of the dainties with which they were loaded and this time we can verify the truth of the statement, for it seemed that there was an abundance of things tempting, dainty and appetizing. This was just another expression of the cordial hospitality and kindness of the good people of Lincolnton which was shown on every side.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. R. J. Sifford, of Lincolnton, and following came the Institute of Children's Work, which was conducted by Mrs. A. J. Owen, of Bessemer City. Reports from the children's societies were heard and a beautiful solo by a representative of the Gastonia Juniors, was given.

The Institute on Young People's Work was conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, who also made an appeal to the young people for enlistment as volunteers in the missionary work.

After the reports of the young people the pledges were taken and it is gratifying to know that the amount for the district was over-pledged.

This was a most pleasant and profitable meeting and we feel that the inspiration and enthusiasm of those two days will strengthen the workers of the district for their work for 1919.

We were sorry to miss the opening session of the Salisbury meeting, which was held at East Spencer on Thursday evening, May eighth, and from the reports that came to us of the success of the evening's program we feel that we lost a great deal by not being present.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., presiding elder of the Salisbudy district. A most cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. G. A. B. Holderby and was responded to by Mrs. W. A. Newell.

The feature of the evening was the address of Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President, who brought to us news from the recent council meeting at Memphis. Always entertaining and interesting, Mrs. Robertson was exceptionally so at this time, as she so earnestly and impressively spoke of the great part of our women in the missionary work.

Following her talk came a Centenary address, by Mr. J. E. Corfield, a representative of the Centenary movement, who spoke along the lines of this great Methodistic movement.

Friday morning's devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Godfrey, following which came the address and response of welcome from representatives of the children's societies.

An institute on Social Service was led by Mrs. W. A. Newell, Conference Superintendent of Social Service, in which she brought out the different lines of work in this department, stressing the importance of each and urging those present to a greater and larger work.

Mission Study was presented by Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, of Concord, who brought out some of the results of Mission Study and told in a most interesting manner how her own society conducted the class. She recommended especially for study the books suggested in the study course, and urged the organization of a study class in societies where none has been organized.

A missionary supported by one of the societies on the Salisbury District, is Miss Leila Tuttle, who is doing such a splendid work in McTyeire School in China, and the society adopting Miss Tuttle is Central church, Concord, N. C. These women love and appreciate Miss Tuttle and Miss Tuttle, in turn, loves her adopted sisters whose joy it is to contribute to her support in China. Each month most interesting letters are received by the society from Miss Tuttle and on this occasion Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, president of the Central, Concord, auxiliary, in her reoprt of the work in China, read extracts from some of these letters which have recently been received. Most interesting they were and each of us who know Miss Tuttle felt as if we had had a little personal chat with her, through these splendid messages given by Mrs. Pemberton.

The Young People's Institute was conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris. The noontide devotional service by Mrs. Robertson closed the morning session.

Again lunch was served on the grounds at the church and again we found tables laden with dainty and tempting edibles, which had been prepared and were served by the ladies of the East Spencer church. After partaking of this elegant repast we assembled in the church for the afternoon session which was opened with a devotional service by Miss Obeira Houser, of First church, Salisbury.

Mrs. Shinn, District Secretary, gave a most full, comprehensive and interesting report of her past year's work—a work which was most successful, and it was gratifying to note that 1918 was the most splendid year in the history of the district. There were a large number of organizations effected, an encouraging increase in membership and finances, the district having gone "over the top" in the amount of pledge.

Reports from various societies were heard. Mrs. P. N. Peacock gave a most interesting talk on "Relation of Woman's Work to the Centenary," in which she answered the question most clearly as to how the Centenary will affect our woman's work.

Pledges were taken by Mrs. Peacock and the amount assumed for 1919 more than pledged.

After the reading of report of Committee on Courtesies, by Mrs. J. F. Dayvault, which expressed the appreciation of all present for the cordial hospitality and lavish kindness of the people at East Spencer, the meeting adjourned with benediction by Rev. E. E. Williamson.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Mrs. E. O. Chandley

The thoughtful reader often comes upon questions in which there is much food for reflection. Of interest to everyone, and especially to the Christian, should be the following question which apepared in a recent article: "Has Christianity failed, or have God's people failed?" To the first part of the question, my whole mind and heart quickly answered that Christianity had not failed, could not fail. But the latter part of the question—"Have God's people failed?" sank deep into my heart and demanded consideration because I felt that in great measure it was true, and because I knew that one of our own leaders recently said that "the greatest hindrance to the evangeliatzion of the world are those within the church."

It is not true that we have prayed daily, "Thy kingdom come" and forgotten that Christ said "I am among you as He that serveth?" In Him we have the perfect pattern of the life of service. When He gave the command to love our neighbor as ourself, did He not lay the very foundation upon which our ideal of a democracy is built? It is not what our own great President meant when he said "How shall we commend democracy to the acceptance of other peoples if we disgrace our own by proving that it is, after all, no protection to the weak?"

Our great Centenary movement has been brought about because the history of the world in the last few years has made it clear, nay, imperative that we should apply the principles of Christianity to international affairs and that the command to make disciples of every nation should no longer be to us an empty phrase. If we are satisfied with less, can we say that God's people have not failed?

Social service, then, is Christian service in its highest sense. It is expressing Christ in my attitude toward my fellowmen; it is God working through me in instructing the ignorant, in strengthening the weak, in comforting the desponding and depressed. In a word, it is the outward expression of the things that accompany salvation. Never in the history of the word has there been such a call to service; never have there been so many crushed and bleeding hearts that need the touch of a sympathetic hand, and some one to recall the words of the Master when He said "Come unto me." Never were there more childish hearts that may not

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

DISTRICT INSTITUTES

During the first seventeen days in May Sunday school institutes were held in each of the eleven presiding elders' districts of the conference and in two of these districts two institutes were held, thus making thirteen group meetings held in the territory of the Western North Carolina Conference.

These institutes were for the most part well attended. But for inclement weather during the major part of the itinerary a record breaking attendance would have been registered, judging from the letters that came explaining the absence of delegations. The attendance ranged from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty delegates and the interest ran about with the attendance.

The work of the institutes centered around five important factors of the effective Sunday school: the pupil, the teacher, principles and methods, materials and organization. The fundamental law laid down for guidance in running the schools was that the need of the pupils should be the law of the school. Earnest endeavor was made to impress all with the fact that a Sunday school is an institution for developing Christian character and that this good work can best be accomplished by directing activities rather than repressing God given inclinations. The need for a positive program, rather than a negative line of preachments, was stressed.

Our Conference is greatly indebted to Mr. M. W. Brabham and Miss Marie Hansen, two strong and consecrated Sunday school workers from our central headquarters at Nashville. These two enthusiastic workers were in our midst during the whole campaign and were unsparing in their efforts to give their best efforts . The Lord will continue to bless their good work as it unfolds throughout our bounds.

CHARGE INSTITUTES

Your field secretary is now anxious to be of service in the matter of working out meetings for Sunday school promotion on our progressive circuits. Just as soon as the Centenary is out of the way it will be well to arrange for the churches of a circuit to come together in a booster Sunday school institute. The pastor should take the lead in this matter.

These meetings might well extend throughout the entire day. An inventory of what is now being done can well be taken and then a program for progressive achievement can be decided upon for future accomplishment. One feature of the institutes might be the competitive singing on the part of the various Sunday school choirs of the circuit. We should have definite reports dealing with activities of the circuit schools. Let's get together in an endeavor to work up good meetings on our circuits. The summer's work might well be directed towards the rural problems of our Sunday school work. Your humble servant is willing. Make him be of some account to your work.

THE CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the close of the present eight day drive each pastor and campaign director will be expected to fill out the standard blanks sent them, stating what each Sunday school has agreed to give the first year on the Centenary. This amount will be multiplied by five and will go on the church's quota. Be sure to get your school lined up on the good work. Don't let your school slack but give it a reasonable amount to assume.

It has been a great satisfaction all the while to know that our schools in this Conference have been in the vanguard in the number pledging definite amounts on the Centenary. The last report showed our Conference still leading with some thirty-five schools to spare.

Many circuits have shown up well but it is only fair to note the following as being leaders in the good work, since every school had lined up before the eight day drive arrived. Waxhaw, Greensboro, Uwharrie, Thermal City, Concord, Cottonville, Belwood, Cherryville, Rock Springs, Davidson-Huntersville, Linwood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY HONOR ROLL

The following 380 Sunday schools had up to Saturday, May 17, enlisted in the Centenary program of giving five cents per member per month for the next five years:

Asheville District—Bethel, Haywood Street, Elk Mountain, River View, Biltmore, Mount Pleasant, Black Mountain, Brevard Institute, Bethany, Tweeds, Flat Rock, Ednyville, Fruitland, Hot Springs, Marshall, Big Sandy Bright Hope, Laurel, Horse Shoe, Mills River, Sardis, Shaw's Creek, Rosman, Balding's Chapel, Oak Hill, Pleasant Hill, Saluda, Flint Hill, Weaverville, Brick Church, Hendersonville. Total, 31.

Charlotte District—Mount Vernon, Belmont, Calvary Moores, Dilworth, Hawthorne Lane, Seversville, Trinity, Trinity-Seversville, Tryon Street, Hickory Grove, Lilesville, Savannah, Center, Gilboa, Marshville, Indian Trail, Central Monroe, Icemorelee Bethel, Morven, Pineville, Peachland, Poplar Hill, Bethlehem, Mill Grove, Unionville, Zion, Wadesboro, Hannah's Chapel, Bond's Grove, Mineral Springs, Pleasant Grove, Waxhaw, Hebron, Union, Wesley Chapel, Good Hope, Pleasant Hill, Union. Total, 41

Greensboro District—Asheboro, Cedar Falls, West Bend, White's Chapel, Caraway Memorial, Centenary, Spring Garden, Walnut Street, West Market Street, Bethel, Holt's Chapel, Mount Pleasant, Zion, Friendship, Jamestown, Oakdale, East End High Point, Wesley Memorial, Bethany, Bethlehem, Liberty, Pleasant Garden, Ramseur, Naomi, St. Paul, Ebenezer, Fairview, Trinity, Main Street Reidsville, Hickory Grove, Ruffin, Concord, Oak Grove, Salem, Shepherd, Tabernacle, Tabor, Union, Bethlehem, Salem, Wentworth, Central Falls. Total, 42.

Marion District—Bakersville, Gray's Chapel, Providence, Tanner's Grove, Cliffside, Oak Grove, Connelly Springs, Rutherford College, Forest City, Pleasant Grove, Caroleen, Henrietta, Marion, Carsons, Green River, East Marion, Nebo Pleasant Hill, Deyton's Bend, Bethlehem, Salem, Ebenezer, Greenlee, Gilky, Penland, Oak Hill, Centennial, Pisgah, Thermal City, Trinity, Concord, Lebanon. Total, 32.

Mount Airy District—Hatcher's Chapel, Dobson, Stony Knoll, Elkin, Leaksville, Madison, Stoneville, Central Mount Airy, Epworth, New Hebron, Oak Grove, Salem Whitaker, Antioch, East Bend, Carmel, Eden, Glenco, Stokesdale, Tabor, Center, Gethsemane, Lee's Chapel, Morehead, Pisgah, Summerfield, Walnut Cove, Boonville. Total, 28.

North Wilkesboro District—Cranberry, Elk Park, Mill Creek, North Wilkesboro, Miller's Creek, Cox's Chapel, Henson's Chapel, Valle Crucis, Wilkesboro, Moriah's Chapel. Total, 10.

Salisbury District—Central Albemarle, First Street, Stony Hill, Baden, Bethel, China Grove, Central Concord, Center, Epworth, Forest Hill, Kerr Street, Harmony, Westford, Boger, Carmel, Olivet, Rocky Ridge, Cedar Grove, Cottonville, Rehobeth, Zion, Gold Hill, Liberty, Kannapolis, Oak Grove, Rocky Grove, Unity, Mount Pleasant, Bethany, Bethel, New London, Salem, First church Salisbury, Shiloh, Tabor, Central Spencer, North Main Salisbury, Cleveland, Gay's Chapel, South River, Woodleaf. Total, 41.

Shelby District—Belmont, Fallston, Kadesh, St. Peters, Bessemer City, Concord, Bethlehem, Beulah, Cherryville, St. Paul Crouse, Laboratory, Lander's Chapel, High Shoals, Dallas, East Gastonia, ElBethel, Lincolnton, Asbury, McKendree, Pisgah, Lowell, Mayworth, South Point, Hill's Chapel, Salem, Snow Hill, McAdenville, Mt. Holly, Elliott's, Polkville, Bethany, Bethel, Denver, Lebanon, Marvin, Mt. Pleasant, Rehobeth, Webb's Chapel, Central Shelby, Lafayette Street, Sharon, Mount Vernon, Plateau, Zion. Franklin Avenue, Tate's Chapel, West Gastonia. Total 48.

Statesville District—Liberty, Taylorsville, Center, Concord, Hopewell, Clarksbury, Cool Springs, New Salem, Rose Chapel, Davidson, Huntersville, Fairview, Rocky Mount, Granite Falls, Fair Grove, Lenoir, Friendship, Maiden, St. Paul, Mooresville, McKendree, Williamson, Mount Zion, Newton, Collier's, Snow Creek, South Lenoir, Whitnell, Broad Street Statesville, Race Street, Bethel, Pisgah, Stony Point, Rocky Mount, Troutman, Shiloh, Wesley Chapel. Total, 37.

Waynesville District—Bryson City, Shoal Creek, Whittier, Canton, Clark's Chapel, Clyde, Long's Chapel, Franklin, Iotla, Salem, Cashier's, Norton, Myer's Chapel, Sweetwater, Tusquittie, Hyder Mount, Mount Zion, Dellwood, Palmer's Chapel, Shady Grove, Judson, Maple Springs, Asury, Patton, Murphy, Peachtree, Sylva Waynesville. Total, 28.

Winston District—Cooleemee, Arcadia, Centenary, Good Hope, Olivet, Center, Concord, Liberty, Jackson Hill, Newsom, Pleasant Grove, Bethlehem, Farmington, Bethel, Oak Summit, Mount Pleasant, Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Sedge Garden, Brooks town, Concord Lewisville, Daub, New Hope, Sharon, Union, Lexington, Ebenezer, Cotton Grove, Linwood, Macedonia, Wesley Chapel, Macedonia New Hope, New Hope, Thomasville, Fair Grove, Prospect, Unity, Hanes Grove, Liberty Street, Salem, Southside. Total, 42.

ONE OUT OF MANY

The following good news from Mt-Airy came to the office while I was out on the Institute campaign and is typical of the spirit of our many willing workers.

"Please pardon me for not writing you earlier, but I have simply not done so. Our Sunday school is going to take an assessment of $25.00 the month for the Centenary and pay its part. We are way ahead of our schedule now. We find that the more money we raise for missions the more money just naturally comes in for the support of our school. Before we gave the first Sunday in every month to missions we had a harder time buying our literature than we have today.

Our school appointed three delegates to your meeting at Walnut Cove and I hope to be present with them.

With regards, E. H. Kochtitsky,
Superintendent.

WESLEY PHILATHEA CLASS, GASTONIA

Dear Mr. Woosley:

Some time ago you wrote us in regard to the pressing need for literature in one of Mr. Bogle's Sunday school communities, near Waynesville. Our class took up the matter at once and we are this week shipping to Mr. Bogle a number of good books and magazines for this community.

It was a great pleasure as well as a privilege for our class to be able to help in this work.

Please call on us again. We may not always be able to respond, but we will do our best.

Yours in the work,
Wesley Philathea Class,
Main Street M. E. Church.
Mrs. O. O. Craig, President.
J. M. Holland, Teacher.

NEWS NOTES FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

During the week ended May 7, the Wesley Bible class department reports the following enrollments from our conference:

"Philathea" class, Wadesboro Sunday school, Adult certificate No. 7446. A class of fifty-eight women with Mrs. Marion Craig as teacher and Mrs. C. M. Burns, Jr., as president. Their motto is " A Studied Lesson." (If we wore clothes of the right sex we'd like to belong to that class.)

"Wesley" class, Mt. Zion Sunday school near Clyde, Senior certificate No. 1680. A class of sixteen boys and girls, organized May 4th, with Miss Lillie Ferguson as teacher and Mr. Ray Best as president.

"Volunteer" class, Tryon Street Sunday school, Charlotte, Senior certificate No. 1678. A class of eight girls, organized April 4, with Mrs. Phil Johnson as teacher and Miss Douglass Kendall as president.

"Golden Rule" class, Tryon Street Sunday school, Charlotte, under Intermediate certificate No. 2477. This is a class of eight girls, Miss Virginia T. Lilliard teacher and Miss Claudia Carter president.

The Teacher Training Department reports the enrollment of a class of twelve students in the Cottonville Sunday school, with Mr. A. F. Ross as teacher.

We welcome these most excellent workers in our midst and in due it will be our good fortune to know them better.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"Here's a fac' we don't want to ferget: We think our fathers was great 'cause they answered the call of their day; an' we'll be great only as we answer the call of our day."

"We waste lots o' time 'bout things we call important, when the' ain't nothin' reely important that ain't eternal."

"Le's don't think the Lord's keepin' the Methodist church goin' just 'cause o' what it has done, or 'cause of the big preachers it has had, or just 'cause you an' me's in it. When he's got nothin' for her to do tomorrer he'll let her die today."

"Children ain't no doll-babies—they're what men an' women's made of, an' me an' you as teachers has a share in determin' the characters o' the men an' women the children in our classes in growin' into. I wonder, will we be proud of our work."

"When I read that education wasn't anythin' but th' formation o' habits, I was a bit shy; but th' more I think 'bout it myself th' more I b'lieve that old Frenchman had th' right of it."

"Now, sister Jenkins, don't be sayin' those girls in your class ain't reely Christians 'cause they don't live up to your ideas of what you've been tryin' to teach 'em. Do you 'spose many of us old folks lives up to God's idee of what a Christian oughter be?"

"A dancin' Sunday school teacher's jest about's likely to lead her scholars to Christ as a 'lectric light bulb is to give light 'though bein' connected with the dynamo."

"What we say is the sound echo of our thought life, an' what we do is the act echo of our thought life. That's why the Bible says, 'As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.'"

"There ain't anybody goin' to pay any 'tention to what you say so long's you're 'round doin' somethin' diff'rent."

Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

PROGRAM EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE, CHARLOTTE, JUNE 10-12

Opening Session, Tuesday Night, June 10

Presentation of Biblical Drama—Charlotte Epworth Leagues.

Wednesday Morning, June 11

6:30 Sunrise Prayer Service—Mrs. K. B. Browning.

9:00. Communion Service—Rev. T. F. Marr, Rev. J. F. Armstrong.

9:45. Bible Hour—Rev. R. S. Stewart.

10:15. Reports from District Secretaries.

11:15. Address—Prof Garfield Evans. Subject, "Men and women who have made the most of themselves."

Wednesday Afternoon, June 11

2:30. Devotional Exercises—Hawthorne Lane League.

2:40. Roll call and reports from chapters.

3:00. Address—Rev. C .S. Kirkpatrick. Subject, "The Centenary in the Epworth League." Rev. J. O. Ervin, "The Epworth League in the Centenary."

Wednesday Night, June 11

8:00. Stereopticon Entertainment.

Thursday Morning, June 12

6:30. Sunrise Prayer Service—Elkin League.

9:00. Devotional Exercises—Morganton League.

9:15. Bible Hour—Rev. R. S. Stewart.

9:45. Memorial Service—Rev. L. A. Falls.

10:15. Special Exercises by Brevard and Belmont Junior Leagues.

Remarks by Miss Bettie Delaney, Conference Junior Superintendent.

11:15. Address—Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt. Subject, "Africa for Christ." Renewal of Africa Pledges.

Thursday Afternoon, June 12

2:30. Devotional Exercises—Miss Emily Mathis.

2:40. Half hour's service by Spring Garden and Centenary Leagues of Greensboro.

3:15. Reports from Chapters.

Election of Officers.

Selection of place for next Conference.

Thursday Night, June 12

8:00. Address—Rev. J. Frank Armstrong. Subject, "What wilt thou have me to do?"

ATTENTION, LEAGUERS!

The question has been raised as to whether the Epworth League apportionment of the Centenary fund is a part of the $35,000,000 total or whether this is to be a Thank-Offering on the part of the League in addition to their subscription as members of the church.

In answering I wish to say that wherever it is necessary the League's quota may be added to help make up the church quota but in every case where it is possible let the Leaguers subscribe their askings as a surplus since it amounts to only 54 cents per member annually. In doing this we will show the church that we are ready not only do what we are asked to do, but that we are ready to give $380,000 as a great thank-offering to God. "We can do it and we will."

Sincerely,
J. Frank Armstrong, President.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

The Centenary Epworth League entertained the returned soldiers last night in the basement of the church. The guests were greeted at the North door of the church by Misses Janet Freeman and Clara Streetman. Here they were tagged with little red, white and blue tags with their names writt n on the tags, so the affair could be most informal from the start.

At the basement entrance Misses Nan Norfleet and Margie Hastings received. The basement was beautiful in its artistic arrangement of red, white and blue decorations. A profusion of snowballs and red roses was everywhere. The punch bowl was very prettily decorated with dogwood blossoms. Here Misses Jessie Norman and Ada Gray Ogburn served delicious red punch. Misses Gladys Sills, Helen Henley and Elizabeth Newman delighted their hearers with selections on banjos and ukeleles. Other delightful music was furnished all during the evening.

After having a good time playing such games as "Dollar, Dollar," and "Who's Your Neighbor," delicious ice cream, cake and candies were served. —Winston-Salem Sentinel.

EPWORTH LEAGUE QUOTA

The Epworth Leagues of Winston district of the M. E. church, seven in number, have been notified by Rev. J. S. Hiatt of the allotment of quotas to be raised during the Centenary drive. The amount to be raised each year is $116.83, and this amount has been apportioned as follows: Centenary, $21, West End $21, Southside $16, Salem $16, Liberty Street $10, and Mocksville $16. The amounts raised by the Epworth League will be credited on the total church apportionment.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

The Epworth League of Hawthorne Lane Methodist church presented a tableau at the evening services yesterday at Trinity Methodist church. The scenes were as of a missionary hospital in China, the young people participating being in appropriate costume and the acting was declared true to life. The opportunities the medical m'ssionary has to do the religious work while healing the body were emphasized.

Special music was rendered by the choir of Trinity church.

The pastor, Rev. John W. Moore, conducted a special service yesterday at his former home town of Clover, S. C. The sermon at the morning service was delivered by Dr. H. K. Boyer, presiding elder of the Charlotte district.—Charlotte Daily Observer.

CHILDREN'S HOME

FIFTH-SUNDAY OFFERINGS

R. M. Seamons, Marshville, Dixie SS, $1; I. L. Armfield Mount Airy, Oak Grove SS, $1.36; H. Berryman Jones, Charlotte, Trinity SS, $61.70; R. A. Mahew, secretary-treasurer, Mooresville, $1; Miss Edith Lee Radford, Lenoir, Davenport College SS, $10.

Total: $75.06.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs. John Allspaugh, Ladies' Aid society, Centenary church, Winston-Salem, $1; J. F. Sagle, Franklin, R. 1, Mt. Zion church, $3.

TEN PER CENT ASSESSMENT

Rev. T. V. Crouse, Stokesdale charge, $35; Rev. J. E. Woosley, Greensboro, R. 2, Greensboro circuit, $64.54; Rev. D. S. Richardson, Harris, Broad River circuit, $7.80; Rev. J. L. Teague, Black Mountain charge, $20; Rev. W. I. Hughes, Weaverville circuit, $8.87; Rev. B. F. Fincher, Paw Creek charge, $30; J. S. Bell, Elkin Elkin church $37.50. Total: $203.71.

SALISBURY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

The Sunday School Institute for the Salisbury district convened in Central Methodist church Monday morning, May 5, at 10 o'clock.

Dr. J. C. Rowe, presiding elder of the Salisbury district, conducted the devotional exercises.

Mrs. C. B. Wagoner sang sweetly a solo, "Oh! Come Home." The congregation then sang the song, "From all the dark places comes the call; come over and help us."

Mr. O. V. Woosley then gave a condensed outline of the work of the Institute, after which Rev. A. S. Raper, pastor of Park Avenue M. E. church, South, in Salisubry, was elected secretary.

Miss Hansen took up the primary work, and gave a blackboard outline of the work that should be done among our little children. Stressing the need of singing the excellent songs in our Standard Hymn book, and urging the use of these songs in training our young people (Cradle rool and beginners.)

Mr. Brabham addressed the institute on primary and junior work in the Sunday school, covering the ages up to 24 years, when the boys and girls begin to grow into characters well formed by this age. Power must be directed in the right direction, or else all of our teaching efforts will be in vain, said the speaker, who added that the teacher is to direct energy, not to repress it.

Afternoon Session

At 1:30 o'clock the Institute was opened. Mr. Brabham spoke on teacher training, stating that the pastor is the one who most likely will be the teacher of this Teacher Training Class. Miss Hansen told how it was done giving an illustration as seen in Florida.

The following officers were then elected: Salisbury district Sunday school secretary Mr. J. F. Shinn, of Norwood; Teacher Training director for Salisbury district; Prof. A. S. Webb. of Concord.

Miss Hansen at this time called the ladies together in a sperate room and spoke to them.

Mr. Brabham spoke to the Institute on the organized class, also the Workers' Council, especially a definite policy, stressing the need of new members, and then holding them in the Sunday school by giving them sound instruction, and by requiring answers to some questions; and by urging them to be on time everytime, except when ahead of time.

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted:

Resolved, that we the members of the Salisbury district Sunday School Institute, held in the Central Methodist Church, South, Concord, N. C., May the 5th, 1919, hereby express our warmest thanks for the kind entertainment extended to the visitors and delegates of our whole district.

We further wish to express our heartiest thanks for the presence of Miss Hansen and Mr. Brabham and for their earnest and interesting address.

Signed:
A. S. Raper,
R. K. Brady.

Mr. A. S. Morgan, of Salisbury, was elected superintendent for the Wesley Bible classes in Salisbury district.

The following resolution, offered by Prof. A. S. Webb, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, we believe the purpose of Sunday school literature is to advance the pupils in good habits and morals as well as to furnish religions instruction.

Resolved, that Salisbury district S.S. Institute demands that advertising of a questionablle character be eliminated from our Sunday school literature.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the publishers of our literature, and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Signed:
J. L. Crowell,
A. S. Webb.

The following charges of the district were represented:

Central, Epworth, Forest Hill and Kerr Street, Concord; Concord circuit, Salem circuit, Bethel and Love's circuit, Kannapolis station, Kannapolis circuit, China Grove, Park Avenue, Salisbury, East Spencer and North Main, Gold Hill circuit and Norwood.

A. S. Raper, Secretary.

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THE CENTENARY

By Rev. R. M. Courtney, Field Sec.

The Thank Offering

On next Sunday, the 25th the Centenary Drive will close. The indications now (Monday), are that we shall have much for which to be thankful. Let all of us make a real thank offering to the Centenary, that all the expense of the campaign may be met without taking one cent out of the funds subscribed.

Allotment In Full

Before this issue of the Advocate reaches the readers many of the churches will havo secured their Centenary allotments in full and beyond; others will be pulling up to the goal; and it may be that some will be finding it difficult to go over the top. Let us not be satisfied to do less than our very best in all our churches. But where there is any danger of failure lets have some team work, all pulling together for the goal.

The Centenary Spirit

Do you know the Centenary spirit? I doubt if you can describe it. I would not undertake to do so. Yet most of us know the Centenary spirit. We have felt it. We have seen congregations wrought upon mightily as this spirit took possession of them. We have seen those who started out to do a certain thing or to make a certain contribution go far beyond their first intentions and do so gladly.

The Workers

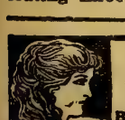
One of the benefits from the Centenary is the development of workers. Hundreds and thousands of our best men and women have learned the joy of taking a very active part in church work. Some are proclaiming the Centenary message, and have learned that they can bear witness for the cause of Christ. Others have learned that they can use their talents in perfecting the organization for the drive. In many other ways men and women are working for the advancement of the Kingdom as they have never worked before. And they are finding the joy of it. Does any one think that these workers will be satisfied to sit idly by in the future. These who have wrought so well as minute men will be ready to hold services as they may be needed. Those who have worked in the drive will never be satisfied to have the church finances carried on in the haphazard way of the past in many of our churches.

Bishop Darlington

It is well for the Centenary, as well as for all the interests of the church, that Bishop Darlington has supervision of our conference for another year. He has given himself without stint to the work of the church and especially to the Centenary movement. It appears that Bishop Darlington's reappointment meets with universal approval of both preachers and laymen throughout the conference.

O blessed God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us into Thy gracious keeping for this night, and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us by Thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, and grant that at the last, as now, our even-song may be: "I will lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou, Lord, makest me to dwell in safety."—James Martineau.

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Our Dead

JONES.—Mrs. Emma Lockhart Renn Jones was born August 30, 1885, in Henderson, N. C., and died at her home in Charlotte, N. C., March 4, 1919, after a brief, but very severe illness from influenza, followed by pneumonia. She was the daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Renn, D.D., of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Roberta Reavis Renn. She was converted and joined the MMethodist church in Shelby, N. C., in early girlhood, while her father was presiding elder of the Shelby district.

Surviving her are her husband, Mr. J. A. Jones, a prominent contractor, of Charlotte, N. C.; two small children; eleven step-children; her mother, Mrs. J. J. Renn; one sister, Miss Kate Renn; two brothers, Messrs. Reavis and Joseph Renn; two half-sisters, Miss Maggie Renn, of the Advocate force, and Mrs. M. D. Coburn, of Hendersonville, N. C.; three half-brothers, E. V., W. E., and John W. Renn.

For four years at Centenary church, Greensboro, N. C., prior to her marriage to Mr. Jones, I was her pastor. During that pastorate she was superintendent and teacher of the primary department of the Sunday school. She was a marvel in her adaptability and success in that line of work. Her control over, and success with the children was a matter of frequent remark and commendation. For the same period she was also the very efficient and most faithful Sunday school organist, and a loyal and devoted member of the church choir. Her record of attendance at the Sunday school and at the two church services on Sunday was almost perfect for the four years of my pastorate there. She was always ready for any sort of church work requested of her, and these services were always cheerfully rendered. When she undertook any work for the church the pastor could depend on that work being done, and done thoroughly. She was greatly missed at Centenary when she moved to Charlotte. Her spirit was of the sunny sort, and her disposition hopeful, consequently, she made friends readily and many of them.

On September 8, 1915, she was happily married to Mr. J. A. Jones, of Charlotte, whose home she brightened until her lamented death. Mrs. Jones died comparatively young, but she lived well for that short life; for her whole life was crowded with good deeds, with activities that were worth while, activities that were constructive. She is gone, but she lives in the grateful memory of many for whom she made life brighter and better.

R. D. Sherrill.

MULLINS.—James William Mullins was born March 17, 1918 and died March 22, 1919, age one year and five days. His short sojourn in the home was full of joy and expectancy, being the only child. He was dedicated to the Lord in baptism by the writer at six months of age, it was a joyful dedication in the home. In another six months we were called to sav the last words over the still form —"asleep in Jesus."

Little James came to love, to laugh, to be happy. He was loved, he made others laugh, he brought happiness. He was the promise of man hood, but he slipped away to be with the angels.

How sad indeed, but for the fact of the resurrection, that home prepared is filled with good, and there little James awaits your coming parents, for, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaevn."

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MAIN POINTS IN TREATY OF PEACE

The main points in the peace treaty follows:

Alsace and Lorraine go to France. All the bridges over the Rhine on their borders are to be in French control.

The port of Danzig is permanently international and most of upper Silesia is ceded to Poland, whose independence Germany recognizes. Poland also receives the province of Posen and that portion of the province of West Prussia west of the Vistula.

The Saar coal basin is temporarily internationalized. The coal mines go to France.

Germany's colonies are taken from her by the clause in which she renounces all her territorial and political rights outside Europe. The league of nations will work out the mandatory system for governing these colonies.

Belgium is conditionally given the Malmedy and European districts of Prussia bordering on Belgium, with the opportunity to be given the inhabitants to protest. The league of nations has the final decision.

Luxemburg is set free from the German customs union.

All concessions and territory in China must be renounced. Shantung is ceded to Japan. Germany recognizes the French in Morocco and the British protectorate over Egypt.

German troops and authorities must evacuate Schleswig-Holstein north of the Kiel canal within ten days after peace. A commission will be appointed to supervise a vote of self-determination in the territory, and the districts wishing to join Denmark will be ceded by Germany.

Helgoland must be demolished, and by German labor the Kiel canal must be opened to all nations.

The German cables in dispute are surrendered.

Germany may not have an army of more than 100,000 men and cannot resort to conscription.

She must raze all her forts for 50 kilometers east of the Rhine and is almost entirely prohibited from producing war materials. Violation of the 50 kilometer zone restriction will be considered an act of war.

Only six capital ships, of not more than 10,000 tons each, are allowed Germany for her navy. She is permitted six light cruisers, 12 destroyers and 12 torpedo boats in addition to six battleships, but no submarines.

All civilian damages are to be reimbursed by Germany, her initial payment to be 20,000,000,000 marks, with subsequent payments to be secured by bonds.

She must replace shipping ton for ton, handing over a great part of her mercantile tonnage and turning out new construction for the purpose. She must also devote her economic resources to rebuilding the devasted regions.

Parts of Germany will be occupied on a diminishing scale until reparation is made.

Germany must agree to the trial of former Emperor William by an international court to a supreme offense against international morality and to the trial of others of her subjects for violation of the laws and customs of war.

The allies and Germany accept the league of nations, Germany, however, accepting only in principle and not as a member.

All treaties and agreements with bolshevik Russia must be abrogated, as well as the treaty of Bucharest with Rumania.

German prisoners of war are to be repatriated, but the allies will hold German officers as hostages for Germans accused of crimes.

NOTICE PRIZE CONTESTS

The Junaluska Woman's Auxiliary, which was organized in the summer of 1917, is seeking to co-operate with the commissioners of the Southern Assembly in realizing the gracious purpose for which the assembly was founded at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

One of its hopes is to stimulate literary activity among the people of our church. The call made in 1918 met with some response, and it has become the earnest desire of the auxiliary to make this annual contest a fetaure in the life of the organization. With this in view it has announced the following prize contests for this year:

The prize in class one is ten dollars ($10). This contest is open to young people between twelve and sixteen years of age.

The prize in class two is twenty dollars ($20). This contest is open to young people between sixteen and twenty-five years of age.

The prize in class three is twenty dollars ($20). This contest is open to all over twenty-five years of age.

Conditions of Contests

First, The productions submitted in any class may be in such literary form as the writer prefers—essay, sketch, short story, verse, play or pageant. Patriotic and missionary pageants especially desired this Centenary year.

Second. The production must be original, must be written on one side of the paper, and must be in the hands of the chairman of the literary committee not later than August 10, 1919. Typewritten manuscripts preferred.

Third. There must be at least three cantestants in the same class before a prize can be awarded to any one in that class.

Fourth. Each writer is requested to give full name and address on a title-page securely fastened to the front of the manuscript, and to state thereon also the class under which the production is submitted.

Address communications to Mrs. J. A. Bullock, Prize Contest, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

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Would not you say: "Why, let your window alone and kindle a fire in the stove, and the frost will come off?"

And have you not seen people try to break off bad habits one after another and fail each time? They are like the man who tried to scratch the frost from his windows.

Let the fire of love to God, kindled by prayer, burn in your heart and the bad habits will soon melt away.

Ask God often to give you strength to break off a bad habit and He will answer you.—Jewels.

HOW BIRDS AND FLOWERS PRAY

I asked the robin as he sprang
From branch to branch and sweetly sang,
What made his breast so round and red.
"'Twas looking toward the sun," he said.

I asked the violets sweet and blue,
Sparkling with the morning dew,
Whence came their color. Then so shy
They answered, "Looking toward the sky."

I saw the roses one by one
Unfold their petals to the sun.
I asked what made their tints so bright.
They answered, "Looking toward the light."

I asked the thrush whose silvery note
Came like a song from angel's throat,
What made him sing in the twilight dim.
He answered, "Looking up to Him."
—Girls' World.

EVERY MORNING A NEW SELF

Every morning you have a new self to get acquainted with. Each day changes us a little, makes us stronger and finer or puts us back from where we were when we started. The greatest mistake a girl can make is to suppose that she must go on to the end of her days living with a self she neither likes nor approves. Every day gives you a new self. Why not make it just what you wish it to be?—Girls' Companion.

THE GOOD OLD TIMES

When Washington was President
He saw full many an icicle,
But never on a railroad went
And never rode a bicycle.

He read by no electric lamp,
Nor heard about the Yellowstone;
He never licked a postage stamp
And never saw a telephone.

His trousers ended at his knees;
By wire he could not send dispatch;
He filled his lamp with whale-oil grease
And never had a match to scratch.

But in these days it's come to pass,
All work is with such dashing done,
We've all these things, but, then, alas,
We seem to have no Washington.
—R. J. Burdette.

SLUMBER BOATS

Into misty Dreamland,
When the day is gone,
Far beyond the opal clouds
And the setting sun,
Slumber boats go drifting,
Count them one by one,
Shaking out their silken sails—
For, oh, the day is done!

Out of misty Dremaland,
When the nights is done,
Breaking through the golden East,
With the rising sun,
Slumber boats come sailing,
I see them! Every one
Rides proudly into Daybreak Port,
For, oh, the night is done!
—Exchange.

WHY BILLY WAS A FAVORITE

One day Billy was a stranger; at the end of a week he was as much at home as any boy on the street. "We are glad he came" Teddy Farr said; "we like him."

And the other boys said pretty much the same thing.

"Why is this Billy such a favorite?" Mr. Farr asked Mrs. Farr.

"I don't know yet" said Mrs. Farr. "I'm watching to find out."

When three more weeks had passed, she thought she knew.

A group of boys were out in front of her gate one afternoon, and she heard one of them say: "Pshaw! What can we play? I wish the snow hadn't all gone into mud."

"We had just finished our fort," said another, "and we were ready to begin, but it washed down in the night."

"Anyway, we had fun making it," said Billy. "Let's not waste the whole afternoon. Let's start and play something that doesn't need snow."

When Mrs. Farr looked again, they were sailing ships down the gutter and discovered the Mississippi with great excitement. Another time Teddy had to go on an errand and asked the others to keep him company.

"Oh, we can't," objected somebody. "We've got it all planned to walk out in the other direction and see the place where the fire was last night."

"Why wouldn't it do," said Billy, "to go with Teddy first? We needn't come all the way back, need we? There ought to be some short cuts, I should think."

Well, when they had put their heads together they remembered that there were.

Then there was a day when Joe had lost his arithmetic. Joe and Billy were the best in the school in arithmetic. Joe hated to miss any of his lessons.

"Never mind," said Billy. "My book will do for both until yours turns up. We are pretty quick at it, you know. We can manage."

On one afternoon when they were having a game of ball in the schoolyard, Billy broke a cellar window. After a crash there was a pause of dismay.

"We must have kept getting nearer to the house without noticing it," said Billy.

"How would it do," said Joe, "to be quiet until we are asked about it? Maybe Mr. Nevil will think that other boys did it. They broke one."

"It wouldn't do at all," said Billy quickly. "It wouldn't be fair."

He told Mr. Nevil and paid for the pane; and after that he was short of money for some time, for Billy was poor.

After the three weeks, Mrs. Farr said to Mr. Farr: "I think I know why the boys like Billy."

"Why?"

"Because he has the delightful habit of getting the best for himself and his friends out of what he has at hand. He makes things 'do' except the things that won't do at all. I like Billy myself."—Child's Hour.

"KEEPING AN EYE ON TINA"

The little old women looked at the clock as the girl came in. It was a small, bare room. The old woman's figure was bowed by years of unrelaxing toil. They younger showed the effects of going into the factory when she should have been playing in the fields and searching the woods for wild flowers. It was a depressing picture they made.

"I am late," the acknowledge, her eyes following the direction of her mother's gaze. "I went out of my way, walking home with Tina."

The mother made a sound of disapproval. "And after standing all day on your feet, Sue? It isn't right. You're too tired."

The girl sat down at the table wearily. In the light of the little kerosene lamp her features looked sharp and thin. She put her hand to her head, as if she still heard the hum of the great factory wheels.

"Well, you see, it's this way. Tina's the sort that must have company. She can't bear to be alone. She likes me, but if I am not there to walk with her she'd rather go along with some of those girls on the hill than trudge off by herself. There isn't a bit of harm in Tina, but she couldn't be with those Hill girls and not learn some. And so, even when I'm tired I'd rather walk a little out of my way and keep an eye on Tina. I can't do much for other folks, but that's one thing that I can do."

A poor little home, a feeble old mother, a plain girl robbed of her girlhood by exhausting toil—that was all. And yet not quite all, for along with the poverty and feariness was a self-forgetfulness beautiful enough to redeem the plainess and poverty.—Exchange.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK

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know a loving mother's care nor the protection of a father's love. Who shall supply these but Christ working through us who are His followers? Should it not be said of every Christian "Friendliness and blessing followed in his footsteps; richer were the harvests, happier the dwellings whereso'er he came."

Ignorance of what constitutes our duties as Christians can never excuse us from our responsibility in accomplishing that duty. To intelligently discharge our duties as good citizens and to protect our communities and homes, and the home is the foundation head of the nation—these are some things it is very necessary that we should inform ourselves upon. Some of these as sent out in a recent leaflet are:

Who are your city and county officers, and what are their duties?

Are they standing for the best intrests of the community?

What legislation affecting the health and morals of the community has been enacted in the last five years?

What results have been accomplished by their efforts?

These and other questions tend to show that people everywhere are awakening to the scope and possibilities of service. We are realizing that our highest service is putting into the use of our fellowmen all that we are and can, remembering that

"Who only lives the world to bless
Can never fail—he is success."

The call to service comes to each one of us today as it has never come before. Every Christian should make of himself a living secrifice through some channel of service. He can do no less if he is a true follower of the cross. His blessings have been many. A world weary of strife awaits his ministrations; every nation holds out its hands for the religion of Christ. What then, is to be our excuse if we refuse to serve? Much needs to be done at our own door and there is much to be done in earnest prayer. Surely by the help of the Holy Spirit we can decide how we can best serve. Phillips Brooks says, "There is some duty which God has made ready for you to do tomorrow, nay today. He has built it like a house for you to occupy. You have not to build it—He has built it and He will lead you up to it and set your feet upon its threshold. Will you go in and occupy it? Will you do the duty which He has made ready? Perhaps it is the great comprehensive duty of the consecration of your self to Him. Perhaps it is some special task. Whatever it is, may He who has anticipated your love by His own in giving you the task now help you to fulfill His love with yours by doing it?"

We are told by those who have labored many years to gain earthly fame that when attained it is of itself a small compensation and not to be compared with the peace and satisfaction of an untroubled conscience. How infinitely more precious is the divine approval of the Master than any earthly applause and how like music to our ears is His "Well done." Let us remember that as long as we live there is open to us some avenue of service by which we may help bring the world a little nearer Christ.

"He is listening; does He hear you
Speaking of the things of earth?
Only of its passing pleasure, selfish sorrow, empty mirth?
He has spoken words of blessing, pardon, peace and love to you,
Glorius hopes and gracious comfort, strong and tender, sweet and true;
Does He hear you telling others something of His love untold,
Overflowing of thanksgiving for His mercies manifold?
Some perchance, while you are dumb,
Wait and weary for your message, hoping you will bid them come,
Never telling hidden sorrows, lingering just outside the door,
Longing for your hand to lead them into rest forevermore."

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PROGRAM OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OUTLINED

In spite of the fact that the Secretary of State of the United States has proclaimed the nation-wide prohibition amendment to be a part of the federal constitution, effective January 16, 1920, the Anti-Saloon League of Aemrica does not assume that the devil is dead, and that, therefore, it is time to dismiss the meeting and go home.

The League believes that although prohibition is assured, the people must be made ready for it, and that,, therefore, there must be a campaign of education along law enforcement lines, and a getting ready, on the part of state governments, to pass needed laws and arrange law enforcement machinery so that the dry law passed by Congress really will be enforced.

But that is only the plan of the League for the United States. It has begun at Jerusalem and now is anxious to carry the gospel of prohibition to the uttermost parts of the earth.

"The genius of the League movement," says Ernest H. Cherrington, general manager of the League's publishing interests, "as well as its genesis, is in the churches. The League has defined itself as 'the church in action against the saloon,' The prohibition warfare has been of the church, and although men outside the church aided in the fight that has now become victory, nevertheless the church is to be credited with having originated and pushed to a successful conclusion the great temperance movement, just as the church in all ages has originated and consummated every moral and religious movement.

"The church is both a home and foreign missionary organization. The liquor traffic has been the greatest enemy of the church at home, as it also has been a great hindering influence against the church in foreign mission fields.

"To free foreign lands from the liquor traffic would, we belive, do more than any other one single thing to bring unbounded success to missionary enterprise. Who can doubt that there would be a marvelous ingathering in China, Japan, Africa and India—the great missionfields—if prohibition were to come to those lands?

"The same ship that carries missionaries to foreign lands also carries casks of rum and barrels of whisky to debauch the natives whom the missionaries are trying to build up. After prohibition goes into effect in the United States this will no longer be true of ships sailing from American ports, but ships sailing from other Christian lands will convey intoxicants to so-called heathen lands.

"And so the League program is a world program. Long before the end of the liquor tarffic in the United States was in sight the League made its plans to go into other nations with the prohibition fight. American brewery capital is getting itself ready for investment in the Orient. American missionaries are pleading that something be done to prevent the fastening of the liquor traffic on the peoples of the Orient So whatever is done to relieve the old world of the liquor traffic is very certainly and manifestly a missionary enterprise.

"The League plans to open a branch office in every world capital. Already it has an office in London in charge of William Eugene Johnson, veteran saloon foreman, who will assist the drys of the British Isles in their battle against liquor.

"Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. Dr. H. B. Carl, of Nashville, and L. B. Musgrove, Birmingham, banker and planter, are in France. Preparations have been made for a campaign in New Zealand.

"As rapidly as possible offices will be opened in Singapore, Bombay, Petrograd, Rome, Tokio, Peking, Melbourne, Rio Janeiro, Mexico City, Manila and elsewhere—even, probably in Berlin.

"Bishop Cannon, Dr. Carre and Mr. Musgrove are meeting daily with temperance representatives from other lands, at the same time the peace congress is in session, and the temperance men from all lands are watching the temperance interest at the peace table. Whatever is written into the final documents, it may be certainly anticipated that temperance leaders will not miss an opportunity to safeguard the nations, especially the native peoples, from encroachments of the liquor traffic."

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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Brevard	19
District Conference, Flat Rock	28

Third Round

	May
Swannanoa, West's Chapel	24-25
Black Mountain	25
Flat Rock	31-June 1
	June
Saluda	1
Hot Springs	7-8
Central	8
Fairview, Bethany	14-15
Weaverville, 11 a. m.	15
Biltmore, 8 p. m.	15
Henderson, Reedy Patch	21-22
Hendersonville	22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
	August
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Tryon Street, 11 a. m.	25
Calvary, night	25
	June
Pineville, Marvin,	May 31-1
Hickory Grove, Derita, 3 p. m.	8
Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m.	14-15
Monroe, Central, night	15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Dilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Greensboro, N. C.
Third Round

	May
11 o'clock	25
Greensboro, Centenary, night	25
	June
Pleasant Garden, Liberty-Bethany	May 31-June 1
Summer School for preachers at Trinity College, all pastors urged to attend	8
Coleridge circuit, Olivet	14-15
High Point, East End, night	15
Deep River circuit, Cedar Falls	21-22
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, night	22
Randleman, Old Union	28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night	29
	July
Greensboro circuit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
	August
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer	23

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville

	May
Mill Spring, Bethlehem	24-25
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa	31-June 1

Third Round

	June
Old Fort circuit, Ebenezer	7-8
Marion station, Sunday night	8-9
McDowell circuit, Bethel	14-15
Marion Mills, Clenchfield, Sunday night	15
Morganton circuit, Zion	21-22
Morganton station, Sunday night	22-23
Cliffside circuit, Oak Grove	28-29
Henrietta-Caroleen, Henrietta Sunday night	29
	July
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. m.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday 3 p. m.	20
Bakersville circuit, Penland, night	26-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
	August
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10

The Marion district conference will convene on Wednesday morning, July 2, at 9:30 o'clock in the town of Marion.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Mount Airy circuit, Beulah	24-25
Mount Airy, Central, night	25
Pilot Mountain, New Hope	31-June 1
	June
Rural Hall, Germanton, 11 a. m. 8 p. m.	6
Summerfield, Mt. Pisgah	7-8
Stokesdale, Glencoe	14-15
Jonesville, Grassy Creek	21-22
Elkin, 21 at night 22 at 11 a. m.	
Yadkinville, Boonville, 20 at 11 a. m. and 22 at night.	
Walnut Cove	28
Madison-Stoneville, Mayodan	29
	July
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-20
eaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

The Mount Airy district conference will be held at Walnut Cove, June 26-28. Bishop Darlington will preside.

W. F. Womble.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	May
North Wilkes Mission	24-25
North Wilkesboro station	24-25
Wilkes circuit	31-June 1
Wilkesboro station	31-June 1

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Salisbury circuit	24-25
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage	31-June 1
	June
Kannapolis station	1
Bethel-Loves	7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Third Round

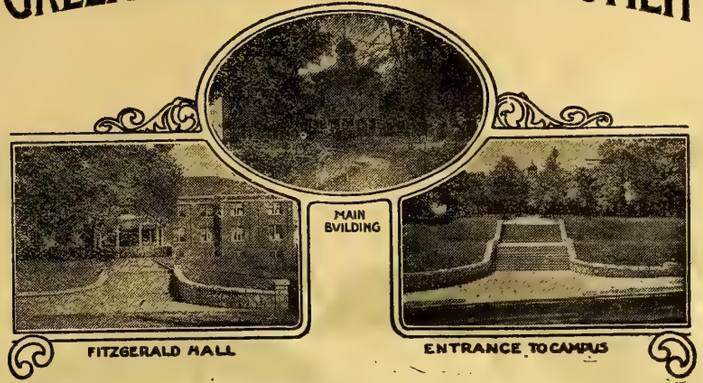
	June
Webster-Cullowhee, Dillsboro, May 31, June 1.	
Bryson and Whittier, Olivet	1-2
Haywood, Davis Chapel	7-8
Clyde, Clyde	8-9
Sylva	14-15
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, 4 p. m.	15
Macon, Maidens Chapel	21-22
Franklin, night	22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge	23
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

The Waynesville district conference will be held at Murphy, July 9-10.

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Salem, April 20, night.
South Side, April 27, a. m.
Walkertown, April 27, 3 p. m. and night.
Kernersville, Kernersville, May 3-4.
Burkhead, May 4, night.
New Hope circuit, Eleazer, May 10-11.
Grace, May 18, a. m.
Liberty Street, May 18, night.
Centenary, May 25, a. m.
West End, May 25, night.
Advance, Mocks, May 31-June 1.
Hanes-Clemmons, Mt. Pleasant, June 2.
Farmington, June 6-8. Quarterly meeting at Wesley Chapel, June 7, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.
Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.
Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.
Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.
Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.
South Thomasville, July 4, night.
Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.
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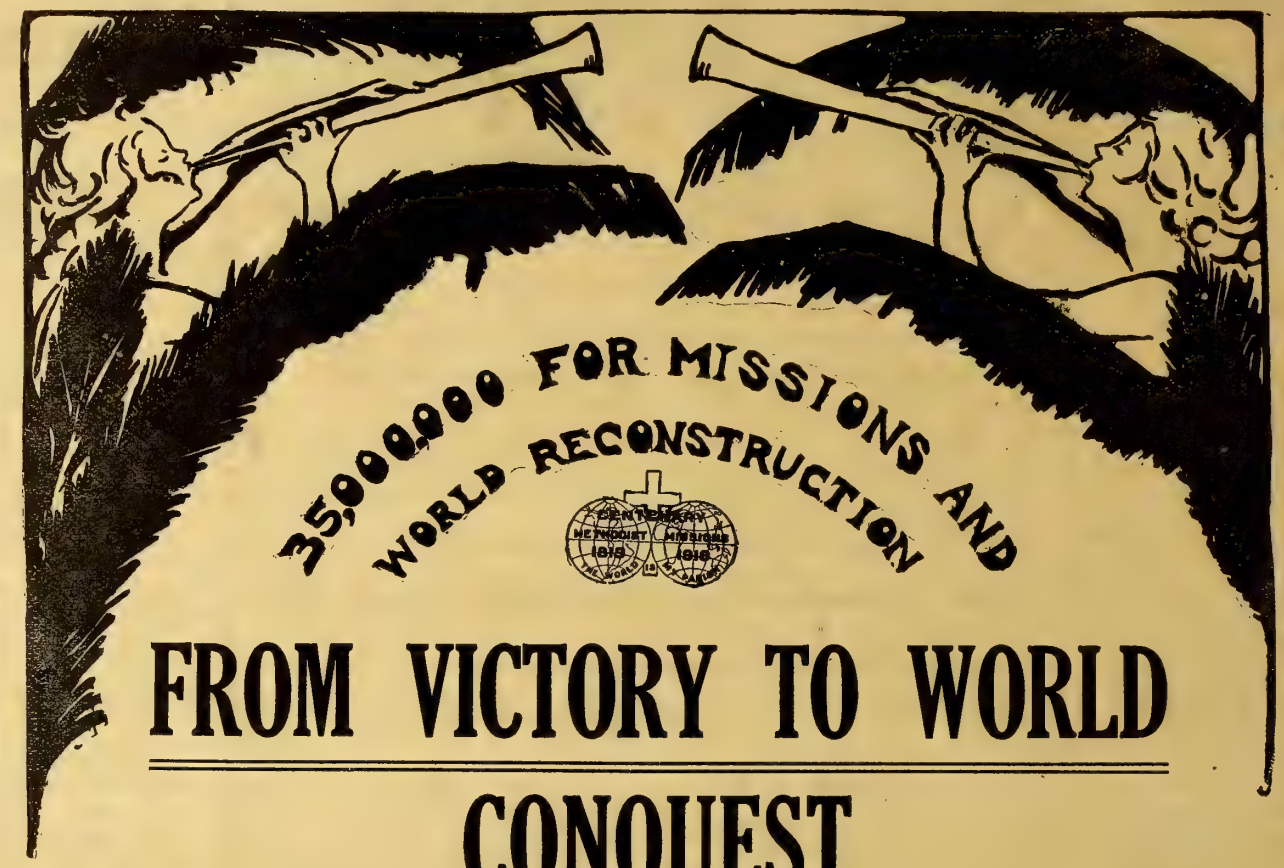
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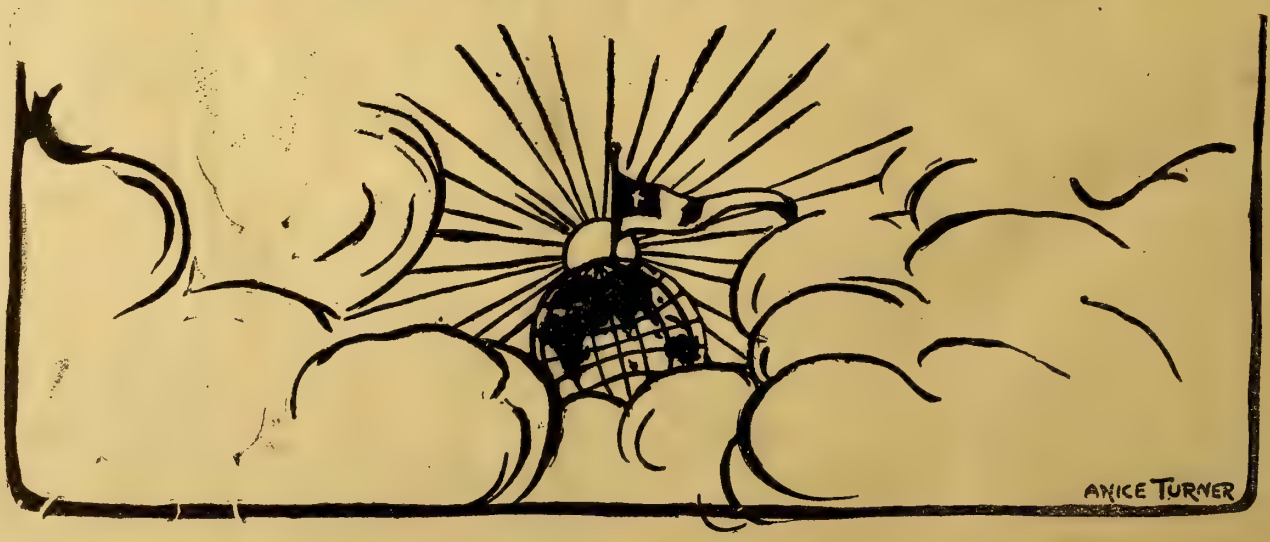
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"Onward Christian Soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before;
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe:
Forward into battle, see, his banners go!

At the sign of triumph Satan's hosts doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people! join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
This, thro' countless ages, men and angels sing."

---Hymn No. 383.

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Editorial

GREAT VICTORY TO BE FOLLOWED UP

In a letter to the editor dated May 23rd, Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, Director of our Centenary, says:

"The signal success of the Big Drive is an indication of an awakened Church, an index of what tremendous spiritual power harnessed with efficient organization can accomplish. Having achieved the financial goal amid pentecostal scenes, the question arises from all sides, what next? Our hosts are eager to go on and finish the job just barely begun.

Immediate consideration of plans for conservation and advance along all the lines of Kingdom activities set forth during the past year of the Centenary campaign is a necessity. The people have a mind to work and must not be halted now that they are going so splendidly."

Accordingly a Conference of all the Secretaries and Directors is now in session at Memphis, to consider the plans best suited to conserve the results of the Centenary.

THE CENTENARY DRIVE

In all the history of the Christian Church there has never been presented a free-will offering for missions quite equal to the sum pledged last week by the united forces of Methodism in America. From Baffins Bay to Panama and from Cape Cod to the Golden Gate the Methodists were busy and responded to the call so generously that the world was surprised at the ease with which the work was finished.

We undertook a great task and performed it in grand fashion. In the beginning the proposition staggered the faith of the average Methodist who thought that we were undertaking the impossible, but as the campaign progressed we began to realize that "all things are possible to him that believeth."

The plans were wisely laid. Our labors were saturated with prayer. We caught the vision of a dying world that needed the salvation which Christ alone can bring. We became workers together with God and measuring up to the divine command brought our tithes into His storehouse and when the sum was added we discovered that the pledge was more than secured.

Southern Methodism attempted to raise thirty-five millions as her part and in modern parlance "we went over the top," at high speed and with enthusiasm. The idea of undertaking this supreme task was first advanced by Rev. Dr. W. W. Pinson, our Missionary Secretary, and Methodism throughout America seized it and put it through in enthusiastic Methodist fashion. This wonderful victory will be of great advantage to Methodism because:

1. It gives the church greater prestige. While the church has always had prestige with the people this will give it more prestige at home and abroad. We have always commanded the respect of the world because Heaven's blessing has been on our labors, but now our people, proving their faith by their abundant works, are showing the world that Methodism is still in earnest; that we are willing not only to do but to give for the uplift of mankind. Men of all communions are already commending the generosity of our people and preparing to do likewise.

2. It will give our people a loftier self respect. The every member canvass for a sum worth while has inspired many a sparse giver to a larger liberality and larger giving has inspired to larger interest. Our money represents our sweat, our blood, our sacrifice, our life. When we place this treasure in the kingdom our hearts follow our treasure and the greater our investment of sacrifice and devotion the greater will be our consecration Thus we love the church more and are willing to do all things to promote its power for good. We feel today that we belong to a church that does things; that it has a membership, nation wide, of one mind, with broad conceptions of obligation and with the ability and willingness to do what God wants done. That fact enlarges our respect for the church and in proportion as we have well done our part, enlarges our individual self respect.

3. It gives the church wide opportunity. "From the time whence the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" it has been a hard pull to raise money for the kingdom. Many a poor preacher has labored half fed and half clothed because an unwilling people have refused to clothe and feed him properly. Many an open door has not been entered because the Church refused to pay the cost of ministering to human need. The call of the orphan, the wail of the distressed, the cry of the Macedonian, have not been heeded because the money was not supplied to feed the hungry and to carry the gospel to the lost. But we are now awakened from our lethargy. We have caught the spirit of the Master. We have dedicated our own wealth to His service. We say to the church, here is the means to meet the cost; here are the men to do the work..

The opportunity is now before us. We can feed orphans now; we can build mission schools and mission churches where we could not heretofore. A wide field, ever widening, opens up before us and a resurrected church is going to carry the gospel of Jesus and the resurrection to a dead world.

4. It fills us with a more generous spirit. The gifts of the past week, while totaling many millions, are but the beginning of our generosity. The more we give, the more we will give. It is a habit which grows with the using. The systematic payment of our pledges to the Missionary Centenary for a period of five years will so develop the habit of systematic giving that the parsimony of the past will soon be ancient history. It all helps to abolish the stingy steward, to relegate to the scrap heap all the obsolete notions of narrowness and greed that have in the past too much dominated our counsels and narrowed the financial and spiritual views of our people. Henceforth the Methodists are to be regarded as a generous people who respond gladly to the calls for every need of the kingdom.

5. Greater than all. And as a result of it all, these gifts will bring back upon the heart of the church, a blessing, mellow and spiritual, which will mean a consecration of life and heart, not of a faithful few, but of the faithful many who have surprised the church and themselves as well, by the enlarged giving which they have inauguarated. Men who a little while ago gave a pittance for the extension of the kingdom, last week gave hundreds and thousands because a larger vision of obligation led them to a greater sacrifice for Him who loved them and whom they now love as never before. They have proved Him. They brought their tithes into the storehouse and spiritual blessings, such as they never knew before, filled their hearts with peace and joy and thankfulness.

DAVENPORT COMMENCEMENT

Davenport college closed last week with one of the most interesting and successful commencement programs ever given by this well-known educational institution. The weather was somewhat against a banner attendance of visitors and patrons, yet there was a representative number of out of town people on hand.

Among the outstanding features of the occasion was the sermon of Bishop Darlington which was delivered on Tuesday morning in the Methodist church of the town of Lenoir. The bishop was greeted by a large and interested congregation, and seemed to be at his best. The sermon made a profound impression upon all who heard it. Choosing his text from John 19:25 he drew many lessons from the mother of Jesus and made application of these to our modern life. None will forget the impressions of that hour.

On Wednesday morning, Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, Lieutenant-Governor of the state, delivered the literary address, which was also an occasion fraught with great interest.

Interspersing the program were the usual class and other exercises, which this year were not behind in interest any of the similiar exercises of other years.

The trustees held their annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance. The affairs of the institution were found to be in a most satisfactory condition. Besides attending to the routine matters, the trustees decided to install a new and up-to-date pipe organ in the music hall for the use of pupils desiring to take pipe organ along with their other musical equipment. This progressive move will add materially to the efficiency of the school of music, which was already one of the best in the state. Another decision reached by the trustees was to devise a plan whereby the library facilities of the college will be materially increased. These announcements will bring joy to the hearts, not only of the student body of Davenport, but of the patrons and friends of the institution generally.

President Craven and his faculty have enjoyed a most prosperous year and they are looking forward to even a larger attendance next session. Already two thirds of the dormitory facilities have been engaged for the coming year. There were ten A. B. graduates this year, and four young ladies other than these completed special courses and received certificates of gradution.

DISTRICT CENTENARY REPORTS

Early last week we sent a request to each presiding elder to send us the status of the Centenary drive on Monday. The following reports have been received:

Asheville District

Asheville district has been awarded the banner for being the first to report her quota subscribed in full.

The accompanying report is imperfect in that some churches have not been heard from.

We are absolutely safe in saying that the district is over subscribed on a quota of $159,950, by $90,000, or 56 per cent.

Very truly, W. H. Willis.

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Charlotte District

On account of the extension of time for reporting on the Centenary, five charges have not reported, these are good circuits with a total quota of $35,000.

Total subscriptions reported to date, not including credits, except a few Sunday school pledges, is $185,000.

Of course we are over the top already counting credits. But we are still hoping to go over the top on regular subscriptions, as the teams are still at work.

Wherever the plan was really worked there has been no trouble to go over the top, and the people did it cheerfully where they informed themselves and prayed for guidance.

At any rate, it is a glorious victory, all praise be unto Him.

Most Sincerely,
H. K. Boyer.

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Greensboro District

Quota $184,450. All charges heard from to date report over the top. A few will fail to secure the full amount. Incomplete returns indicate that the whole quota of $184,450 will be pledged without counting credits. The grand total will reach $255,000. These figures conservative, subject to slight correction.

J. H. Barnhardt, P. E.

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Mount Airy District

I have heard from ten charges and from these reports I am sure the district is out and perhaps over. Elkin is the banner charge so far heard from. They were asked for $15,000 and have pledged $20,000, not counting the credits. The credits will give them more than $30,000. Several charges have reported out without counting credits.

I am delighted with the work of the pastors and laymen on this, the Mount Airy district.

Sincerely yours,
W. F. Womble.

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Shelby District

The district, so far as heard from, has subscribed $156,220.87 which with the credits as allowed gives us an over subscription of $15,734.87. It appears now that the following charges have secured their quotas, and more, without using the credits, and are deserving of special mention: Belwood, Besse-

mer, Cherryville, Eighth Street, Main Street, Franklin Avenue, Kings Mountain, McAdenville, Rock Spring, Shelby-Central, Shelby circuit. Belwood has the distinction of being the first circuit in the conference to go over the top, but Brother Shinn of the Rock Springs charge also comes into competition for honors, as he was the first man on a circuit of eight churches to make the canvass on one day, in less than a day, and exceed the quota He could not get telephone connection with the district director, so he drove the forty miles to Gastonia, and made the report in person.

Cleveland county did the best work of any county in the district. Headed by Brother Wood of Shelby, Central, and his magnificent corps of minute men, rallies were held in every church in the county. Too much of praise cannot be rendered to these men in working out the fine organization that meant so much in putting the county across in the drive. The laymen of Main Street, Gastonia, also rendered valiant service over a large territory in the district and out of it, several of our speakers going into the upper South Carolina conference, on the urgent call of the pastors across the line.

No man in the district, however, did more than our district director, G. C. Andrews, to stimulate interest, to work out the organization, to keep the interest sustained, and finally to put the thing across and make the Centenary a success. John F. Kirk.

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Salisbury District

Dear Brother Blair:

I am not prepared to make a full report from Salisbury district concerning the Centenary movement. Several charges are gone over the top. Some of the charges are still in the drive. I am expecting the district to go over the top. The Salisbury distrcit will meet it's obligations equally with any district in the conference. I expect the final report to be a complete success. Reports so far are very gratifying. Brother T. F. Hudson, our district director, has rendered very diligent and efficient service. The pastors and many laymen have been very zealous for the cause. I look for the final report to show the district over the top.

J. C. Rowe.

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Statesville District

Incomplete returns indicate a great victory. Sunday was a rainy day throughout the district and some of the work is unfinished in the larger circuits but present indications are that every charge has gone over the top.

Complete returns from Hickory First, Granite Falls, Broad Street, Race Street, Davidson, Stony Point, Alexander, Cool Springs, Hickory circuit and Rhodhiss show that these charges are over the top without credits and with a large surplus. Many country churches have doubled their quotas.

It has been a great campaign and everybody is happy. Much of the credit in this district is due Prof. Horace Sisk, our district director. He has given himself without stint to the task and the results are truly thrilling.

This is a great rural district and organization has been extremely difficult. Broad Street, Statesville, and First Church, Hickory, had an allotment of $25,000 each. They are over the top and are now near the $30,000 mark.

Our smaller stations like Mooresville, Newton, Mt. Zion and Lenoir had $13,500 each and they are getting ready for the big shout. Granite Falls with a quota of $6,500 is around $12,000 now and still going strong.

Already the revival fires are burning and the district has launched an evangelistic campaign in which we hope to see God's promise of heavenly blessings fullfilled in every charge. We shall give you a report in detail for the next issue of the Advocate.

W. A. Newell.

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Winston District

Dear Brother Blair:

The following statement was authorized by district Director, Leon Cash, in conference with the Methodist ministers in regular Monday morning session today relative to the Centenary condition in the Winston district.

"Large surpluses in practically all the stations. Minimum Centenary allotment raised in stations featuring in joint drive for local enterprises.

District safely over counting credits. Drive being pressed through week, including next Sunday, for benefit of churches chiefly in the country hindered in finishing drive, May 25, by rains with confident expectation of showing a surplus without credits." Frank Siler.

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Waynesville District

My Dear Brother Blair:

Complying with your request about the Centenary in the Waynesville district, I beg leave to inform you that we are "over the top" with our allotment of $120,750.

J. H. West.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Bishop David H. Greer, of the Protestant Episcopal church, died May 19 in a New York hospital, after a serious surgical operation. He was 75 years old and had been a leader in his denomination for a long time.

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Victor L. Berger, who was elected to Congress from Wisconsin last November as a Socialist and who was later convicted and sentenced under the war time espionage act, was not permitted to take his seat in the Congress which met last week. Berger is under bond pending appeal from the sentence and the Congress very properly refused to seat him while a prison term was in prospect.

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Secretary of War Baker has approved the order to reduce the West Point Military course from four to three years. We presume this policy has been adopted to more rapidly supply the army with trained officers, but in an age when high efficiency is in great demand it seems like lowering standards to reduce the period required for training. West Point school stands among the very best military schools of the world and it is hoped that West Point graduates may hereafter be as well equipped as heretofore.

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The Northern Baptist Convention by a decided vote rejected the inter-church union proposition by a decided majority, prefering to continue to be Baptists rather than be merged into an organization which would compromise all doctrines which differentiate that church from other religious bodies. We approve of this action of our Baptist brethren. Mr. Rockfeller has just donated to missions through the Baptist Church the princely sum of two million dollars, perhaps the largest individual gift ever made to the mission cause.

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Lord Northcliffe has authorized the London Daily Mail to pay to Mrs. Hawker, wife of the trans-Atlantic flyer, and her daughter, the $50,000.00 prize money offered for a successful flight across sea, it being reported that Hawker had been lost in the aerial voyage. Later it developed that on account of some defect in his aeroplane he descended to the sea in close proximity to the destroyer "Revenge," which rescued him and his companion. They were scheduled to reach London Monday evening where a great reception was planned for him.

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The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church rejected the proposal for a Federation of the various branches of the Presbyterian church in America, but adopted a substitute providing a plan for organic union with the Northern Presbyterian Church. Steps preliminary were taken by the appointment of a Committee to work out a plan of union with a like committee to be named by the Northern branch of the church. The next session of the General Assembly to be held in Charlotte in May 1920, will be extraordinarily interesting in view of the fact that final action in this important matter may be taken at that time.

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The State appropriation for the erection of the Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia is now available, the architects' plans are in preparation and it is hoped that the institution will be a reality before many moons. This great charity is the result of long and steady work by Mr. R. B. Babbington, of Gastonia. He championed the movement when it had no friends and even its well wishers had no faith in its final success. When completed it will do honor to North Carolina and be a blessing of untold value to many deformed and dependent children.

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The Federal House passed the Woman Suffrage Amendment early last week by a vote of 304 to 88. All the North Carolina Congressmen except Weaver voted in the negative. It was defeated in the last Senate by a majority of one but the present Senate will probably pass it without delay as the measure is favored by Senator Harris of Georgia, who has just taken his seat, and by Senator Hale, of Maine, who approved it on the previous vote. When approved by the Senate it will be submitted to the States for ratification or rejection, and three-fourths of the states must ratify before it can be made a part of the organic law of the Nation.

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The German representatives in Paris plead for more time in order to study carefully the peace terms submitted and the time was extended to May 29. Those in close touch with the situation think the treaty will be signed even if under protest, and that Germany will all along comply with the terms, only under protest. The tardy action of her representatives is all for home consumption. Prompt signing of the terms without protest would have placed her delegates in a position to be severely censured by the home people, but steady protest and an attempt at bargain driving would enable them to more easily meet the disappointment which will greet them upon their return home. It is believed that the Germans will sign this week and that early in June President Wilson will be journeying homeward, leaving the other representatives in Paris to submit peace conditions to the other enemy powers.

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"There is a retribution in history." Frederick the Great in his day stole the Polish provinces, and in 1871 Bismarck stole from France both Alsace and Loraine. Under the present peace treaty the food producing districts of Poland are now lost to Germany and go back to form a part of a greater Poland, while in the west Alsace and Loraine are returned to France. These latter provinces furnished Germany with three-fourths of her iron while the Saar valley furnished one-third of her coal supply. She loses also upper Silicia, which is as rich in coal as the Saar valley. The Germany which desolated both Belgium and France and boasted that her indemnities and annexations, if she gained the war, would practically enslave the world, now raises her protests and scorns our demands as unholy and wrong. The basest sinner has a knowledge of right far loftier than his habit would indicate. No Pharisee ever appears prouder or lays claim to higher ideals of righteousness than the convicted thief who pleads for leniency. "The way of the transgressor is hard." We should not deal unjustly with Germany, but in settlement of our differences we should not forget to be just also toward Belgium and France. We should not, out of sentiment, forget that criminal nations, as well as individual criminals must be made to respect law.

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A colored soldier just returned from France, writing in a journal published for the colored race, exhorts his people to do well their part to reconstruct the world after the great war, not by aspiring to official position, but by excelling in every task which duty calls them to. He says, "the way the negro may best promote reconstruction is to make of himself the best boot-black, the best bell boy, the best cook, the best farmer, the best mechanic." That statement is packed full of wisdom. and if accepted and put into practice by men of all races would solve all the problems that humanity has to meet. It is a sad fact that men, generally, are content to perform their tasks in half-hearted fashion, to give the work a lick and a promise, to leave conscience out of it; but all men should strive to excel, to do the best in order not only that they may earn the wage in coin, but also the satisfaction in mind and conscience which comes into the life that has laid itself out to do the best. God is never satisfied with anything less than the best from any man and the man who fears God will be unsatisfied unless he does his best. The exhortion of the colored soldier should quicken the conscience of every man who reads it and lift the standard of service rendered to the high standard of Christian morality. A converted servant girl once asked how religion had benefitted her replied, "It makes me sweep under the mats." Genuine conversion makes us so honest that we want to treat our neighbor as we want him to treat us.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE PAY CHECKS



They Shall Not Want

The Board of Finance, at its annual meeting in St. Louis, May 6 and 7, instructed the secretary to make up the table for the next distribution of the net earnings of the Supernnuate Endowment Fund, to the conference claiments, on July 1, 1919.

Therefore, the attention of all Annual Conference secretaries and also of the claimants on the fund, is called to the importance of having the reports on the years of service and the addresses of the claimants in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Finance not later than July 1, 1919. Any claimant whose years of service and addresses are not reported by that time cannot, by order of the Board, figure in the distribution about to be made. The date for making up the table has been fixed as late as possible so that there would be ample time for all reports on the claimants to come in. If these reports fail to reach the office in time to be considered, it will not be the fault of the board, for everything possible has been done to secure them.

Also, the Board of Finance has instructed its secretary to send the remittance checks direct to the claimants as their interests appear. This makes it absolutely necessary for the secretary to have the correct addresses of all the claimants. If these addresses have not been reported it will be impossible to mail the checks in such cases where the addresses are not furnished.

Therefore, if any claimant has any doubt about his years of service and correct address having reached us, he should send a letter of inquiry to the office of the board at once.

The Board of Finance,
801-5 Mercantile Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.,
Luther E. Todd, Secretary.

A ONE MINUTE SERMON

By H. L. Atkins

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, Phil. 8:10.

In the case of the Master the sufferings came first; afterward the glory of the resurrection. In man's experience in entering and making progress in the Christian life the order is reversed. In answer to his prayer of penitence and faith God reveals Himself in pardoning love. The penitent becomes the convert, he feels the power of Christ's resurrection. As Christ was raised from the dead, so has He been raised to newness of life. He rejoices in the sense of pardoned sin. In His glad new love he cries: "Abba Father."

"The spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God."

Now having had this great lesson on the power of Christ's resurrection, he begins to want to know the fellowship of His sufferings, or at any rate constant fellowship with his Master whatever sufferings it may involve. And soon he learns that this new life of joy and peace is a life of suffering. Its emblem is the cross. "If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This means that to be in fellowship with Christ's sufferings is to suffer voluntarily. We honor the man who in love of his country volunteers to be a soldier knowing that it may cost him his life; but Christ came to redeem the world knowing it would cost His life.

To have fellowship with His sufferings is to suffer vicariously. Much of our suffering is due to our sins. Our Master suffered only for others. "He was bruised for our iniquities."

Not only for others, but for His enemies did Christ suffer. "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Praise God for this voluntary suffering of Christ for all men, even His enemies. By this we are saved. "With His stripes we are healed." Are we living in fellowship with His sufferings?.

UNION CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, WONSAN, KOREA

There are many of our Methodist friends who do not know of the work of our thriving little hospital at Wonsan, Korea. I have wished many times that they all might see it and know just what it means to the Koreans, many of whom walk for miles to come to the Salvation hospital. Only a few days ago one poor fellow arrived at the dispensary, wasted and worn after a week's walk over rough mountain passes to seek treatment at the Christian hospital.

As our friends perhaps know, our work here is in union with the Canadian Presbyterians whose work lies chiefly to the north of our territory. The out-patient department or dispensary is in another part of the village, not very far from the in-Patient department. It would be a day well spent to be there when the doors are thrown open in the mornings to hear the story of their suffering and feel the tender bonds of sympathy and love that must go out to them. Some have been ill for years and time after time have resorted to the Korean doctor's chim or needle, leaving his poor emaciated body a mass of infected sores. Many are absolutely blind because of too strong medicines for the eyes. Little children are blind from birth because of the lack of medical attention when the little eyes were first opened upon the world.

The out-patient department is a brick building not very large with two entrances, one for men and one for women. In the waiting rooms while they are waiting to see the doctor the hospital evangelist, whose privilege it is to preach to the people tells them the story of Jesus, and many who come for the sake of their bodies go away thinking of their souls. The average number of patients who come to the dispensary ranges from fifty to sixty a day, and some days more than a hundred come. This means that into this number of hearts the Gospel seed has been sown. God alone knows whether the harvest will be great or small, but we know that He will care for His own, and that He will help those to believe who are groping their way in the darkness. Many of them are treated, given medicine and sent back to their homes. Those who are too sick to go home are sent to the in-patient department. Most of our patients, because of our crowded quarters are chosen from among the poorest who have no other place to go. Those who have money, friends and a home to go to are usually not taken to the hospital. This means that the greater portion of our work is charity. Our little hospital is far too small to accommodate those who would come. Many are turned away because we have not room for them. This unfortunate condition limits us to the poorer classes who are homeless. With this limited capacity we can hardly attempt to classify our patients. We have surgical cases, typhoid, relapsing, fever, tropical diseases and insane patients. Our isolation ward is very unsatisfactory. There are two rooms opening on the ground floor where we can isolate to some extent. We are trusting some day to have an isolation ward where these dangerous infectious diseases may be isolated properly. In spite of these drawbacks our medical work is rapidly growing. The Christian Hospital is known for more than a hundred miles around the surrounding country.

In the hospital we see probably the darkest pictures of heathenism. We often hear horrible stories of the old Korean doctors, most of whom still resort to the chim which usually means infection. Women beaten by their husbands, come to us with the sad story of their loveless existence. Some who have been living lives of shame come in their misery to us. Only a few days ago a poor unfortunate woman who is a concubine for a very rich man told us the story of her sad life. She had been given to such a life when quite young. Now that she has a loathesome disease the man with whom she lived no longer cares for her. There are many such. Our hearts grow heavy when we look upon the waves of shame and difficulty about us but we know that if we look to Jesus and not to the waves that all will be well. Since I have been on the mission field, I have learned many valuable lessons, but one of the most helpful is not to measure the task by your own strength but took to the Great Ally.

During the past year the hospital has been painted on the inside a rich buff color, the wood-work all white, which is indeed a wonderful improvement. We have a nice new linen room and separate room outside for laundry and a kitchen. The food is prepared on a large Korean mud stove with big boilers built in for the rice. Our laundry work is still a problem. We have at present two women who do all of the hospital laundry. During the rainy season and winter months it is very difficult to dry the clothes. We hope some day to have a steam mangle and do away with all the difficulties of drying the linen. The water system is very unique, consisting of a large barrell on the third floor which is filled each morning and evening from the spring nearby. Small pipes carry the water from the barrel all over the hospital.

The presence of the patients family in the ward which was at first a very great trial to me, has become a means of blessing for we find this a great opportunity to preach Christ, not only to the patient but to many who come with him. Many who know nothing of caring for the sick get valuable lessons along this line. These people make and roll bandages, prepare dressings for the operating room and mend the patients clothes, many duties which lighten the work of the nurse. Each morning they gather with the hospital women workers for prayer on the second floor, and the men on the first. I have charge of the women's service. They love to sing the gospel hymns but they know very little about the rythm of music and I often find myself singing a solo, my followers either a foot or two behind or far ahead.

The Koreans are more and more seeking treatment at the foreign hospital. When we see them come with their bodies a mass of infection we realize as never before the heathenism and darkness about us. Some time ago a man came to us with badly infected eyes. He had been to a Korean woman, paid his hard earned money to have his eye pierced with a chim and was given a small package of coal dust to be used at home. He was almost entirely blind. He had been with us for some time as a charity patient, and after much suffering his eyes are improving and one will possibly be saved. Another woman with goitre had been wrapping snakes about her neck. Some days ago we operated on a man who had been quite ill for some weeks. The operation was very difficult, but apparently very successful. When the patient regained consciousness after the anesthetic he imagined he was much worse than he was. In alarm his friends sent out for some bear gall which he immediately ate. The following morning he felt much better. His improvement, of course, was attributed to the bear gall and not to the skill of the surgeons knife.

One day while Dr. Ross and I were making rounds at the dispensary we saw a little bundle of rags and filth crouching down behind the stove trying to get warm. His little body was blue with cold, having only a little jacket over his shoulders, and a rag with which he was trying to cover the rest of his body. His father had left him with his mother in a village to the north of Wonsan. The mother and child found their way to Wonsan, where the mother disappeared, leaving the child to wander in the streets. Our Korean doctor found him crouching by the roadside, more like a little whipped cur than a human soul. We sent him to the hospital where he was given a bath and relieved of the vermin that covered his little body. I visited him in the ward a few hours later where I found him fast asleep in a clean, white bed after having eaten the first meal he had for days. For a few days he was more like a little dog that had been beaten and cuffed about until he expected nothing else. He did not know how to take the kindness that was being shown to him. He was very disobedient and while we were not watching he would get out of the ward and get into mischief. One day he was found behind the door eating one of the helpers lunch which he had stolen. Another time we found him helping himself to some very expensive tubes of medicine in the dessing room. A wonderful change has come over him. He has become quite obedient and gets down from the bed when we come in to bow very low. He went to church Sunday for the first time. Dr. Park is quite proud of his progress. The men in the ward are teaching him to read. Who knows but what this little foundling will become a useful man?

Several days ago two men were drinking rather heavily as they walked along the road with their long stemmed pipes in their mouths. One of them fell and the pipe stem came out the back of his neck. Dr. Park was called and succeeded in relieving the injured man of his pipe stem.

These are only a few cases that come under our observation. There are hundreds of others I could mention had I the time and space. There is so much of sin and heathenism about us—so many unsatisfied souls starving for the bread of life—going in their sin and ignorance all alone through the dark shadow. Our missionaries seem such a little band to cope with such a task as lies before us, yet we know that it is not our own strength that will win the battle. While our little hospital may fall short of the standards at home, still we feel that it is a great factor in the salvation of the Koreans and the advancement of His Kingdom in Korea. There are many to be reached through no other channel. I am so glad that the love of Christ in our hearts makes us see something more than the poor dirty Korean all covered with filth and vermin and awful diseases.

I trust our friends will remember us in the work we are trying to do for the Master. We need the strengthening influence of your prayers. We are fighting in the very strongholds of Satan against tremendous odds. It is a difficult task but by prayer and supplication we must win.

Grace McCubbins Ross,
Union Christian Hospital,
Wonsan, Korea.

Statistical and Financial Report for Year Ending December 31, 1918.

Balance from 1917	22.12
From M. E. S. M. for running expenses	2366.68
From C. P. M. for running expenses	2278.50
From In-patients	3813.16
From Out-Patients	5125.48
From M. E. S. M. to equal equipment	1384.51
Loss and Gain	5.50
	15495.95
Exp. Medical and Surgical	5359.97
Exp. Food and Kitchen	1091.73
Exp. Fuel and Light	1726.26
Exp. Salaries and Wages	3925.75
Exp. Equipment	2265.95
Exp. House and Premises	602.45
Exp. Miscellaneous	518.48
Balance on hand for 1919	5.36
	15495.95
Number of in-patients	553
Days in hospital	6407
Number of out-patients	11073
Total out-patients treated	17260
Operations under general anesthetic	171
Operations under local anesthetic	400
Surgical treatments, (opening abscesses, extracting teeth, aspirations, intravenous, injections,) approximately	1000
Out calls	293
Treatments Foreigners	123

SOPORIFIC SERMONS

Not infrequently Methodist history pauses amid its serious records to note instances where sermons had a sleep-compelling effect or a boring quality, and sometimes even when the messages were delivered by eloquent lips. A selection of incidents from various sources furnishes not only amusement because of their humorous phases, but illustrations of expedients sometimes resorted to for the correction of a habit that has been more or less observable in all periods of Church life. Handsomeness of person and eloquence of speech marked Bishop Henry Briddleman Bascom at the very outset of his brilliant career, but his attractiveness was not always proof against drowsiness in a hearer. A good story attesting the fact is found in Henkle's biography of Bascom. A decidedly promising young minister of twenty-one years of age, he was sent by the Tennessee Conference of 1817 to a circuit that embraced much of the rough country of Central Kentucky. In that day young preachers were put through severe tests, and it was deemed well for the polished native New Yorker to be tried out in hard places. Preaching one warm summer day in Garrard County, he was excessively annoyed by two circumstances. An auditor just in front of him fell into sweet slumber, while two men back of the pulpit and outside the building were heard conversing in such loud tones that their voices were wafted through the open window to a large part of the congregation. It may have been, as Dr. Henkle suggests, that Bascom had read of the device employed by the renowned English preacher, Rowland Hill, for awaking two members of his congregation. Mrs. Hill was asleep as her husband held forth the words of life to a refined audience, while nearby a gentleman was snoring with vehemence. To kill two birds with one stone, Mr. Hill suddenly stopped the thread of his discourse and requested the main offender not to snore so loud, for fear he would wake Mrs. Hill. Through the open window Bascom turned to the loud-talking disturbers and besought them to lower their tones so as not to interrupt his friend's delightful repose. The double desire was instantly affected, and the preacher was not further disturbed.

According to Dr. David McAnally's "Life of William Patton," a sermon once preached by Bishop Hedding, in East Tennessee, had its soothing qualities. In 1831, after having held the Holston Conference at Athens, McMinn County, the bishop left on a southward journey, with a view to passing through the Cherokee Nation of Indians, for study and observation. At Calhoun, just across the Hiwassee River (not little Tennessee, as McAnally says), from the Cherokee Indian agency, he held divine services. In the congregation was an eccentric Indian trader, who lived in the village, frequently attended services, and had a friendly regard for the Methodists. He went to hear Bishop Hedding, and paid good attention until the sermon was about half finished. Then he took up his hat, quietly walked out, laid himself down in the leaves, and was soon sound asleep. When the congregation was dismissed, a neighbor thus addressed him: "Captain Mac, how in the world could you leave the house and go to sleep when such a man was preaching?" The captain's dry answer was: "Oh, I listened until perfectly satisfied that all was safe and would go on as it should, and then felt entirely easy and thought I might take a nap." The jealousy with which this friend of the Methodists watched strange preachers was well known. When he noted that trust might be reposed in them, his concern gave way to a listlessness that woed sleep. The date of the session of the Conference, which began November 10th, provokes a little distrust in the story's authenticy, though the author of the book says that the day was mild and pleasant. There are nowhere lovelier autumns and Indian summers than East Tennessee furnishes, but the act of sleeping on the ground amid leaves after mid-November demands somewhat a stretch of imagination for unreserved acceptance of the story. Bishop Hedding never tried to display talents or learning in his pulpit ministrations, but an extreme dullness is implied when such an effect as that produced on the old Indian trader is seriously described.

Dr. R. N. Price has enlivened the pages of his five-volume history of Holston Methodism with many humorous anecdotes illustratrative of life and character, but that touching Bishop Hedding he failed to include. Perhaps it was by reason of the incongruity mentioned. However, he does incorporate, with due credit, a story alike in some respects from McAnally's "Patton." On this occasion the preacher was Rev. Isaac Quinn, who on a hot summer day was preaching to a congregation in Tazewell County, Va. Most of his hearers had come on foot and were weary. The preacher himself was not particularly animated or interesting, and presently his hearers were wrapped in the arms of Morpheus. In the midst of the harangue it occurred to the deliverer to take a closer glance at the congregation. He was mortified and thunderstruck to find not a soul awake but a sister. Thereupon he raised his hands, pronounced the benediction, took his hat and saddlebags, and left summarily. As he was passing out of the door the lone woman gradually rose to some conception of the mysterious proceeding and plaintively inquired: "Bro. Quinn, ain't you gwine to leave another appintment?" Without stopping, but simply turning his head and looking over his shoulder, he replied: "God never called me to preach to a people that I cannot keep awake." The brief colloquy aroused some of the sleepers, who eventually comprehended the situation. When Isaac Quinn was no longer in sight or hearing, a pious member exclaimed: "The preacher's gone, and the Spirit's gone. Let's pray." Accordingly, in their shame and humiliation they prayed and sang, and did so repeatedly. Leaving the place with repentant hearts, they designated the spot as a meeting place for other religious exercises in the near future. Not a long time elapsed before a wonderful revival of religion developed, the gracious influence of which swept the region.

It was not always the laity that slumbered and slept under the delivery of sermons, ponderous or otherwise. There is left a record wherein it is shown that a noteworthy preacher, one who filled for many years the presiding eldership and for many sessions was delegate to the General Conference, created a ludicrous scene and stopped a brother's sermon by having fallen asleep while sitting in the pulpit. This was Andrew Monroe, so long honorably and conspicuously indentified with Missouri Methodism. Bishop Enoch M. Marvin, who had a rich vein of humor, was the authority for the account, as published in Dr. Thomas M. Finney's "Life and Labors of Bishop Marvin." In the midst of his sermon the preacher quoted very vociferously the first line of the familiar hymn, "When I can read my title clear." Instantly Monroe was aroused and, rising, said, "Let us sing," and the began to raise the tune. The effect of all was that it put an uncermonious and rediculous end to the sermon.

The sketch of Rev. Daniel Asbury, in Sprague's "Annals of the American Methodist Pulpit," is from the pen of Bishop James O Andrew, who as a young preacher knew him intimately. A hero of exciting incidents and a narrator of amusing anecdotes, out of a rich fund of humor the bishop made the hours entertaining for all who enjoyed his companionship. He told the story of their return from a camp meeting to Columbia, S. C., when Asbury preached at night to a drowsy disposed audience. Looking at the sleeping part of his congregation, the aged minister paused for a few moments and then said: "Just see what the devil is doing here. These dear people want to hear the word of the Lord, and do you think the devil isn't getting them to sleep already?" As though tired himself and sympathetic with the sleepers, he administered no further suggestion of rebuke and finished his discourse.

Under the old Methodist regime, with all of its high seriousness, self-denials, and hardships, there abounded a rich and varied life of personal adventure and experience. Not the least good that came out of it was the delightful humor that spiced the life of the itinerant. If he was the victim of circumstances, which might mean an individual or a congregation disposed to nod under his preaching, his ready mother wit, as a rule, enabled him to relieve an embarrassing situation.—George Frederick Mellen, Ph. D., in "Christian Advocate," of Nashville.

RELIGION WITHOUT PROGRESS

We once saw a small steamboat tied to a wharf in an inland lake. The pilot gave the signal to start. The wheel revolved, the water foamed, but the boat did not start. The line that held it to the shore was still fast. It had to be unhitched. We have seen riligion of this kind. It makes a good deal of noise and demonstration but does not get ahead. It makes no progress toward heaven. It has no daily victory over sin. It simply goes through the motions. "The trouble is that it has never unhitched from the world. Much of the religion of the world is spectacular. It is for show. It gets nowhere. The Pharisees had it. The heathen have it. The world is full of religion, but alas! how little salvation! Jesus said so. He said the road that led to death was crowded, but of the straight and narrow way he said "few there be that find it."—Christian Witness.

WHAT WILL LAST

The secret of the work that lasts is that it is done in the name of Christ and that it is inspired by love. What we do for ourselves will not last. The fabric will crumble, however imposing it may be. He who writes his own name on his work is doomed to disappointment. But what we do in love for Christ and for our fellow men will live.—J. R. Miller.

"As for comforts, leave them to God; let Him do therein as shall best please him."

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

District Conference Directory

Asheville district, Flat Rock, May 28-31
Mount Airy district, Walnut Cove, June 26-28
Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3
Marion district, Marion, July 2
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10
North Wilkesboro, Valle Crucis, July 24-25

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. J. W. Long, State Sunday school secretary, spoke to the Methodist Sunday school at Summerfield last Sunday morning.

—Rev. R. H. Daugherty, pastor of West End church, Winston-Salem, preached the annual sermon for the Winston-Salem city schools.

—Brother A. D. Ive, of Leaksville, made an address on the Centenary at Gethsemane, on the Summerfield circuit, last Sunday morning.

—Rev. W. M. Smith, of Ramseur-Franklinville charge is holding revival services at Ramseur this week, assisted by Rev. Neil C. Williams, of Shelby.

—The Rutherford College church is always loyal They have raised their part of the Centenary fund and the Connelly Springs charge will raise its full quota of $7,400.

—Attorney General Palmer has informed the commissioner of internal revenue that the manufacture of any sort of beer is in violation of the law and should be so treated.

—A special from Elkin, May 24th, says that in the great Centenary drive the Methodists of that town, on an allotment of $15,000 raised $16,580 in a few hours and expect to go far beyond this when all returns are in.

—The congregation at Spring Garden Street church, this city, have erected a tabernacle on their lot to be used as a place of worship till the new church is completed. Work is progressing on the new building.

—Mrs William C. Jones and Mrs. Clarence Dunbar, of High Point, have been chosen as members of the High Point city school board. Mrs. Jones' term is one year and Mrs. Dunbar will serve for a period of two years.

—With Dr. Chas. L. Goodell, of New York, as the baccalaureate preacher and Bishop W. F. McDowell as the speaker for Commencement day, the Trinity finals promise to be something out of the ordinary, especially for Methodists and Methodist preachers.

—Rev. R. M. Courtney is attending a meeting of the Conference Missionary Secretaries of the M. E. Church, South at Memphis this week. This meeting will formulate plans for the follow-up and conservation work of the great Centenary.

—Rev. A. P. Brantley, pastor of Westford Methodist church, Concord, N C., is at Long's Sanitorium in Statesville. He underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday, and his many friends will be pleased to hear that he is doing nicely.

—Richmond Pearson Hobson has been touring Alabama in the interest of prohibition. Hobson has done invaluable service all over the nation in arousing the people to the point of putting the saloon out of the whole country.—Albama Christian Advocate.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Wilson, of Mount Pleasant announce the marriage of their daughter, Venie L., to Rev. Ralph Clayton Clontz, on Wednesday, May 21, 1919. They will be at home after May 28, at the Presbyterian Manse, Cornelius, N. C. Blessings on this happy couple.

—Mrs. Sue Freeman, a prominent member of our church in Dobson, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sadie Folger in that place on Sunday afternoon, May 18th. Mrs. Freeman was a highly esteemed lady and had reached the advanced age of eighty-three.

—Rev. J. D. Arnold has just learned that his grandson, B. W. Arnold, Jr., son of Prof. B. W. Arnold, of the faculty of Randolph Macon college for women at Lynchburg, Va., has passed and received appointment as a student in the naval academy at Annapolis.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

—Bishop Walter R. Lambuth, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will preach the commencement sermon at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., on Sunday, June 1st, and Dr. John H. Latane, dean of Johns Hopkins University, will deliver the commencement address on Tuesday, June 3rd.

—Rev. H. K. Boyer, presiding elder of the Charlotte district, leaves June 1st for Nashville to attend the meeting of the Board of Missions. He will go from there to Houston, Texas, for a brief visit to his son, Quincy Boyer. Mrs. Boyer is with her sister, Mrs. F. L. Saunders, at Chilhowie, Va., where she will remain a few months hoping to regain her strength.

—Miss Lucy D. Crowder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Crowder, of Mooresville, was married to Mr. William H. Colvard, of Wilmington, Deleware, on Wednesday, May the 14th. The ceremoney took place at the home of the bride's parents and was performed by the father of the bride. The Advocate joins in the wish that the happy couple may have a long and useful life.

—"Christian Endeavor in the New Day," will be the theme of the 21st annual convention of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor union, which will meet with the Burlington and Graham societies on June 6, 7 and 8. The largest delegation ever in attendance upon a state convention is anticipated and the local committees are making ample preparations for entertaining everyone who comes.

—Rev. J. W. Frank and family, who for seven years have been rendering faithful service in our Japan mission, expect to sail from Kobe, Japan, July 5, reaching Vancouver July 17th, and North Carolina about a week later. They are returning for their first vacation. Brother Frank is a native of Davidson county and his wife's former home was Oak Ridge in Guilford. He has not decided where he will locate on arriving in the State, but gives Oak Ridge as his temporary address. He likewise requests his friends not to address him in Japan after the first few days in June, for no mail will reach him for nearly two months.

Rev. F. A. Price,, Junior pastor on the Lowesville circuit, and son of Mr. D. A. Price, of Unionville, was married to Miss Amy Helms, daughter of Mr. T. L. A. Helms, of the same place on Saturday, May 17,. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Huggins, pastor of the Unionville charge. The Advocate joins in congratulations and the wish for a happy and useful life for the young couple.

—The many friends of Rev. Dr. Eugene Blake, late president of Weaver College, will be glad to learn that he is pleasantly situated at Madisonville, Tenn., where he is again at his old stand as president of Hiwassee College. In a note just received from him he says, "I enjoyed my two years stay at Weaverville, though they were years full of toil * * * I enjoyed very much my association with the preachers and laymen of your splendid conference."

—Great sympathy is felt for Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Clegg, of Rutherford College in the death of two of their children within about one week. Little Mark was about three years old and little Baxter only sixteen months old. Prof Walker writing of this says: "Brother and Sister Clegg are bearing their sorrows with Christian resignation. They have won the hearts of our people and are receiving the sympathy and help of the people."

—We were in error last week in stating that Prof. J. R. Walker had given his entire time during the past year to soliciting funds for Weaver Hall. Since February 8th he has given full time to this work, but had given full time as a teacher before that date. The subscription now amounts to $26,787.51. All who can possibly do so should make payment on thier subscriptions as the need of money now is very great. A complete system of lights, heating plant and water works must be installed at once.

To Subscribers to Weaver Hall and to Those Who Want to Be

We need many dollars to meet the heavy bills of the summer and to have Weaver Hall and our water and light system ready by next September. Will you not mail us as much as you can spare today? J. R. Walker, Agent.

Rutherford College, N. C.

Important Notice

The Board of Managers of the Methodist Summer School are hereby called to meet at Trinity College, Wednesday, June 4th, 3 o'clock. It is important that we have a full attendance from both Conferences.

M. T. Plyler, President.

A Line From Ranger Charge

Ranger charge has increased the salary for 1919 by a raise of $200.00 over that of last year.

We have been well received all over the charge. We are now in the midst of our "Centenary Drive" and hope to be able to make a creditable report, but are not out yet. Expect to begin our revivals last of July. Have seven churches, so you see we will have quite a good deal of exhorting and preaching to do. It will be a "Revival Drive," and I am optimistic, for I verily believe that all who have shown such liberality in response to the Centenary call will be blessed in the revivals. One young lady has been happily converted and many have come forward for prayer at the various monthly appointments. Brethren, pray for us. Yours in Christ,

G. A. B. Holderby.

Notice to all Undergraduates

All young men in either of the four years of the Conference Course of Study who attend the Methodist Summer School at Trinity will use Minister's Permit if possible and keep a careful account of their traveling expenses so that the Treasurer may be able to reimburse them before they leave Durham. This plan lays no heavier expense upon the man at a distance than upon the one near by. The only item of expense being table board during the session.

All matters having to do with the course of instruction and class-room work are in the hands of the Dean, Professor H. E. Spence. All bills will be presented to the Treasurer, Rev. H. M. North. The assignment of rooms will be left with the committee in the office of Trinity College.

M. T. Plyler.

Scaling the Parapet

The Centenary at Franklin was almost a work of supererogation. Burned out, lock, stock and barrel, a little more than a year ago, the rich smoke from our fifteen thousand dollar sacrifice left the congregation gasping under the shadow. For the other church was new and beautiful and not entirely paid for. What did they do? Moved to a better location, put in more money and built a better church, all within a year. So the Centenary order to mount the sand bags came at the zero hour. We had spent $15,000.00 on the other church, $16,000.00 on the present building, $1,300 on our pews and $400 on our carpet. Our quota of $8,000.00 looked impossible, but we fixed bayonets, stuffed our pockets with verbal hand grenades and "jumped off." We got it. Brethren, you may be able to show me a more heroic work in the Conference, but I dare you to do it. I am as skeptical as a mule on a broken bridge.

L. B. Hayes,

Franklin, N. C.

A Sorely Afflicted Family

On Tuesday afternoon, May 20th, the death angel again visited the family of our beloved pastor, Rev. M. B. Clegg, at Rutherford College and took from that happy circle the precious baby boy, Baxter Hoyle, aged 16 months. His little body was taken to Kings Mountain and laid to rest by the side of his brothers, Mark Bynum, aged 3 years, who was buried just a week before, and Paul, aged 10 years, who was drowned a year ago while the family was living at Henrietta.

They were all beautiful, strong children and as we looked into their faces we dreamed of the brilant future which lay in their pathway. But Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and in his infinite wisdom they were called from the world they made bright by their happy prattle to the land of song and sunshine where no tears dim the vision or make heavy the heart. Their pure little lives have pointed the way for us, and some day we shall again behold their smiles; and then we shall understand.

Benj. L. Smith.

The Rutherford College Commencement

The Reverend H. H. Jordan, President of the Rutherford College Board of Trustees, expressed

at the graduating exercises on May 14, the gratification of the board at the successful year Rutherford has had in spite of influenza. The enrollment was 179.

Fourteen received certificates, twelve for high school and two for college work. All the members of the faculty of full professors in the regular work were re-elected as follows:

M. T. Hinshaw, A. M., President; J. R. Walker, A. M., Agent and Professor; W. F. Starnes, A. M.; R. E. Loven, A. B.; R. E. Hinshaw, Ph. B.; John Pons, A. M., B. D.

There are good will among trustees, teachers, and students and great hope for the future. It looks good to see our main building and Weaver Hall and—but that is for the future.

It is gratifying that the subscription list for Weaver Hall, lights, and water has reached $26,787.51. In addition several thousand dollars has been given for other purposes.

Tom Banner, of Banner's Elk, an old student, who gave his life in France, left property to Rutherford estimated from $5,000 to $7,000. Several men have given from $500 to $1,500 each for Weaver Hall and other purposes at Rutherford.

The annual concert, declamation exercises, annual debate, and the patriotic play were all carried through successfuly by the students.

The Reverend W. O. Goode, of Hickory preached helpfully to the Y. M. C. A. The Reverend Dr. G. T. Rowe, of Centenary, Winston-Salem, preached an inspiring gospel sermon on Tuesday. The Reverend L. B. Hayes, of Franklin, brought a forceful alumni message. Professor R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College on Wednesday, delivered a timely and interesting address.

J. R. Walker.

Cherryville

Perhaps a word from the Cherryville charge would be of some interest to some one. We feel the thrill of the light and warmth of the new day in the very same way that others feel it. Our hearts have been touched and excited, therefore, our pulse-beat has been quickened and as a result we find ourselves possessed with greater enthusiasm and a holier ambition to do the will of God. We never felt better, the future for Cherryville was never brighter. The people here have proved themselves astonishingly loyal and true. We are prepared to compare results with any charge in the Conference, large or small, if we may consider numbers and financial strength. Last year approximately one hundred new members were added to our roll, seventy-three of whom came in on profession of faith.

At the beginning of this year our society here in town began to talk a new church building and as a result a building committee was appointed to plan and work to this end. More than a month ago a banquet was held for the Methodist people of the town at which time about eleven thousand dollars was secured in good subscriptions. We hope to be able to put twenty-thousand in the new building. In view of the fact that the Centenary was on we have not given all our time to the new church enterprise. The fact is we became very much absorbed in the Centenary. We could not predict with absolute certainty what we could raise for the Centenary as both the Centenary and church building came along at the same time. But thanks to God, when the votes were taken at the close of the first day's drive we found that every church on the charge had gone over and then some. The charge as a whole went $2,000.00 over the first day. Some of us have spent many anxious moments but for all we have been amply paid. For the last ten days, immediately preceeding the drive, I think I have never seen any movement get hold of the laymen so splendidly. Everybody was talking "Centenary."

Then along with our new church we are planning to build a new parsonage. This to be constructed on an adjoining lot with the new church. We are hoping to see both the new buildings completed before conference this fall. The salary, which is fifteen-hundred dollars, is kept paid up to date. I have never seen a people more willing to support any cause when you have shown them the righteousness of such cause.

Last, but not least, our people on this work are beginning to read our Advocate. We have, for the year and a half since coming here, secured sixty-seven new subscribers. We see the revival already begun, we think, and pray that it may not cease until it has swept the whole earth.

J. F. Moser.

A High Day of Opportunity at Trinity

Every Methodist preacher must breathe a sigh of relief that the Centenary Drive is a thing of the past. We are all filled with thanksgiving. Our hearts beat high. But in it all comes a call to larger endeavor. The Centenary is a challenge for a new order of men. The ringing appeal comes to every preacher who has ears to hear. The old order is passing away.

Every Methodist preacher should enjoy the privilege of travel, of study, of knowing books, and of meeting with men. To most men, however, the lack of money will not allow them to even dream of enjoying these blessings. Have you, my brother, been among the number? Take fresh courage, then; and note what is within your reach.

The cost of spending ten days on Trinity campus in free fellowship with choice spirits has been reduced to a minimum. The college houses every one who comes without charging one red cent. There is not a fee of any kind to any place or to any function. All doors stand wide open save the one to the dining room—this is at a minimum.

In the class room and on the lecture platform are men the equal of any to be found elsewhere. Why go half way across the continent for the like of which can be found at your very door? Dr. Goodell will present the subject of Evangelism in his lectures and Rev. Thurston B. Price, at the Vespers of the first week. What more important theme could come to a Methodist preacher just now when we all must strike a new note in revival work. No one will want to miss the work of Drs. Kirk and Parker, to say nothing of others equally as notable.

A carefully selected list of books furnished by Smith and Lamar will be displayed and the opportunity of leisure and conference allowed each preacher to select a valuable lot of books for his own library. Some books bought are not worth carrying home. But a good book is apt to mark with a white stone the pilgrimage of a young preacher who appreciates the hour of his opportunity. Along with the display of books will be an exhibit of church plans. Dr. Baylor will be present to lead the minds of the brethren in the matter of church architecture. Attention to these two features will in a few years revolutionize the reading of our preachers and mark a new day in our church-building. The way in which good hard-earned money is wasted in church buildings because of failure to secure well-wrought plans is nothing short of a sin.

These Centenary days, we have been saying much of world reconstruction. Have we been oblivious to the inevitable corollary? This reconstruction includes the ministry. Absolutely impossible will it be for a man to hold his own at the old pace. The laymen have discovered themselves in this time of their enlarged contributions and they are saying already that they do not intend to put up with the kind and amount of service formerly allowed them. They are ready to pay for the goods. Whether they are justified at all times in this plea or not, there is enough in it to serve notice on every preacher to make the most of himself. For whenever a preacher ceases to develope in mind he declines in spiritual vigor and the day of his undoing is announced. But this never happens when men read and think and come in touch with other men who are familiar with the life currents of the times.

The Methodist Summer School at Trinity, fostered by the two Conferences, has no plea for its continued existence save that of a better prepared ministry for a bigger and better day. It is to be hoped that every one who is so fortunate as to be present will not agree with all that is said. For whenever a preacher preaches so that every body agrees with him one may be sure he has indulged in pious platitudes and no very virile gospel has been preached. The same is true if such a thing happens when some prophet comes to speak in the school of the prophets. It is to be hoped that men will leave Trinity with some new interrogation points set up in their minds and with a new fire burning in their bones. Of all days, these are the days in which the world needs men who cannot keep silent. A real prophet-message is the stability of these times. Have you felt the deep unrest and have you heard the urgent call?

But what profit will this fine opportunity be to you, my brother, should you let it slip? Some will be stopped at the last moment and filled with sorrow because of their loss, but they will have the real joy of a purpose well enterprised. How about the man who could have but did not care? How about the preacher isolated from his brethren whose heart would glow with a new joy could he enjoy the fellowship for a week on Trinity campus? But the pay is slim and the pocketbook empty. Brother layman, now is your time to bring joy and, at the same time, to start your preacher on the road to be a better minister of Jesus Christ. Hand him a few dollars and tell him to get all that is going.

Men and brethren, do we mean to do the great work before us in North Carolina? If so, we must be bigger, better and stronger men and more alert and enterprising ministers of the gospel. We are being weighed in the balances. It is well worth our time to go apart for a while at Trinity to study and pray and hold fellowship one with another as we face the challenge of the new day.

M. T. Plyler.

CONSOLIDATION POSTPOND

Our readers will take notice that the bringing together of the two Advocates is deferred till June 19th, on account of delay in the installment of some new machinery in our plant. Those who wish to take advantage of the $1.50 rate, new or renwal, will have to do so before the consolidation as afterward the rate will be strictly $2.00 per year.

IMPORTANT CENTARY NOTE

Let all pastors and Centenary leaders take notice that Mr. Jas. A. Gray, of Winston-Salem, has been elected Conference Centenary Treasurer. The Centenary funds from the Western North Carolina Conference are to be sent to him by the Centenary Treasurers of the local churches. None of the regular benevolent collections are to be sent to him. The regular benevolent collections must be sent to Mr. C. W. Brown, Asheville, N. C. Let all bear in mind that the Centenary fund is to be sent to Mr. Jas. A. Gray, Winston-Salem. Let us not get things mixed up and confused. This note is published by request of our Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. R. M. Courtney.

My Appeal—Advocate Message

In our world-wide and heaven-high Centenary drive let us drop the word drive and substitute the richer word conquest. In a drive there may be defeat, or victory may not crown the movement. But in this forward and upward move conquest is sure according to the faith now prevailing. After the battle is fought our viewpoint will be the top, if not over. My appeal now is to the superanuates of our conference requesting all that we have a part however small in this greatest, most inspiring and uplifting move in all the history of the Kingdom of Christ on earth. In these times of high prices and little income we superannuates can do but little, and yet no class in Methodism is so deeply interested and so conscious of those worn-out but not defeated in the lines of battle. Yet, brothers on the honor roll, let us be in the great line reaching around the world and up to heaven, with interceding, pleading hearts and a little sum in hand if only a marriage fee.

Brother Shelton is doing fine, intelligent and successful work in this Caorleen-Henrietta charge, and in the end he will achieve Centenary conquests. While our two Advocates are strong, prosperous and popular, at the same time to unite will give us a progressive and leading paper of Southern Methodism.

"Our God is marching on."

In faith, prayer and love let us march.

S. M. Davis.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

CHOICE

Not what we have, but what we use,
Not what we see, but what we choose;
These are the things that mar, or bless,
The sum of human happiness.

The things near by, not that afar,
Not what we seem, but what we are;
These are the things that make or break,
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true,
Not what we dream, but good we do;
These are the things that shine like gems,
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give,
Not as we pray, but as we live;
These are the things that make for peace
But now and after time shall cease.

—The Outlook.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

We are happy to report the following new organizations and wish for each of them the greatest success.

Junior Young People's Society, Central church, Mount Airy, N. C. five members.—President, Miss Ethel Cox; Vice-president, Miss Mozelle Owen; secretary, Miss Maude Bundy; treasurer, Miss Irma Saunders; supertintendent social service, Miss Eloise Sparger.

Young People's society, Bessemer City, N. C. Thirteen members.—President, Miss Mae Kiser; vice-president, Miss Irene Murry; recording secretary, Miss Virginia Huss; corresponding secretary, Miss Lillian Davis; treasurer, Miss Ruth Owen.

At Jamestown and Centenary church, Winston-Salem, young people's societies have been organized, but we are not yet able to get the names of the officers. Hope to have them for our next issue.

Adult Society, Bessemer City, N. C. Fifteen members.—President, Mrs. A. J. Owen; vice-president, Mrs. H. C. Byrum; recording secretary, Mrs. C. J. Huss; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. J. Durham; treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Grier. (Other officers to be elected later).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

The committee on Young People's Work, both of the council and of our Western North Carolina Conference, urges that a campaign of organization for young people's societies be inaugurated with the conference first vice-president as chairman of campaign. This campaign to end September 30.

And in order to further this campaign, each district secretary has been asked to appoint a committee from her district with herself as chairman, whose duty it shall be to present the young people's work at every church in the conference and to organize young people's societies wherever possible. Several of the district secretaries have complied with this request and have sent the names of their district committee but there are a number from whom we have not yet heard, and may we ask that it be attended to at once. During the month of June, we want these committees to visit the unorganized churches and do all in their power to effect organizations.

The great Centenary movement in which we have all been so interested and in which many of us have taken an active part, has shown us what can be accomplished if we will put forth the proper effort. What has been done along that line can be done along the line of enlisting our young people in a larger service in our missionary work. Let us pursue the same plan that our brethren have adopted; visit the unorganized places; present the work and the while praying for the success of our plans. After we have familiarized the people with the importance and necessity of this work and the great need of enlistment of our young people we feel sure that it will not be hard to organize these young people into live, working organizations. It is at least worth the effort.

We are glad to have these committes from the various districts working together for this great object and hope those of our secretaries who have not sent in the names of committees will do so at once, so that we may publish them not later than June 5, and begin our work at once.

The following names constituting district committees have been sent to us: Charlotte district: Mrs. Sinclair Stewart, 807 N. College street, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Maude Hoyle, 203 S. Myers street, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. C. S. Stone, Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. M. P. Blair, Marshville, N. C.; Mrs. T. C. Coxe, Wadesboro, N. C.; Miss Louise Ardrey, Pineville, N. C.; Mrs. Atha Stevens, Monroe, N. C.

Greensboro district—Miss Araminta Hester, West Gaston street, Greensboro; Miss Frances Hanes, Greensboro; Mrs. W. G. Ballard, Reidsville; Mrs. H. W. CcCain, High Point; Mrs. J. A. J. Farrington, Randleman; Mrs. Ira Erwin, Asheboro.

Mount Airy district—Mrs. E. F. McNeer, Elkin; Mrs. J. A. Pell, Pilot Mountain; Mrs. Allan D. Ivie, Leaksville; Miss Annie Kate Jones, Walnut Cove, and Mrs. G. D. Herman, Mount Airy.

Salisbury district—Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, Concord; Mrs. G. W. Vick, Kannapolis; Miss Obeira Houser, Salisbury; Mrs. J. R. Dayvault, China Grove, Mrs. J. G. Brawley, Albemarle.

Shelby district—Mrs. Plato Miller, Lincolnton; Mrs. George A. Hoyle, Shelby; Mrs. C. C. Cornwell, Dallas; Mrs. Emma Duncan, Denver.

We hope our district secretaries will get into communication with their committees, outline a plan of work and let us make a strenuous effort to increase our number of young people's organizations, by re-organizing those societies that have, for some reason, given up their work and by organizing the interested young people in those churches that are as yet without a missionary organization. Organization literature can be obtained by writing to Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

We are in receipt of the seventh annual report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, which was held at Wesley Memorial church, High Point, N. C., March 11-15.

This report is full and comprehensive and is of much interest to those interested in the work of our women, and we should not throw it aside to be looked at when we need it for reference, but read it carefully from cover to cover and find out the many good things it contains.

Besides the official minutes we find therein a beautifully written "Foreword," the president's address in full, reports of the conference officers and district secretaries, committee reports, standing rules for our conference, and the By-Laws and Constitution of adult, young people and junior societies, as well as the program of the last meeting and a directory of the delegates and visitors. Then one page is given to the memory of those of our number who have been called from us during the past year. Forty-six of our faithful ones have gone and we shall miss them.

We congratulate our secretary and publication committee on this report and the promptness with which it has been issued.

NEWS FROM THE WORKERS

Mrs. G. M. Kipka writes of a recent meeting of the Mooresville society: "The missionary society of the Mooresville Methodist church, was delightfully entertained by the president, Mrs. G. W. Cocke, at her attractive home, May 1, from five to six o'clock. The main object of the social was to welcome the new members. An effective program was rendered, in which the characters represented the unchristianized countries of the world.

This program was introduced by a song and prayer by the president and by an enjoyable social talk. Then the guests were shown into the dining room which was artistically decorated with cut flowers. Delicious refreshments were served. Visitors present were Mrs. W. W. Rankin, and Mrs. Elbert Sherrill.

An occasion unique in the history of the Margaret Foster Missionary society was the May meeting, held Friday evening in West Market Street church. The League rooms, tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns formed an attractive setting for the program.

After a brief business session a Centenary Pageant was given most effectively. Christianity was represented by Mrs. Leon King, Columbia, by Miss Pearl Rainey, Democracy, by Mrs. Alice Poole Adams, and the Centenary by Miss Mittie Hill.

A talk by Miss Grace Riddle, of North Carolina College, followed. She spoke of the need of workers in the mission fields and appealed for volunteers.

After a few moments of relaxation, when nuts, candies and conversation were enjoyed, the program continued.

Mr. William Monroe, sang, "Flower Rain" by John Adams Long, and as an encore "The Americans Come" by Fay Foster. Mrs. Richard Wills told a story "They Also Serve," by Marjorie Benton Cook. Miss Myrtle Preyer sang, "Down in the Forest," by Ronald. An impromptu reading, by Miss Wilson, a guest, completed the netertainment.

Miss Myrtle Dellinger writes interestingly of the society at Moore's Chapel on the Charlotte district. This society started by each member of the Sunday school class giving a penny each Sundany for missions and now it is an organized society, meeting every third Sunday in each month. The programs are always interesting and systematic Bible study has recently been started. There are twenty-six members enrolled and under the leadership of Mrs. F. M. Hipp, this promises to become one of the most flourishing societies on the district. Following are the officers:

President, Miss Myrtle Dellinger; vice-president, Miss Carrie McCorkle; secretary Miss Ferrie Johnson; treasurer, Miss Grace Clarke; corresponding secretary, Miss Nannie Smith. P. O. address of all officers, Charlotte, N. C., Route 5.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Mrs. F. J. Bates

A steward is a person who has charge of something which belongs to another, or, one who has been put in trust of something valuable belonging to another person. So Christian stewardship is the sacred trust given us by our Father to keep and use for Him. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price," his word tells us, so our lives and all our substance are His.

When He purchased our lives and redeemed us to Himself He did not remove us from the earth but left us to finish the work He had begun. He turned our lives back to us and said: "Occupy till I come." "Improve this life I have given you fresh and cleansed by my precious blood, multiply its possibilities; cultivate its talents; improve it in every way and make it more valuable that when I come, I may receive my own with usury."

All He requires is the small rent money, 1-10 of the money and 1-7 of the time, as a recognition of His ownership. The rest we are to use wisely for Him so at His coming we may be able to give a good account of our selves. Thus, we Christians start out on our business for the Lord.

One dollar of every ten dollars, 1 cent out of every dime, must come; it is the Lord's rent money, due to Him for letting us use the rest. We have been taught that our rent money must come first out of the month's salary, after that the other necessary things.

When the farmer carries his grain

to the mill to be ground into flour, the miller takes out his small measure from each bushel as his toll and it is all right with the farmer. So God takes His toll and are we as willing as the farmer that He should have it?

We sometimes find ourselves thinking that if we possessed as much worldly goods as some one else of our acquaintance, that we would willingly give our tenth, but how about the money that comes through our hands, little though it may be, one-tenth of it belongs to God and are we giving it to Him. Be honest with the Lord even if it is only a penny, it is His "Bring all the tithes," He says, "into the store house and I will pour you out such a blessing as there shall not be room to contain it."

Try me and see, God says. Have we ever tried Him? Be faithful in little and you shall have more. Be obedient to His great plan for our lives and His great church.

Money is not the only thing God wants, but oftentimes money eclipses the other things for which we are accountable to God. God asks us for time and we all have time which we can give to Him to be used as He wishes. Time for secret communion each day with Him; time for ministering to His unfortunate and needy ones; time to seek out the unsaved and lead them to Him who came to save the lost. Oh, there is so much to do and it takes so much time. Why not some of yours?

In loving service we can do much for Christ. No hands has He on earth today but ours; no feet to show and lead the way for weak and erring ones but ours. We must make sacrifices for Him. What are you willing to give up that you may use the time for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom?

There are our talents to be used for

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

THE NOBLE FOUR HUNDRED

Just about four hundred Western North Carolina Methodist Sunday schools signed up for definite amounts to be given on the great Centenary offering. Many other schools will arrange for given amounts before the local director is permitted to forward the church's report stating nothing pledged from the Sunday school. In the standard report blanks to be filled out by each local church's director there is a big space given for finding what the Sunday school has agreed to do. Be sure your school agrees to do just a little bit, if it will not agree to do more. But so far as the Field Secretary is concerned the Sunday School Centenary Campaign is completed.

The Campaign has been eminently successful. Our Conference has consistently led the entire Southern Methodism throughout the whole time and our noble Sunday schools are to be congratulated. Just think for a minute what is involved in four hundred live missionary Sunday schools! Think of the many young lives that are being trained to Christian giving. The amount of money our four hundred schools give will reach a high figure but this is the least part of the value. The boys and girls who are now learning to tithe will see to it in later years that our great Methodist church has enough capital to run a big missionary business. Long live our noble four hundred missionary Sunday schools and may they continue to prosper.

FORSYTH CIRCUIT 100 PER CENT

Just before the Centenary Campaign closed Rev. H. H. Mitchell, pastor of the Forsyth circuit, forwarded a fine piece of information which reads as follows:

"Please find inclosed Centenary monthly pledges for each of my Sunday schools. Bethel $3.50; Crews $3.45; Mineral Springs $2.50; Pine Grove $2.50; Shiloh $2.50; Mount Tarbor $7.50; Oak Summit $2.50."

Seven missionary Sunday schools will make any pastor become a better man and more effective pastor. Brother Mitchell will be a bigger man next conference than he was at the last. He is doing business, and business makes one grow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

All aboard for Sunday school Day! Our Sunday School Day train has started and some two hundred schools have bought tickets for the booster trip. The train will stop anywhere to pick up other passengers. Get your ticket from Smith and Lamar, Richmond, Va., they cost you nothing, all charges having been underwritten by the Conference Sunday School Board. If the trip is worth anything to you, I am sure your school will want to see to it that a splendid thank offering is forwarded to the chief accountant, Mr. G. F. Ivey, Hickory, N. C.

Next week I want to publish the schools that have agreed to observe Sunday School Day. Be sure your school's name is written there.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM

The Sunday School Day Program this year is designed to instruct as well as entertain. It emphasizes the fact that there are departments in the Sunday school just as there are departments in the public school and that the Sunday school pupil needs graded Bibical instruction just as necessarily as he needs graded instruction in readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic.

It is important to remember that a Sunday school is a school and not merely a meeting. The same good sense used in making other kindred organizations effective should be used in the Sunday school. Our program for this year is designed to refresh our minds of this fact. Please don't feel that because the program is different and does not furnish a few little speeches of easy accomplishment you will not use it. Your school wants to do something new. Give it a good chance at the Sunday School Day Program.

THE CHARLOTTE DISTRICT INSTITUTE

Nearly one hundred and fifty delegates attended the Charlotte district Sunday school institute held at Monroe. It was fine to see them come in from all over the district and it was finer to see the good workers take keen interest in the day's program. There were no dull times. Something was stiring all the while and one wished for a much longer time to get in touch with the loyal Methodist Sunday school workers of Anson, Union and Mecklenburg counties.

The Charlotte district institute furnished the best attendance of any district meeting in spite of the fact that the meeting had to be held on Monday. The weather, however, was propitious, which could not be said of several other days where a good attendance was confidently expected. But let it be understood, the Charlotte district proposes to show us something refreshing in the Sunday school field.

A picture of the Monroe meeting was taken and in due time it is hoped that the Advocate readers may catch a glimpse of those who were there.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASSES

Had you stopped to think that the beginning of our great Methodist church was in a Bible class? When the two Wesleys, young Messrs. Kirkman and Morgan got together to study their Greek testaments they became impressed with the many good deeds of service that were done by Christ and they became exceedingly desirous to do likewise. These gentlemen accompanied by others of like inclination visited the jails, the poor houses and the forsaken places administering as best they could the blessings they could bestow. At length a strong following overcame persecution and adversity and a great church was born, the basal principle of which was to serve the actual needs of mankind.

Can we not fittingly commemorate this beginning with many Wesley Bible classes filled with Sunday school workers willing to be of service to mankind? There are so many ways to be of service. The Wesley Bible class has a given program of service printed in large letters to be framed and placed before the class each Sunday morning. This program of service will be furnished free to any class desiring one, provided, it agrees to start towards putting it into action.

The live Wesley Bible Class is more than an organization. It is an organization at work putting out a product. Every school in our Conference should have at least one Wesley Bible class. All classes numbering students above twelve years of age should be organized into a Methodist working unit with a definite organization, with definite officials to do definite things. There is no cost attending except that of twenty-five cents which may be forwarded to Rev. Emmett Hightower, Nashville, Tenn., for a beautiful certificate of registration.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS PROGRAM OF SERVICE

1 In the Class, to
1. Increase class membership.
2. Maintain and operate a standard organization.
3. Win all members to the Christian life.

2. In the Local Church, to
1. Secure church attendance.
2. Provide trained workers for church work.
3. Assume some definite responsibility for boys and girls.

3. In the Home, to
1. Promote systematic Bible study.
2. Seek to establish family worship.
3. Encourage good general reading and the study of parental responsibilities.

4. In the Community, to
1. Assume some definite social service task.
2. Co-operate with other social service agencies
3. Promote missionary effort.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

The big Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Lake Junaluska August 7 to 9 is going to be a great meeting. Many Wesley classes will be sending delegates there and feast of good things will enliven all. By then it is hoped that instead of only three hundred Wesley classes in our Conference there will be at least five hundred. You might as well put this in your pipe and smoke on it: There are going to be many more Wesley classes in our midst doing business for our Lord in the near future.

GO DO LIKEWISE

The John Wesley Baraca class of First Church, Lexington, banqueted in fine style last Friday evening in honor of ten of its members who have recently been released from Uncle Sam's service. Of the thirty or more members of this class who went into service some ten or twelve have returned and for them the boys who kept the home fires burning entertained in fine fashion.

Among those who have returned were fine fellows from the navy, the air service and the thirtieth division of infantry. While some returned with the marks of wounds received in battle they were back and the boys celebrated joyously.

Mr. Hobart Raker, president of the class and toast master of the evening, and Mr. Ralph Moffitt, the class' efficient secretary, planned the banquet and saw to it that all were properly served. Responding to the president's program several of the returned soldiers spoke of thrilling experiences "over there," after which your humble servant, a former teacher of the class, Mr. G. L. Hackney, superintendent of the Sunday school, Rev. J. P. Hipps, pastor, Mr. J. F. Spruill, the class' present beloved teacher, and Mr. J. R. McCrary, teacher of the men's Bible class, responded to the toastmaster's direction.

After an evening of fine fellowship and reflection the boys praised the Lord for his goodness to them and dispersed for home long after curfew had sounded. It is hoped that the Advocate readers may soon be permitted to look in the faces of this splendid group of young men.

ON THE JOB

Dear Brother Woosley:

We began our campaign for new members last week, but suspended this week on account of the Centenary drive. As soon as it is over we will resume our work and expect to see every church member before the campaign is completed.

I have decided that after the membership campaign is over, to send out a letter to all the members of the church who are not then members of the Sunday school, notifying them that unless they object I will enroll them as members of the Sunday school. I do not see how any member of the church can object in view of their church vows. Therefore I expect every member of the church to become a member of our Sunday school. I do not expect, however, that all of the members of the church will attend Sunday school; therefore, I am going to divide the city into small districts and assign two visitors to each district who will be required to visit during the week all of the members of the Sunday school who do not attend and will place the names of such members of the church and Sunday school who do not attend, in the home department.

The visitors will also be required to see that all Methodist babies are enrolled in the Cradle Roll, distributed literature, receive offerings, visit the sick and new families in their respective districts, always looking out for new members and the best interest of the Sunday school generally.

I believe by taking this course we can ultimately bring into the Sunday school a great many of the church members who do not attend now, and also into the church a great many who do not otherwise join.

One of our good women last week placed her husband in the home department of the Sunday school because he would not attend, yet he studies the lesson and makes his offering each Sunday. We have many other husbands and members of the church who will do the same. In naming the visitors for these various districts I will have a chance to give work to a great many of the members of the Sunday school who are not officially connected with the Sunday school.

The Sunday school institute at Monroe was a great success. I enjoyed it very much and received many good lessons.

D. E. HENDERSON,
Supt. Tryon Street Sunday School.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILL SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"Along with teachin' the Golden Rule of 'Do unto others,' etc., there ought to be plenty o' teachin' as to who the 'others' is."

"If we want our Sunday school to turn out folks people will have confidence in, we must train our scholars to a realizin' sense o' their moral obligations."

"What does this Sunday school stand for in this c'munity, anyhow? I reckon it stands for just about a average of us folks that's in it. If we don't stand for much as individuals, then the school won't stand for much; so it's mostly a pussonal matter with us after all."

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Epworth League Department

Conducted by Clara S. Bell, Elkin, N. C.

My Young friends, in a letter received from Mr. Ivey some days ago, he informed me that but few names of delegates had reached him. It may be possible, and I doubt not, more have been sent in by this time, but to you who have so far neglected this all important factor, do, immediately attend to it, and at once, send in names to Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte, for I tell you, friends, these people of Charlotte are making wondrous and extensive preparations, (surprises are in store for you) doing everything in their power for our comfort, pleasure and entertainment; and surely 'tis as litle as we can do to send in names of delegates, in order to give them some idea as to how many they will be called upon to entertain.

Now again, let me impress upon you to keep in mind that we will hold a memorial service on Thursday morning and we wish to have the names of our boys who have given their lives in patriotic service, read at that hour; and we are depending upon each local League to take care of their own, and have names ready when called for.

We have but one more issue of the Advocate, June 5th, in which I can call you to remembrance, for the next one, June 12, will find our conference in its closing sessions, so I have but one more week to keep before you the importance of the matters above mentioned.

Now, a word for our Africa Special. So many of our Leagues were not represented at Junaluska last year, that we could get very little idea as to what our total for Africa Special would be. I have heard from several since, but we have not reached the figures that we have hitherto pledged, so I want to prevail upon you all to emphasize this important part of our work in your local chapter; hold a big missionary service, have a "live-wire" speaker, stirring songs, earnest heartfelt prayers; then clinching the matter over beyond anything you have ever done, and come to Charlotte with record-breaking reports and collections, thus responding to an earnest appeal from your secretary.

Since writing the above, I observe a request from Rev. L. A. Falls to have names of our League boys, who have given their lives in patriotic service, sent him. Brother Falls is to conduct our memorial service, so respond promptly to this request of his.

Katharine B. Browning.

CHILDREN'S HOME

FIFTH-SUNDAY OFFERINGS ..

Rev. J. S. Mitchell, Bald Creek SS, $1.50; Rev. P. L. Shore, Concord, Boger's Chapel SS, $1; Rev. P. L. Shore, Concord, Rocky Ridge SS, $3.65.

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Mr. F. S. Detter, Dallas, adLies' Aid Society, $2.

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Rev. Dwight W. Brown, Belwood charge, $8; Rev. W. L. Dawson, Forest City charge, $15; Rev. J. S. Mitchell, $28.50; Rev. M. H. Vestal, Concord, Epworth-Center charge, $60.26; Rev. Dwight W. Brown, Belwood charge, $4; Rev. Z. Paris, Concord, Central church, $140; Rev P. L. Shore, Concord, Rocky Ridge charge, $7; Henry C. Jones, treasurer, Salem church, Winston-Salem, $10.

AFTER-WAR PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN CHURCHES

The Southern Regional Conference of the Inter-Church World Movement, in recent session in Atlanta, adopted a statement of principles and plan of work for squaring Christian life with Christ's teaching seven days in the week. While keeping their distinctive organizations and methods, the churches are brigading themselves together for a great reconstruction army, in which each branch of the service shall co-operate to the common end of Christianizing the social order.

Democracy the Answer

The Atlanta platfrom was adopted by a vote of 80 to 7, all Southern states and churches being represented. It recognizes the new consciousness among all people of their common human rights, and the consequent intensifying of the world's racial problems; and that "a thorough-going democracy is the only answer to this universal cry; democracy, which, to be thorough-going, must be Christian." It must "open the door of opportunity to every child to its highest mental and moral development."

Must Begin at Home

Specifically, "The world task should begin with intelligent community co-operation," Community committees of men and women from all the chuches are to be formed, like those already at work in Norfolk, Louisville, Atlanta and some forty other cities, which shall work to better the entire life of the community. This includes Negro life; and the committees are to meet with local Negro leaders from time to time for consultation and co-operation.

The Negro the Touchstone

Since "the supreme test of Christian democracy is the attitude of the strong toward the weak....the Christion churches must accept responsibility for the weaker race." To this end four specific obligations are "accepted frankly and gladly."

1. The securing of "full justice to the Negro....in our entire legal procedure." This includes an end to lynching "as treason again our government and a criminal violation of the rights of citizens."

2. Housing and sanitary provisions for Negroes being "far below the standard necessary for wholesome living," the churches must "lead the way to right this wrong."

3. In public travel it is Christian duty to secure for Negroes "as courteous treatment, as safe and comfortable provisions, as for whites."

4. Education being fundamental to democratic and Christian progress the platform calls for "more thorough, intelligent and liberal provision for Negro education."

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From the Field

WINSTON DISTRICT NOTICE

The Winston district conference will convene in the Methodist church of Lexington, Tuesday evening, July 2, at 8:30 o'clock and close Friday afternoon, July 4.

I am withholding announcement of particulars of program until after the Centenary Secretarial Conservation Conference in Memphis, May 28-29.

It is proper now only to say that careful attention will be given our annual meeting in advance in the hope that the greatest possible benefit may come to the district.

In the mean while will not pastors and delegates elected to the conference go with me daily to the throne of grace as we seek to know the mind of the Spirit concerning the things that need most to receive attention before and after our district conference?

Frank Siler.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

THE REVIVAL AT DALLAS

On Sunday, May 18, we closed a very sucessful meeting at Dallas. Rev. Jim Green was with us for twenty-eight days, preaching twice a day in the church, morning and evening; and often in the stores and on the street. Brother Green did some very effective preaching, and the Holy Ghost did His office work in convicting and saving souls. There were about sixty conversions and reclamations. We received fourteen into the Methodist church, and five gave their names to join the Baptist church. The people manifested this appreciation of Brother Green's faithful services by giving him a purse of $206.35. May the Lord bless and use him in the salvation of many souls.

R. A. Taylor.

COOL SPRINGS CHARGE

Our apportionment for the Centenary was $8,500, and we secured $8,950 or $450 above our amount without using our credits. This charge has credits of $1,860 making a grand total of $10,810. Some of our members deserve great credit for the work done, and many of them deserve great credit for their exceeding liberal subscriptions, thus making possible this creditable report. Now we are confidently expecting great revivals within our churches, and this will result in reaching many unsaved in the community. I thank God for the privilege of living to see as great a work as the Methodist church has accomplished in this Centenary movement.

R. A. Swaringen.

CENTENARY ECHOES

—Rev. T. V. Crouse, Stokesdale charge, calls special attention to Mount Carmel where they have a good surplus, because nearly every member subscribed. Many members at Glencoe and Stokesdale did nobly. The circuit as a whole not quite up.

—Rev. G. C. Brinkman says that Elkin paid little or no attention to credits until it was all over, when it was discovered that they are in the high steeple class. Allotment was $15,000. Pledges $20,676.75; cash thank-offering, $23.40; credits, $10.350; total, $31,050.15. Great for Elkin.

—It is but just to all to call attention to the fact that our good brother Brown got his honor of being the first circuit preacher to "go over the top" by turning his forces loose, contrary to orders, a week before the time set. Many others say they could have done the same thing. Now it is suggested that we call attention to the Scripture, "To obey is better than sacrifice." But Brother Dwight is not to blame. He had his team up to such a "prancin" gate that he could not hold them. They just broke loose and ran. His report shows it.

—Rev. W. L. Dawson reports for Forest City charge $3,539.00 more than the apportionment for that charge. with more to hear from. The next thing in order he says is a campaign of evangelism.

—Rev. C. R. Canipe, of the Polkville circuit, made a remarkable record in raising $6,000 of his quota on last Sunday in the midst of a downpour of rain.

—Two of our presiding elders have given tabulated reports which we regret not to publish for lack of space. If each one will furnish such a statement by next week in good time we shall be glad to print it.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT AND THE CENTENARY

The honor flag is claimed by the Asheville district, she being the first to "go over the top" in the Centenary drive. Her quota was $159,950, and she has now in pledges $178,000. There are other reports to come in that will swell the figures far above this amount finally.

Mr. Frank Weaver attributes this remarkable record to organization, information, and co-operation. As district director he called for all the preachers and church directors of the Centenary to meet in a supper at Central church early in the campaign, and he claims that the information and inspiration gained there had fine effect on the final results; for the Asheville churches represented at that supper, and near neghbors, alone subscribed $115,482. The Asheville circuit, with two small churches of some forty members each, was the first circuit to win out, her allotment being $1,100, and she raised $1,262.

The Mniute Men under the management of Mr. H. A. Dunham, did fine work in getting the information to the people in the country round. Mr. T. E. Durfee, director in Henderson county, and Mr. C. M. Brown in Buncombe county, did work that counts royally.

Class leaders appointed on the circuits by the district director were effective also in the country places. The circuits still behind on Saturday were visited on Sunday, the last day of the drive, by expert canvassers. Hence the greater victory!

Central church leads in the conference it seems. Her quota was $40,000. Her pledges stand now at $62,729. Add to this her credits $22,920, and it makes her total stand at $85,649.

Haywood Street church on the first Sunday of the drive was ready when the shot was fired and the race began, and in eleven minutes she raised $11,000. A little canvass in the afternoon raised her total to nearly two thousand dollars over her quota, which was $13,000. Chestnut Sreet asked for $12,000, went two thousand beyond that amount. West Asheville, asked for $7,000, went three thousand dollars beyond that, and was looking for another thousand. Bethel went over her $6,500 with some to spare. Weaverville went beyond the $6,000 asked more than a thousand dollars. Hendersonville was asked for $17,000 and she ran beyond $18,000 the first day of the great drive. And thus the history of the high achievements of the Church in the Land of the Sky is as stirring as her war record; for a martial manhood stands behind them both.

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T. T. CARAWAY

Prominent Wadesboro Citizen Passes—Merchant Here for 25 Years

Mr. Tristram Thomas Caraway, one of Wadesboro's best known citizens, died at his home here following a short illness, Saturday morning at 1:45, April 19, 1919. His health had not been good for several years, owing to a complication of diseases but he was able to be at his store a few days before his death, and was confined to his home only three days before. Mr. Caraway was born in Anson county August 3, 1847, and was a son of the late James Clothier Caraway and his wife, who was Miss Winnifred Ann Smith. He spent his entire life in Anson county and for twenty-five years has been a resident of Wadesboro, being engaged in the mercantile business. He was first married, May 20, 1868, to Miss Sarah A. Horne, of this country, and to them were born the following daughters: Mrs. R. G. Austin, of Polkton, Mrs. J. P. Buchanan, of Greensboro, and Mrs. B. H. Hutchinson, of Anson county. His second wife was Miss Sarah E. Barrett, of White Store, this county. They were married February 25, 1880 and to them were born one son, Mr. Thomas Caraway, assistant cashier of the Bank of Wadesboro and one daughter, Miss Winnifred Caraway. One brother, Mr. Wm. A. Caraway, of Little Rock, Ark., and the following nephews also survive him: J. Leak Caraway, Charlotte, John E. McLauchlin, Atlanta; Prof. Jas. A. McLauchlin, Wetherford College, Okla; D. T. McLauchlin, Albemarle; Rev. W. C. McLauchlin, Sutsien, China; Mrs. B. G. Covington, Wadesboro. He had twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. Caraway was always a quiet, unassuming citizen. He lived a clean, manly life and his worthy example helped to make his community better. From early life he was industrious and refused, even when the infirmities of age began to creep upon him, to give up his business. He was not a man who could be contented to lead an idle life. Intensely devoted to his family and his church, these had always his first care and attention. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church here for many years before his death and the funeral was conducted there by his pastor, Rev. John J. Dougless, assisted by Rev. E. R. Welch, pastor of the Methodist church. The burial was in Eastview cemetery Saturday afternoon and was attended by a large number of devoted friends and relatives. Wadesboro Ansonian.

JONES.—James, the son of George and Mrs. Laura Jones, was born May 19, 1895, died April 6, 1919. His passing has left us sad and lonely, but also with hope and joy. He professed religion and joined the Baptist church at Fruitland Institute, in 1912. From infancy he loved the church and Sunday school and was constantly associated with church work. In April, 1918 he started in Sunday school at the Edneyville Methodist Episcopal Church and joined the writers Sunday school class. For one year he never missed a Sunday, was always on time with a well prepared lesson. There was never a question asked but what he could reply with a favorable answer. During this years work I offered three prizes for well prepared lessons, punctuality, etc. and he and Miss Gertrude Justus, each were so close and ran such a good race I gave each of them a Bible since it was hard to decide which was head. The third prize went to Miss Coela Lyda.

During that year we had a fine Sunday school, and every body seemed to have an interest in it and tried to help each other.

James was the oldest child and the pride of his family and was loved and respected by all who knew him, he was generous and kind and was a favorite with old and young alike.

August 9, 1917 he volunteered and joined the U. S. army and was stationed at Camp Sevier, S. C., for several months. From there he went to France and was in active service for about nine months, was on the firing line several times and never got a scratch, God being with him. He was a devoted Christian and lived and died for others. Since his passing I have been told by his tent mate who was with him in camp and in France, that he lived the same true Christian and read his Bible daily. His favorite songs were: "Home, Sweet Home" and "Where Will You Spend Eternity?"

After a visit home about a year ago he never wrote home again, he gave his life across the sea for us.

James has just gone over the river before us. He leaves besides father and mother one sister, three brothers and a large circle of friends and relatives who mourn his absence. May our blessed Lord bring them all home to meet him in glory.

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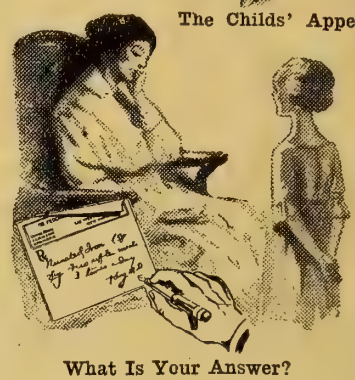
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Grandpa and I, we love to sit
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Go dancing up the chimney dark.
And then we talk, and we both plan
Just what I'll do when I'm a man,
And Grandpa likes to tell what he
Did when he was a boy like me
But sometimes Grandpa's voice is low,
And then I'm sorry, for I know
He's thinking boys can grow to men,
But grandpas can't be boys.

—M. W., in St. Nicholas.

NINE TIMES NINE

Billy could never remember how much nine times nine amounted to. Sometimes he said one thing, and sometimes he said another; but he never said eighty-one.

"This will never do," said his father. "I can't take you on another trip in the machine, Billy, till you remember how much nine times nine is. Just suppose the hotel man should tell me that my bill was nine times nine, and I couldn't tell how much that was. What should we do then?"

"The hotel man could tell us," Billy replied.

"But, Billy," he said, "you can't go through life depending on some one else. You must know yourself."

"You're going to learn that this week. It's the last chance I'll give you."

"What are you going to do if I can't learn it?"

"I'm going to leave you home next Saturday. That's what I'm going to do."

It was Billy's turn to look grave. Saturday was a day he had been counting for weeks. Father was going to see the ball game at Stamford—his own college. And Billy never wanted anything so much as he wanted to go with him.

"You wouldn't let me stay home just for that?" asked Billy.

"I'd be ashamed to take a boy to college who couldn't remember a little thing like that. What do you suppose people would think?"

"They wouldn't know anything about it," suggested Billy.

"But I'd know. Now, young man, you have three days in which to make good. I'll take a walk around to the school next Friday and see if you know how much nine times nine amounts to."

"All right," agreed Billy. "Be sure to come for I'll surely know by that time."

There were a great many other things to learn that week, and Billy found Friday had arrived with nine times nine still to be learned.

"But I can learn that in a minute," he said. "Nine times nine is—nine times nine is"—

He said it over and over to himself all morning. But the only time he got the right answer was when he looked in the book.

Books were put away at last, and the teacher began to give out questions. To Billy came the question:

"How much is nine times nine?"

"Seventy-one,' answered Billy, feeling he was right.

Some one scraped his feet just then, and the teacher thought he had answered correctly.

"That's right,' Billy, I'm glad," said Mr. Davidson.

But when Billy looked in his book, he found he had given the wrong answer. There was a lump in his throat as he went up and told Mr. Davidson. But there was a bigger lump when he saw his father come in.

"I've lost the ball game," he thought. But his father came up and shook his hand. "Billy," he said, "I'm proud to learn that there is one very important thing that you do know. You know how to be truthful even at the risk of losing a ball game. Now you go master that multiplication while I talk with Mr. Davidson."

With his father's commendation still ringing in his ears, Billy went to work with a will, and came off conqueror.—Ida Alexander, in the Sunbeam.

HATS—A STORY

All afternoon the girls had been thinking about it. Mother had said that she had a special plan for tonight, and mother's Friday night plans were usually worth while. More than that, she had given them a hint this time of what it was going to be, for when they had coaxed her to tell them before they went off to school that afternoon she had smiled and said, "Hats!" That was all; just "Hats!" Not another word would she say. And they had been getting more and more curious all the time since.

There were four girls of them—Majorie and Stella, who were in the first form at high school; Janet, who was in the entrance class; and Marion, who was only nine. And a merry time they used to have together. Father used to say that he certainly wouldn't change his girls for any boys in the country. Friday nights were especially good fun, because they never did any lessons on Friday nights, and mother usually had some treat for them then.

On this Friday night it didn't take them long to get the supper things cleared away. They were so anxious to find out about the plan. Then they had to stay out of the dining-room for a few minutes while they listened to mother doing mysterious things in there. But pretty soon she called to them, and you should have heard the exclamations when they got in. For there on the table were all their last summer's hats, and some that belonged to the summer before that. There was a pile of trimmings that mother had taken off the hats, and more that she had found. And the funniest thing of all—five little pots of hat dye that stood right in the centre of the table, with five little paint brushes beside them!

"Now," said mother, "go and sit down around the table and I'll explain. We're all going to have new hats this year, and we're not going to spend a cent for them, either. They're going to be so stylish, too, that people won't know what to think. But first we'll have to choose hats and colors. I think Marion and I will exchange!"

"Oh, mother!" They all laughed to think of Marion and mother wearing each other's hats.

"Oh, I have it all arranged," said mother, laughing too. "We're going to have lovely hats. Marion's will be a little rose-colored poke-bonnet when I get it finished, and mine will be a smart-looking black one. Now, girls, hurry up! Only do remember the color of your eyes and hair and the shape of your noses."

You may imagine the fun there was. Of course mother had to help them to decide. Janet and Majorie and Stelia exchanged. Marjorie decided to dye hers blue, because she always did like blue. Stella's was to be brown. And Janet, who was the only one in the family with golden curls, was to have the large white hat that had been Stella's last year, dyed black. They were all quite satisfied about the hats.

Then came the choice of trimmings. They chose Marion's first. Then mother's. And mother and Stella were laughing about the big silk bow they were going to make out of mother's old brown silk dress, when they looked up to see what in the world could be happening. For there, at the other end of the table, were Janet and Marjorie, both looking very angry. They were standing by the pile of trimmings. Janet was holding a large red rose in her hand, and Marjorie was looking first at it and then at Janet, while tears stood in her eyes. Marjorie always cried when she was angry.

"I saw it first, mother," said Marjorie. "I did. And I just planned to have it. It would look lovely under the brim of my hat, like the one we saw in the book."

"Well, perhaps you did see it! Nobody says you didn't!" said Janet. "But I didn't know you wanted it, and I'm sure you didn't say anything about it. So when I picked it out I ought to have it. I'm certain I ought to have it."

"Girls!" Mother's voice sounded as if she felt pretty badly. And it almost looked as if the fun was going to stop right there. Mother had made lemonade and little cakes for the party afterwards, but nobody wants to eat little cakes when two people in the party are as angry with each other as Janet and Marjorie were just then.

"I saw it first, and I'm just going to have it!" said Marjorie.

"But—"

"Your'e horrid if you take it. But you won't. I'm just going to have it, so there!"

Of course it only made Janet angrier than ever to have Marjorie act like that. But she happened to glance over at mother. And it was probably the way mother looked that made Janet do what she did then She couldn't help knowing that it made mother feel pretty badly to have them talk like this when she had planned such a good time for them So she said, "Well, I suppose one of us has to say it. Take the rose, Marjorie!" And she put it in Marjorie's hand.

Mother's smile at her helped a good deal. And then it really was funny to see how much surprised Marjorie looked. But just the same she couldn't think of anything else to trim her hat, and she did want that rose. There were lots of things that would have looked well on Marjorie's hat.

But mother soon had them all watching her while she showed them how to put the paint on the hats. She did hers first, so that they could see. Then they all started. There was silence for a while as everybody worked, because it was a "particular job," as Marion said. The dye had to go on so evenly and carefully Then suddenly there was a queer little cry of dismay. It came from Majorie. And when the others looked they understood what was the matter. For though Marjorie's dye pot was labelled blue, her hat was green—unmistakably green. There had been some mistake, or else it was because of the color that had been on the hat before. At any rate, there it was, as green as could be.

"Oh," said mother, "never mind! I think I rather like green, and you can wear it all right I have some trimming that will go with that and—"

But she stopped as all the girls began to laugh. Even Marjorie was laughing in a shamefaced way, and mother began to understand, even before Marjorie took her rose and threw it over to Janet. "Here! Here's your rose!" she said. "I guess it serves me right, for I was mean about it. But I can't wear a red rose on this green. That's certain."

They finished the hats and set them out to dry. They were to trim the next day, you see. Then came the lemonade and cakes. They did taste good. Marjorie said she enjoyed it more because her hat was green.

"I guess," said Marion, with a wise little look, "I guess there must have been a fairy in that paint pot."—Alta-Lind Cook.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK

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Him. The Lord has given at least one talent to each of us. How are we using it? Do we feel that because we have only one talent we are not needed when perhaps our "little bit" is just the touch needed to make the service a success. Most of us women are the one talent class. But God needs us or He would never have created so many of us. You bring your one talent and I mine, some other woman hers and after awhile we all together have ten talents to be used for Him, a tenth of each life devoted to the cause of Christ. And how great things we may accomplish. Let us ask ourselves some personal questions. What have I done today for my Lord? Have I given a cup of cold water in His name? Have I shown a kindness to one with whom I came in contact and who needed to be cheered and comforted? Have I done anything with which He is well pleased? Let us examine ourselves and see what kind of stewards we are, whether faithful and conscientious, or careless and indifferent.

If each member of the Woman's Missionary societies in our conference would give one-tenth to her Lord this year, our districts would all go over the top, our conference officers would be able to carry the greatest report they have ever taken to the council.

Have we not a thank ofiering for the Lord this year? Perhaps for bringing back to you in health and strength that dear boy of yours who has been in service over seas, or perhaps for sparing our loved ones during the fearful influenza epidemic. God requires that we be faithful. Let us arouse ourselves on this question of stewardship and conscientiously give God His own, which he has committeed unto us.

Pray, live and give. Give until we feel it, yes, as God calls, give the best that we have.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT MEETING

The annual district meeting of Greensboro district will be held at Centenary church, Greensboro, June 12-13, first session at 3:30 p. m., on Thursday, closing session Friday afternoon. It is hoped every Adult, Young People's and Junior society will be represented, particularly the Juniors, and we especially urge representatives from churches where there is no organization to be present. A very interesting program has been arranged. Send names of delegates to Mrs. R. A. Schoonover, Scott Apt., Asheboro St., Greensboro.

MONTMORENCI, SULPHUR SPRINGS CHARGE

May I write a few lines for the Christian Advocate, giving a bit of news of our Ladies' Aid society of Montmorenci church, of Candler, N. C. Our society was organized six years ago last February, and has been very active in helping the church in every way possible.

Last week we met at the home of a very dear member, Mrs. S. J. Luther. Mrs. J. C. Postelle, our pastor's wife, gave us such an interesting talk on the organization of a missionary society. She has had wide experience along this line of work and could talk to us from her heart. While we have done much good work through our aid society we have never had amissionary society in our church, but after having this splendid talk by Mrs. Postelle and the importance of the work impressed on our minds, we have decided to organize a missionary society. We enjoyed this meeting with Mrs. Luther, with Mrs. Postelle as our leader for the afternoon. We are all so thankful to have her in our church and community. Her influence is just what we need. By the help of God and through the leadership of Mrs. Postelle, we hope to do great things in our missionary work.

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ready to lead in a spiritual campaign for the salvation of souls. The church that will use its minute men to talk up a revival will soon have a people red-hot with revival fire! so mote it be! The revival must begin where this great Centenary campaign began, at the altars of prayer. Let the tithers look for the blessing promised in Mal. 3:10. Make "room" for the coming revival, and believe that the blessing is for you.

Our Dead

HARMON.—Catherine Patterson Harman was born November 3, 1842, and departed this life May 1, 1919. She was the daughter of John M. and Mrs. Rachel Patterson. Her parents, three sisters and four brothers preceded her to the glory world. She was married to Robert S. Harmon, of Kings Mountain, in 1872. To this union were born four sons: North, Raymor, Oscar, and Rev. J. C. Haromn, of the Western North Carolina Conference. The four sons and their father survive.

Mrs. Harmon was converted early in life and joined El Bethel Methodist church. She loved her church and was faithful in attending and supporting the church. Even though she was kept at home on account of ill health a greater part of the time in the past ten years, her interests were centered in the church. She was an inspiration, a help, and a blessing to the church and the community in which she lived. She was an inspiration to her pastor and pointed him to a higher and better life. In her suffering she was patient and willing for the Lord's will to be done. Her last testimony was that she was going to be with God and those who live in Him.

E. L. Kirk.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, The all wise God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our presence our friend and teacher, Prof. W. D. Redfern, be it resolved therefore that the undersigned committee representing the Bible class and the Ansonville Methodist Episcopal Sunday school offer the following resolutions as an expression of our love.

First, That in his death the Sunday school has lost one of it's oldest and most faithful teachers, and a consecrated member, and the family a devoted husband and loving father.

Second, That we extend to the bereaved famiy our love and tenderest sympathy and commend them to our Heavenly Father.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be spread upon our records as a memorial and a copy be furnished the Christian Advocate and county papers for publication.

M. R. Smith,
O. E. Ross,
I. H. Sullivan,
Mrs. Mollie Waddell,
Mrs. W. B. McLendon,
Committee.

DOVER.—Louise Catherine Thornburg Dover was born November 11, 1850, and was called to her reward April 20, 1919. She was the faithful wife of A. D. Dover, of Kings Mountain, and the mother of then children, eight of whom still live.

Early in life Mrs. Dover gave her heart and life to the Lord and became a member of the El Bethel Methodist church. She lived a consistent Christian life, was a good wife and a faithful, loving mother. During the few months of her sickness, she testified many times for the Lord, and showed that she was humble and submissive to His will. Her remains were laid to rest in the old cemetery at El Bethel to await the resurrection morning.

May the Lord bless the bereaved husband and children, and lead them in the way everlasting. E. L. Kirk.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom on April 9, 1919, called from among us our brother, James Newton Bumgarner Our Sunday school, of which he was superintendent and teacher for a number of years, has lost one of it's greatest workers. We, the members of Pine Creek Sunday school desire to express to Brother Bumgarner's family and friends our sincere appreciation for his faithful, devoted and lasting work as a superintendent, teacher and worker, and our sincere sorrow in the loss of our brother. Therefore be it resolved,

First, That we, the Pine Creek Sunday school, bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well.

Second, That in the death of Brother Bumgarner, our Sunday school has suffered an irreparable loss. He was a consecrated Christian, a devoted husband and father, a true and sincere friend. We extend to his loved ones our deepest sympathy and we pray that God's Spirit may abide with them in their bereavement.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Sunday school a copy be sent to the home of our brother, a copy be sent to the Jackson County Journal, and a copy be sent to the Christian Advocate for publication.

J. J. Mass,
W. W. Woody,
Mrs. Macie Stewart,
Mrs. Julia Stewart.

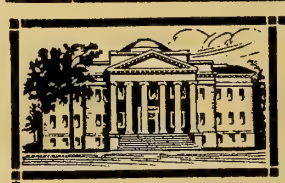
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Third Round

	May
Flat Rock	31-June 1
	June
Saluda	1
Hot Springs	7-8
Central	8
Fairview, Bethany	14-15
Weaverville, 11 a. m.	15
Biltmore, 8 p. m.	15
Henderson, Reedy Patch	21-22
Hendersonville	22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
	August
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Pineville, Marvin,	May 31-1
Hickory Grove, Derita, 3 p. m.	8
Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m.	14-15
Monroe, Central, night	15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Dilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Greensboro, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Pleasant Garden, Liberty-Bethany	May 31-June 1
Summer School for preachers at Trinity College, all pastors urged to attend	8
Coleridge circuit, Olivet	14-15
High Point, East End, night	15
Deep River circuit, Cedar Fall	21-22
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, night	22
Randleman, Old Union	28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night	29
	July
Greensboro circuit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
	August
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer	23

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville

	May
Missionary rally.	
Rutherfordton circuit, Gilboa	**31-June 1**
Third Round	
	June
Old Fort circuit, Ebenezer	7-8
Marion station, Sunday night	8-9
McDowell circuit, Bethel	14-15
Marion Mills, Clenchfield, Sunday night	15
Morganton circuit, Zion	21-22
Morganton station, Sunday night	22-23
Cliffside circuit, Oak Grove	28-29
Henrietta-Caroleen, Henrietta Sunday night	29
	July
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday 3 p. m.	20
Bakersville circuit, Penland, night	26-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
	August
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10

The Marion district conference will convene on Wednesday morning, July 2, at 9:30 o'clock in the town of Marion.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Mount Airy circuit, Beulah	24-25
Mount Airy, Central, night	25
Pilot Mountain, New Hope	31-June 1
	June
Rural Hall, Germanton, 11 a. m. 8 p. m.	6
Summerfield, Mt. Pisgah	7-8
Stokesdale, Glencoe	14-15
Jonesville, Grassy Creek	21-22
Elkin, 11 at night 22 at 11 a. m.	
Yadkinville, Boonville, 20 at 11 a. m. and 22 at night.	
Walnut Cove	28
Madison-Stoneville, Mayodan	29
	July
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-20
eaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

The Mount Airy district conference will be held at Walnut Cove, June 26-28. Bishop Darlington will preside.

W. F. Womble.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesvile, N. C.
Third Round

	May
Hickory circuit, Marvin, 11 a. m.	31
Rhodhiss, 6 p. m.	31
Granite Falls, 8 p. m.	31
	June
North Lenoir, Harpers, 11 a. m.	1
Lenoir, First, 3 p. m.	1
South Lenoir, South Lenoir, 8 p. m.	1
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	2
Hickory, First, 8 p. m.	2
Catawba, Center, 11 a. m.	4
Maiden, St. Paul, 3 p. m.	4
Newton, 8 p. m.	4
Statesville, Race, St. Johns, 11 a. m.	8
Statesville circuit, Trinity, 3 p. m.	8
Statesville, Broad, 8 p. m.	8
Alexander, Liberty, 11 a. m.	14-15
Stony Point, Pisgah, 3 p. m.	14-15
Cool Springs, Clarksbury, 11 a. m.	21-22
Olin, Mt. Bethel, 3 p. m.	21-22

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. ROWE, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.
Second Round

	May
Kannapolis circuit, Bethpage	**31-June 1**
	June
Kannapolis station	**1**
Bethel-Lower	7-8

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Third Round

Webster-Cullowhee, Dillsboro,	May31, June 1.
	June
Bryson and Whittier, Olivet	1-2
Haywood, Davis Chapel	7-8
Clyde, Clyde	8-9
Sylva	14-15
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, 4 p. m.	15
Macon, Maidens Chapel	21-22
Franklin, night	22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge	23
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

The Waynesville district conference will be held at Murphy, July 9-10.

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Advance, Mocks, May 31-June 1.

Hanes-Clemmons, Mt. Pleasant, June 2.

Farmington, June 6-8. Quarterly meeting at Wesley Chapel, June 7, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.

Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.

Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.

Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.

Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.

South Thomasville, July 4, night.

Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.

Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.

Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.

Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.

West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.

Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.

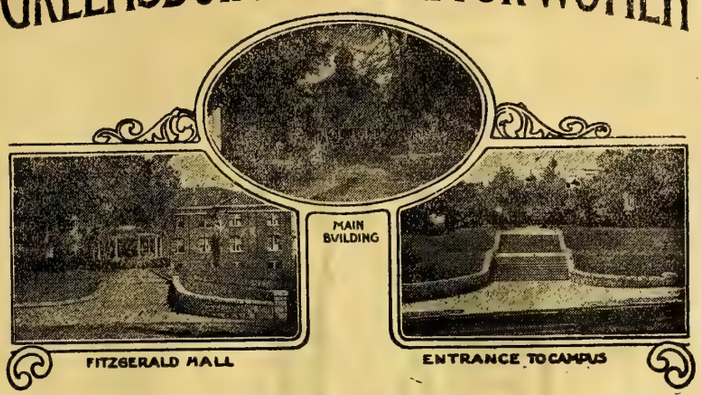
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.

Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.

District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.

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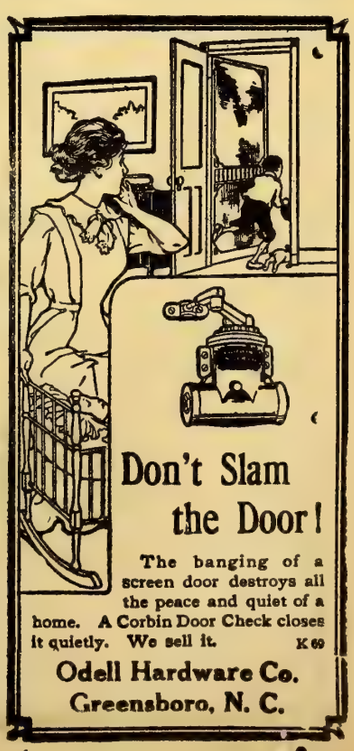
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Editorial

NO DEFINITE CENTENARY REPORT

We fully expected to be able to give our readers a more definite report as to the rsult of the Cena more definite report as to the result of the Cengret to say, however, that neither Brother Courtney, our Field Secretary, nor Brother Cole, our Conference Director, have been heard from since our last issue. We trust these leaders will be in position by the time our next issue appears to give us a report. We are assured that our Conference has pledged more than the allotted amount, but we are growing impatient to know how much more.

OUR BISHOPS BUSY MEN

Our Bishops are busy men these days. In fact these men, through all the history of the church, have made a great record of labor and sacrifice. Referring to Bishop Moore in a recent issue, the Christian Advocate says:

"Bishop John M. Moore has engagements that cover all his time up to his return to Brazil, early in July. He will preach the commencement sermons for Central and Howard-Payne Colleges at Fayette, Mo., June 1 and for Millsaps College June 8. He delivered the address for the graduating classes of Meharry Medical School, of Nashville, in Ryman Auditorium May 22 and for Lane College, in Jackson, Tenn., May 29. These two are schools for negroes. Since his return from Brazil, February 3, he has been all but incessantly engaged in the Centenary campaign, filling engagements in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He will meet the Joint Commission on Unification early in July and sail for Brazil about July 20.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH IN THE CELEBRATION

In issuing a challenge to their brethren of the North for an adequate celebration of the centennial anniversary of Methodist Missions in America, leaders of the Church South have in no wise failed to contribute their full quota of energy, enthusiasm and guidance in the project which is nearing its culmination in Columbus, Ohio, June 20 to July 13.

In the first place, the idea of holding a world-wide celebration on this occasion was originated three years ago at Saratoga Springs by Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Mission Boards of the Church South. Dr. Pinson is now chairman of the Joint Commission which is in charge of the huge church event in Columbus.

Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, of Nashville, is associate director general of the Joint Centenary Committee, acting with Dr. S. Earl Taylor, director general, and having full charge of the Church South's part in the world mission exposition. Dr. Beauchamp has given up temporarily all other church work to devote the whole of his time to the Centenary movement, in which he also acts as Centenary secretary of the Church South.

The Joint Commission has as its vice chairman, John R. Pepper, of Nashville, prominent for many years in the Church, South. Other members of the body responsible for the success of the celebration who are of the Church South are Miss Belle Bennett, of Richmond, Ky., Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville, N. C., Bishop John M. Moore, of Nashville, who is also secretary of the Epworth League of the Church South.

In order to sustain enthusiasm among all members of the Church South in the Centenary Celebration, Prof. R. D. Smart, of Nashville, has gone to Columbus as special commissioner and general secretary. From Centenary headquarters on the very spot of the celebration, he sends out latest news to the Church South, and keeps up constant communication between the two points.

Many of the pretentious exhibits portraying scenes and life pictures from all parts of the world are being directed and executed by members of the Church South. Dr. W. G. Cram, of Nashville, is in charge of the Korean exhibition, which occupies a large share of the Japan building. He is assisted by Miss Anna Irwin, also of the Church South. Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell, of Nashville, associate director with Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of the two large American buildings devoted to home mission exhibitions.

Mountaineer life, a realistic and forceful feature of the American exhibit, is in charge of C. H. Trowbridge, of Brevard, N. C., and E. A. Bishop, of Sevierville, Tenn. New Mexico and the Southwest, with typical plaza scenes and picturesque setting is largely directed by a Church South man, J. A. Phillips, of Roswell, N. M. Assisting in Mexican exhibits is Miss N. E. Wynn, of Chihuahua, Mexico. C. A. Long, of Brazil, a representative of the Church South, is directing the Brazilian exhibits, and J. H. Blackburn, of Oklahoma City, is in charge of the Pueblo Indians who will bring their curios and industries to the big Methodist exposition.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

These schools are now closing and trustees are holding their meetings. Perhaps as never before those in charge feel that they are face to face with conditions more trying than ever before. War has not made the situation less difficult but even more perplexing.

For this very reason the present is a time in which every possible note of encouragement should be sounded out, and men should face difficult conditions with brave hearts. This is no time for faltering, and every one should take note of the things that bespeak a bright and better day.

But some one is ready to say, are there such things? Are there any sings that betoken a better and brighter day for educational institutions conducted under the auspices of the Christian Church? We answer emphatically, yes. It is a well known fact that more young men and young women are seeking admission to our Christian schools and colleges than ever before and there is not one in North Carolina so far as we know that is not crowded to the utmost limit of capacity. With all that the state has done and is doing there is absolutely no abatement but rather an increase of interest in our church schools. This alone should be accepted as one of the most hopeful signs of the time and the church should not hesitate to go forward with its effort to thoroughly equip and strengthen every institution under her control.

When we reflect a moment it will be clear to us that so far the masses of church folks have really done very little to build and equip educational institutions. An inventory of our educational assets looks shamefully small, especially when we deduct what has been contributed by a few wealthy men who have been kindly considerate of the educational needs of the church. We have been accustomed heretofore to talk much and do little, but the time has come for action and we have no doubt that all our talk has not been in vain, but that much of it will bear fruit in a quickened conscience among the masses of our Methodism.

There is a great responsibility upon us. The church school holds the beacon light of truth for the world as no other school can. While other schools may be operated, as we are thankful to believe they are, with the spirit of Christianity, it is nevertheless true that the church school is the great anchor of the Christian faith, and we could not more speedily and effectually destroy the church and the cause of vital Christianity than to let the Christian schools go into decay.

One of our exchanges some time ago sounded the true note on this subject speaking from the standpoint of another denomination, as follows:

"Hundreds and thousands of young people are in the colleges of the country. Tney, in coming years, will wield an influence in the affairs of the country far in execess of their number. One per cent of our youngsters who press on and complete their courses in college are to fill about seventy per cent of the really prominent and most dominant positions in the nation. The other thirty per cent of the high and most important stations will be filled by the remaining ninety-nine per cent of the people The leading of these students to accept Christ and come out loyally and boldly in behalf of His Kingdom is a work that imposes stupendous responsibilities upon the church. Those of the number who emerge from college and enter upon the life of citizens out and out for Christ, will wield, we repeat, a stupendous influence for good. But should they go forth at the close of their college course in unbelief and in antagonism to the cause of the Gospel, they will be the most effective enemies to the Christian religion.

"The church at this time especially carries a solemn responsibility relating to the future of the church and state, in a word, concerning the education of college students in directing the character of the training provided for them. * * * * * Providing for their spiritual weal and conserving their young lives for Christ and His church, is a high privilege as well as a sacred obligation.

"Founding, fostering, enlarging, endowing church colleges is the surest way yet suggested for fitting students for the work of stalwart Christian manhood and womanhood. There are many individuals and communities working for such colleges. We need more."

COMMENCEMENT GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The seventy-first commencement of Greensboro College for Women is in progress as we go to press. It is impossible, therefore, to give a full report of the exercises. We expect to have this in our next issue.

On Sunday morning Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, West Virginia, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class in West Market Street church. The sermon was one of unusual interest and power and made a profound impression upon the congregation which filled the great auditorium. The text was taken from John 6:66-68. The sermon was a strong presentation of Christ as the only hope of the race and was, incidentally a powerful arraignment of the present-day tendency to set chief value upon those things which are in reality only the by-products of Christianity. The people, said the Bishop, went away and ceased to follow Jesus because they had not been seeking Him but had been seeking what he had to give them, that is the loaves and fishes.

In the evening the Y. W. C. A. aniversary was held in the college chapel and the address was delivered by Madame Bernard, of France, who has been in America during the past eight months in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. work. A large and appreciative audience listened to the speaker with evident interest.

"France and the World of Today," was announced as her subject, and the whole address was calculated to show how through the whole conflict the allies were laying the foundation of a great service for humanity.

The speaker prefaced her address by saying that while she had visited many colleges during her stay in this country, the Greensboro College for Women was the first she had visited in which every student was a member of the Y. W. C. A. It is a record of which you may well be proud, she said, declaring that the Y. W. C. A. was at the front of every woman's organization in helping during the war. The French people likened the workers sent overseas to "bluebirds" and "swallows," the messengers of springtime heralding the dawning of a newer and better day.

The exercises were presided over by Miss Naomi Howie, president of the Y. W. C. A., who gracefully introduced the speaker of the hour. Prior to the address Miss Lucy Brothers gave a brief report of the activities of the organization during the past year, which reflected the increasing scope of the work undertaken by the organization, which only last year attained the standard set by the national organization. The invocation was by President S. B. Turrentine and the benediction by Rev. W. M. Curtis. Musical selections, including an anthem by the Glee club and solos by Miss Dorothy McKee and Prof. S. S. Bates, were greatly enjoyed.

LOOKING FOR THE MARKS

Among the varied duties of the minister's calling there none more important than that of discovering among the young men of his charge those upon whom God has laid his hand for the work of the ministry. In the mind of the true minister of Christ there is a sort of instinctive power of perception which enables him to discover those whom God is calling to the ministry, and it is his duty and privilege, under God, to lead such young men safely through the period of doubt and hesitation into that of a confirmed and satisfactory decision of this great matter. To neglect to do this is to imperil the spiritual life and final salvation of every such one.

There are many things which conspire to keep young men from answering promptly their call to the ministry. It is still true that "not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." Lack of educational opportunities, because of poverty or other conditions which make it seem impossible to prepare for such a work, deters many worthy and promising young men. Constitional diffidence is in the way of many others. Then the possibility of making a mistake as to the question of the divine call. All these and many other things come in to embarrass a young man who feels in his heart that somehow God wants him to give his life to the ministry. Only a man who has had to pass through years of conflict in mind on this question can fully appreciate the value of a pastor who has the instinct of discovery referred to above, and who is wise enough to open the question and become the adviser. We do not hesitate to say that there are now scores of good men in middle life and past who would have been doing large service for the church in the ministry today had they been wisely dealt with by their pastors at the proper time.

It is well for us to look after the college men. But we must not forget that many whom God is calling ar not in college and that they will never be there unless we discover them and help them to find out how to get there. Let our pastors and presiding elders pray constantly for the instinct of discovery and go on a search for those whom God is calling. Let them not hesitate to open the subject and converse freely with such as seem to show the marks of the divine call. There will be no mistake if this method is followed and the effort will be richly rewarded. On the other hand, to neglect to do this is a crime against those whom the Lord is calling.

THE FRENZY OF THE MOB

One of the strange developments of vice in our time is the tendency to vindictiveness, and the taking of the execution of law out of the hands of properly constituted authorities. The frenzy of the mob is the menace of law and order and the possibilities of this form of iniquity are such as to disquiet the best and most thoughtful citizens everywhere.

Only a short while ago the people of one of the best counties in our Commonwealth were greatly stirred because of a dastardly crime committed in their midst, and they narrowly escaped the shame of a mob which could only have taken the life of the fiend a few days in advance of the time when that life will be taken by due process of law. It is worthy of note and cause for gratitude that in at least two instances during the last year in North Carolina, under exciting conditions, those who plead for law and order have prevailed and in one case those who endeavored to incite the mob were themselves brought to justice.

In most cases where mobs have developed the presence of one or two bold, bad men have in reality been the cause. These men have led the way and excited the multitudes who would otherwise have been content to allow the law to take its course, and have usually been braced for their place of criminal leadership by liquor; so that, not the least of the many benefits of the banishment of liquor is to be the removal of this exciting cause of mob violence.

It is not the negro alone who is concerned about this spirit of lawlessness. Only a short while ago a small company entered the sacred precincts of the court room at Lamar, in the State of Missouri, and dragged a white man, a prisoner at the bar, who pleaded guilty of murder, and hanged him in the court yard in broad day-light and in the presence of thousands of spectators. This recalls the Hillsville tragedy where it was the court and the court officers who were victims of an infuriated mob organized and led by one or two bold, bad men.

This mob spirit seems to have wrought itself into the moral fibre of our social life, and the remedy will not be the work of a day nor of a year. A new code of honor must be taught in our schools, and we suspect a new respect for authority inculcated in the minds of our children by precept and example. The home must also be brought into co-operation, parents standing by the teachers in the effort to bring the children of a whole generation to reverence superiors and respect authority. Unfortunately the spirit of subordination and of respect for authority have scant consideration even in our schools, and, in many homes they are ignored entirely. The result is that in many placse we are unwittingly training our children for a career of vice and lawlessness.

Thus we sow the wind and must inevitably reap the whirlwind.

SUBSCRIBERS, TAKE NOTICE

During the past two weeks notices have been sent to all subscribers whose time is out. This has been done with much labor and quite a good deal of expense. May we not reasonably expect a prompt reply? After the 15th of this month our special rate of $1.50 will be withdrawn. It is also impracticable to run our list on the credit plan. So we urge that each one give immediate attention to this notice as we do not wish to deprive any one of the paper. Address your remittance to the

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE,
Greensboro, N. C.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The terms of peace were presented to Austria last Monday and an answer is demanded within fifteen days from that government. Premier Clemenceau read the text of the proposal.

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Colonel Robert Bacon, former American Ambassador to France, died last week in New York of blood poisoning following a surgical operation. He ranked high in diplomatic circles and was a public spirited and patriotic citizen.

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The condition of the cotton crop was 75.6 per cent of normal May 25, according to the bulletin just issued by the Department of Agriculture. The condition at same date last year was 82.3 per cent of normal. The ten year May 25 average condition is 79.2 per cent.

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The Mexican revolutionists, under the leadership of Francisco Villa, have organized a government in opposition to Carranza with General Felipe Angeles as President and Villa as Secretary if War. The Washington government refused to consider the claims of this defacto organization, holding that Carranza is rightful authority.

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The latest statistics indicate that during the past thirty years 3224 persons have been lynched in the United States, 219 from the North, 156 from the West, 2834 from the South, and 15 from other localities. Sixty-one of those lynched were women. Since the earnest appeal by President Wilson, urging the people to put a stop to it, sixty-seven persons have been executed by lynching parties.

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The Memorial Day address delivered by President Wilson near Paris, last Friday, was an utterance which breathed a patriotic appreciation of the sacrifice our soldiers made on the battle-fields of France and will be read with interest and profit by the millions in whose defense these patriotic men died. The work they did will abide and the history of their heroic service will be perpetuated so long as free government shall endure.

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The recent Nation-wide campaign for funds for the Salvation Army resulted in securing the full sum sought, and more, and that band of earnest Christian workers will be enabled, with this gift from the people, to enter upon a wider field of usefulness. With very meagre resources they have accomplished wonderful results and deserve all the funds an appreciative people may bestow to perform the task to which God has called them.

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The Wilmington-Asheville highway movement was given a great boost last Thursday at an enthusiastic meeting of friends of the enterprise, held in Monroe. It is proposed to secure a million dollars from the counties through which the road is to be built, this sum to be supplemented by a generous allowance from the fund provided by the Federal government to aid in the good roads movement. A splendid highway from Asheville to the sea would enrich the whole State and open for greater development a section already awake to the progressive spirit of the age.

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The Irish revolutionists, led by the Sinn Feiners, are still offering stubborn resistance to British authority and refuse to accept anything less than absolute independence for Ireland. The Protestants in the North of Ireland insist on the continuation of the present relation to the British government, because, as they allege, home rule for Ireland means Roman Catholic domination together with hardship and limited right to the Protestant population. The continual clamor for freedom for Ireland has for its final aim the practical surrender of Ireland to the control of the Romish church.

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The work of the Peace Conference moves on apace. The Germans are parleying about the terms which they allege are impossible of fulfillment while the Allied statesmen claim that Germany can easily, over a long period of years, meet all the demands laid upon them. Germany is granted time abundant to study the conditions exacted, and will have to accept them, or submit to a military invasion with ultimate demands exceeding those now made, with a close blockade in the meanwhile. The final answer to Germany will probably be given this week and if her representatives refuse to sign, the Allied armies, under command of General Foch, will begin the march toward Berlin.

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The recent friction between mill owners and their employees in some parts of the State is to be deplored, for the highest interests of both capital and labor are identical. Capital needs the co-operation of labor to manufacture goods, and labor needs the co-operation of capital in the performance of its work. If a spirit of fairness and justice is steadily maintained between employer and employee, friction would be avoided. The situation had reached a tense point last week when Governor Bickett sounded the warning against violence and promised to maintain order even with the aid of the State Militia, if necessary. He stated that the mill owners had no right to suspend the worker who joined the labor union and that no member of the union had the right to interfere with a worker who did not belong to the union. All differences were finally adjusted and the mills will resume work on the "open shop" basis, which means that all employees will be given equal privileges, whether their affiliations be union or non-union.

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Lynch law is a misnomer. The mob is the expression of lawlessness, it is the out-burst of violence, and however guilty a criminal may be, it is the office of the Court, and not of the enraged populace, to administer punishment. When a frenzied mob stains its hands with the blood of the criminal, the number of murderers is increased by the number of persons in the combine. Every instance of mob violence tends to lead the people away from stable government and all good men should stand ready to defend the State against such organized resistance to legal procedure. The action of the mob last week in a Missouri Court, where a self-confessed and handcuffed murderer, just sentenced to the limit of the law, was taken from the officers by an unmasked mob in open day light, and publicly hanged in the court yard, is an instance of mob violence which cannot be defended. The criminal, Jay Lynch, a white man, had murdered the sheriff and his son, and was sure of punishment, but the enraged mob, impatient of the law, presumed to enforce the sentence in violation of law. There is never justification for the mob. The pulpit and the press should do all possible to develop a stronger anti-mob sentiment and when law is trampled under foot by lawless men, public sentiment should demand the prompt conviction and punishment of the offenders.

The Great Methodist Centenary Celebration

Columbus, Ohio, June 20 to July 13

Special Days

Each of the twenty-four days of the Methodist Centenary Celebration at Columbus, June 20 to July 13, will be special feature days. From Opening Day to Consecration Day, patriotism, church organization, and agriculture will all have place on the program.

America day, July 4, will feature a tremendous Patriotic Pageant on the Great Oval, in which thousands of costumed men, women and children will participate.

On July 1, the day when the entire nation is to go dry, Temperance Day will be observed at the celebration. As this is one of the biggest events in the life of the nation, as well as of religious organiaztions, it will hold a place of dual importance in the Centenary Celebration.

Another day has been set apart for the Minute Men, that body of thousands of the ablest men of the country who have been talking up the Centenary in every state in the union.

Ohio Day, Stewardship Day, Africa Day, Women's Day, City Day, Epworth League Day, Sunday School Day, Bible Day, Allie's Day, Centenary Day, Peace Day, Enlistment Day, Eastern Asia Day, Southern Asia Day, and Farmers' Day are among the items of special interest which are being planned.

The greatest men in the national life of the world are to be heard on these occasions. President Wilson, Ex-President W. H. Taft, Major-General Leonard Wood, Secretary Josephus Daniels, W. J. Bryan, Premier David Lloyd George, Dr. John H. Jowett, Governor Henry J. All and General Pershing are being commandered for these big events, as well as other governors of States, mayors of cities, Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North and South, and eminent educators and lecturers known throughout the world.

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Why Columbus

What brought the Methodist Centenary Celebration to Columbus, June 20 to July 13, is the question in the minds of a great many Methodists and non-Methodists throughout the United States and elsewhere.

When H. B. Dickson was chosen organizing director of the celebration by the Joint Commission of the Methodist Church, South and the Methodist Churh, North, he immediately set about to find the most suitable place for the greatest event of its kind ever held—a city which would care for the 250,000 persons who would come to this gathering and one which was so located that it could be most easily reached by the people most concerned.

Mr. Dickson made a tour of a number of the principal cities of the United States, including Washington, Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, and others of that class. He came back by way of Detroit, where he received instructions to go over the same territory again, stopping at cities that had not been visited before. On the way, Mr. Dickson stopped at Indianapolis. Indianapolis tried to sell him by showing him the Indina state fair grounds. This gave Mr. Dickson an idea, but he was not convinced on location. Previously, he had not considered the possibility of utilizing buildings such as constitute the equipment of a state fair ground.

Next he came to Columbus. Mr. Dickson was shown the state fair grounds, or state exposition grounds, and he was captivated at once. There is nothing like these accomodations anywhere in the United States he said, but this was not enough to sell the proposition to the combined board of dignitaries of the two churches most interested. Then it was up to him to get an argument that would sell the bishops, district superintendents, and others in authority in the churches.

Mr. Dickson began to draw circles around the cities of any size in the United States, to find out where the Methodists were. In this way, he discovered that there were more Methodist churches with 1,000 members and over in the city of Columbus than in any other city in the world. He also found that there were 100,000 Methodists living within two hours' ride of the city of Columbus; and more than 1,000 within a three-hour ride of the city; 3,000,000 Methodists within an over-night ride of the city.

With reference to the Methodist Church, South, it was discovered that there was no city the size of Columbus, even including Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnati, within an equally convenient railroad distance to as large a proportion of their membership as Columbus.

These facts laid before the Joint Centenary Commission settled all arguments and determined definitely on Columbus as the site for the Methodist Centenary Celebration in June and July.

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Program of Special Training

The program of missionary, musical, and dramatic training which has been provided by the Joint Commission of the Methodist Centenary Celebration in Columbus, June 20 to July 13, for the 20,000 persons who will participate in one way or other, reads like a university extension course.

J. S. Stowell, of New York, is at the head of this department. Under him is a corps of 50 experts recruited from religious and educational centers in Boston, New York, Chicago, and other points. These in turn have normal classes with a total of 500 special students. These normal graduates, when they have finished the course mapped out for them will have direct charge of the instruction of the 20,000 participants.

There are courses of study in mission work, in music, in pageantry, and stewardship. In addition to the central pageant, which will be given daily in the coliseum, there is a large number of other pageants provided in the program, all of which are already in rehearsal.

The Pageant of Patriotism, which is to be presented in the open as a church contribution to the Fourth of July Celebration will trace in panoramic review pivotal ephochs in the development of the American republic, from Revolutionary times through the recent world war. Incidents and institutions typically American will be featured, thousands participating in the procession which will march to patriotic music.

The Pageant of Prophecy, the date of which is yet to be announced, will be made up of all the stewards and the participants in Celebration pageantry, and the singers enlisted in Centenary service. Its motif is "The Forward Movement of the Church through Individual Service."

An attraction of wide appeal planned in connection with the Celebration pageantry is the Children's Pageant, written by Mrs. Madeline Sweeny Miller, of Johnstown, Pa., who names her cleverly constructed drama for juveniles, "The Children's Crusade." The synopsis covers two periods of 12 months each—the years 1212 A. D. and 1919 A. D.

Mrs. Miller, speaking entertainly of the intent and scope of her drama of and for Youth, says:

"Outsiders may realize but they can scarcely understand the difficulty of adequaltely presenting the Centenary idea and ideals to the young people of our Sunday schools. In the attempt to do this I have built my pageant upon that fascinating episode from the Thirteenth century French history, the Crusade of the Children. I have incorporated in it four typical missionary situations demanding of the youth of the present age the kind of Christian chivalry displayed by early French soldiers. The latter part of the pageant is up-to-the-minute in timeliness, portraying much of the current patriotism which has found expression in refuge relief work, in college woman's units, and in similar organized effort.

"The Children's Pageant will be presented out of doors on the lake front."

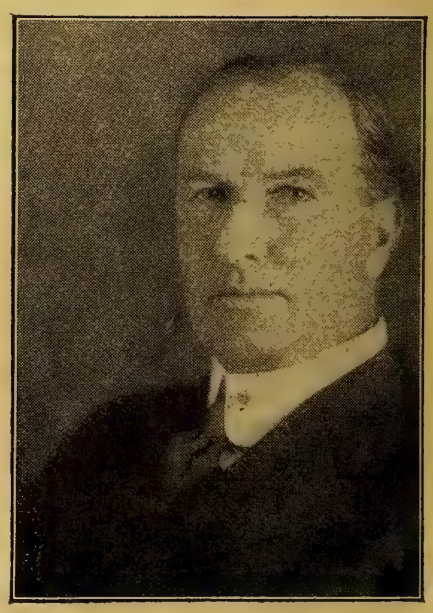
Pageantry as an educational feature of the Celebration will be presented in infinite variety in the Exposition buildings which house exhibits. Daily dramatic demonstations will be given, national, typical of 40 or more countries of the Old and New World. Native costumes will be used, and in not a few of the playlets, native actors, pilgrims to the Centenary from far corners of the earth will assume character roles.

In each instance the pageantry will take the form of native scenes, racial customs, historical episodes—all illustrative of the immediate exhibit. The program arranged as supplementary to the Africa exhibit is indicative of the general "Demonstration" plan—in this building five major and 25 minor dramatic episodes will be enacted daily. Among the former will be shown incidents in the African life of David Lingstone and his wife. Culled from the latter are such glimpses of African life as are offered in a native courtship and wedding, in the first congregation of native Christians,



Rev. H. B. Dickson

As organizing Secretary of the Methodist Centenary Celebration to take place in Columbus, Ohio, June 20 to July 13, Mr. Dickson has been the "man behind the gun." In co-ordinating matters for the Celebration he has organized the whole Church, North, and Church, South, with committees working in practically every Methodist Church in the country. He has also over 75,000 Minute Men scattered in the Methodist Churches throughout the United States who are boosting the Celebration.



Dr. S. Earl Taylor

The director-general of the Methodist Centenary Celebration which comes to Columbus, Ohio, June 20 to July 13, is Dr. S. Earl Taylor, of New York. As head of the whole tremendous scheme he has whipped into line thousands of Methodist men, women and children to make this, the greatest gathering of its kind in the world, a success. Dr. Taylor is also the head of the inter-Church world Movement.



THE CELEBRATION'S GREAT COLISEUM

the evolution of dress in Africa, and the Tonga Mite Box.

In connection with the exhibit from India will be found bazaars, street scenes, a Hindu funeral, child marriage, and Zenana interiors and a host more.

From the Philiippines will be transplanted a wayside restaurant, an open-air Evangelistic meeting, a dialect Sunday school class, off-set by a native football game and the preliminary stages of a cock fight.

Every other country will be similarly represented. Two whole buildings will be given over to the pageantry and the exhibits of North America, show home mission work among the negroes, Indians, Orientals in America, Eskimos, Hawaiians, and a long array of other nationalities. Plays illustrative of each racial type, flanked by an army of informational stewards will drive home the missionary moral.

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General Survey

The visitor who comes to the Methodist Centenary Celebration at Columbus, June 20 to July 13 will find himself suddenly transplanted into a large park of more than 100 acres, which has cost the state of Ohio millions of dollars to develop, with an immense oval in front of which is an ampitheater seating 50,000 people, the coliseum with a seating capacity of 8,000 and eight exhibit buildings with a floor-space of 200,000 square feet, scattered over these exposition grounds.

The exhibits will come from every part of the world. Settings built under the personal direction of men who have just returned from the country represented are now in construction. Later, natives will begin to arrive, bringing their strange costumes, customs and industries. A true picture of the lives of those people is the aim of the dirrectors of the Centenary.

A miniature Ganges river actually flowing through the india building is the center of queer heathen religious customs. Here are found Hindu Temple, Mohammedan mosque, and sacred monkey temple, filled with 12 chattering monkeys. Here too, the sacred pigeons are fed every day, amid much ceremony, and a fakir on his bed of spikes proves to less stoical observers that his soul is above the trivial sufferings of this world.

An Indian bazaar, overflowing with silks, wrought metals, idols and flower shops, occupies a large part of the India building. Public letter-writer, sweet meat seller, tooth-cleaner, beggars and curio-sellers mingle with the crowds of sightseers.

India village scene and Indian marriage procession, with the bridegroom riding an elephant, are included in the plans of Dr. Lewis E. Linzell, of India, who is in Columbus to direct this building for the Centenary.

In an immense Kaffir kraal containing five full sized huts and a cattle enclosure, 60 Ethiopians will be found working at various typical industries, as a part of the African exhibit. The desert life of northern Africa with Bedouin tents and Moorish town is pictured in another section of the African building. This exhibit is directed by T. G. Blackmore, of Algeria, who is also directing a reproduction of early Roman civilization in the same building.

Another part of the African building is devoted to Roosevelt and Rainey motion pictures, episodes from the life of Dr. David Livingstone, lion hunts and Kaffir dances, the Uganda railway and African mission scene. Other sections of Africa are fully represented in the large building which is under the direction of Dr. E. H. Richards, of Oberlin.

The high gray walls of Kwang city confront the visitor at the entrance of the Chinese building. At the left is a farm scene, inside the walls are the principal exhibits, including a large Chinese restaurant open to the public; curio shop, money exchange, Confucian temple, typical Chinese homes, and a Methodist church such as is found in the Celestial republic.

Art, medical and educational exhibits revealing the progress of Christianity in that country form a part of the plans of Dr. John M. Gowdy, of Fuchau, who with Y. C. Yong, of the Chinese legation in Washington, is directing this building.

Devastated France and Belgium are realistically represented in the European section, under the direction of Dr. E. M. Tipple, who has recently returned from abroad. The reproduction of a ruined French cathedral which seats 500 people will be used for lectures and motion picture views. Through the shell-shattered walls are seen the plains of Lombardy and ravaged Belgium.

Separate sections dealing with Russia, Scandanavia and the Balkan occupy a large share of the European building. Dr. G. B. Winton, Dr. W. H. Teeter, and S. A. Neblett are in charge of the South American, Cuban and Mexican sections.

A Japanese garden with wishing bridge, lily pond, pergola and pavilion is being built for the Japan building by a Japanese expert gardner. A gold mining scene and the famous Hiroshima kindergarten will also be reproduced in this section. Dr. E. R. Bull, formerly of Tokyo, is in charge of the Japan building. Exihibits from Korea, under Dr. W. H. Kram, of Nashville, Tenn., from the Philippines under Dr. Harry Farmer, of New York, and from Malaysia under Dr. J. R. Denyes, of Pittsburgh, will be held in the same building.

Two large administration buildings are devoted to scenes and exhibits from every corner of North America, under the direction of Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, of New York. Alaskan and Pueblo Indians, mountaineers, New York shop-keepers and California Japs will be found working at their various industries, and living in widely contrasting environments. A typical Southern plantation scene and a Mexican villa will be picturesquely featured in this building. The purpose of these exhibits is to emphasize the work of the church in the diversified sections of the United States and Canada.

A machinery hall containg 40,000 square feet, will be filled with photographs, charts, books and miscellaneous exhibits from all countries represented in the exposition.

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At the age of 102 years, Father Albert Vogel, of Pittsburgh, is planning to attend the Centenary Celebration at Columbus. Father Vogel will probably enjoy the distinction of being the oldest minister in the country to see the celebration.

"I am praying to God every day," says Father Vogel, "to spare my life and give me strength to attend the Centenary Celebration, and I expect to be there. While pastor of the German Methodist Church at Bucyrus, Ohio, back in the sixties, it was always a pleasure to visit the Indian Mission at Upper Sandusky, only a few miles west in Wyandot county, named after the famous Wyandot tribe of Indians, with John Stewart as the missionary."

Rev. Mr. Vogel is a living example of the theories of health and hygiene. At one time, he was in the audience which Dr. Charles Barker addressed on "How to Live a Hundred Years." After the lecture, Dr. Barker asked the famous centenarian to speak a few minutes, telling how he had cared for his body, to make possible the attainment of so ripe an age.

It is safe to say that if this remarkable man is spared, there will be few, if any, who will more thoroughly enjoy the far-reaching commemoration of Methodist Missions, or who will be better able to realize the progress that has been made along the lines of missionary activity at home from the first mission at Upper Sandusky to the present time.

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Finishing details are being placed on the arrangements for the erection of the largest screen for the projection of pictures ever built in the world. This is to be one of the features of the Methodist Centenary Celebration to be held at Columbus, June 20 to July 13.

This monstrous screen will have a surface for piotures 115x115 feet. The actual structure will be several feet larger in each direction. A special lantern has been successfully devised for throwing these tremendous pictures the necessary distance. The screen will be 250 feet from the nearest spectator and will have a resistance to withstand 40 pounds pressure to the square foot. The lantern which will project these pictures has already successfully thrown pictures on a screen in New York City a distance of four and a half city blocks. According to Architect Harry C. Holbrook, the monstrous screen will be in effect three sides of a house. It is necessary to give it the foundations equivalent to a four story building.

In order that there may be as much salvage as possible after the screen has served its purpose the picture face will be of fiitted lumber which later will be treated with a white surface preparation. The braces, which will be the second and third sides of the structure, will be of heaviest bolted stays.

The estimated cost of this screen will be $8,000. The screen and the lantern will be used in showmg the tens of thousands of views made all over the world by the Methodist Missionary Survey which has the finest collection of pictorial reviews anywhere in the world.

Accompanying the monster lantern and its screen will be a voice mangnifying device which will permit the lecturer to speak to and be understood by a crowd of 50,000 persons in the open air.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Mount Airy district, Walnut Cove, June 26-28
Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3
Marion district, Marion, July 2
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10
North Wilkesboro, Valle Crucis, June 24-25
Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25
Shelby district, Fallston, July 28-30

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. Jim Green has been engaged in a revival meeting at High Shoals during the past week.

—Rev. J. E. Gray, of Madison, was in the city on Saturday and made the Advocate office a pleasant call.

—Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, of Charlotte, preached the annual sermon at the closing of the Hamlet Graded School last week.

—Rev. R. M. Courtney has been a busy man ever since the Centenary campaign began, and has rendered valuable service.

—A bank has been opened at Connelly Springs with Mr. J. G. Aiken as cashier. This will be a great convenience to our friends at Rutherford College.

—Mrs. M. T. Steele, of Spartanburg, Route 4, is in Studly's hospital, having undergone a serious operation. Her friends will be glad to know that she is getting along well.

—Rev. R. H. Daugherty, pastor of our West End Church, Winston-Salem, preached the Commencement sermon for the Thomasville graded schools on Sunday night, May 25.

—One of the buildings at the Valle Crucis School, operated by the Episcopal church, was burned a few nights ago and two of the students who slept in the building were burned to death.

—The tent, in which the world-famous Evangelist, Gypsy Smith, was preaching, was wrecked by a wind storm last Sunday night and several persons were injured, though not seriously.

—Rev. J. A. B. Fry, formerly a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, held a meeting recently at Corvallis, Oregon in which there were twenty additions to the church.

—Rev. H. H. Jordan, our pastor in Monroe, was in Atlanta last week attending the Commencement exercises of the Atlanta Dental College, from which his son, Dr. Henry W. Jordan, graduates this year.

—Rev. Theo. Copeland, pastor of our First Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, rejoices in a great Centenary victory on Sunday, May 18. Bishop DuBose was with them and preached morning and evening.

—Rev. Jno. F. Kirk informs us that the Shelby District Conference will meet at Fallston on Monday, July 28, and will continue through till Wednesday. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington has promised to be present and preside.

—Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of our church in Brevard, preached the Commencement sermon for the Waynesville High School last Sunday. Returning, he preached for his old charge at Chestnut Street, Asheville, on Sunday evening.

—The Greensboro District Conference will meet at Randleman on Wednesday, July 23, and will continue till Friday. Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, the presiding elder, informs us that Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will be present and preside.

—Rev. Burke Culpepper will begin a great evangelistic campaign in Salisbury, June 15. There will be co-operation on the part of the various denominations in this meeting. Let Advocate readers pray for the blessings of God upon this meeting.

—Lieutenant John B. Woosley, son of Rev. J. E. Woosley, has recently been promoted to a first lieutenancy. Lieutenant Woosley is now taking a course in French at Toulouse University, having been appointed to that work by the government.

—We are glad to hear that the meeting at Trinity Church, Charlotte, has resulted in great good in the strengthening of the church, together with substantial increase on profession of faith. Rev. Dr. B. F. Fraser, of Atlanta, did the preaching, and did it well.

—Rev. Dr. Plato T. Durham, of the faculty of the theological department of the Emory University, Atlanta, spent a few hours in town Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. W. L. Balthis. He was en route to Salisbury to make an address.—Gastonia Gazette.

—Rev. R. H. Deal, former pastor of our church at Salem, and now pastor of St. John's Church, at Buena Vista, Ga., was married in Salem last week to Miss Adelaide Cornish, a member of the Salem Academy graduating class of 1919. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. C. Swafford.

—St. Johns church, East Monbo, will be dedicated next Sunday. Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Statesville district, will preach the sermon and will be assisted in the service by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Williams, and by Rev. J. W. Jones, former pastor. There will be a basket dinner on the grounds.

—We are glad to learn of a successful revival meeting in Central Church, Monroe, of which Rev. H. H. Jordan is pastor. The pastor did all the preaching and received about 75 new members on profession of faith. They are planning to add a Sunday school annex to the handsome church at a cost of about $20,000.00.

—Members of his family in Kernersville have established an endowed scholarship at Trinity College in honor of John Thomas Ring, of the class of 1916, who was killed in action in France. Dr. John W. Neal, of Monroe, has also established a loan fund in memory of his son, John William Neal, Jr., who died recently and who was for a time a Trinity student.

—Mr. B. F. Marr, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Swain county, died at his home at Bryson City last Friday at the advanced age of 83 years. He was the father of Rev. T. F. Marr, of Charlotte, and Mr. L. L. Marr, of Bryson City. Our sympathy is extended to all the relatives. We hope the pastor may furnish a full sketch for publication.

—Prof. A. T. Allen has been elected by the State Board of Education to succeed E. E. Sams, resigned, as supervisor of the State colored normal schools and secretary of the State board of examiners and institute conductors. The State will be divided into districts and one member of the board of examiners and institute conductors will be assigned to each, and teacher training will be the special effort in the work of the board with teacher training courses in the high schools.

—Rev. S. A. Stewart, writing from his far away field in Japan, expresses his appreciation of the home paper as follows: "I am enjoying the Advocate very much. Your editorials are progressive, and there is no croaking in them. I like them." Referring to the Japanese press he says: "The jingo press of Japan is loud in its criticism of America now, but the thoughtful people are friendly. How can people who have not the gospel be expected to understand idealism?"

—The Lexington Dispatch says: "One of the most delightful social functions of the season was the banquet last Thursday night by the young men of the John Wesley Baraca class of the First Methodist church at Leonard's Cafe. The feast was provided by the members of class who did not enter military service in honor of the large number of soldier-sailor Sunday school students who have returned to the class. About thirty young men were present and from about 9 to 12 enjoyed the feast of good things for the body, mind, and spirit."

—Rev. L. B. Hayes and his people at Franklin had a high day on last Sunday, it being the opening service in their splendid new church. There was a special program of music and preaching by the pastor. These people have exhibited a wonderfully heroic spirit. They have not only risen from the ashes of fire which destroyed their beautiful new church, but they have over pledged their Centenary fund and are now worshipping in a better church than the one destroyed. We acknowledge with thanks an invitation to be present at the opening and regret our inability to be there.

The Asheville District Conferecnce

The Conference began with an earnest discussion of the Spiritual State of the Church by Rev. M. F. Moores and closed with a burst of burning eloquence on Church Improvement and Tithing by two of our whole-hearted laymen, Mr. H. C. Johnson and Mr. J. B. Lotspeitch. In the holy hush of the closing moments all felt that it was good to be there, and Mr. L. B. Rogers handed in some warm resolutions censuring those elected to the Conference, and whose duty it is to be there, but who failed to appear.

Our most efficient Presiding Elder had his plans all made, his committees ready, and the information they needed to do their work ready for them. Not a moment was lost.

Rev. J. L. Teague preached the opening sermon for the Conference on Wednesday night, giving us a good, old-fashioned Gospel sermon, full of comfort. On Thursday morning in opening the discussion on the Spiritual State of the Church, Brother Moores strongly emphasized the fact that the little child is a "good-ground hearer" of the word of God and should receive our most earnest attention as an object of salvation. The writer of these notes had a message burning in his bones on "Revivals and the Centenary," and he sought to show that the time is ripe for a revival throughout the Church and the machinery, the organized Minute Men, is ready for the great drive for the salvation of souls. Rev. Raymond Browning, general evangelist, and Rev. J. O. Ervin waxed warm in the discussion of this great theme. During the discussion of the report of the Committee on Missions, read by Mr. F. E. Durfee, a report of the very successful Centenary Drive on this District was made by director F. M. Weaver.

The report of the committee on Church Improvements and Extension was especially interesting. A committee was appointed to look into the question of the improvement of churches in the district and the painting of all our churches. On this committee were placed F. M. Weaver, H. A. Dunham, H. C. Johnson, C. F. Bland, Claud Sales, A Stackhouse, and Eugene Allison. Paint at cost is promised to any church that will use it, and Mr. Dunham and Mr. Johnson agreed to give five dollars each to every church that needs and will take advantage of this offer.

Raymond Browning, Clyde Malone McKinney, James Oscar Banks, and Ezra Maurice Jones were recommended to the annual conference for admission into the traveling connection.

A love feast at the opening hour of the Conference on Thursday morning, led by Rev O. J. Jones who exalted the Christ as our all in all, filled the day with spiritual fragrance.

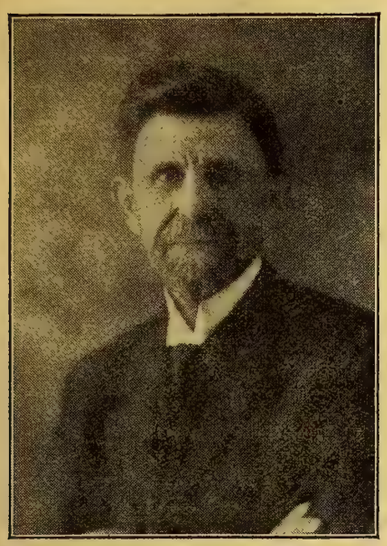
The claims of the Epworth League were faithfully presented by Revs. J. O. Ervin and W. E. Poovey.

Professor D. S. Hogg, new president of Weaver College, gave the report of the Committee on Education, and at his suggestion the Conference set apart the first Sunday in July as "Educational Day," when the Minute Men in the District are asked to make a great drive for all our schools, and for Weaver College and Brevard Institute in particular.

Brother Bland, of Hendersonville, made the Sunday school report and argued earnestly that the membership of our Sunday school should in every case be equal to the membership of our church. Professor O. V. Woosley, Sunday School Secretary for the Western North Carolina Conference, gave a faithful and fervent presentation of his cause and brought many speakers to their feet to warmly endorse what he said and then to exhort some.

Dr. W. I. Cranford, of Trinity College, gave an uplifting sermon-address on Thursday night, showing that while man has big ideas and loves to do big things that the biggest thing he ever does is to build a great character and personality filled with all the fullness of God and live in fellowship with God. On Friday, at 11 A. M., Rev. Raymond Browning preached to the Conference a sermon on "Lost Power," drawing soul-stirring lessons from the life of Sampson who lost his power and wist not that the Lord had departed from him. Dr. E. K. McLarty preached on "Prayer" at 11 a. m., Wednesday, a sermon that made one resolve in his heart to believe in prayer more and to show his faith by his works—prayers.

Mrs. Stone, secretary of the Womans Missionary Society in the Asheville District, presented to our



Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D.,

Secretary of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South. He is the man who conceived the Centenary idea and is Associate Director-General for the Celebration.

Conference in a strong paper the work of our women, and many of our preachers promised by uplifted hands to heaven that they would help these good women in their work to organize more societies.

Mr. H. A. Dunham was re-elected as District lay leader.

It was moved and carried that our District heartily endorse the new and earlier date set for our Annual Conference by our bishop.

Resolutions of hearty thanks to the church and friends at Flat Rock for their kind hospitality and gracious favors were passed.

The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference: J. C. Curtis, H. A. Dunham, F. M. Weaver, C. W. Brown, C. F. Bland, L. B. Rogers, H. C. Ranson, and S. P. Burton. Alternates, C. P. Rogers, R. P. Walker, J. B. Lotspeich, and Mrs. Stone.

Like a dainty dessert at the close of a seven-course dinner was the last speech in the Conference by Brother J. C. Curtis on a Layman's View of the Ministry.

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as ithers sie us!"

The presiding elder preached on Friday night, bringing the good Conference to a great climax, and all who enjoyed the session from first to last gained some information and fine, everlasting inspiration.

Leicester was chosen as the place for our next District Conference.

Dr. D. Atkins, so many years a leader and presiding elder among us, was Conference host, and he helped much to make us enjoy our stay at Flat Rock, on the tip-top of the Blue Ridge. He is always a good pilot and one feels safe when he knows that Dr. Atkins is at the wheel steering the ship. He fills a larger place in the mind and heart of our preachers than he dreams, and all feel happy when he holds his good hands over our heads in benediction. Good Master, multiply his tribe!

Let me put my finger on an aged layman also and say that the strangely burning words of Brother H. C. Johnson, of Central Church, and his good resolve to spend his declining days in doing more for his God, and then his spirited word about wanting to see and feel some shouting in Central Church in a great, soul-saving revival there so moved our hearts that we felt a passion of prayer, a Spirit-begotten groaning which cannot be uttered, that it might be so and that there might not be room enough in that great Central Church to contain the blessings which God shall pour out upon his people there, and especially that part of them who have met the conditions laid down in Mal. 3: 10. When we meet the condition the blessing is coming.

"The Lord Jehovah hath spoken: who can but prophecy?" We are beginning a new page in history and we are looking for new haevens and a new earth.

O. P. Ader.
Secretary to the Conference.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

In an article appearing in last week's Advocate by the faithful Presiding Elder of the Shelby District, in which he makes report of the Centenary in his District, he tells us that Belwood was the first Circuit in the Conference to go over the top, but fails to tell just when this Circuit went over the top. Now I am glad Belwood went over the top, but think it is only fair to tell when she did it.

I am reliably informed that Brother Brown, the efficient pastor of this charge, reported on May the 11th, one week ahead of time. This was contrary to the rules of the canvass, and contrary to the instructions sent to campaign Directors and pastors. It may be that Brother Brown had a good and lawful reason for doing this, but be that as it may, he broke the rules of the canvass, and is therefore out of the contest. Only those are in the contest who waited till May the 18th to start the drive.

This Charge was ready for the drive and impatient to get at it, and could have raised its quota on May the 11th as easily and as quickly as the week later, but the day was set by the powers that be, for May the 18th, and we waited anxiously for that date, to begin.

Now I am going to claim that the Rock Springs charge was the first Circuit in the Conference to go over the top with its allotment. This circuit of eight churches began its canvass on May 18th, and by 12:30 P. M. of that same day was over the top.

We have no telephone connection with Gastonia at that hour on Sundays and therefore could not get the report to the District Director, but after our pastor, Brother Shinn, had filled an afternoon appointment, we drove to Gastonia, arriving at 8:30, to report that Rock Springs Charge with an allotment of $8,870.00 had raised over $10,300.00 without any credits, the first day of the drive.

Not only do we claim to be the first circuit in the conference to go over the top, but we also claim that our Church at Denver broke the record in the percentage of over subscription. The quota for this church was $1,700.00, and on May the 18th this church took pledges for $2,383.50. This church has credits to the amount of $1,069.15. By adding credits to the amount pledged we have $3,452.65. An over subscription of a little more than 103 per cent. If there is another church in the Conference that raised for the Centenary, not for local building purposes, twice its allotment in one hour on May the 18th, we pass the flag to you gladly and cherfully, provided, however, that your over subscription is more than 103 per cent.

But not only did Denver do well with the Centenary but every church on this circuit, and there are eight of them, please remember, exceeded its allotment by from ten to 100 per cent.

This is not written in a spirit of criticism but merely to keep history straight. Every church in the Shelby District has doubtless done well and we rejoice in their success, but honor to whom honor is due.

W. H. Sigmon.
Lay Leader Rock Springs Charge.

Report of the Centenary Drive on the Coleridge Circuit, Greensboro District

We have, so far, raised $993 on a quota of $3,872. This, with a credit of $985 to which we are entitled, is $1,978 on our quota.

The rains greatly hindered the work, and only a partial report is in, but I send this lest next mail be too late for this week's issue. If there is decided improvement in the reports that are expected in today, I will write again tomorrow.

This is a poor showing, but I feel sure it is not from any neglect on my part, but from my utter inability to inspire the team captains and directors.

J. T. Stover.

Tuesday morning.—While sending in the report on subscribers, I will add that the Centenary pledges and credits now amount to $2,419, and some more to follow. J. T. S.

Let Us Repair the Dike

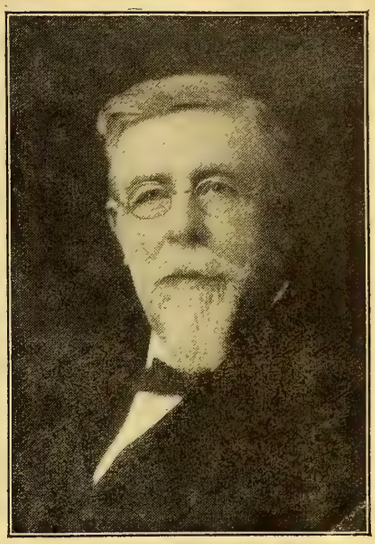
What a pity our honored President has made the blunder of recommending the repeal of War Time Prohibition as regards the manufacture and sale of beer and wine, and here's hoping that our Congress will not be influenced to the extent that the law will be modified.

If Prohibition was needed in the time of war to preserve man power and food material, it is equally needed in reconstruction times which are now upon us, as well as upon the other nations, and all food that we can spare is needed by the suffering elsewhere.

The Anti-Saloon League desires that at Church gatherings on Sunday, June 8th, the attention of our people be called to this recommendation of the President and that individuals at Sunday Schools and at preaching services, be requested to send a communication to his or her Senator and Member of the Lower House.

However, don't wait for such an announcement to be made at any church service. Sit down right now and drop a line to your Senator and another letter to your Congressman who is in the House, asking each to stand pat for War Time Prohibition. This is important, for the brewers of this Nation, with their billion dollar fund, which they say they have raised, are pulling every possible string for the repeal of this act.

Yours to stick,
R. L. Davis,
Superintendent North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.



Rev. J. E. Thompson,
Belmont, N. C.
The first man to register for the Celebration.

Marion District

At this writing the Marion District has pledged $124,000 of its quota of $134,000. It will be safe for you to say that the Marion District will mount the parapet. Morganton, Old Fort, Henrietta and Caroleen, Forest City and Marion have gone beyond their quotas. Cliffside should be added to this list.

Respectfully,
W. L. Hutchins,
May 26, 1919. District Director.

Later.—We are writing to inform you that the Marion District has raised its quota of $134,575 and is still going. We will doubtless go a few thousands beyond our quota as reports are continuing to come in. Our apparent delay has been occasioned by continual rains and has been the result of having a sparsely settled section to canvass.

Parker Holmes,
Presiding Elder.

Charge Sunday School Institute

The Ansonville circuit will hold a get-to-gether meeting next Sunday for all-day Sunday school institute. Conference Field Secretary, O. V. Woosley, will have charge of the day's activities and a profitable time is confidently expected.

The first hour of the morning session will be taken with the presenting of a model Sunday school. All our congregations will unite in making this day count greatly in furthering the Sunday school cause on the Ansonville circuit.

A. R. Bell.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All accounts must be balanced up on account of our consolidation. It is exceedingly important that those who owe accounts should remit promptly, so we may, if possible, have all accounts closed. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

BE SWIFT

Be swift, dear heart, in loving,
For time is brief,
And thou may'st soon along life's highway
Keep step with grief.

Be swift, dear heart, in saying
The kindly word;
When ears are sealed thy passionate pleading
Will not be heard.

Be swift, dear heart, in doing
The gracious deed.
Lest soon they whom thou holdest dearest
Be past the need.

Be swift, dear heart, in giving
The rare, sweet flower,
Nor wait to heap with blooms the casket
In some sad hour.

Dear heart, be swift in loving,
Time speedeth on;
And all thy chance of blessed service
Will soon be gone.

—E. A. Lente.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT MEETING

At Pilot Mountain, this week, the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Mount Airy district is being held and we hope that it is proving an occasion of much interest and profit. Mrs. Woltz had arranged a program replete with interest, in which every department of our work was represented.

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Mrs. W. A. Newell and probably other conference officers are in attendance. We hope to have a full report of this meeting for an early issue of the Advocate.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT MEETING

As was announced in last week's issue the Greensboro district meeting will be held at Centenary church, Greensboro, June 12-13, first session at 3:30 p. m., on Thursday, closing session Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson, the district secretary, has arranged an interesting, instructive and attractive program. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Whitsett, conference officers, will be present and assist in the program.

The Young People's work will be in charge of Mrs. E. L. Bain, of West Market Street, Greensboro, and Mrs. Jim Kearns, of Wesley Memorial, High Point, will present the Junior work, and has arranged a program for that department that will be beneficial for both leaders and children. Charts of many kinds, Jap dolls will be shown and an outline of the entire Junior work will be given. Let every Junior society, or prospective Junior society, send a delegate.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of High Point, will deliver an address on the opening evening and will be followed by a short program by the Juniors of Centenary church, after which Mrs. W. A. Newell, conference superintendent of social service, will present the work of her department.

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, the conference president, will bring a message from the council and institutes on Young People's and Junior's work, social service and other topics of interest will be held.

Mrs. Wilson is anxious to have every auxiliary on the district represented. Send names of delegates to Mrs. R. A. Schoonover, Scott Apt., Asheboro street, Greensboro, N. C.

MARION DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, district secretary, of the Marion district, asks us to announce that her district meeting will be held at Marion, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 18 and 19.

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Mrs. W. R. Harris and Miss Amy Hackney, conference officers, will be present and assist with the program.

All auxiliaries are urged to have representatives present. Special stress will be laid on the work of the Juniors and Young People and it is earnestly desired that a full representation from these departments be in attendance.

Send names of delegates to Mrs. J. F. Jonas, Marion, N. C.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

A Junior society has been re-organized at Forest City with fifteen members and the following officers: President, Ruth Dorsey; first vice-president, Ruby Dawson; secretary and treasurer, George Avant; corresponding secretary, John Reid; superintendent Mission Study, Elizabeth Biggerstaff; superintendent social service, Ollie Tate; Mrs. George Avant is leader.

INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT HOLDS A MEETING IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

There was held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 30 of April and the 1 of May, one of the most significant meetings since the organization of the Christian church. The call came to members of Mission Boards, Sunday School Boards, Educational Boards and editors of Christian journals to assemble for the consideration of a united campaign in taking the world for Jesus Christ. Six hundred people were present who represented twety-six denominations.

The significance of the meeting was indicated by Dr. Campbell White when he said, "I do not believe that Protestantism has ever seen an hour like this since Martin Luther nailed his thesis to the door. A real united Protestantism filled with the spirit of God may undertake anything and a divided Protestantism with all our communions in separate compartments must stand with its hands palsied in the presence of the needs of the world."

The truth of the inefficiency of divided forces was visualized when by means of the stereopticon and through a panoramic slide hundreds of names of the Protestant organizations passed before the eyes of the audience. As they passed, Dr. S. Earl Taylor said: "What could we have accomplished in the world war with a divided force like this? What could we not accomplish if all these forces came together in one great united effort?"

The Development of the Inter-Churh Movement

The Inter-Church Movement has for its plan the putting on of a two or three-year campaign of stewardship, prayer and life service in all the Protestant churches that wish to enter into a co-operative campaign. This campaign for deepening the spiritual life of the churches and for winning the world for Jesus Christ began in Nashville, Tennessee, at the meeting of the Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Presbyterian church. A resolution was passed in this meeting asking for a united movement. A favorable response came from many sources, and in December of 1918 a conference was gathered which was widely representative of all the communions and all the missionary agencies in the country. Since that time the movement has been endorsed by the following organizations: The Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council, the Women's Council for Home Missions, the Women's Council for Foreign Missions, the Council of Educational Boards, the Sunday School representatives of both the denominational and inter-denominational agencies, the, Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and two score of the denominational agencies. There has also been called in Philadelphia a meeting of representative pastors of the nation who have given their hearty endorsement.

The Proposed Program of the Movement

The meeting in Cleveland was presided over by Dr. S. Earl Taylor, secretary of the Centenary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal church. He stated at the beginning that the meeting was called in order to secure the judgment of the leaders of the missionary enterprises of the churches, to get their suggestions and to secure their help in outlining the plan and program in its further development. The proposed plans, as outlined up to that date, he said, were as follows:

1. A scientific survey of the world's needs from the standpoint of responsibility of evangelical Christianity.

2. A co-operative community and world program to meet the needs arising from the survey.

3. The discovery and development of the spiritual resources of life and money required by this program.

Dr. Taylor further stated that after the plan had been presented as far as possible to the great international bodies of the denominations that the leaders hoped to have a meeting, in each state, of all the officials of the churches seeking to secure their endorsement, then, in the autumn, there would be put on a thorough going campaign on stewardship, prayer and life-work. These dates, of course, would be adjustable. Then, at the close of a certain period, there would be an intensive financial campaign. He said: "The understanding that I have is that we will unite our forces and go down across this country with a program that will be understandable in each church. The Baptist church will have a tabulation of its needs, the Presbyterian church of its needs, and the others tabulations of their needs. and probably on the front page of the survey book, there will be a total of the whole thing, so the business man can see just what he is about."

Who is to Enter into this Movement?

It was shown at the Cleveland meeting that it was highly desirable that every Protestant church should pool its interests and thus enter into the covering of the entire territory in the United States and in the foreign fields with an adequate gospel. The question of entering into the plan, however, is wholly a voluntary matter with each individual denomination. The movement entered into heartily by every denomination would mean that over-lapping of effort would cease at many points and that plans would be made to adequately meet the needs of communities and countries.

The Cleveland meeting was marked with a deep spiritual power, because the representatives present were in the midst of a great fellowship and facing a great wrold program with an adequate plan to meet the needs. The best experts were present to show how the program could be put across and men of spiritual vision and power led the members of the conference in a vision of world redemption. Numbers of women were present, and plans were made to make them a vital part of the program. At the colse of the meeting the findings committee brought forth resolutions endorsing the movement to the fullest extent.

The Centenary, A Demonstration

The great Centenary Movement of the Methodist churches is a great demonstration of what can be done in the way of leading the churches out into large efforts, and the great Inter-Church World Movement, it is hoped, will prove to be the Centenary on a larger scale carried on by united Protestantism.

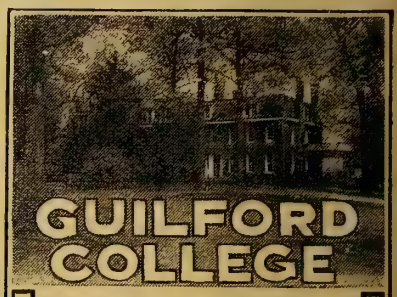
THE EVOLUTION OF THE CENTENARY DIME

The word "Centenary" looks larger. It seems to stretch out a "hundred years," but the dime is bigger.

If we were French, we'd recognize it as an abbreviation for the tenth, "decime" is the word.

It's easy to change the word "dime" into "time." D and T are the same stroke in shorthand. Now the letter "M" stands for a thousand and the first letter or sound in thousand is "th," so write "th" instead of "m" in "time" and we have "tithe." In "time" we will "tithe:" our dime will be our tenth. It's the biggest thing in the Centnary except prayer.

M. H. Newton.



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THE LAST CALL

This will be my last opportunity of making any announcement relative to our Epworth League Conference, to convene in Hawthorne Lane church, Charlotte, Tuesday evening, June 10, and again I want to impress upon you the importance of having names of delegates sent to Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte. The Leaguers of Charlotte are making wonderful preparations for us, and we must at least show the courtesey of letting them know how many to prepare for.

Then, once more, I am asking you to send names of boys who have given their lives in patriotic service to Rev. L. A. Falls, Mooresville, who will conduct the memorial service on Wednesday morning.

You will note a couple of changes on program given below, as compared to first one published, one recration hour on Wednesday afternoon, this is the delightful surprise these good peope of Charlotte have in store for us.

I am sure we are going to have two delightful days, and as I call for reports, and hear all departments in good working order, increase in membership and interest, all collections in full and ready to double renewals for Africa Special, my heart shall throb with delight, and my hand tremble with very joy as I rapidly place these glowing accounts to the young people of the Western North Carolina Epworth Leagues.

Come, young friends, with a willingness to impart all we can, receive all the good things in store for us, and you'll go away filled with new ideas and inspiration, serving as a new, fresh impetus for greater results in the days to come.

Katharine B. Browning,
Conference Secretary.

P. S.—Since writing the above, a letter has reached me from Mr. Ivey, saying that when hearing from local chapters as to number of delegates being sent, I have been quoted as having said, the Charlotte Leagus would entetrain all who came. My friends, there has been some misunderstanding, for such a statement never left my lips or my pen. True, I have urged upon you to send in names at an early date, and hoped the conefrence would have excellent attendance, but concluded that you would know there was a limit. Possible, I should be censured for not having stipulated the percentage of local membership, which is one to every fifteen; though in the event of having a membership of less than fifteen, which I find exists in two places, one will be sent anyhow.

I have very carefully examined our Conference League roll, and find but seven which are entitled to send as many as six delegates, and forty-two from one to three delegates, the rest from four to five delegates.

I am very sorry to be forced to call attention so plainly to this matter, but we must not overdo the thing, and impose upon the kind and generous hospitality of our host, so I repeat, send one delegate to every fifteen on roll, and according to my figuring, we will then have an attendance of one hundred and fifty-two.

Program Epworth League Conference, Charlotte, June 10-12.

Opening Session, Tuesday Night, June 10

Presentation of Biblical Drama, Charlotte Epworth Leagues.

Wednesday Morning, June 11

6:30—Sunrise Prayer Service, Mrs. K. B. Browning.

9:00—Communion Service, Rev. T. F. Marr, Rev. J. F. Armstrong.

9:45—Bible Hour, Rev. R. L. Stewart.

10:15—Reports from District Secretaries.

11:15—Address, Prof. Garfield Evans. Subject, "Men and Women who have made the most of themselves."

Wednesday Afternoon, June 11

2:30—Devotional Exercises, Hawthorne Lane League.

2:40—Roll Call and Reports from Chapters.

3:30—Address, Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick. Subject—"The Centenary in the Epworth League."

Address—Rev. J. O. Ervin. Subject—"The Epworth League in the Centenary."

Hour of Recration.

Wednesday Night, June 11

8.00—Stereoptican Entertainment.

Thursday Morning, June 12

6:30—Sunrise Prayer Service, Elkin League.

9:00—Devotional Exercises, Morganton League.

9:15—Bible Hour, Rev. R. S. Stewart.

9:45—Memorial Service, Rev. L. A. Falls.

10:15—Special Exercises by Brevard and Belmont Junior Leagues.

Remarks by Miss Bettie DeLaney, Conference Junior Superintendent.

11:15—Address, Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt. Subject—"Africa for Christ."

Renewal of Africa Pledges.

Thursday Afternoon, June 12

2:30—Devotional Exercises, Miss Emily Mathis.

2:40—Half Hour's Srevice by Spring Garden and Centenary Leagues, of Greensboro.

3:15—Reports from Chapters.

Election of Officers.

Selection of Place for Next Conference.

Discussion.

Thursday Night, June 12

8:00—Address, Rev. J. F. Armstrong. Subject—"What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?"

OUR CHRIST AND OUR CONTINENT

In his reminiscences of his visit to America Max O'Rell, the clever French lecturer, says that the first thing the average American asks a foreigner is "What do you think of America?" The title of one of his books descriptive of the United States is "Jonathan and His Continent." If the citzen of the United States has what seems to the inheritor of the old civilizations of Europe a somewhat exaggerated appreciation of the material greatness of his country, the offense is a venial one. It is impossible to over-estimate the vastness of the resources of the continent of North America, the larger part of the habitable space of which is covered by the United States. Adding the resources of the great nation to the north of us, which though not so much in the temperate zone is yet fabulously rich, the continent is endowed for the use of man beyond the dreams of magic.

Take the item of size alone. Within continental United States there is room for eighteen States each as large as Spain or thirty-one as large as Italy. Great Britain, Ireland, France, Geramny, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark, and Greece could all be laid three times upon the surface of the United States west of the Hudson River.

Nor do we have to do with mere vastness. With one-fourth the population of China, the United States possesses arable land far in excess of China and with scientific agriculture could sustain two-thirds of the present population of the earth and each year have five billions of bushels of grain left for export. Texas alone is as large as Germany and is capable of supporting easily one-half of the population of the United States.

The wealth under the soil is also great and has been hardly more than touched. The forests have been wantonly treated, but are still capable, under scientific forestry, of supplying the needs of any population that the land may sustain.

Subjected to the test of war, we have proved that the United States has resources the develpment of which makes her economically self-sufficient. It was supposed that certain chemicals must be imported from Germany, but the blockade of Germany proved to be the occasion of home development of untouched mineral resources. Help was drawn from the sea to supply potash; nitrogen was obtained from the air by hydro-generated electricity; wasted by-products of coal were turned into commercial acids and dyes; on every hand new developments met new needs.

The national training gained in the process of subduing the continent has made us a nation of quick-witted people with a marvelous capacity for initiative and invention. There is no other record of inventive genius equal to that in the United States patent office. Though not a militaristic nation, in the United States were invented the turret ship, which revolutionized the navies of the world; the submarine, which has forced upon the world a new doctrine of the freedom of the seas; and the aeroplane, which has eliminated from land warfare the element of surprise. Modern warfare must be carried on with the instruments of war that originated in peace-loving America.

But however vast, material resources alone count for nothing. The wealth of the continent was only potential when red men moved over it hunting, fighting, and sleeping. It required the coming of a population capable of wanting something better, with faith to see what industry and ingenuity could call forth out of soil and mine and forest, to give worth to the opportunities bestowed by God. From sturdy Anglo-Saxon stock with the love of freedom in their blood, from France with the sheer intellectuality of the Gallic mind, from Holland and the Scandinavian countries with their industry and breadth of mind, from Germany with her patience and idealism, the settlers came. The Puritan from England, the Presbyterian from Scotland, the Lutheran from Scandinavia and Germany, the Catholic from Southern Europe and France, they came to make their several contributions of blood, culture, and tradition to a new nation, which has become all of them yet none of them. Idealism has ever ruled America, despite the seductions of unprecedented material prosperity and wealth, which have enabled our country to carry on the most costly war operations of all time without even a sense of effort.

With a divided Church life, legally distinct from all political organization, the faith of those who originally sought America's shores, whether with the crusader's motive of conquest for Christ, or the Pilgrim's determination to seek a set of conditions in which he could worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, has pervaded our institutions and formed the moral ideals of the nation.

"O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

"O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassionate stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thy every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

"O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!"

—Katherine Lee Bates.

Greater, as God is greater than man, is our Christ than our teeming populations. Paul's phrase, "the riches of Christ," means far more than all the material and all the spiritual wealth of our continent. Conveying far more of promise for men than all the spiritual wealth of our continent. Conveying far more of promise for men than all our advantages and all our achievements and all our hardly gained political and educational advantages is the faith of Christ. Within and over the American commonwealth must be set up the realm of Christ, without which the crowning political achievement of the ages will become a crown of disgrace and end in failure. The chief concern of every devout soul looking out upon this land of ours should be to bring it under the dominion of Christ. It is yet far from that goal, very far. We may indulge ourselves in an unwarranted optimism by shutting our eyes to the serious problems that must be solved lest the very mercies of God become a menace to our civilization.

It is in recognition of the unparalleled need of a home mission program proportionate to the vastness of our country and its problems that the Centenary commission has proposed to devote a large part of the gifts that will be made to evangelizing our continent. Our Christ is for the salvation of our continent; our continent is for the kingdom of our Christ.

The Centenary program of home missions takes account of the immigrant. No one can now predict what will be the effect of the morld mar upon immigration. It may well be that from the industrial and financial ruin of Europe there will come an unprecedented number of people seeking the plenty, the opportunity, and security of America. But even if immigration should be prevented by the inhibition of governments jealous of their waning man power, there are within our borders so many unassimilated foreigners that we shall have a foreign problem for many years. At least one-third of our population is of foreign birth or parentage. Some of these millions have risen by sheer ability and are self sufficient; others are struggling in the midst of indifference. They must be taught what evangelical Christianity and free Church life are.



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY HONOR ROLL

Investigation proves that it is a bit harder to make up the Sunday School Day honor roll than was anticipated. When the blanks were printed it was not foreseen that possibly others than the superintendents would order programs and no provision was made for the name of the school ordering. This situation will be remedied in future order blanks but for the present some time will have to elapse before time can be found to trace records for printing the honor roll. It is thought that next week's Advocate will carry a complete list of the Sunday schools of the conference which have ordered programs for the observance of Sunday School Day.

To date 179 schools have ordered programs and it is believed have either presented the program or are preparing to present it. These schools as best it can be determined are located as follows:

Asheville district	16
Charlotte district	18
Greensboro district	26
Marion District	11
Mount Airy district	12
North Wilkesboro district	2
Salisbury district	21
Shelby district	35
Statesville district	14
Waynesville district	6
Winston district	28

TOO DEAD TO rELEBRATE?

Say, is your school too dead to get up a good celebration? If it is then you do not want to order the Sunday School Day programs which are given to any Methodist school in the Western North Carolina Conference. If it is not dead it will want to have a celebration, it will want to have a feature day now and then. During the month of June no feature day will be quite so appropriate as Sunday School Day.

Yes, the rendering of the program will take a little hard work. It would not be worth anything if it did not carry with it some hard work. But there are those in your school who would be willing to assume some hard work for your school if only a little aid and encouragement were forthcoming. By all means let's get busy and hold a rousing Sunday School Day Let's give our young and old something to impress upon their minds that our school is flourishing and thoroughly alive. Remember that programs can be had free from Smith & Lamar, Richmond, Va., the only requirement being a free will offering to be forwarded to G. F. Ivey, Hickory, N. C., to be spent in promoting the Sunday school movement.

GOOD FOR GOODE

The Sunday school Centenary returns continue to come along. Such a momentum was started that it refuses to stop just yet. Among other good bits of news arriving last week the following from Brother Chas. P. Goode stands out as a bit remarkable: "Dear Brother Oscar:

I made a 25 or 30 mile drive yesterday through the rain and succeeded in getting Shady Grove Sunday school to enter the Centenary agreement. E Frank Clodfelter, Wallburg, N. C., is superintendent."

The same mail brought the pledge from Superintendent Clodfelter, a pledge of $15.00 the month for a period of five years, which means $900 for missions from that country Sunday school. Brother Goode's rainy day trip will make the world just a little bit better than it would have been.

OFFICIAL STANDING

At the close of the Centenary drive Rev. J. L. Neill, our Sunday school missionary secretary, sent out a bulletin showing the standing of the conferences in Southern Methodism relative to the number of Sunday schools making pledges on the five year basis for missions. I am giving the leaders in the order they come:

Western North Carolina	399
South Georgia	395
North Alabama	375
Alabama	365
Central Texas	324
Holston	317
Virginia	315

All others were out of the select three hundred class It might be added that our conference has sent some fifteen or more pledges since this report was sent out.

HURRAH FOR THE FEDERATION!

Plans are rapidly maturing for a big booster Wesley Bible Class Federation at Lake Junaluska. August 7, 8 and 9. Some twenty or more of Southern Methodism's leading thinkers and speakers are being signed up for this great meeting. Ere long these names will be published and you will be making plans to hear them. Just set aside these dates for your sojourn to the mountains. You will be amply repaid personally, your Sunday school will be greatly benefiited by your taking back live ideas and determination and the Wesley cause will be furthered thus guaranteeing the continued success of that most worthy movement for Christian people. Reduced rates will be available for the meeting.

Among other good topics to be discussed the following stand out as noteworthy:

"The Movement."
"Wesley Bible Classes and the Pastor."
"Making the Class Organization Effective."
"One Thing My Class Has Done."
"North Carolina's Young Manhood."
"The Christian Lawyer."
"The Organization and the Bible."
"The Christian Merchant."
"North Carolina's Young Womanhood."
"Literature and Lessons for Wesley Classes."
"The Teen Age Girl and the Organized Class."
"Wesley Classes and Evangelism."
"Missions, Or The Centenary Yet Ahead."
"My Brother and I."
"The Christian Manufacturer."
"Relationship."
"Wesley Classes and the Community."
"Publicity Plans That Win."
"Wesley Classes and the Training of Leaders."
"One Thing I am Taking Home."

Our speakers will come all the way from Texas to Ohio and none will be of small caliber. There will be ample time given for discussions. An effort will be made to find out the many good things our good live classes have been accomplishing.

The afternoons will be given over for recreation. Hikes to the nearby high peaks will be arranged. Boat rides around the lake, baseball, tennis, swimming and boating will be available. Bring your kodaks, your books on birds, trees and wild flowers.

Various kinds of helps for making your class work more interesting and effective will be on hand; books and pennants, stick pins, fobs and other forms of novelties with the Wesley Bible Class emblems will be on sale Free literature will be available. The splendid exhibit arranged by the General School Board will be displayed. Hurrah for the Federation!



YOUR FIRST SIGHT ON ARRIVING FOR THE WESLEY FEDERATION

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

It was my good fortune to be with the Asheville district conference during one day last week. Things are certainly on the move up there in the land of the sky. The very atmosphere seemed to be surcharged with a spirit of doing things. The conference had a move on it. Presiding Elder Willis is not much on ceremony but great for accomplishment and he kept things moving.

The way those Asheville district fellows put over the Centenary was a revelation to every one, themselves included. Nor do those who put most into the campaign expect to rest on present laurels. There seems to be a sort of district pride that is manifestly causing the strong points to want to help in bringing up the weak places. Some of the good brethern from Asheville have asked the weak rural places to get at what they want and do their best at getting it, then come to them for any aid that may be needed. Churches will be painted, Sunday school rooms will be added and a general arousing of militant Methodism is promised. It was fine to be with that bunch of determined churchmen. Organization? Well, they have it, and it is bringing things to pass. You might keep an eye on the Asheville district.

OUR PRESIDING ELDERS

Your humble servant wishes he knew how to say what he feels with regard to the presiding elders of our conference. His work is so closely tied up with the presiding eldership that without the office's hearty co operation he could do very little. But this co-operation has been so abundantly manifest that the work has been so much more readily reached. In many instances during the past strenuous times the presiding elders have taken time to materially aid in promoting the cause of the Sunday schools, and apparently they have done so from the genuine desire to do so.

Our presiding elders, along with the rest of us, have had no flowery beds of ease to rest upon for the past while. And along with the many duties attending the usual routine of daily work there comes to them a whole bunch of responsibility. I have great regard first for the office of the presiding eldership, and especially for the personnel of the office in the Western North Carolina Conference.

CHURCH EXTENSION AS REPORTED BY CONFERENCE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting of the representatives of the Conference Board of Church Extension convened for its biennial session in the chapel of the Board of Church Extension, Louisville, Ky., at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, May 6, 1919. Forty representatives from the various conferences were present and organized for their work by electing W. J. Snyder, of Batesburg, S. C., as chairman, and J. O. Peterson, Wynnewood, Okla., secretary.

A two days program covering every phase of Church Extension work had been thoroughly worked out by our Church Extension Secretary, Dr. H. A. Boaz, which was discussed with great interest and profit to the entire representative body. So highly profitable was the meeting that the conference requested the proper authorities to provide for a biennial meeting of the representatives of the Conference Boards.

Several recommendations were made to the General Board of Church Extension, and the imperative challenge of the world situation.

The conference noted with pleasure the marked efficiency and success of the organization under the able and wise leadership of Dr. H. A. Boaz, our secretary.

J. O. Peterson, Secretary,
Wynnewood, Okla.

CHURCH STATISTICS FOR 1918

Dear Brother:

The General Minutes for 1918 show the following figures in which your readers may be interested.

Total traveling preachers, 7,671; decrease, 26.

Total local preachers, 4,948; decrease, 211.

Total members, 2,183,993; increase, 19,301.

Total preachers and members, 2,196,612; increase, 19,064.

Number infants baptised, 24,844; decrease, 5,695.

Adults baptised, 64,924; decrease, 11,649.

Number societies, 19,204; decrease, 640.

Number charges, 6,578; decrease, 234.

Value of churches, $65,359,065.

Number Epworth Leagues, 3,458; decrease, 337.

Number Epworth League members, 116,975; decrease, 14,441.

Number Sunday schools, 16,701; decrease, 578.

Number officers and teachers, 145,065; decrease, 6,727.

Number of Sunday School scholars, 1,654,715; decrease, 101,464.

Number educational institutions, 194.

Teachers, 1,947.

Pupils, 29,544.

Endowment, $7,522,775.

Value of property, $17,774,931.

Fraternally yours,
Frank M. Thomas, Book Editor.

WHEN WRITING OUR ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION THIS PUBLICATION

From the Field

FRANKLIN AVENUE, GASTONIA

As pastor, I would like to say that I am proud of the manner in which my people have responded to every call of the church since conference.

They were first asked to buy a parsonage. They very cheerfully responded and are from time to time paying their subscriptions to the same.

Then I invited Brother Jim Green to hold a meeting at West End. He came and the people came, and God was there and a great revival was the result. Many people started out to live for God. Many others started over, and still others have resolved to live closer to God and do more in His Kingdom. Twenty-five joined the church. The offering for Brother Green was eighty-five dollars. No such meeting had ever been held at West End. The Sunday school at this church has had two hundred present. They have pledged fourteen dollars per month to the Centenary in the Sunday school for five years. Then in the big drive for the Centenary in the church, eighty members subscribed $2,408.20 for the five years.

Franklin Avenue church has invited Brother Jim Green for a revival this summer. We are praying for God to send him to us and give us a great revival.

The Sunday school at this church has had 228 present. They have pledged $20 per month for five years to the Centenary in the Sunday school. In the big drive for the Centenary, 114 members of the church subscribed $1,999.75 for the five years.

Tates chapel is looking upward and forward. This is a country church to which Rev. J. W. Moore, of Trinity, Charlotte, once belonged. I verily believe that God is going to call another preacher or missionary from that weak church. There are about twenty-five who attend this Sunday school, and they have subscribed $2.45 per month, for five years, to the Centenary in the Sunday school.

Then in the big drive for the Centenary in the church, fourteen members subscribed $240. This charge was given a quota of $5,635. Through the churches we have subscribed $4,627.95; and through the Sunday schools $2,145. This gives us a total of $6,772.95. Also we have $1,385 in credits. By using these we have a grand total of $8,157.95.

Franklin Aveneue and West End churches, each has a weekly prayer meeting and three missionary societies. This charge is doing much for His Kingdom now. But by the time that the Centenary gets well under way with revival results, I believe that this will be one of the best charges in its class.

E. P. Stabler.

ALEXANDER CIRCUIT

Dear Brother Blair:

Perhaps a few words in regard to the Alexander Circuit would not be out of place at this time. The Centenary went over the top in right fine shape. The committees and team workers were a loyal and faithful set. All did faithful work. Our quota was $8,500 and the pledges were $8,808.50. Taylorsville's quota was $2,870 and pledged $3,612.50. Every resident members of Taylorsville church either paid cash or made a pledge, and a few members who are away sent in their pledges. What other church or churches in the Conference can equal this?

Rocky Springs quota was $2.665 and pledged $2,913. Liberty went over the top. Taylorsville Sunday school pledged $40 a year for the five-year period. Liberty Sunday school pledged $12 a year for the five-year period. Hiddenite and Carson Chapel did not get quite over, but did well. Counting credits, Alexander Circuit stands to the good $10,633.50.

We had no Minute Men to speak for the Centenary, but the teams worked fine and made it a real success. Now we want to make a great drive for the salvation of souls and the real building of Christian character. We solicit an interest in the prayers of all good people, that our fourth year on the Alexander Circuit may be the best of all.

J. J. Edwards, Pastor.

MT. HOLLY

At our third quarterly conference yesterday, this church made what was regarded as perhaps the most gratifying report in its history.

The Centenary quota was gladly, I should say enthusiastically subscribed in thirty minutes on the first day of the drive. In addition, these people propose to build in the near future a modern parsonage to cost not less than four thousand dollars. A building committee has been chosen to have charge of this enterprise.

On may 18, our people were made to rejoice by the announcement that an old debt of a thousand dollars on the parsonage had been cancelled, and the note was destroyed in the presence of the congregation. The first Sunday in each month is observed as Centenary day in the Sunday school and yesterday the offering was $138 with an attendance of 166. The records show that approximately fourteen thousand dollars has been raised in cash and pledges this year. We have had 48 additions to the church to date.

The purpose which this chrch is making along all tlines is de to the large vision, co-operation, loyalty and consedration of these choice, wide-awake people.

Brother Kirk preached a sermon of great power at 11 o'clock. He preaches a pure gospel, and is a ledare whom the people follow gladly.

C. M. Short.

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT

Jefferson circuit has gone several hundred dollars over the top in our great Centenary drive, and I wish you would say a few nice things in the Advocate this week about our people, they have worked hard and given generously for this cause, and I feel sure that it will help us all for some comment to be made by you. I am very thankful indeed that our people have done so well

With best wishes,I am sincerely,

T J. Houck.

WADESBORO

Our Centenary allotment was $14,300; our total subscriptions was $16,350; our credits amounted to $5,577,50, making a grand total of $21,882.50, plus the credits.

Add to this a gift of pipe organ by a friend on last day of drive of not less than $3,000, makes us run over $25,000 for the week. In addition we have a missionary volunteer. Sunday school drive now on.

E. R. Welch.

HENS MOULT FAST

E. J. Reefer, the poultry expert, has discovered a scientific product, that hastens the moult and revitalizes the organs of the hen and puts her in fine laying condition. The tonic is called "More Eggs" and a package of it is enough to carry the ordinary chicken raiser over the entire moulting season. First to lay is first to pay. "Since using 'More Eggs' I get forty to fifty eggs a day, instead of eight or nine," writes A. P. Woodward, of St. Cloud, Fla. A million dollar bank guarantees that you can have your money back if you want it. So, you don't take any risk. Send $1.00 for a season's supply of "More Eggs" Tonic. If you want to hurry the moult and get more eggs, act at once; it means more profit for you. Don't wait, but order today. Send $1 today to E. J. Reefer, 4th Floor, Poultry Bldg., Reefer for the valuable poultry book free. Reefer for the avluable poutry book free, that tells the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.

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As a result of this meeting, over thirty members have been added to our church. Brother Kirkpatrick's sermons were of high order. A wonderful expounder of the Gospel, his every sermon was a message of truth.

Our church has taken on new life and our entire membership feels grateful to Brother Kirkpatrick for his effective work in our community. The gratitude was indicated in the last service of the meeting, when many of our members openly expressed their hearty appreciation of the work done by this evangel of God.

S. G. Winstead.

Leaksville

We have just closed a two week's meeting with our people here. Rev. Tom P. Jimison came to us on Wednesday of the first week and did the preaching during the balance of the meeting. Brother Jimison is an attractive and convincing preacher, holding the attention of his hearers from start to finish. He is a man who needs no introduction to the preachers of our conference. We all know him and to know him is to love him. The meeting resulted in a great spiritual awakening for the church in general and fifteen accessions to the church. The people say it was the best meeting held in Leaksville for many years. Our Centenary drive closed last night. Our quota was $10,000. We sent in our report this morning showing a grand total of $10,966.85, and we only have about one hundred and fifty members. I know the journal shows more than that, but they are not here. We are planning to build a new church in South Leaksville, and we hope in this way to reach a good many people that we are not reaching now. Our Sunday School is growing and we are expecting the best year of our ministry thus far. Brethren pray for us.

G. A. Stamper.

Letter From Japan

Dear Advocate Readers:

You will be glad, I am sure, to hear that Brother T. Kugimiya is soon to visit North Carolina again. He goes as one of the three regularly appointed delegates of the Japan Methodist church to the Columbus Celebration. He hopes to reach North Carolina in time for the Trinity College commencement and be able to see many of his old friends here. He can probably give some time to traveling and preaching in one of the conferences before he goes to Columbus and then he hopes to return to North Carolina and spend some time lecturing and preaching after the celebration is over. The churches which are able to secure his services will be fortunate, for he is one of the strong men in our Methodist church here. I am writing your conference missionary secretary to arrange his itinerary while in North Carolina, so if you wish to secure him for an address please arrange for it at once as Brother Kugimiya expects to be away from Japan only four months.

I may say that Brother Kugimiya has served as Presiding Elder in two of the chief districts of the West Japan conference, the Sanyo, Hiroshim and Kinki (Kobe), being still in charge of the latter district. Besides being Presiding Elder, he is also the pastor of our West Osaka church, which was quite a weak one five years ago when he took charge of it, but which has just gone "over the top" and become self-supporting. He is recognized as one of the leaders in this conference and in the entire Japan Methodist church, for that matter. His preaching is of the evangelistic type, but has enough intelectual pabulum to make it grip men. Besides these heavy duties he has kept the little paper, Glad Tidings, going from month to month, by the help of funds sent him by Brother Raymond Browning and other good friends at home. It is meant for non-Christians and inquirers, and it brings a message of joy and inspiration to hundreds of readers each month. Such is the busy life he leads. May he be made a great blessing to the churches at home while he is among them. As you see him and hear him, please remember that he is only a sample of what the gospel of Jesus Christ is doing for thousands of men and women in Japan, and then ask yourself if your money has been wasted? No, Brethren, the gospel is not a failure! Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can save Japan as it only can save America and Europe and the whole world.

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When trusted anywhere.

The gentle boy, the manly boy,
Upright and honest too,
Will always find a host of friends
Among the good and true.

He reaps reward in doing good,
Finds joy in giving joy,
And earns the right to bear the name,
"A gentlemanly boy."—Selected.

MANNERS IN 1855

Some people affect to think that nice table manners are of recent invention, and that our grandfathers were unacquainted with dainty conduct. To show such people how wrong they are allow us to quote from a treasured work, "Inquire Within; or, 3700 Facts for the People," published in Philadelphia in 1855:

"If possible, the knife should never be put in the mouth at all; but if it is necessary, let the edge be turned outward.

"The teeth should be picked as little as possible and never with the fork.

"Carefully abstain from rinsing the mouth or spitting while at table.

"When napkins are provided, they are to be unfolded and laid across the knees. Use the napkin to wipe the mouth or the fingers, never as a handkerchief or to mop the brow."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FLYING WITH FANNY

By Francis McKinnon Morton

Bobby sat under the huisache tree on the big grassy lawn of his own lovely home and pouted. "I think it's horrid for ladies to have nerves," he said to himself, "and it's a lot worse having nerves on the Fourth of July than other times."

Just then he looked up and saw Fanny bowling down the sidewalk on her airy little tiptoes and waving her arms as if they were wings. He did hope she'd fly into his yard; but he didn't dare to call her, because he had been expressly told he must not make a mite of noise, so he waved his arms and made signs for her to come in. The gate was open, and she flew right in and over the green grass up to the shade of the tree where Bobby had been pouting. Here she lifted her little pink gingham skirt and sat down very daintily in a grassy nest.

"Why don't you say something?" said Bobby in a hoarse whisper.

"Because I'm a bird," said Fanny, being a little girl long enough to explain. "Mother said that your mother said that your Aunt Edith was a perfect nervous wretch, and that you have to play as quiet as a mouse until she gets better. So I asked my mother if I could come and play with you, and she said: 'Yes, if you won't make a mite of noise.' I came because my Cousin Ann Baldwin is a 'nervous wretch' too, and I know how to play all kinds of creatures that don't make a noise."

That's the way the game began, and then Bobby turned into a bird too, and they played that the sunny lawn was the deep blue ocean, and the cool shade under the trees made lovely islands and continents; and they flew over the rolling water and landed on the shady islands and explored new continents until the morning was almost gone before they remembered anything more about having to keep quiet.

"I didn't know you could have such a good time without making a noise," said Bobby happily.

"A good time is on the inside of you," answered Fanny, who seems to have been a wise little bird; "and if you keep your heart full of it, other things don't matter."

They were flying down in the southeastern part of their grassy world when Fanny looked up and began to giggled; for there, flying across the lawn to meet them, came Bobby's mother, with a piece of white paper in each hand. She came daintily across the grass, waving her arms just as she had seen Bobby and Fanny doing, until she reached the farthest island on the lawn, and then she sat down between Bobby and Fanny. She didn't say a word, but she handed a slip of paper to each little make-believe birdie, and on each one was neatly printed: "There's a bird tea party in the greenhouse, and you are invited to come."

Bobby and Fanny carefully spelled out the invitations, and then they all three flew across the sunshine to the cool greenhouse and found a picnic lunch spread out on a little table. There were chicken sandwiches and lots of goodies, but best of all was delicious ice cream with little flags sticking right on top of each dish.

"Let's don't fly away from here," whispered Fanny, laughing; "let's be people till lunch is over."

They all agreed, and the three of them sat down together and had a happy Fourth of July picnic.—Boys and Girls.

UNCLE NED'S EBULLITION

By Rev. Jno. D. Ellis.

When one of the pastors of the Seashore District was planting his garden one day recently, an old negro peeped over the fence, and said:

"Boss, you mus' be a new preacher 'round h'yar?"

"Why do you ask?" the preacher responded.

"Kase I see you wid a spade in yo' han' out in de open."

"Do you mean to say that the preachers in this section do not work?"

"No, sah; not dat eggsactly. Dey work preachin' de gorspil, an' all dat, an' dey work readin' books in de shade, an' all dat, but dey do not hurt deyselves workin' in de open. You am de mos' laborious preacher I've seen 'round h'yar lately."

"I'm sure my congregation thinks I'm laborous, especially when I preach more than thirty minutes: but you see there is Irish blood in my veins, and this accounts for some of my outdoor industry. Moreover, there are several folk at my house who like to pass their plates back, and if I raise a lot of vegetables I'll be helping to salivate the high cost of living. Some preachers may not care for vegetables, or they think that it is cheaper to buy them. It is possible, also, that chicken is more in harmony with the 32nd article of their constitution."

"Chickens sho' am a fine thing to hab cacklin' in de yard, an' scratchin' 'roun' on de premises, an' preachers am not de onliest ones dat like 'em: but what I hab to say is, let all de niggers an' white folks go to work, an' it'll make livin' mo' cheaper. Folks den who git short in rashuns will have sumpin on han' to eat. Moresomover, when a pusson uses de spade, he keeps hisself in trim physahkerly, an' he enjoys his supper. But ef some folks was to touch a shovel, or a hoe, dey would feel ter'bly scandulized, yes sah, dey would fo' a fac. Ef nobody was 'lowed to eat cepten dem who work, lots ob folks would starve 'fo dis time next week. Stuff am so high dese days it takes consid'ble rakin' an' scrapin' to pay fo' what you eat an' w'ar. Fo'bits used to buy a good size pile of vittles, but it won't buy mor'n 'nough dese days to feed a sucklin' baby. De times sho' am diffrunt frum what dey used to be, an' I ketch myself wonderin' what de worl' am comin' to. A few yeahs ago folks had plenty, an' white folks didn't no mo' mind passin' out some vittles to a tramp or a nigger dan a bird minds flying, but dem days am gone, an' lots ob white folks need sumpin passed out to dem. De av'rage nigger who is honest, hab to hustle consid'ble to make a livin' speci'ly when he has a passel ob no 'count trifiin' chillun settin' 'round waitin' to be fed. Bacon used to be 'bout six cents a poun', an' meal 'bout fifteen cents a pec'. All kinds ob meat hab riz in price, an' lard am so high a pusson has to do his cookin' wid skasely no grease a tall. De merchants done quit measurin' stuff by de pec', an' bushel, an' when you goes to a sto' dese days, even 'taters am weighed on a par ob new kind ob scales dat I hab my 'spishuns 'bout. De scales demselves do de figurin', an' all de merchants does is to pour in de meal, or de sugar, an' de scales pint an' tell him what am a dime's or dilar's worth. A dime used to buy a fus' class snack, an' it would keep a nigger frum gettin' hongry, fo his reg'lar meal time, but it don't do no mo' dese days dan purchas a smell ob sumpin rale good to eat. I ketch myself wonderin' ef de days we used to hab, when livin' was no trouble a tall, am gone, never to git bac'. Ef much stug was not han' convenyunt, twarn't no trouble to git what was needed wid hardly no cos' a tall. A nigger could go to a sto' an' hab things charged to him, but de merchants dese days done quit trustin' even white folks. When a fellah bac' in dem days sot down to eat, he wasn't 'fraid ef he et ernough, nothin' would be lef' fo' supper. Yes sah, Parson, de times sho hab changed frum what dey used to be. You don't keer ef I calls you Parson?"

"Preachers are called sevcral things these days, so I guess it's all right. Sometimes they are called 'sin-busters,' 'sky-pilots,' 'devil-chasers,' 'hell-scarers,' 'heaven-persuaders,' and such like. It's the fellow who is arrogant and sacrilegious that needs a pilot."

"Lots ob sin needs bustin' 'round h'yar, lots ob it, sah! Plenty ob cussin', an' stealin' am goin' on, an' even a nigger has to keep his eye on de stuff he gathers 'bout him. Good day, Parson, I'se glad to see dat you am laborious. I mus' be moseyin' long an' do some spadin' myself, kase de scars'ty ob vittles an' de high cos' ob livin' ain't gwine to 'low dis nigger to prop his feet up on de gal'ry, an' read de newspapers in de shade."—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

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CHURCH EXTENSION NOTES

At the recent meeting of the Board of Church Extension, out of forty-two members, all were present save three. Bishop Joseph S. Key was detained at home on account of his advanced age, being now in his ninety-second year. Bishop H. C. Morrison was prevented from coming on account of the sickness of his wife and Dr. W. W. Pinson, because of the illness of his sister. All others were present.

Dr. E. O. Watson and Dr. C. C. Selecman, with a number of the Conference Board representatives and other visitors, were present to attend the session of the Board.

Bishop E. E. Hoss and Bishop James H. McCoy, both members of the Board, have died during the last year.

The secretary, Dr. H. A. Boaz had everything in hand and the usual work of the board was transacted in two days. Everything moved smoothly and much enthusiasm prevailed during the meeting.

The total number of applications for both donations and loans this year was 336, which is 100 less than last year but the amounts asked for in donations for churches and parsonages was $294.449.19 which is $93,-419.10 more than last year. The total amount asked for in loans was $500,-750, which is an increase of $102,529 over the amount asked last year. This indicates that the houses of worship that are being built now are on a more expensive scale and more permanent in nature.

Applications for donations and loans amounted to almost twice as much as would be available within the next twelve months, under normal conditions. This accounts for the fact that many of the applications could not be granted in full. As it was, we anticipated largely the expected income from Centenary funds

On account of certain complications the insurance department was not authorized at this meeting of the Board. A committee was appointed composed of Bishop W. F. McMurry. Bishop John M. Moore, J. A. Baylor Hon. Dorman Thompson and Dr. H. A. Boaz, to make further investigation of the work of the insurance and to report, if need be, to the Executive Committee, which was given power to act, if found expedient.

Mr. James B. Duke, of New York City, was voted an expression of thanks for his fourth gift of $25,000 to the Board of Church Extension to be used in the state of North Carolina for Church Extension and missions.

Advanced ground was taken in the interest of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. At the request of Dr. R. S. Stout, the secretary, Dr. H. A. Boaz was authorized to handle for our colored brethren any annuity fund that might be secured by Dr. R. S. Stout, secretary of the Church Extension department of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. It was also agreed that out of the Centenary funds there should be set aside a fund, $50,000 if need be, to cover dollar for dollar, all moneys raised by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in the establishment of a loan fund amounting to a total of $100,000.

MY GUEST

I opened my heart to a guest one day
When all the world was new.
He sang with me and he laughed with me
The happy morning through.

The noontide came, and he tarried on
Through the busy heat of the day;
And I found in my guest a helping friend
Who heartened me on my way.

As night drew on, he stood by my side
"You are weary," he said. "Come and sup with me."
So I became His guest forever.

—P. E.

Our Dead

TAYLOR.—Roland Chiles Taylor was born on the 5th of June, 1867, at Danbury, N. C. In early life he entered through the new birth into the Kingdom of God, joined the Methodist church, whose doctrine and discipline he loved and supported, and died in the faith on April 7, 1919, at his home in Winston-Salem. N. C.

On the 8 of June, 1892, Brother Taylor was married to Miss Mary McNairy, of Greensboro, N. C., whose mother, Mrs. J. W. McNairy still lives in that city. To this union was born one son, Mr. Roland M. Taylor, of Greensboro, in whose home is the only grandson of Brother Taylor, Roland M., Jr.

On the 12 of October, 1898, Brother Taylor was married to Miss Nellie Starr, of Winston-Salem, N. C. Seven children, four daughters, Eleanor, Mattie, Grace and Katie, and three sons, Bassett, William and Samuel, were born of this union. The wife and all the children, except Bassett, who was absent with the army in France, were with Brother Taylor at the time of his death.

Two brothers and two sisters survive: Mr. J. M. Taylor and Miss Mattie Taylor, of Winston-Salem, N. C.,; Mr. J. S. Taylor, of Danbury, N C., and Mrs. B. H. Dyer, of Leaksville, N. C.

As a man of business, Brother Taylor was diligent, faithful and trustworthy and had the entire confidence of all who knew him. Although in failing health for some time, he remained at his desk until two months before his death.

As a Christian, Brother Taylor was earnest, genial and loyal, careful in conduct and winning in manner. His home was a Christian home. No church could ask or expect a more faithful service than Brother Taylor gave to Centenary. As a member of the choir and also as an official, he was regular and punctual at the services and faithful in the performance of duty. He was a member of the Centenary Male Quartette for twenty years and secretary and treasurer of the board of stewards at the time of his death.

Roland Taylor's departure has left a great void in city, church and home. His life was a benediction and his reward is sure. G. T. Rowe.

WHITE.—Emmit R. White was born October 20, 1877 and died at his home near his birth place, Patrick county, Va., October 22, 1918. He was married December 25, 1898 to Miss Alice H Flippin, who with seven children survive. He also leaves an aged father and mother, one brother and two sisters, one sister and child having preceeded him to that Better Land. Brother White joned the Methodist church at about eighteen years of age, served in an efficient way all offices in the church intrusted to his care. At his death he was the superintendent of the Sunday school at Hatcher's Chapel and was beloved by all. With the exception of five years spent in West Va., he lived his life in the Hatcher's community and with all faults, if he had any, he was esteemed as a good citizen and a Christian gentleman. He took a great delight in the welfare of his home and family, and he made a good provision for his wife and children. He stood for all public improvements in his community and against anything that was evil. May his life be an example to the ones he came in contact with for strong and honorable manhood.

Geo. W. Clay, Pastor.

JOHNSON.—Mr. Frank M. Johnson was born at Farmington, N. C., October 4, 1837, and died at his home in Mocksville, March 30, 1919.

He was converted at fifteen years of age and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Olive Branch.

He was prepared for college at Union Academy, a school conducted by Major J. H. Foote and S. O. Tatum, near Farmington. He entered the University of North Carolina in August, 1855 and graduated June 3, 1858. For many years he was a trustee of the University.

He faithfully served his church as a steward for more than forty years. He was chairman of the board of stewards and a trustee for sixteen years. He was also superintendent of the Sunday school, and was several times elected as a delegate to the annual conference.

He represented his county in the legistlature in 1879 and in 1880, declining re-election. He was a county commissioner for sixteen years and secretary and treasurer to the board of town commissioners for about the same length of time.

He was engaged in the mercantile business in Farmington till October, 1891. He afterward moved to Mocksville and continued in business there. He aided in the building of the first railroad in Davie county and served as director.

He was twice married; first to Miss Minnie Douthit, and again to Mrs. Lizzie Stone, who survives him. He was a true, loving husband, a faithful friend, generous and wise in counsel. When he had the means he assisted many young men in getting an education. One of our missionaries gratefully remembers F. M. Johnson as the man, who more than any other, influenced him in his life choice and made it possile for him to serve in his present field.

I am quite sure that he died without fear and in perfect peace, ony concerned with a desire to serve those whom he loved. In his extreme feebleness he was still governed by that high sense of duty which had characterized his life. This concern for his family found rest in the assurance of a great faith that in the life above he would continue the employment he loved so well. He could truly say, "To die is gain." His body was laid in Rose cemetery with Masonic honors. E. O. Cole, Pastor.

KAPP.—Sidney Vestal Kapp, son of John W. and Ellen Kapp, was born October 21, 1905 and died in France at a base hospital October 11, 1918. Sidney professed faith in Christ at Antioch M. E. Church, South, August, 1905, and joined the church at Antioch in which he lived a faithful, consistent life. He was called to the service of his country in June, 1918, and went to France, August, 1918, and there his body was laid to rest. May God's blessings rest upon the bereaved father, mother and family, and may all reach the home of the blessed where there is no more war.

J. C. Mock.

MUSE.—Mr. Arthur Muse, son of Henry and Mattie Muse, was born in Carthage, N. C., November 5, 1887, died December 8, 1918. I knew him when he was just a small boy. He was a kind, loving hearted boy. Since childhood we have been separated. His home was in High Point at the time of his death. Here he was loved by many. He died with influenza. He was ill with it for two weeks. A little while before he died he sang two hymns and prayed for his family. He leaves behind, a wife, four children, a dear father and mother. May God bless and comfort them is my prayer. J. A. Fry.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas. God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst, little John Flemming Moore, Jr. We bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. Therefore be it resolved:

First, That our Sunday school has lost one of its brightest and most loving members.

Second, That we deplore greatly the loss of one whose short life has given joy and brightness to a devoted family and many friends who loved him. We are thankful for the assurance that he is safe in the arms of Jesus, who said "suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Third, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our Sunday school record, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and to the Reidsville Review for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

M. Frances Burton,
Nelle A. Moore,
Minnie Duncan,
Committee.

A CLASS TRIBUTE

We, the teacher and pupils of the junior class of Brookstown Sunday school, are deeply grieved over the passing away of one of our class members, Bruce Mock.

Taken so suddenly, so unexpectedly to us all. On Easter Sunday evening, April the 18, 1919, our Saviour took him unto Himself. He has entered into those mansions prepared for all who love and serve Him.

We realize that a link in the chain that bound us has been severed, a place in our class is vacant, but He who doeth all things well, knows what is best.

Bruce will not meet with us again in this life, but we can think of him in the bright beyond where all is joy and happiness. Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our kind Heavenly Father.

Second, That as a closs, we extend to the bereaved father, mother, brothers and sisters our most sincere sympathy.

Very especially do we sympathize with the brother in far off France.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family, one to the brother in France and also one to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. Henry B. Fowler and Junior Class of Brookstown Sunday School.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were passed by the Missionary Society of the Rutherfordton Methodist Episcopal Church in memory of Sister Mattie Taylor.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst, our beloved friend and neighbor, therefore be it resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to Him who is too wise to make a mistake and who loves his children too much to be unkind.

Second, That we extend to the beraved family our heartfelt sympathy and pray that the Comforter may come to them in this hour. May they be ready to say, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minute book, a copy sent to the family and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. L. Dobbins,
Mrs. T. C. Jordan,
Mrs. C. D. Geer.
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas in the providence of God, our kind Heavenly Father. Mrs. Rebecca Watson, has been taken from the Woman's Missionary Society, of Morven Methodist Episcopal Church.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, That we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Second, That we deeply feel the loss of this consistent and consecrated member

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed in our minutes and a copy sent to the Christian Advocate.

Mrs. E. G. Pusey,
Mrs. M. H. Lowry,
Mrs. F. P. Pratt.

MOMENT BY MOMENT

Remember that your work comes only moment by moment; and as surely as God calls you to work, he gives the strength to do it. Do not think in the morning: "How shall I go through this day? I have such and such work to do and persons to see, and I have not the strength for it." No, you have not, for you do not need it. Each moment, as you need it, the strength will come only do not look forward an hour; circumstances may be very different from what you expect. At any rate, you will be borne through each needful and rightful thing "on eagle's wings." Do not worry yourself with misgiving; take each thing quietly.—Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

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District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Hot Springs	7-8
Central	8
Fairview, Bethany	14-15
Weaverville, 11 a. m.	15
Biltmore, 8 p. m.	15
Henderson, Reedy Patch	21-22
Hendersonville	22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
	August
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Hickory Grove, Derita, 3 p. m.	8
Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m.	14-15
Monroe, Central, night	15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Dilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Greensboro, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Summer School for preachers at Trinity College, all pastors urged to attend	8
Coleridge circuit, Olivet	14-15
High Point, East End, night	15
Deep River circuit, Cedar Fall	21-22
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, night	22
Randleman, Old Union	28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night	29
	July
Greensboro circuit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
	August
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer	23

MARION DISTRICT

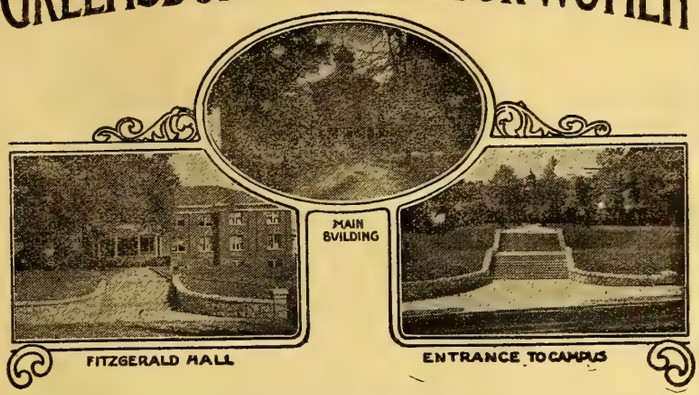
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Second Round

Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville

	June
Old Fort circuit, Ebenezer	7-8
Marion station, Sunday night	8-9
McDowell circuit, Bethel	14-15
Marion Mills, Clenchfield, Sunday night	15
Morganton circuit, Zion	21-22
Morganton station, Sunday night	22-23
Cliffside circuit, Oak Grove	28-29
Henrietta-Caroleen, Henrietta Sunday night	29
	July
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. m.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday 3 p. m.	20
Bakersville circuit, Penland, night	26-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
	August
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10

The Marion district conference will convene on Wednesday morning, July 2, at 9:30 o'clock in the town of Marion.

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MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Rural Hall, Germanton, 11 a. m. 8 p. m.	6
Summerfield, Mt. Pisgah	7-8
Stokesdale, Glencoe	14-15
Jonesville, Grassy Creek	21-22
Elkin, 11 at night 22 at 11 a. m.	
Yadkinville, Boonville, 20 at 11 a. m. and 22 at night.	
Walnut Cove	28
Madison-Stoneville, Mayodan	29
	July
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-20
eaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

The Mount Airy district conference will be held at Walnut Cove, June 26-28. Bishop Darlington will preside.

W. F. Womble.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesvile, N. C.
Third Round

	June
North Lenoir, Harpers, 11 a. m.	1
Lenoir, First, 3 p. m.	1
South Lenoir, South Lenoir, 8 p. m.	1
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	2
Hickory, First, 8 p. m.	2
Catawba, Center, 11 a. m.	4
Maiden, St. Paul, 3 p. m.	4
Newton, 8 p. m.	4
Statesville, Race, St. Johns, 11 a. m.	8
Statesville circuit, Trinity, 3 p. m.	8
Statesville, Broad, 8 p. m.	8
Alexander, Liberty, 11 a. m.	14-15
Stony Point, Pisgah, 3 p. m.	14-15
Cool Springs, Clarksbury, 11 a. m.	21-22
Olin, Mt. Bethel, 3 p. m.	21-22

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
Third Round

	June
First Church, 11 a. m.	15
Spencer, Central, night	15
China Grove, 11 a. m.	22
Park Avenue, night	22
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	29
Concord, Forest Hill, night	29
	July
Woodleaf, South River	5-6
South Main, night	6
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m.	13
Badin, night	13
Cottonville, Rehobeth	19-20
Norwood, Randall	20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richfield	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
	August
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circuit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmoney, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Haywood, Davis Chapel	7-8
Clyde, Clyde	8-9
Sylva	14-15
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, 4 p. m.	15
Macon, Maidens Chapel	21-22
Franklin, night	22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge	23
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

The Waynesville district conference will be held at Murphy, July 9-10.

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Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.

Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.

Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.

Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.

Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.

South Thomasville, July 4, night.

Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.

Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.

Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.

Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.

West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.

Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.

Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.

Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.

District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.

All Sunday school officers and teachers are requested to attend all services of 3rd round

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.
Third Round

	June
Helton circuit, Greenwood	7-8
Jefferson circuit, Zion	14-15
Creston circuit, Big Laurel	21-22
Boone circuit, Rutherwood	28-29
Laurel Springs, Mt. Zion	28-29
	July
Elkland circuit, Cranberry	5-6
North Wilkes	5-6
Sparta, Piney Creek	12-13
Watauga, Mabel	12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview	19-20
Elk Park, Banner Elk	19-20
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
	August
North Wilkesboro	2-3

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To One Still "Over There."

By JAMES BEEBEE.

Dear heart, I think of you when days begin,
In all the tasks that come to me
Your own beloved face I see.
When twilight falls and tender stars within
The sky's great dome peer out, I'm calling thee.

Dear memories come all thorugh the lonely hours,
Repeating ever, "You're away,
There is no joy within the day."
Returning birds and spring's bright, cheerful flowers
Once dear, are only calling, "You're away."

Lonely I stand and wait as thousands here,
With loved ones still beyond the sea,
But some day you'll come back to me,
Some day you'll come back, I know, my dear,
Ah, say you'll come back the same to me!

—Ex.

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Editorial

AN IMPORTANT MATTER

An important matter which has already been called to the attention of Conference claimants is the fact that the tables for the distribution of the net earnings of the Superannuate Endowment Fund to the Claimants will be completed, July 1. Conference secretaries and Superannuates, widows and orphans of deceased preachers should see at once that proper information is given to the Board of Finance. Any claimants whose years of service and addresses are not reported by that time, cannot, by order of the Board, figure in the distribution about to be made. The date for making up the table has been fixed as late as possible so that there would be ample time for all reports on the claimants to come in.

CONSERVING THE RESULTS OF THE CENTENARY

The results of the Centenary have been in almost every sense gratifying. It is safe to say that no such campaign of education has ever been projected in the history of the church. For once we have had an organization reaching from chief official down to the humblest member of the congregation. The result is that in most of the pastoral charges the results are far in excess of what the most sanguine had phophecied in the beginning. And these results are not to be reckoned in mere dollars and cents. By far the most significient of all these results is that the church has discovered herself, that she has now proved her ability to face the great world problem of sin and salvation without the least ground for fear as to resources of money and men. Witnesses to this are the millions pledged and the great army of minute men and other workers developed.

There is danger now that relaxation may bring about reaction, and that we may lose much for lack of conserving what has been brought to the surface. Sinking the shaft and bringing the gold to the surface in great heaps is not enough. There must be the continuous process of separating from dross, and refining, else the labor and expense of bringing the precious metal to the surface is lost. We must not fall dead after the first great victory, or our last state will be worse than the first. These minute men and others who have wrought so valiantly must now be directed to the higher service of soul winning. What a mighty power they would be turned loose as flaming evangels in our otherwise closed churches! What a power for the upbuilding of the spiritual life of the church and the edifying of the body of Christ!

We can well afford to project a church-wide drive for soul-winning just as we have projected this drive for the money needed in the enlargement of our missionary program, and unless we do this there is danger that another and far more difficult campaign will have to be waged in the near future to arouse the church from a state of lethargy. The critical hour with the fever patient is when the pulse becomes sub-normal. So in the activities of the church the time of peril is just after the flush of victory.

THE MATTER OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

One of our exchanges recently had the following inquiry: "What are we to do when we come to conference with a four hundred dollar appointment? Can we find a college and seminary trained man to willingly attach himself to such work?"

This inquiry can only be answered by an emphatic, no. Not only is it impossible to find a college and seminary man who can be supported on such a pittance, but no sort of man can be supported on it. Yet our minutes show each year numbers of charges that pay no more, and some not as much. Moreover, some of these charges include single congregations that are amply able to do as much for the support of the pastor as the whole charge is doing. Is it not time somebody would inaugurate a movement with the view of waking up these sleeping congregations? Passing through a prosperous section some while ago, the writer remarked to his traveling companion about the evidences of thrift on every hand, and the reply came, "Yes, these people all have good bank accounts. They are making money and saving all they make." In that community is a Methodist church with a large membership, amply able to support a pastor, yet they do not think so, and are content to share the service of a pastor with perhaps a half dozen other places. Notwithstanding, the pastor gets a scant living from the whole charge.

Our people must come to understand that with a horse or automobile to keep, a family to support and educate, a library to keep up and perodicals to pay for, together with the constant demands upon his own spirit of liberality that he may be an example to his flock as well as exemplar of the Christly spirit to all, the pastor can hope for no margin when $1,000 has been spent. The fact is most of them will have a deficit in spite of efforts to economize. With the present "high cost of living" there should be a general revision of estimates for the support of the ministry, and stewards should insist upon payments being made all along through the year instead of paying at the end of the year. There is no habit of our church people which is more reprehensible than that of deferring payments on the pastor's salary till the end of the year.

Let stewards bestir themselves, and let all who read these lines remember that there is, at this very moment, suffering in many pastor's homes, simply because many have been careless and inconsiderate. In many cases the salaries are not sufficient to give support, and in addition to this the pittance estimated has been withheld.

A CALL FOR CO-OPERATION

A familiar face going the rounds among us these days is that of one of our Christian teachers, a consecrated and self-sacrificing man, who has temporarily abdicated his throne of power in the professior's chair in order that he may secure the funds necessary for taking care of one of the most important educational institutions. For many years it has been a school of the prophets, a Mecca of the poor but worthy young men of a large section, and it is all but a tragedy to see how this man and other worthy men, have given their lives unselfishly to this highest service of mankind.

This opens up the whole question of our duty as well as privileges in the matter of moral and material support of our Christian schools. There has never been a time in the history of the church when conditions called so loudly for her benefactions in behalf of Christian education, and it ought not to be necessary for our godly men who have consecrated their lives to this holy cause to turn from their ministry in order to keep our institutions going and growing in physicial equipment. Our people ought to see and grasp the opportunity to invest their means in character and life by helping these institutions. A building, a scholarship or even the smallest gift to one of our Christian colleges, would, in its reflex effect, do more to promote the genuine happiness of many Advocate readers than all their self-indulgence which they are purchasing at great cost. In fact, self-indulgence brings happiness to no one, and we are in position to know that in many instances it is bringing trouble to many a household.

With such a providential call as the present conditions of our educational institutions make it is time for more of our people to whom God has committed much of this world's goods to come out of their hiding places and make themselves felt as a power for good. Wealth can make no reasonable apology for its existence unless it be used for the glory of God and the good of the world. There is reason to fear that the gospel has been preached in vain to our 110,000 Methodists in Western North Carolina if they can not be induced to lay down $2,000,000 within the next five years to take care of our educational opportunities. Let us fully agree upon our policy, go before the people with a clearly defined proposition and press it with the strongest talent among us, and the money will come. Let one man become the incarnation of the whole movement and it will be surprising to see how the mists will roll away from our skies and how we shall tap the hidden springs of generosity among our people.

This done, it will not be necessary for our teachers to wear their lives out, picking up dimes where thousands should be given.

MAKING THE DREAM COME TRUE

Under this head the Christian Guardian in a recent issue uttered the very thought which has been groaning in us for proper expression for some time. There has been much in recent events to suggest a study of the prophecy of Joel in which it is declared that the old men shall dream dreams and that the young men shall see visions under conditions evidently described as the accompaniment of a new order of things. These things were to come to pass under the power of a spiritual baptism which should be all-embracing in its effect. At the same time this induement is strangely associated with the imagery of "blood and fire and pillars of smoke," evidently typefying the rapine and devastation of war, preceding the "great and terrible day of the Lord." It is, therefore, in harmony with the order of recent events that we should indulge in dreams of a glorious day lying just beyond this period of reconstruction upon which the world now enters. Our task now is to make the dreams come true. Referring to this the Guardian says:

"That is the hard task upon which we are engaged at this very moment, and there are no doubt many to whom it seems at times not only a hard, but a most discouraging, or even a hopeless task. Throughout those long years of struggle and strain and sacrifice the dream came to us many times, over and over again. We saw in the fair dawn of some future day 'after the war' the coming in of real fellowship among the nations, and of justice and brotherhood and the kingly rule of the law of service among men the wide world over. In all the stir and throb and feeling of those days, so different from any we had ever known before, it seemed to us that it would not only be possible but even easy, to make the world all over after a new and wonderful fashion. And so we cherished the dream and waited and hoped for the time when it would come true in real and positive fashion.

But the days we looked forward to are now upon us, and instead of the magical realization of our fond hopes we find ourselves in the midst of a distraction and turmoil and strife and a clash of interests such as the world has not seen for many years, with no indication that there is any sure and safe way out to peace and well-being and the common good, and certainly no very clear indication in what direction that way lies. The hope that we may have cherished of some open and easy door into a new and better world seems to have failed us; and it may be, indeed, that some of us have begun to doubt if there is such a door to be found anywhere.

What was the matter with our dream? Certainly it was very beautiful, and the prospect of it filled us with joy and a great hope. Was it a fantastic, will-o'-the-wisp thing, luring us along to foolish and impossible destinies, or was it intended that we make it come true? We dare not give any but one answer to such questions. The dream came to us of God's good angels, and we can and we must make it come true. To give up that faith would be to go back upon destiny and to fly into the very face of God.

Well, what is the matter that the consummation tarries so? In reality there is not very much the matter, only that some of us are inclined to forget that this thing of making dreams come true is one of the hardest and most strenuous jobs that men have ever had to do. It takes more courage and persistence and determination and faithfulness and self-sacrifice than all other jobs put together. So long as we stay in our dream city everything looks beautiful and beautifully easy. And that is why some of us like to stay there. But when we are forced out we find that the job of making our dream city a real one is beset with difficulties and problems that perplex the brain and stagger the courage and try the very soul.

No, there is nothing the matter with the dream, the only question is, will there be enough of wisdom, and of heroism, and of God in us to make us the instruments of its realization. We have dreamed great things, in heaven's name the realization must not be a pitiable anti-climax."

TRINITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT AND THE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PREACHERS

While these two occasions are separate and distinct, they are so closely related as to the time and place of holding the same that they merge the one into the other.

Trinity College has just closed a fine year. The Commencement occasion last week was one of the best ever given by that historic institution. At the Trustees meeting Monday afternoon, which was largely attended, President Few made his annual report showing the affairs of the college to be in splendid shape. In the Wiley Gray contest on Mondey night. Mr. J. H. Lanning, of Linwood, received the coveted medal. Brother Lanning is a preacher on trial in our Conference and will take up the regular work next fall.

The two outstanding visitors to the commencement were Bishop W. F. McDowell, of Washington, and Dr. C. L. Goodell, of New York. The former delivered the address on Wednesday and the latter preached the sermon on Tuesday. Both utterances were great and inspiring. Capt. R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia, delivered the oration upon the occasion of the Memorial service in honor of Trinity men who have given their lives in the war. The Alumni dinner was largely attended by former students and friends of the college.

Closely related to the commencement is the Summer School for Preachers which began on Wednesday night. Dr. Chas. L. Goodell, of New York, remained over and gave three most inspiring addresses. Dr. George E. Coe, of Union Theological Seminary, also delivered four addresses. Dr. F. N. Parker, of Atlanta, conducted a lecture course for the older preachers on the "Life and Work of Jesus Christ." Rev. C. L. Price, one of the general evangelists of our church, gave three lectures along the lines of evangelistic activities. Classes were conducted by selected men for the undergraduates of both conferences in North Carolina.

At the time this is written, the school is still in session. The attendance of pastors has been unuually large this year, and the school is becoming stronger with each session that is held.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Winston-Salem expects Soon to have a million dollar high school building. It will be known as the Reynolds Memorial Building and is made possible because Mrs. R. J. Reynolds has offered to donate $50,000 toward the purchase of a suitable site and contribute liberally besides toward the building fund.

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The Governor of Texas has notified the war depart that the situation on the Mexican border is so critical that additional troops may be needed there in an emergency to protect American life and property against the raids of lawless bands of Mexicans. Within two weeks past more than forty Americans have been killed in that region by bandits.

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The Explosion of twelve kegs of blasting powder caused the death of about 100 coal miners near Wilkesbarre, Penn. on last Thursday. A train load of workers were on the way to the mines and as they were passing through a tunnel a detached electric wire coming in contact with the powder on the rear car, produced the explosion, which carried destruction and death to nearly all on board.

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A Nation-wide strike of telegraph and telephone operators who are members of the commercial Telegraphers Union of America was ordered last Saturday to be effective yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. This general strike was ordered because it was alleged that in Atlanta, Union operators had been discharged for being members of the Union. As we go to press it is not known how completely the order has been obeyed.

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Alvin C. York was a conscientious objector, who when conscripted went to the front to do his duty and he did it well, capturing alone one day a company of German troops, and marching them into camp as their only guard. When he returned home this unassuming countryman was honored in New York and other cities by special receptions and dinings, but he never lost his head. Without much education his speeches read like classics and are saturated with strong Common sense and Christian truth.

The Agents of Anarchy who are striving to destroy all law and government should be sought out and severely punished. The experiences of a month ago, when bombs were sent to many prominent officials in various parts of the country, including Senator Overman, of Salisbury, are still fresh in our minds, but the enemies of order are still breathing out threatening, and reminded the people last Monday night that they were still a menace to society by distributing bombs where they intended to wreck homes of high officials in Washington and several other cities. Detectives are at work to discover the criminals who when convicted should be made to suffer the extreme penalty of the law.

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The Woman Suffrage Amendment passed the Senate last Wednesday by more than the two-thirds vote required, having received 56 votes for and 25 against adopting. Thirty-six republican and twenty democratic Senators supported the measure, while eight republicans and seventeen democrats voted against it. The principal opposition came from Southern Senators. This amendment originally drafted by Susan B. Anthony in 1875 was first introduced in the Senate by Senator Sargent, of California, in 1875, since which time, in the face of both abuse and ridicule it has steadily gained adherents until now the women are exercising the franchise in a majority of the States. The Amendment as passed has yet to gain the approval of three-fourths of the States before it will be a part of the organic law of the land.

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The Peace Conference Proposals are met by the Germans with counter proposals, so volumninous that the negotiations are being long drawn out, and the Council of Four, with the exception of Clemenceau, according to the news report, are inclined to consider the differences orally in order to save time. The Germans protest vigorously against the submitted terms claiming they will be unable to meet the heavy requirements, but the allied council is not inclined to make compromises. The final ultimatum which will probably be handed to the German representatives this week will have to be signed within reasonable time or the military forces will move forward. The Austrians following the German policy are also parleying about the terms required of them and may delay the signing by submitting counter proposals. Our representatives in Paris have first-hand information and may be depended on to act wisely in the face of conditions, and it is hoped that final settlement may be reached certainly within the present month.

COMMENCEMENT GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The seventy-first commencement of Greensboro College for Women began Saturday evening, May 31 with the Expression Recital. A large attendance was present at these exercises which showed thorough work done by the students in this department under Miss Dixie Robinson, teacher of Expression and Physical Culture.

On Monday, June ? the exercises at the College were featured by the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association and the Alumnae-Student Luncheon, the class day exercises in the afternoon and the play by the Seniors at night.

At the business meeting of the Alumnae Association plans for the extension of the college library engaged special attention. During the past year the association had planned to raise $5,900 for this purpose and progress was reported. The report of the president of the association, Mrs. W. S. Dickson, of the secretary, Mrs. F. R. Owen, and of the president of the college, Dr. S. B. Turrentine were received showing the prosperous condition of the college. Announcement was made of a gift to the library from J. M. Rhodes, former president of Littleton College, which was burned last January. This gift includes $1,000 worth of books.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Vera Idol, of High Point, president; Mrs. W. C. Tucker, of Greensboro, first vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Odell, Concord, N. C., second vice-president; Miss Alice Aycock, Pantego, N. C., third vice-president; Miss Annie Lee Smith, of Greensboro, recording secretary; Mrs. J. M. Stone, of Greensboro, corresponding secretary; Miss Linvie M. Ward, of Greensboro, recorder; Mrs. E. L. nie M. Ward, of Greensboro, treasurer.

Following the business meeting the members of the Alumnae Association were guests of the faculty and students at the annual Luncheon, given in the dining hall of the college.

Mrs. W. S. Dickson, retiring president, acted as toast minstress and introduced the speakers. The first was Mrs. I. S. Isler, who spoke in a humorous vein in response to a toast which she declared to be nameless. "Wearing the Green," was read by Miss Odell Peacock, of the Freshman class, at the conclusion of which the class rose and doffed the huge green boughs they were wearng, indicating that their days of Freshman greeness was over.

Mrs Lucy H. Robertson in a happy way preposed a toast to a recent bride for years associated with the college in various ways, Mrs. Martha Dosier Flagge.

Mrs. F. R. Owen, official secretary of the Alumnae spoke of the work she had been endeavoring to do in bringing together former students. To this Miss Thelma Dixon responded in behalf of the Alumnae members who were present.

Following songs by Sophomores Juniors and Seniors, President S. B. Turrentine presented the guest of honor, Mr. J. A. Odell, and told of his magnificient gift of $100,000, to be used in the erection of an auditorium and consevatory of music in memory of Mrs. Odell

Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the class day exercises proved to be enjoyable and were witnessed by a large attendance. The exercises were on the lawn in front of the Main building.

On Monday evening before a large and appreciative audience the Senior Class play was given. "The Temple of Fame" was the title of the play, and the young women most amply spoke their lines and acted their parts, elaborate costumes being provided for the occasion. The hearty and enthusiastic applause of the audience evidenced their appreciation of the work of the class.

The graduating exercises began at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, June 3 followed by the annual address delivered by Hon. Robert Newton Page, of Biscoe, N. C.

The presentation of the certificates, diplomas, degress and Bible was included in the first part of the exercises. The musical numbers rendered by members of the faculty of the college of music were of higher order and greatly enjoyed by the large audience. Prayer was offered by Dr. E. L. Bain, of West Market Street Church and the awards were delivered by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson made a brief, fitting address upon the delivery of the Bibles.

President Turrentine introduced the speaker of the hour, Mr. Page, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause, delivered a forceful address well received by the large audience present. Discussing the great war, Mr. Page found it unlike any other conflict the world had ever known. The issue was squarely met, the fateful step was taken, and this nation was the deciding factor in that great struggle. He paid eloquent tribute to the devotion of the women, who sent their men to battle with a smile.

Mr. Page referred particularly to the appalling amount of illiteracy in the state. Recalling the great educational campaign of 1900, he referred to the work of the late Chas. B. Aycock, who had once thanked God for South Carolina, because "She kept us from being at the foot of column of the state illiterates." The fibre of our citizenship is in the crucible and must be tested by some of the experiences through which we have passed said the former Congressman. About fifty per cent of the draft registrants have been found physically unfit. Corrective measures are absolutely imperative.

"We must not relenquish the high ideals that won the war," said Mr. Page and he warnd of impending problems of most the difficult nature. There are battles before us, said he, "that are going to try the souls of men and women as possibly they have never been tried before. America has stricken down the shackles of autocracy and even greater tasks lie ahead in ececting the complete liberation of such peoples."

"We have been lifted out of the isolation of a century and a half and cannot return to our former selfish aloofness."

Benefactions Announced

Announcing the benefactions of the past year, President Turrentine alluded to the $100,000 donation of J. A. Odell for the new college auditorium

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CONTRIBUTIONS

THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION

It will be remembered that the General Conference provided for two great church-wide intensive campaigns. One for the purpose of the Centenary; the other for education. In making provision for these campaigns, the General Conference directed, "That the right of way be given to the Centenary during the first two years and to the educational campaign during the second two years of the quadrennium and that during these two periods as far as possible the full power of the church be delivered in these respective campaigns."

The intensive campaigns for the Centenary has just closed and was a glorious success.

At its present session the Board of Education provided for a campaign committee and laid out certain definite lines of work in preparation for the campaign to begin actively in 1920. The Board's actions in this matter are contained in the following resolutions:

1. That the Board of Education hereby endorse the spirit and purpose of the Inter-church World Movement and authorize the campaign committee on Education provided for in Section 2 of this report to co-operate with the movement and to relate our campaign to it as closely as possible under the action of the General Conference.

2. That an Educational Campaign Committee is hereby created to have direction and control of the general church-wide Educational campaign provided for by the last General conference. Said Committee shall consist of eleven members, five of whom shall be selected by this board from its own members upon the nomination of the nominating committee of the board, five of whom shall be selected by the executive committee of the Methodist Educational Association from the committee of Ten provided for by said association at its recent meeting in Memphis, and the corresponding secretary of this board. The committee may add to its membership if circumstances arise making it advisable.

3. The Educational campaign committee is hereby clothed with authority to select a director general, to decide all questions connected with the campaign, and to adopt such means as may be deemed necessary to make the campaign effective. As Southern Methodist University, through the president of its Board of Trustees, has asked that the said University be included in the general intensive church-wide educational campaign, the committee herein created is instructed to include the university in the campaign on such terms as the committee and the authorities of the University may agree, and if the trustees of Emory University should apply for inclusion in the campaign, the committee is hereby instructed to admit such institution on such terms as the committee and the authorities of the unipersity may agree.

4. The corresponding secretary of this board is hereby instructed to enter at once upon a comprehensive survey of the educational conditions and needs of all parts of the church, including a complete study of each educational institution of the church, its field of service and usefulness to the church, its elements of strength and weakness, the title of the church to its property, and its financial conditions and needs. In making this survey the secretary is authorized to employ such expert service as he may deem necessary. He shall submit his findings, properly classified and organized, to the Educational campaign committee created in Section two of this report. After a careful study of the reports of the secretary and of Exhibit G., published in Vol. VIII, No. 1, May, 1919, Bulletin of the Board of Education, said Committee shall make up a revised budget of the financial needs of the Educational institutions and interests of the church to be submitted to our people in the campaign.

5. That the corresponding secretary of this board is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to have prepared an adequate body of literature covering the whole field of Christian education and to distribute the same throughout the church, as a part of a campaign designed to awaken in the church a full realization of the tremendous issues involved in the cause of Christian education and to develop an informed public opinion on the question that will insure adequate provision for our educational institutions.

6. That the corresponding secretary is hereby instructed to have presented to the College of Bishops the desire of this board that they make such a deliverance to the whole church on the subject of the Educational campaign as its importance suggests, and that he likewise take the necessary steps to have the cause ably presented to the next session of the Annual Conference of the church and to secure appropriate actions therefrom.

7. That it is the judgment of this board that the time is ripe for the establishment of a strong Liberal Arts College of our church in the State of Oklahoma and our secretary is directed to present the matter to the Annual Conferences in Oklahoma this fall with a view to their enterprising and providing through this campaign for such a college as will serve adequately the educational needs of the two conferences in that state. The board pledges its hearty approval and support of such a movement.

8. That this board hereby requests through its corresponding secretary that the management of the Centenary, upon the completion of their drive, give appropriate endorsement of the Educational campaign; that they commend same to the church and that they request the members of their organization throughout the church to give to the Educational campaign all possible assistance, as the most effective means of developing the trained personnel absolutely necessary in order to deliver the full power of the church in both the home and the foreign field.

9. That the Educational campaign committee is hereby authorized to represent the Board of education in considering and collaborating plans for co-operation between the educational campaign on the one hand, and the campaign that may be enterprised by the Board of Finance for the Superannuate Endowment Fund on the other hand, in the event that future developments should suggest such co-operation.

The campaign committee propided for in the resolutions above is as follows:

From the Board of Education: Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Dr. H. N. Snyder, Dr. Paul H. Linn, Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Dr. Stonewall Anderson, ex officio.

From the Methodist Education Association: Dr. A. F. Watkins,, Dr. S. C. Hatcher, Dr. W. P. Few, Dr. C. C. Weaver, Dr. C. M. Bishop.

Nashville, Tenn. Stonewall Anderson.

SIX MONTHS WITH THE RED TRIANGLE

Henry Alford Porter

The greatest privilege in the world was to preach the gospel to the American Army overseas. This privilege was mine through invitations of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A.

I am endebted to the Y. M. C. A. for the call and field of service, but to my church is due the credit of my support while over there. Consequently I can look at the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Europe from a somewhat detached point of view.

I did not reach the other side until the latter part of October. My experience had in the main, therefore, to do with conditions subsequent to the armistice.

My journeyings took me from the Mediteranean to the Rhine and from the borders of Switzerland to the Bay of Biscay and accorded exceptional opportunities for observation. It was given to me to address several hundreds of thousands of our soldiers and to see the Y. M. C. A. at work all over France and in the regions of Germany occupied by our army.

Criticisms by the Soldiers

Our soldiers in France were a world's wonder. No more glorious page has ever been written in our American history than these lads have written. I never addressed one of those great responsive gatherings of our men without feeling humbled in their presence. Yet I venture to say that too much has been made of the criticisms of the Y. M. C. A. by the soldiers. Under the strain of life in unfamiliar and uncongenial conditions on a foreign soil misunderstandings were inevitable, and naturally the spirit of criticism was let loose and freely indulged, and it is proverbial that criticism loves a shining mark.

The Y. M. C. A. made mistakes. Thereby it proved its claim to be human. We can join in the hymn, "The mistakes of my life have been many." "I'm blundering on toward heaven," said the saintly Rutherford. The only people who make no mistakes are dead people. I saw a man in Egypt who had not made a mistake in 5,000 years, but he was a mummy in an Egyptian museum.

The man or organization that never makes mistakes never makes anything. There were mistakes in our military program and in the beneficent work of the Red Cross.

Magnitude of the Task

Comparisons have been made between the efficiency of the Y. M. C. A. and kindred welfare organizations often to the detriment of the Y. M. C. A., but let it be ever borne in mind that these organizations, valuable as was their work, were so infinitely smaller in size and obligations as to furnish no basis for comparison.

The very vastness of the scale on which the Y. M. C. A. operated made blunder inevitable. Probably it would be rather generally admitted that the Y. M. C. A., in its passion for service, took upon itself functions difficult if not impossible to operate in unison.

The canteen service in itself was an immense undertaking. It was assumed at the request of General Pershing. A British statesman once said to Queen Victoria, who had rallied him for not replying to an invitation, that a sovereign's invitations were not to be answered; they were to be obeyed. In like manner it may be said that in military circles a request is practically a command.

The canteens were operated by untrained and inexperienced volunteers who, for the most part, had little experience in store-keeping and who were often hampered by scarcity of provisions through difficulties of transportation. There could undoubtedly be cited, also, instances of unwise administration at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters. But on the whole, considering the enormous difficulties involved, the Y. M. C. A. is entitled to a lot of sympathy and no little praise over this canteen question.

The host of men necessitated for the immense program of the Y. M. C. A. presented almost limitless possibilities of error. Although these men were selected with care there were undoubtedly isolated cases who gave just ground for complaint, square pegs in round holes, tactless personalities ill suited to their tasks. Granted individual instances of inefficiency and stupidity and even worse, the remarkable thing is that the percentage of failure was not greater. A great organization is to be judged, surely, not by sporadic cases of individual incapacity, but by its entire character and total accomplishments.

The Y. M. C. A. and Religion

The Y. M. C. A. has been criticised for the attitude of its representatives toward religious endeavor. It is true that the hut secretaries were not always friendly to such endeavor. In some instances they did not seem to be aware that the Y. M. C. A. is primarily a religious organization, the representative of the churches of the homeland. These instances, so far as my observation went, were comparatively rare, but undoubtedly one silly "Y" man counteracted the good work of a dozen true and capable secretaries. To the honor of the Y. M. C. A. administration be it said that efforts were constantly made to weed out incompetent and unworthy men, and a number were released and sent home.

After associating with hundreds of Y. M. C. A. workers, the dominant impression left on my mind is that it is a body of efficient, devoted and self-sacrificing men and women. The secretaries in charge of religious work were, especially, men of noble spiritual tone and of personal devotion to the highest interests of the men.

The more recent criticism of the Y. M. C. A. in its post-war activities, is that it is seeking the breakdown of the denominations. I found a widespread recognition of the underlying unity of those who are the children of one Father, of the deep and enduring ties of Christian fellowship. But the bulk

of the Y. M. C. A. workers whom I encountered seemed deeply attached to the home church as ever and by no means eager to see the denominational fences broken down. Of course denominational differences were not brought to the fore, yet I discovered surprisingly little tendency to belittle them.

It is true that individuals who have spoken under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., both in this country and abroad, evidently regarded denaminationalism as an irrelevance and an impertinence. They have taken advantage of the latitude allowed them to loose wild tongues, deriding what they call "the stupidity" of denominations and enlarging on what they call "the mutual rivalries and jealousies and animosities of the competing sects."

I have found no clear evidence to indicate that these radical and destructive anti-denominational sentiments are fathered or fostered by the Y. M. C. A. as an organization. Needless to say if antagonism to denominationalism were the attitude of the Y. M. C. A. it would certainly have a real fight on its hands.

A Great Place and a Great Work

To my mind the Y. M. C. A. has a place in the Christian endeavor of the future, and a great place. That place is pretty clearly understood by the churches. Let it stay in its place. Any program to disintergate denominationalism or to assume leadership of the churches would arouse a storm that would be harmful to the cause of Christianity throughout the whole world.

To sum it all up, it seems to me that the Y. M. C. A. has on the whole met a great emergency magnificently. With all allowance for flaws of administration and deficiencies in human and material equipment it nevertheless remains true that the Y. M. C. A. rendered a service to the soldiers colossal in proportions and unspeakable in value. Its work will ever be a part, and a vital and indispensable part, of the story of the winning of the war.

A ONE MINUTE SERMON

By H. L. Atkins

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."—Ps. 90:17.

A little presumptious, surely, to ask the Great God to let His beauty be up a fallen man. But God promises to give the penitent beauty for ashes, and exhorts His back-sliden children to put on their beautiful garments.

When Moses came down from the mountain where he had been with God his face shone. The beauty of God was upon him. Always upon the Christ, it glorified even his clothing upon the mount of transfiguration.

But there is the quiet beauty of God possible to humble men and women which enables them, tho' dressed like others, and using largely the same words, somehow to make people want to be better. Lord, give us the mark, the beauty of the Lord God, that our whole lives may call men to holy living.

SOME CONDITIONS AND RELIEF WORK IN THE NEAR EAST

Word has been received by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief that the instigators of an attempted massacre of Armenians in Aleppo, Syria, some weeks ago, have been executed by the British military authorities after a trial, and that this application of British justice has had a wholesome moral effect on the Turks. In one place, Aintab, the Turkish authorities have surrendered the rifles in their possession.

The cablegram tells also of the work of rehabilitation and repatriation of the Armenians in the territory about Aleppo, which, since the armistice, has been greatly congested by the return of thousands of refugees deported to the Arabian desert by the Turks in 1915.

There are 80,000 Armenian refugees in the area about Aleppo, according to the message, which is signed by Dr. James L. Barton, the chairman of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, and by Major Stephen Trowbridge, in charge of the relief work in the Aleppo district. Of this number of refugees, it is estimated that 6,000 are Christian girls kept in Moslem houses.

The message says that the British authorities were about to rescue these girls, and that the committe's relief workers were busy preparing shelter, bedding and employment for their reception. During the month of April 260 Christian girls were rescued from Turkish harems in the one town of Aintab. They were given shelter and employment.

"The faces of many of the rescued girls are tatooed with Moslem marks, to show that they were Moslem property," says the cablegram. "Some of the girls, in their shame, have attempted to eradicate these tatoo marks with corrosives, and even fingernails.'"

Within a fortnight, the message says, 4,000 refugees had been repatriated in towns westward and northward of Aleppo. About 3,000 were due to arrive from Damascus, 1,200 were in Deirzor awaiting safe conduct, and 150 were arriving daily from Kara.

The establishment of orphanages in that territory to take care of the children whose parents were massacred by the Turks, is proceeding rapidly, the message indicates. "Four orphanages established Aintab, six Marash," it says; "600 orphans cared for in Urfa, 1,800 in Aleppo orphanages. Opening new boys' orphanage on 10." Relief work is organized in Mardin, which is farther in the interior.

Industrial work has been undertaken in the Armenian villages of the Antioch region and silk production recommenced by the distribution of 100 boxes of silkworm eggs to 300 families recently repatriated. In the towns of Aintab and Marash, the Armenians who have money have contributed to the loan fund inaugurated by Dr. Barton for the purpose of enabling returning refugees to buy industrial tools, materials, seed wheat, and animals for farms.

Preparations are being made for the rebuilding of a large numberof houses destroyed by the Turks. Employment will be found for many men in quarries which are to be started near the cities, from which stone will be obtained for the houses. Other men will be sent into the forests in the mountains to cut the necessary timber.

The message adds that the German hospital in Marash has been taken over by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, and that hospitals in Aintab and Aleppo are being prepared for the installation of units sent out by the committee. Other hospitals have been established in other towns.

USE DYNAMITE IF NECESSARY

A few years ago there was much said in the agricultural papers about the use of dynamite for farming purposes. It was claimed that plowing did not break up the earth deep enough, that dynamite was necessary. That a field that had been torn up by the free use of dynamite would yield a harvest that would more than repay for the trouble and cost. We do not know about the correctness of this theory. But we do believe that occasionally there is a congregation that nothing but dynamite will help. The Master now and then found such an audience. His gentleness gave way to severity. His words of kindness were put aside and he hurled at his hearers words that hissed and burned. "Ye generation of vipers! How can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Blowing up a Church

We recetnly heard a preacher tell the following story. It was while he was presiding elder. At a certain country church with a large membership but with a reputation for stinginess, the pastor came to him and begged him to take the collections for conference assessments. The amount was small. He thought there would be no great trouble in raising it. He preached his best. The people began to shout. The whole congregation seemed swayed by the Spirit. The elder himself joined in the hallelujahs. It was a good time. He closed the sermon with the feeling that the raising of a little money would be an easy task. He announced that they would now make their contributions to the benevolences. The spiritual warmth disappeared like violets before a blizzard. In a moment everything was as cold and stiff as an iceberg. He asked for $2.50. Nobody responded. He exhorted and explained and begged and appealed and thus did it all over again. Not a subscription was made. Finally the pastor said, "I will pay $5.00. The presiding elder by this time was so wrought up over the niggardliness of the church that he said: "No, you will not. These people have starved you nearly to death and now not one of them is willing to give the paltry sum of $2.50 to the cause of Christ need to be turned out. At least we do not want to take into the Methodist church any more such folks. We have enough of this stripe of cattle. Receive the benediction."

The Result

The congregation got out of the church and gathered in little groups. The pastor slipped up to the elder and said: "They are fighting mad." "Let 'em get glad when it pleases them." said the indignant presiding elder. "I will go on up to your parsonage. You can come when you feel like it." The pastor tarried and he and his rebuked people talked over the situation. At last he joined the elder at the parsonage. His face was wreathed in smiles and his heart was lighter and happier than it had been for many a day. He said: "The blowing up you gave them did the work. Here is the money," and he counted out in cold cash every dollar that church had been asked to pay. Conscience-stricken and humiliated, but in a penitent spirit, they had gathered about their pastor and paid their assessment.

Dynamite is a dangerous thing. It ought not to be used except as a last resort. Unless skillfully handled it is apt to blow to pieces the man who uses it. But there are times when only the explosion of a mighty indignation against littleness and meanness can show men how deceived and deluded and near hell they are. Use dynamite when nothing else is able to do the work.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

"IN A BUDHIST TEMPLE IN AMERICA"

From one who was permitted to enter a California Budhist temple at the hour of worship, we have the following description:

"A shrill, piping noise, worse than a bagpipe in monotony, pierced the ear, and we hurried to the street corner to discover its source and meaning. We saw the squatting figure of a bareheaded, beggarly-looking priest bending over a bonfire of paper. Above him on the wall of the house hung long strips of pink paper covered with Oriental characters. Several stood around alternately reading the placards and blowing into long reed-like instruments, while close by small boys held boxes smokinig with burning incense. They were feeding their joss.

"Turning through a dirty alley we went into the joss house where a hideous Budda idol, six or eight feet tall, sat at the door. We entered a long narrow hall with a row of small idols on each side upon the wall. This led into a square open place with more and larger idols. A group of Chinamen were sitting on benches around the wall. In an interior room there was a gaudily decorated shrine before which several men were performing acts of worship. A number of Chinese lanterns furnished the light and the air was full of incense and Chinese odor. I felt it difficult to breathe; but the oppression felt by the body was scarcely noticed for the weight that fell upon my spirit. I was startled by the likeness between the leering faces of the idols and the faces of the men who were worshipping. The Psalmist said, "They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them. The air seemed fairly to teem with evil spirits whose presence gleamed forth through the eyes of the idols and their makers. My soul fairly staggered with the realization of idolatry as the means whereby the powers of darkness hold in slavery the minds of men, turning them from the worship of the Creator to the creature, from the living God to the graven image unto whom they cried vainly."

Does not this effort to plant blind and helpless gods in our midst reveal to us the horrors of heathenism? Does it not awaken us to a new sense of the divine commission to bear witness of Him who is Savior of the world? Shall we not through the great Centenary Movement of our church realize our responsibility toward these idolatrous people who have established themselves within the sound of our own church bells?

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Mount Airy district, Walnut Cove, June 26-28
Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3
Marion district, Marion, July 2
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10
North Wilkesboro, Valle Crucis, June 24-25
Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25
Shelby district, Fallston, July 28-30

FROM OUR CONFERENCE CENTENARY DIRECTOR

Surely we are not prepared to admit that there is any better conference than the Western North Carolina, in every particular. We know it stands in the front ranks.

Nearly all the conferences have gone over their Centenary allottment without any credits, but the best figures now available show that our conference is not over without credits.

Just three reasons ought to stir us to go over by the 15 of June—(1) The urgent need for the money in this great crisis of the world, and in the life of the church; (2): The consciousness that we can and ought to do as well as our brethren in other conferences; (3): Just pride in the honor and achievment of our great conference.

I most earnestly appeal to every pastor, director, and minute man and every layman to help put our conference over the top on next Sunday, June 15. Enough subscriptions have been overlooked to put us over. There are plenty of persons who can easily increase their subscriptions enough to give us the victory. I beg you to see that every person heretofore unpledged is earnestly solicited. Do not overlook any one. I urge that every one who reads this, consider it seriously and if you find that you can, please increase your pledge, and see that it is counted.

I appeal last and especially to our good women to see that those of them who can, shall respond in service and pledges. If you will exert your influence that will win the day. One hundred thousand dollars more in pledges will probably put us over, but we should make it two hundred thousand dollars.

The appeal, the privilege, the duty lies upon everyone who reads these lines. Let the response be generous and unanimous.

E. A. Cole,
Conference Centenary Director.

Note:—The above appeal was phoned to us just before going to press. It speaks for itself. Let those who have made pledges come again. Our credit as a conference is at stake.—Editor.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. J. Frank Armstrong and family, of Spray, were visitors in the city on Thursday of last week.

—Rev. C. C. Totherow, of Marion, has been assisting Rev. G. W. Clay in revival services at Hunter's Chapel, on the Ararat circuit.

—Rev. Geo. W. Williams, pastor of the Walnut Cove circuit called on Thursday on his way to the Summer School, traveling in his Ford.

—The Mount Airy News says: Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Womble have taken rooms at Mrs. John Ashby's, having rented the district parsonage to Capt. W. H. Long.

—The North Newton Methodist church (Northern) reports a revival recently closed in which there were eighty-eight professions and forty-three accessions to the church.

—Revs. J. W. Combs and T. V. Crouse, of Pilot Mountain and Stokesdale, respectively, brightened the sanctum on Wednesday of last week on their way to the Summer School.

—It is a matter for thanksgiving that the labor troubles in Charlotte and vicinity have peen amicably settled on the open shop plan which is in reality the only fair thing for both the employer and employee.

—Our brethren of the Presbyterian church in North Carolina are moving for a fund of $1,000,000. to strengthen their educational institutions in the Synod. Davidson, Peace Institute, Flora McDonald, Mitchell and Queens College, will all share as the beneficiaries of this movement.

—Rev. John W. Moore closed a very successful revival at Trinity church, Charlotte, on Friday of last week, and, on Sunday morning a large class of candidates was received into the church. Brother Moore was assisted in the meeting by Dr. B. F. Frazer, pastor of Wesley Memorial church, Atlanta.

—Revs. W. M. Smith and Neill C. Williams came up from Ramseur on Wednesday, and were pleasant visitors at the Advocate office. They had just closed a gracious revival at Ramseur. Brother Smith went on to Durham to attend the Summer School, and Brother Williams returned to his home in Shelby.

—Many friends among Advocate readers will regret to learn that Dr. J. M. Dunlap, a popular and prominent physician of Ansonvil'e, had the misfortune to get his right arm broken while cranking his car a few days ago. Dr. Dunlap is probably the oldest physician in the county, being in his 70th year and is active in practice.

—A wedding of interest to many Advocate readers occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Norfleet, at Winston-Salem on Thursday evening, June 5th, when Miss Nan Burton Walker, cousin of Mrs. Norfleet, became the bride of Mr. Leonard Anderson Blackburn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, brother-in-law of the bride.

—The sermon delivered at West Market Street church by the pastor, Rev. Dr. E. L. Bain, last Sunday morning, was one of unusual power and made a profound impression upon the great congregation present. It was simply an old fashioned gospel sermon, from John 3:16-18, delivered with unction in Methodist preacher style, without trimmings, and therein lay its chief merit.

—Main Street Church, Thomasville, is doing the handsome thing in sending their pastor, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, to the Methodist Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio, all expenses paid. One of the officials in conveying this item of news, says: "It is a great pleasure to us to do this both for our pastor's pleasure and benefit, and for the inspiration he will bring back to us."

—Rev. J. D. Arnold, for many years one of the most prominent members of the Western North Carolina Conference and a highly honored and useful member, now lives quietly at his home in Waynesville, having retired from active ministerial work some years ago. The Waynesville Mountaineer of last week says: Rev. J. D. Arnold is spending the week in Washington, D. C., visiting his son, Mr. Bennett Arnold, who is a patient at the Walter Reed hospital there.

—The Ministers Association and the Lord's Day Alliance, of Asheville, have joined hands in an effort to secure a better observance of the Holy Sabbath. They urge Christians not to read the Sunday papers, also to abstain from secular work. The alliance proposes to renew the acquaintance of many Asheville people with the Ten Commandmesnts by placing bronze tablets bearing the mosaic code in the postoffice, the city hall and in every school room in the city.

Mount Airy District Notice

All local preachers in the district are urged to be present, or have a written report in the hands of the undersigned on Thursday, June 26th, the first day of the District Conference as their names will be called on that day. W. F. Womble.

Marion District Conference

The Marion District Conference will be held in the town of Marion, beginning on Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., the second day of July, continuing until the fourth. The following are the committees:

For License—Rev. T. C. Jordan, Rev. A. J. Burrus, C. F. Cline.

For Admission—Rev. C. M. Pickens, Rev. R. F. Mock, Rev. J. A. Fry.

For Missions—Rev. W. R. Shelton, Rev. N. M. Modlin, Rev. J. B. Tabor.

Parker Holmes, P. E.

From Virginia

It occurs to me that I may have failed to answer all the letters sent me by my friends of the W. N. C. Conference, expressing their personal regard at the time of my transfer and since. Let me use the Advocate to convey to them my grateful appreciation. I think I know every man on the Conference roll; I am sure I have for every one of them the most cordial esteem.

My reception in the Virginia, by preachers and people, has been all I could ask. Portsmouth is a beautiful city of over 80,000 inhabitants, and growing at a fabulous rate. My church, Central, is the second in wealth and numbers of eight Southern Methodist churches in the city. Monumental is the first, and is the oldest Methodist church south of the Potomac river, established about the year 1769. It has had as pastors: Francis Asbury, William McKendree, Richard Whatcoat, John Early—all of whom became bishops. Central, the child of Monumental, was born 63 years ago. Our Centenary quota was $12,700; we raised above $17,000, exclusive of credits. In addition to this we raised over $13,000 on an old church debt. I am delighted with my congregation. I like Portsmouth. For all that, no man at my time of life can sever the connection of long and happy years, without feeling keenly, at times, the tug of the old ties, and a longing to look into the old, familiar faces. Brethren, may the blessings of God be on you all.

Fraternally,
W. E. Abernethy.

A Reminiscence

It was not at the famous "church in the wildwood," but at Old Bald Creek camp-ground in a majestic forest of Catawba county, while presiding elder E. L. Bain and his preachers were reposing in contened contemplation of their well-won victories over sin and satan, and while, in their box-bed of straw across one side of the preachers' tent, they were soundly sleeping to the lullaby of the katiedids. Suddenly we were all aroused by a constant whack! whack! not altogether unlike an old-fashioned wheat cradler sharpening his scythe. Some inquiries were made as to what it might possibly be. I think the presiding elder had about come to the conclusion that the old "Bogy-man" had come for us and was just whetting his pitch fork to summons us to the great judgment. I said there had been rumors of rattlesnakes in the big woods near by. The presiding elder lost no time in striking a light and making a thorough investigation. There was not much more sleeping that night notwithstanding it was found to be nothing but a cut-worm, or rather a wood-worm, at work on a pine pole that had been used in repairing the tent, "only this and nothing more." I don't know how much extra praying was done by the preachers that night, but I know the presiding elder was a splendid fellow from then until he persuaded another to step in his shoes and take his place when he quit the presiding eldership forever.

Moral: Why may the Lord not use even a worm in the wild-wood to make us better men?

John M. Price.

Furnishing Weaver Hall

A good way in which to use seventy-five dollars to help a worthy cause and at the same time to honor some loved one is to give this amount to furnish a room in Weaver Hall at Rutherford College. This can be done in honor of some loved one living in the world or in memory of one living in the other world. A plate with the statement that the room is thus furnished can oe placed on the door. The main furnishing needed for a room is as follows: Two iron beds, springs, matresses, washstand, table, three chairs, with perhaps the luxury of some kind of bureau.

Winston District Notice

The committees on License, Orders and Admission for the Winston District Conference, which convenes in Lexington Wednesday night, July 2nd, and continues through Friday afternoon, July 4th, is composed of G. T. Rowe, P. E. Parker and R. G. Tuttle.

Persons interested will please meet with the committee Thursday, July 3. Bishop Darlington will be unable to be present. Frank Siler.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

COMMENCEMENT GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

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as the crowning gift. Contributions to the building and endowment fund were announced as follows: Class of 1919, $500; A. P. Gibson, of Gibson, $500; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grey, of Gastonia, $500; Thomas G. Gore, of Wilmington, $1,000; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hooker and R. A. Thompson, of Aurora, $1,000; E. C. Exum, of Stantonsburg, $1,000. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, of Littleton college, had given $1,000 worth of books for the library. Miscellaneous contributions for chairs for the chapel aggregated $1,481, while other amounts contributed for the building and endowment fund totaled $5,457. Other donations to the chair fund were announced as follows: Class of 1915, $500; class of 1916, $300; special classes of 1916, including particularly music students, $300; cash in bank, $1,011; pledges in town, $125; pledges in college, $345; total, $3,086.

Scholarships Awarded

The T. C. Smith scholarship for the best work in religious pedagogy was awarded to Miss Mary Louise Harrell, of Gates. The Leroy Lee Smith scholarship for the best work in freshman English was won by Miss Odelle Peacock, of High Point, whose father, Dr. Dred Peacock, was formerly president of G. C. W.

Highest honors of the class of 1919, President Turrentine stated, were won by Miss Myrtle Hall Humble. Those receiving senior honors were Misses Maurine Brittain, Lucy Brothers, Myrtle Hall Humble, Attrice Kernodle and Mary Exum Snow.

Presentation of certificates, diplomas and Bibles and the conferring of degrees were events of the morning. In presenting the Bibles to the graduates Mrs. Lucy Robertson, president emeritus, spoke briefly of the blessings attainable through study of that book.

The following is a list of successful candidates for degrees and certificates.

Degrees and Certificates

Candidates for A. B. degree—Esther Old Aycock, Annie Ruth Brothers, Edna Caveness, Flossie Hurdle Denny, Carrie Erwin, Carrie Harris, Myrtle Hall Humble, May Attrice Kernodle, Daisy Ernestine Lambeth, Martha Elizabeth Moore, Jessie Artelia Pillow, Lillie Gay Shaw, Mary Exum Snow, Verdie Gladys Trollinger, Gladys Nowell Whedbee, Ammie Zoe Wilson.

Candidates for B. M. degree—May Maurine Brittain, Elizabeth May Gibson, Nellie Elizabeth Groome, Anna Catherine Holshouser, Katherine Hutton, Marjorie Mae Worsham.

Graduate school of music, piano—Gaynelle Barnes.

Candidate for teacher's certificate in domestic science and domestic art—Carrie Louise McNeely.

Candidate for certificate in art—Mary Frances Rankin.

Candidates for certificate in stenography—Nell Hobson Fulton, Ohna Beatrix Harris, Anna Jones, Sarah Ellen Lightfoot, Rose Edith Miller, Fannie Bolton Owens, Margaret Phoenix, Nina May Rochelle, Mary Elizabeth Roberts, Emily Roberts, Mary Lewis Sasser, Grace Joyner Shavender, Mary Exum Snow, Ollie Pearl Stadler, Mary Rucker Stokes, Olivia Thelma Stone, Mettie Sutton.

Candidates for certificate in book-keeping—Bessie Barnette, Margaret Ellen Bunting, Margaret Elizabeth Ferguson, Emma Lee Jones, Fannie Bolton Owens, Ollie Pearl Stadler, Mettie Sutton.

On Tuesday evening in the presence of a large audience the annual concert was given which as usual proved to be an event of special interest. During the exercises Dr. Turrentine president, announced that Mr. D. M. Balsam, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has a daughter in Greensboro College for Women, had given $500.00 to be added to $500.00 given by Mr. K. M. Barnes, of Lumberton, N. C., announced at the morning session, to be applied on beautifying the college campus.

Announcement was also made that Miss Lillie Gay Shaw, of Weldon, N. C., who is a member of the graduating class of 1919, had given the college the sum of $1,000.00 to be used as a memorial of her brother, Captain William T. Shaw, who gallantly gave his life during the second battle of the Marne.

The annual concert closed the commencement of 1919, which is regarded as one of the best commencements in the history of the college.

Asheville District Notes

The following notes are taken from the Asheville District Exhibit for June:

Let this get on our hearts: There are 12,572 people in Buncombe county over ten years of age out of the churches 7,741 in Madison, 4,164 in Henderson and 1,709 in Transylvania. The field is white unto the harvest.

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Rev. M. F. Moores has received 12 persons by vows for the quarter.

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Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Ader had a great meeting with Rev. D. R. Proffitt, of Biltmore.

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Forty people have decided for Christ at Elk Mountain, and the meeting continues. Rev. E. W. Fox is assisting Pastor Banks.

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Rev. W. E. Poovey spent a week at Rosman with Pastor Thomas. Four names were given for church membership. Rosman has added two new rooms to the parsonage.

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A lot has been offered for a church on Burnsville Hill. Twenty Methodists live in that vicinity.

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Shiloh church, Mars Hill circuit, wrecked by storm, will be rebuilt

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A check for $200 from the Church Extension Board will greatly assist the Riverview folks in completing their new church. They are at work.

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Mr. C. A. Clark, of Walnut, gives an eligible lot for a parsonage. A building committee has been appointed.

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Mr. Charles Moore gives a lot costing $1,100 in the heart of Weaverville for a church and parsonage. Plans for a $15 000 building have been accepted.

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A committee consisting of Dr. I. L. and Lee English, T. A. Sawyer, W. O. Conner and T. J. Murray will secure a parsonage for the Mars Hill charge.

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The Methodists own a lot at Emma. Revs. E. W. Fox and J. W. Carver are preaching there.

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Bethel's interior is beautiful after the expenditure of $620. They have the indirect lighting system.

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A building committee has been appointed for Spring Creek church, composed of seven leading citizens. They ought to build a church equal to the best in Madison county.

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The live aid Society of Black Mountain is beautifying the interior of the church.

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Mt. Airy District Notice

The following have been appointed examining committees for Mount Airy District Conference.

For License—G. D. Herman, J. F. Armstrong, C. R. Allison.

For Orders—G. A. Stamper, O. P. Routh, J. J. Eads.

For Admission—J. E. Gay, W. M. Boring, J. C. Mock.

W. F. Womble.

To the Pastors—The Minute Men of America

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America:

"Resolved that the General Superintendent be requested to draft and publish, in behalf of the National League, a request that the pastors throughout the United States bring to the attention of their people the issue of Americanism involved in the attempt to nullify National Prohibition, and urge the members of their congregations to insist that Congress shall immediately pass an adequate permanent enforcement code to carry into effect the 18th Amendment and War-time Prohibition."

The liquor interests, particularly the brewers, who stand convicted of unpatriotic and pro-German activity are now trying to nullify not only war-time prohibition but the National Constitutional Amendmet as well. They are proposing to desecrate Flag Day, June 14, by holding at the National Capital of that date a monster parade as a demonstration against prohibition. It can be easily seen by this that the war against the liquor traffic is not over and will not be until the friends of that traffic cease to resist the law of the land. The federated forces which stand for righteousness and which brought about the enactment of prohibition as an expression of the moral conviction of the American people, have no choice excepting to rally their forces as often as the enemy continues his counter-attacks.

The National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America will be held in Washington City, June 3-6, followed on Sunday June 8 by a Field Day for the presentation of the prohibition situation to the churches of the Capital City. Therefore, as the most convincing proof that the better citizenship of the country, which is the overwhelming majority, not only wants the enforcement of prohibition, but intends to see that it is accomplished, the Anti-Saloon League of America suggests and earnestly requests that the pastors of the churches in favor of prohibition throughout the country shall bring the issue involved to the attention of their respective congregations to the end that Congress may be advised that not only has there been no reaction against prohibition but that, on the contrary, the overwhelming majority of the people not directly interested in the liquor traffic want it fully and faithfully enforced, and desire the immediate enactment of the permanent code to carry into effect both war-time prohibition and the 18th Amendment to the Constitution.

Each congregation, in its own way, should make known to the members of Congress and United States Senate from their particular State what their wishes are in this matter.

The Anti-Saloon League of America therefore makes this official appeal to the pastors of the churches for this further demonstration of the splendid loyalty they have given to this couse throughout the years of this tremendous struggle.

P. A. Baker, General Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of America.

Report of Centenary Drive, Stokesdale Charge, May 27, 1919

Stokesdale

Quota assigned	$2,100.00	
Individual pledges	52	
Amount of pledges		$1230.00
S. S. pledge		120.00
Total		$1350.00

Eden

Quota assigned	$1575.00	
Individual pledges, about (Membership 171)	15	
Amount pledged		$ 375.50
S. S. pledge		100.00
Total		$ 475.50

Mt. Carmel

Quota assigned	$1050.00	
Individual pledges	40	
Amount pledged		$1061.00
S. S. pledge		100.00
Total		$1161.00

Glencoe

Quota assigned	$ 700.00	
Individual pledges	30	
Amount pledged		$ 400.00
S. S. pledge		100.00
Total		$ 500.00

Mt. Zion

Quota assigned	$ 700.00	
Individual pledges	20	
Amount pledged		$ 252.00
S. S. pledge		000.00
Total		$ 252.00

Mt. Tabor

Quota assigned	$ 375.00	
Individual pledges	5	
Amount pledged		$ 50.00
S. S. pledge		50.00
Total		$ 100.00
Credit on Conference Claims paid in 1918		$ 360.00
Total for Charge		$4188.50

T. V. Crouse, Pastor.

Department of Woman's Work

Conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.

IF I KNEW

"If I knew that a word of mine,
A word not kind and true,
Might leave its trace on a loved one's face,
I'd never speak harshly, would you?

"If I knew that the light of a smile,
Might linger the whole day through,
And brighten some heart with a heavier part,
I wouldn't withould it, would you?"

FACE THE SUN

"Don't hunt after trouble, but look for success,
You'll find what you look for, don't look for distress.
If you see your shadow, remember, I pray,
That the sun is still shining, but you're in the way.
Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk,
Don't think of your worries, but think of your work.
The worries will vanish, the work will be done,
No man sees his shadow who faces the sun."

—Baraca-Philathea Herald.

LETTER FROM COUNCIL SUPT. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The following letter from the council superintendent of Young People's work, has been sent out to the district secretaries of the conference and we hope that each one of them, will begin at once to lay her plans for a big campaign for organization of young people's missionary societies. We want to double our number of organizations and can do it if each member of the various committees of the districts will do her part. Let those district secretaries who have not, as yet, appointed the committee attend to it at once and notify the conference first vice-president.

Morristown, Tenn., May 28, 1919

My Dear District Secretary:

The great success of the Centenary has proven clearly what may be accomplished through wise organization and untiring effort, saturated with the spirit of prayer. The achievements already attained is preparation for larger and better service, the accomplishment of which will require the enlistment of all our forces.

No work is more imperative at this time than the enlistment and training of our young people. Doubtless you are familiar with the action of the council concerning the campaign of organization for the Young People's Missionary Society, and the important part the district secretary is to have in the campaign. The plan is—

1. A district committee with the district secretary as chairman. She is to select the members of her committee from among those of her women who will be most helpful in the campaign.

2. Call the committee together for a season of prayer, for a careful study of the district and for planning to reach each and every church in the district with a presentation of the Young People's Missionary society. It might be well in a district covering a large territory to divide the district, forming teams to work certain sections.

3. In every church where there is an Adult auxiliary and no Y. P. M. S. arrangements can be made with the first vice-president, or superintendent of Young People's Work, as she is now called, for a Young People's meeting.

4. Where there is no Adult auxiliary, write the pastor, asking him for the name of the woman in each church who is most interested in the young people and who would make the most efficient leader for them. Through her and the pastor arrangements can be made for a visit and a meeting to present the work.

5. In every place ask that the young people be used in making arrangements for the meeting. Some one could be used for advertising the meeting, others could be asked to arrange for some special music, others arrange flowers in the church for the service, while others might be asked to act as ushers. They will be more interested and will attend better if the responsibility is put upon them to arrange for the service.

6. Do not feel discouraged if there is only a small attendance at some places. It is not always with the largest number that the most effective work is accomplished. A small group talking informally together may sometimes be much more effective and may be the beginning of greater things.

7. Whether a society is organized or not, try to get a woman in every church to be the superintendent of Young People's work. There ought to be such an officer in each congregation, giving herself to the study of the needs of the Young People of her church, and enlisting them in some Christian service. She may find her greatest opportunity in working with the Epworth League especially in strengthening the Missionary department. She may be most effective in Sunday school, assisting with work of the Missionary committee. In most cases she will find a place for a Young People's Missionary Society.

The following suggestions may be helpful in arranging a campaign program:

1—Devotional service (conducted by a young person if possible.)

2—A talk on life enlistment.

3—Special music.

4—Presentation of plans for Organizing a Y. P. M. S.

5—Perfect an organization (enrolling members and electing officers.)

The following points may be helpful to the speaekr who is to speak on Life Enlistment.

1. The world has been rescued from the hand of the enemy, largely by the heroism of our young people. Our bravest and best young men gave themselves unreservedly to their country's call. With no less loyalty and heroism did our young women give themselves for humanity's freedom.

2. A new vision of life has come through the experiences of the war. (a) a new meaning of World Brotherhood (b) a new spirit of Service. (c) a deeper sense of Individual Responsibility.

3. The call to the Young People is given in the challenge of the Centenary, "In My Name Rezuilt the world."

The plans of the organization may be easily presented by a little demonstration that is now being printed, "The Superintendent of Young People's Work Explains." It would be well to have a team of young people get this up well, and go with the district secretary, or a member of the committee who is presenting the work.

Copies of the Voice, Young Christian Worker, the Year Book, Leaflets, especially those explaining the Young People's Specials, and those from the quarter, a pin pennant and a copy of the Hand Book which will soon come from the printer, should be taken to each meeting.

Whether an organization is effected or not, some literature should be left and an effort should be made through correspondence and by future visits to cultivate and train a local leader who will organize the young people.

All campaign work should be reported to the conference superintendent of Young People's Work and her counsel and help should be asked in planning the campaign. Organization blanks, upon which all new organizations should be reported to her, will be furnished.

These are a few simple suggestions. Other and more effective methods may present themselves to you. Let us not fail to reach every church in Southern Methodism with an appeal to the young people to join the Young People's Missionary Society. Now is the opportune time. Plan the campaign now.

With all good wishes for your success, I am, sincerely, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT MEETING

The following comes to us for publication from Mrs. L. N. Presson, district secretary of the Charlotte district:

"The district meeting for the societies on the lower end of the Charlotte district will be held at Polkton, June 17. This will be an all day meeting beginning at 10 a. m. and closing at 5 p. m. No limitation as to number of delegates. Every Adult, Young People and Junior society in that part of the district is requested to have representatives at this meeting. Churches having no missionary societies are asked to send delegates.

"Another district meeting for the uper end of the district will be held at Harrison church toward the latter part of July, date will be announced later. Let every society on the Charlotte district plan to have representatives at one or both of these meetings. This plan has been adopted in order that we might bring the district meeting in easy reach of every society. We are hoping to report representatives from every society on the district."

STATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

Yesterday and today, June 11-12, the district meeting of the Statesville district is in session at Maiden. We trust that it has been a most successful meeting and that great good may result from the coming together of the good women of this district. Mrs. Warlick had planned a program that promised to be of much interest, in which every phase of the work was to be brought out. Mrs. W. A. Newell, conference superintendent social service and Miss Hackney, conference superintendent children's work, are both in attendance. We hope to have a full report of this meeting for an early issue of the Advocate.

GREENSBORO MEETING

Another meeting scheduled for this week is that of the Greensboro district which is to be held today and tomorrow at Centenary church. A full and complete program has been arranged by Mrs. J. V. Wilson, secretary, and we are sure it will be full of interest to those who are in attendance. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, conference president, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, conference recording secretary, and Mrs. W. A. Newell, conference superintendent social service, are all present and will add to the pleasure and interest of the meeting.

Let us have a report of this meeting very soon, that we may know of the splendid success that we are sure, attended this meeting.

OFFICERS OF JUNIOR SOCIETY AT HICKORY

President, Carol Michols; first vice-president, Mary Rady; second vice-president, Mildred Messick; recording secretary, Josephine Williams; treasurer, Elizabeth Harris; superintesdent mission study, Margaret Harris; superintendent social service, Mildred Willfong.

MARION DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Mrs. W. R. Harris and Miss Amy Hackney are among the conference officers who will be present at the Marion district meeting at Marion, June 18-19, to assist Mrs. Goodwin in the program that she has arranged for the occasion. It is earnestly desired that a full representation of delegates from all the societies in the district be present. Names of those attending must be sent to Mrs. Jonas, Marion, N. C., that entertainment may be provided.

NEW ORGANIZATION

We are glad to announce the organization of a Young People's society at Franklin, N. C., on May 21 and extend to them a most cordial welcome into our "Conference family." The following officers were chosen—President, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. James Perry; second vice-president, Miss Virginia Sloan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. G. Moore; recording secretary, Miss Irene Williams; treasurer, Miss Anniewill Siler; superintendent mission study, Mrs. E. B. Sutton; superintendent social service, Miss Eleanor Sloan.

NEW ORGANIZATION

At Kannapolis, in the Salisbury district there was organized on May 4th a Junior missionary society with 30 members and the following officers—President, Margie Crowell; first vice-president, Ruth Ligon; second vice president, Alma Durham; recording secretary, Beryl Ford; corresponding secretary, Mary McDuffy; treasurer, Norma Scarboro; superintendent mission study, Bessie Winecoff; superintendent social service, Ollie Sides; Leader, Mrs. P. L. Ketchie.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."
By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

In order that the Sunday School interests may better be advanced in the various districts of our conference the following district officers were elected at the recent district Sunday institutes held throughout the conference. It will be noted that in some instances a full corps of officers has not been selected. These vacancies will be filled as opportunity directs.

Asheville District

District secretary, Mr. E. L. Brown, Asheville; Teacher-Training superintendent, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard; Wesley Bible Class superintendent, Mr. C. F. Bland, Hendersonville; Elementary superintendent, to be selected.

Charlotte District

District secretary, Mr. W. B. Love, Monroe; Teacher-Training superintendent, Mr. J. E. Steere, Charlotte; Wesley Bible class superintendent, Mrs. M. H. Stewart, Charlotte; Elementary superintendent, Mr. W. J. Gluck, Charlotte.

Greensboro District

District secretary, Mr. Hugh Parks, Franklinville; Teacher-Training superintendent, Mr. W. H. Davis, High Point; Wesley Bible Class superintendent, Prof. A. T. Weatherly, Reidsville; Elementary superintendent, Mrs. J. A. Spence, Asheboro.

Marion District

District secretary, Rev. W. R. Shelton, Henrietta.

Mount Airy District

District secretary, Mr. C. C. Creverling, Mount Airy; Teacher-Training superintendent, Prof. M. L. Epps, Mt. Airy.

Salisbury District

District secretary, Mr. J. F. Shinn, Norwood; Teacher-Trairing superintendent, Prof. A. S. Webb, Concord; Wesley Bible Class superintendent, Mr. A. S. Morgan, Salisbury; Elementary superintendent, Mrs. I. L. Davis, Concord.

Shelby District

District secretary, Prof. E. A. Thompson, Mount Holly; Teacher-Training superintendent, Rev. J. F. Moser, Cherryville; Wesley Bible Class superintendent, Mr. J. M. Holland, Gastonia; Elementary superintendent, Miss Eunice Roberts, Shelby.

Statesville District

District secretary, Prof. Horace Sisk, Lenoir; Teacher-Training superintendent, Rev. A. G. Allen, Granite Falls; Wesley Bible Class superintendent, Mr. A. M. West, Hickory; Elementary superintendent, to be selected.

Waynesville District

District secretary, Mr. D. J. Kerr, Waynesville; Teacher-Training superintendent, Prof. A. C. Reynolds, Cullowhee; Wesley Bible class superintendent, Mr. E. J. Roberson, Canton; Elementary superintendent, to be selected.

Winston District

District secretary, Mr. Chas. F. Lampeth, Thomasville; Teacher-Training superintendent, Prof. L. L. White, Winston; Wesley Bible Class superintendent, Mr. J. F. Spruill, Lexington; Elementary superintendent, to be selected.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLAR SPECIAL

The following letter just received from our general missionary secretary is self explanatory. Perhaps in no better way can a Sunday school spend one hundred and twenty dollars, the amount needed per year for the upkeep of one of these orphans.

"Dear Brother:

Bishop Lambuth has just been in for a conference and asks that we place, as soon as possible, the forty-one French orphans listed at the top of page 21 of our Book of Specials. These little children are already under his care, and I am sure, all that is necessary to place each one of them, so as to take the burden off Bishop Lambuth's shoulders, is to call this matter to the attention of a few of your leading schools. Take just such steps as you see fit in doing this.

With the kindest regards and brotherly love, I am,

Yours sincerely,
J. L. Neill.

ROCK SPRINGS CIRCUIT STILL MOVING

It will be remembered that Rock Springs charge, a circuit of eight appointments, was not only the first to line up all its Sunday schools for the Centenary but the first of all the circuits beginning their canvass Sunday morning, May 18, to go over the top with the big Centenary drive. This same circuit still proposes to be busy.

A recent note from Rev. W. B. Shinn, the efficient pastor of this circuit, says that he is getting ready to hold a real charge Sunday school institute, one that will touch each one of his eight Sunday schools. He proposes to have eight Sunday school choirs present and have them sing against one another, each trying to out-do the other in making good music. This big time is to be held on Saturday, July 19, thus refraining from breaking into the regular Sunday school sessions.

Of course the Sunday school secretary will be on hand. He could not be held away from such a promising gathering. He wants to know why it is that Rock Springs circuit puts things over so well.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, WHETHER OR NOT

Brother Sunday school superintendent, please don't let anything or anybody prevent your having a real session of your school every Sunday. You have only one of the 168 hours of the week at your disposal and to lose that one hour would be too bad. The school that does the most is the school that holds its sessions the most.

Soon "laying by" time will have come along and the conventions and "big meetings" will be scheduled, both of which, good as they are tend to demoralize Sunday schools. Please don't let these meetings keep you from holding open your school. Let it be understood throughout your community that whatever happens your Sunday school stays open. The Sunday school is too important to be made a side issue.

YOU ARE WELCOME

The Teacher Training Department reports the enrollment of a class of twelve students at Norwood, Miss Glenn Tilly, teacher.

The Wesley Bible Class Department reports the enrollment of the "Wesley Baraca," Caroleen. Adult Certificate No. 7464, 25 men. Mr. D. C. Calvin, teacher; Mr. W. R. Sprouse, president.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee appointed on Sunday schools, beg to make the following report. We find in the Sunday schools of the twenty-five charges in the Asheville District, only six with Home Departments, and only eight with Cradle Rolls.

At our last conference there were enrolled in all departments in this district, 8,450, while the membership of the church was 9,615. This is above the average, and is commendable, yet we have nothing like covered the field.

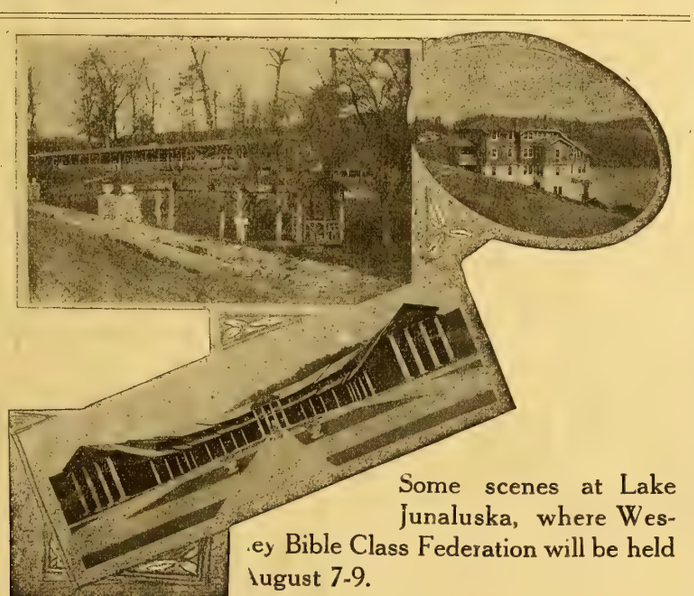
We earnestly recommend and urge that Home Departments and Cradle Rolls be established in every school.

Out of the twenty-five charges the Sunday schools on sixteen of said charges reported as pledged for Centenary $7;801.00. Nine charges did not make pledge.

We feel that the greatest opportunity before the church today, is the Sunday school, out of which comes 95 per cent of all the membership.

Pastors, Superintendents, and Teachers, we earnestly appeal to you to lay hold on the opportunity that lays out before us today as never before to bring into the Sunday schools the vast number not attending Sunday school or the church.

Respectfully submitted:
C. F. Bland, Chairman,
J. G. W. Holloway,
L. W. Ownby,
W. E. Poteete,
M. W. Noblet.



Some scenes at Lake Junaluska, where Wesley Bible Class Federation will be held August 7-9.

JUNALUSKA TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LEADERS

The third session of the Junaluska Training school for Leaders will begin Wednesday, July 23rd, at 8:00 p. m., and continue through the evening of Wednesday, August 6th. All students desiring to do credit work in the school should be on the ground on the evening of July 23rd.

The program for this year will not only be fully up to the grade of the high standard set in the last two years, but will in some respects be an advance over what has gone before.

The following speakers and instructors have been engaged for the school: Bishop Warren A Candler; Dr. H. H. Meyer, Sunday School Editor of the M. E. Church; Dr. Shailer Mathews, of Chicago University; Dr. Frederick F. Shannon, Pastor Reformed Church-on-the-Heights, Brooklyn; Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Secretary Board of Education, M. E. Church, South; Dr. Edward Porter St. John, author and formerly of Boston University; Dr. W. J. Young, of Emory University; Dr. W. S. Bovard, Superintendent of Adult Department Board of Sunday Schools, M. E. Church; Prof. H. H. Harris, of Emory University; Dr. Wade Crawford Barclay, Associate Editor Teachers Publications, M. E. Church; Miss Frances Weld Danielson, Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature of the Congrgational Church, well-know writer and expert in the field of elementary work; Mrs. W. M. Walker, Primary Specialist, Birmingham Ala., Miss M. Anne Moore, Department of Pedagogy, State Normal College, Denton, Texas; Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, Superintendent Elementary Department General Sunday School Board, M. E. Church, South; Rev. Emmett Hightower, Superintendent of Young Peoples and Adult Work, and Mr. M. W. Brabham, Associate Superintendent Young Peoples Department, General Sunday School Board, M. E. Church, South.

The session of the school has has been slightly lengthened in order to give twelve days for class work and the plan of the program in operation for the last two years somewhat altered in order to give more time to the class periods and to the devotional emphasis in the school.

The mornings will be given exclusively to class work up until twelve o'clock. From 12:00 to 12:30 each day will be given to a devotional service for the entire school. Dr. W. J. Young is to have charge of these devotional services and also of the devotions at the vesper hour. There will be a platform lecture each evening.

Course of instruction will be offered in the following subjects: Bible, Sunday School Organization and Administration, Methods of Teaching, The Church and Religious Education, Plans and Methods in Teacher-Training. Also courses in Story telling, Beginner Lesson Materials, Primary Methods, and the Junior Child; The Characteristics and World of the Intermediate-Senior, The Use of Materials in Intermediate-Senior Work, The Characteristics and World of Young People, Plans and Methods of Young ePoples Work, The Psychology of the Adult, and Plans and Methods f Adult Work. It is also planned to have a practical course on organized activities under the leadership and supervision of Mr. Harry Denman and Prof St. John. This will be conducted in the afternoon in the open as a part of the recreational program.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

"Recollect that time the worthless cur-pup 'dopted you an' followed you home, an' how complimented you felt that a real, sure-'nough dog wanted to be yours? An' how hard you tried to be the man that pup seemed to b'lieve you was? Well, 'pears t'me if us teachers tried that hard to be Christians like what our scholars think Christians ought to be we'd have more of 'em follerin' Christ."

"No matter how clearly you see the p'int you're adrivin' at in your teachin', your scholars won't get it onless'n they see it too—only they must see it through usin' their own thinkin' apparatuses."

"It's lots more fun usin' 'rithmetic behind the soda-water fountain at the drug store durin' vacation than it was studyin' it in school. Likewise young folks enjoys usin' religion more'n they do just studyin' it."

From the Field

Asheville District

The figures for the Centenary as I have them now for the Asheville district are approximately as follows: On a quota of $159,950 we have, without credits, $198,300. With credits, $259,000—an oversubscription of 62 per cent.

W. H. Willis.

CENTENARY RESULTS IN THE GREENSBORO DISTRICT

The revised figures give the following results: Quota, $184,450; Pledged $187,719; credits, $74,622. Grand total, $262,351.

J. H. Barnhardt.

FROM MAYWORTH

I see this one and that one and the other one, according to men's ideas, are all ready to claim place of honor in raising the Centenary fund. No one has expected much from some of our weaker charges and from them nothing is said as a rule. But I wish to say just a word for Mayworth work in general, for Lowell in particular. This is a weak charge numerically and not any great amount of wealth as is usually counted for wealth, but we have a people who are rich in faith and loyal to their Master and his church. Our amount of the Centenary, $4,120, has every cent been subscribed and some $150 over, without any of our credits. Two of our churches, Ebenezer and Lowell, went over their allotment the first Sunday of the drive. At Lowell we have just a little handful of Methodists who worship in a very inadequate house, and a place that needs a good new church as badly as anywhere this writer knows, but with courage our men of Lowell have taken hold of the greatest propaganda the church has ever offered to the world, and the world has never yet seen nor felt the half of what this work means to the human race, but ere long we believe a new pulse of Christendom will move all heathendom. But back to Lowell just a minute before getting too far away. We want and are going to have a new church here before long, but we could not afford to take our Centenary offering for it. We were asked for $1,350 and got $2,200, and for this little band I say it is good indeed, and well for this entire charge, if you please to think well of us, and if you do not think so of us, kind reader, it's of no difference to us. We believe our Father above thinks well of us, so that's enough.

Jos. W. Kennedy.

INTERESTING POINTS IN THE CENTENARY DRIVE

Black Mountain, Rev. J. L. Teague, pastor, with an allotment of $1,000.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $2,750,-

Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant, Rev. D. R. Proffitt pastor, with an allotment of $5,500.00, pledged $7,122.00, exclusive of credits, and with the credits, $9,127.00.

Gibsonville, Rev. A. P. Ratledge pastor, with an allotment of $2,582.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $7,750.-00, and with the credits, $3,565 00.

Pleasant Garden, Rev. C. F. Sherrill pastor, with an allotment of $5,-363.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $5,707.00, and with the credits, $8,-537.00.

Madison and Stoneville, Rev. J. E. Gay, pastor, with an allottment of $9,-500.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $10,461.50, and with the credits, $13,-209.50.

Kings Mountain, Rev. E. L. Kirk, pastor, with an allotment of $8.870.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $9,893.-00, and with the credits, $12,275 00.

Rock Springs, Rev. W. B. Shinn, pastor, with an allotment of $8,870.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $10,-501.00, and with the credits, $13,978.00.

Belwood, Rev. Dwight W. Brown, pastor, with an allotment of $9,585.00 pledged, exclusive of credits, $10,309.-92, and with the credits, $12,804.92.

Shelby circuit, Rev. N. C. Williams, pastor, with an allotment of $9,585.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $10,619.-00, and with the credits, $12,273.00.

Cherryville, Rev. J. F. Moser, pastor, with an allotment of $9,885.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $10,765.00, and with the credits, $12,320.00.

Race Street, Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor, with an allotment of $4,000.00, pledged $4,900.00, exclusive of credits, and with the credits, $6,500.00.

Alexander, Rev. J. L. Edwards, pastor, with an allotment of $8,500.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $8,763.-50, and with the credits, $10,558.50.

Robbinsville, Rev. William J. Baker, pastor, with an allotment of $1,300.00, pledged, including credits, $1,325.00.

Linwood, Rev. W. R. Jenkins, pastor, with an allotment of $5,625.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $6,082.00, and with the credits, $7,547.00.

Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor, with anallotment of $5,532.00, pledged, exclusive of credits, $9,128.47, and with the credits, $10,508.47.

R. M. Courtney.

KINGS MOUNTAIN CHARGE

Perhaps a word from the Kings Mountain charge would not be amiss, as there are reports from so many charges. So far this has been a good year with us, and we are thinking that it will be better further on. The circulation of The Advocate has been more than doubled. It is going into forty-five new homes. In the campaign for intercessors one hundred and twenty were enrolled, and fifty-two have been enrolled in the Tithers' League. We are expecting others to join both leagues, as the field has not been thoroughly canvassed. In the big Centenary Drive three hundred and nine persons pledged $9,893.00, exceeding our quota $1,023.00. The two Sunday schools have pledged $597.00, making a total of $10,490.00 in individual and Sunday school pledges. This charge does not count credits. We went into the Centenary Drive to do all that we could for the world and for the Kingdom of our Lord, and we could not afford to ask for or count credits.

We have exceeded our quota for the Centenary, but we feel that this is only a beginning of the Centenary in our charge and for the church at large. There is a spirit manifest which we believe means deeper consecration, truer, nobler service to the church and to the kingdom, and a great spiritual awakening. If the Centenary does not mean this to our charge we shall be sadly disappointed, and feel that to a great extent it has been a failure to us. To this end we work, we pay, we pray, we serve, and look to the Lord for the results. Brethren, pray for us.

E. L. Kirk.

NOTES FROM NORTH WILKESBORO

To date I have seen nothing as to what the North Wilkesboro District did on the Centenary. I have waited for the presiding elder to make a report. If he has sent it in, cast this in the waste basket.

First, I will say the presiding elder has been sick, also the chairman of the minute men resigned his position just before the big drive began, too late for his successor to do any good had one been appointed. Accessibility to the churches is exceedingly difficult. Railroad, mail and wire communications are very poor, and country roads were next to impassable until about the middle of April. An abundance of literature was sent out and numbers of letters were written, but it was indeed difficult to enlist personal workers, or to get very much face to face work accomplished. Under all the circumstances the charges reported have done right well, some very well. Reports to date are as follows, including credits:—North Wilkesboro, $18,-100; Wilkesboro, $3,331; North Wilkes Mission, $1,027; Wilkes circuit, $1,-079; Watauga circuit, $2,764; Sparta circuit, $1,540; Laurel Springs circuit, $25; Jefferson circuit, $6,035; Helton circuit, $1,340. Total, $32,242. Three charges have not reported. The pastors of two charges say nothing can be raised for this cause.

A good meeting has recently been held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Wm. Black, Charlotte, did the preaching and did it well. As one result of this meeting quite a number joined the Presbyterian and Baptist churches, fifteen joined the Methodist church. Our community was very much benefitted spiritually by this meeting.

Since Brother D. G. Wilson gave up his work in Wilkesboro on account of failing health, the writer by self appointment, has had pastoral oversight of that charge and preaching occasionally also. Rev. J. H. Lanning, a recent graduate of Trinity College, has been appointed to this charge, is now on the ground, and both preacher and people are delighted. You will hear from Lanning and Wilkesboro.

The Board of Stewards and congregation of the North Wilkesboro church have given the pastor and his wife a trip to the Centenary Exhibition at Columbus, Ohio. This was a complete surprise and so overjoyed us that our appetites for food were taken for a while. We expect to start about July 1st, and shall bring back to this kind and generous people all that we can absorb from this surpassingly great opportunity. From our hearts we thank them, and before a throne of grace we pray for them. It is a joy to serve these people and to be loved by them. May the Father's good hand always be upon them.

We have missed our presiding elder very much. We love him. He has been sick. We are expecting a good District Conference at Valle Crucis. Bishop Darlington is to be there.

Sincerely,

W. R. Ware.

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Our baby church at Gastonia, Ranlo, yesterday gave a subscription list of $180.00 to Weaver Hall at Rutherford College. Can any other church do better for its age than Ranlo? Ranlo church was organized six months ago. It is beginning to sit up and take notice. It showed good judgment in taking notice of Weaver Hall and other improvements at Rutherford College.

Main Street, Gastonia, still leads for Weaver Hall, but several others are coming right along.

On the fourth Sunday in June I expect to preach at two churches at eleven o'clock—West End and Franklin Avenue, Gastonia, and at night at Ozark, and possibly at Bethesda in the afternoon. J. R. Walker.

TRIP FROM CHATEAU THIERRY TO CHALONS WHERE AMERICAN BOYS BROUGHT PRUSSIANS TO STOP

By W. W. Pinson

Our road lay through scenes that were constant and ghastly reminders of war, more numerous and more marked than we had seen before. There were vast networks of trenches and dug-outs and bomb-proof and barbed-wire entanglements; long stretches of ingenious camouflage elaborately woven of reeds and grasses and twine, secreting roads and trenches; the earth plowed and churned by shells and habitations laid waste, met the eye at every turn. That which brought the war and its cruelty home to us with greatest emphasis was the rows of new-made graves with their crude crosses standing as solemn sentinels above the soldier boys who had recently paid the great price.

Once, just as the west was fading into the dull tints of twilight, we beheld a row of those black crosses silhouetted against the horizon, accentuating the loneliness with their mute but eloquent protest against the monstrous anachroism of war. The grey hush and solemn silence of the twilight hour seemed to join in the protest, and something tightened about the heart and set the throat aching with a mighty desire to cry out agaist such idiotic cruelty.

Scarcely less solemn and impressive were the ruined and deserted villages through which we passed. In France there are few farm houses. The country people live in villages of such size and solidity that we would call them towns. We passed through a number of these villages during our auto ride of thirty miles. Their streets were as silent and drear as cemeteries. Man's utmost fury of destruction had crushed and strangled them. No lights flickered from their shattered windows, no voices broke the stillness of their desolation. Stark and motionless as a corpse they gave us no welcome nor farewell.

It was easy to picture these streets full of happy children and these ruined homes resonant with the irrepressible merriment of this vivacious people. Where is all this life and color and happiness? It 's dead—smitten by the shells, quenched by the harsh thunder and frozen in the arctic horror of this martial madness.

The absence of children is oppressive. Men and women now and then, grave and sad amid their ruins, but rarely children. I remember two during that afternoon with a sacred, dazed look on their innocent faces. I spent a large part of the day in Rheims without seeing the face of a child. Think of Nashville or Memphis without a child in the streets!

War aims its cruelest blow at the heart of childhood. Herod was a true type of the militarist. He was the original Hun. Every cross that keeps guard above one of these graves stands for the crucifixion of childhood. Orphanage, poverty and ignorance are permanent successors to the immediate agonies, terrors and heartbreaking sorrows that befall them. Curses on the hands that willingly worked this havoc and blessed be the hands that heal these ghastly wounds of unresisting innocence.

It was a comforting thought amid all this that we were there as forerunners of the Methodist Centenary Movement, which sets for itself the expending of thirty-five million dollars in the reconstructing and healing ministries of the Prince of Peace.

It was a welcome change when we passed from these scenes of desolation into the streets of Chalons, ablaze with light and thronged with busy life. It was like coming into a new world. The Germans occupied this city early in the war, but for some unaccountable reason left it about as they found it. Later the battle lines swung round it.

We had passed that day through the scenes of the most historic battles of the world. The Marne River has been the dead line of European ivilization. No less than five decisive battles have been fought here. It was here the progenitors of the Germans swarming out of the Northern forests of overrun Southern Europe were met by the Romans and routed with a slaughter of 300,000. It was at Chalons on the Marne that Attila, "the scourge of God," was defeated by the Romans in 450 A. D. in a battle that cost the Huns 250,000 men. This battle is known as the "Battle of Chalons." It was on the Marne that Charles Martel defeated the Moors in the eighth century, and saved the Christian civilization of Europe. In 1914 Joffre defeated the modern Huns and again saved the civilization of Europe, and in 1918 Foch turned the tide of battle and saved the civilization of the world.

We started in the morning from Chateau Thierry, where our brave boys helped stay the rush of the invading Huns, and slept at night where Christian civilization was saved from the Hun invasion 1500 years before. Do you wonder if we went to sleep with a prayer on our lips for the Centenary and all allied Christian forces that we might not fail to win for the civilization of the future the yet greater victory for the Prince of Peace.

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better, than he found it whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.—Bessie A. Stanley.

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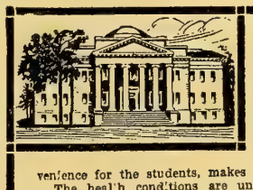
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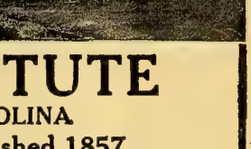
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THE CENTENARY

By REV. R. M. COURTNEY, Field Secretary

VICTORY

Victory? Yes, the Centenary Drive was a big victory. The men and women who threw themselves into the Centenary movement are rejoicing in victory. It was not only $35,000,000, but it was more than $35,000,000, exclusive of the credits. With the credits the pledges for the Centenary will run close up to $50,000,000. The victory has been so glorious that even the occasional indifferent one has been transformed into a booster.

THE FINISH-UP PERIOD

The Drive was to be an eight-day drive, and it was. In fact, it many places it was completed in one afternoon. But in some places there were hindrances of one kind or another and the work was not all done. This being the case there were numerous requests for an extension of time to finish up the work. Presiding elders, district directors, pastors and local church directors seem to feel that it would be almost a calamity for any church to fail to get into this great victory. They wanted a little time for this opportunity to be improved. It was decided by the Centenary commission and the missionary secretaries in the meeting at Memphis to grant the request. So any individual or church that wants to line up can do so by June 15th. At that time the official reports will be made.

IS OUR WORK DONE?

Is our work done? or will it be done when the final reports of the financial campaign are all in? Some seem to think that we have reached the culmination of all our efforts. One man said to me today, "Well, you will cease preaching missions now." No, our work is not done. We, all of us, preachers and laymen, face responsibilities and opportunities greater than ever before.

One missionary secretary said the other day, "I am going to take a few days off now." After the conservation conference at Memphis I asked him about taking a few days off. He replied, "I don't see any chance now."

There is no place or time for any of us to cease our toils while the call of God is so clear and insistent for workers in His vineyard.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The conservation program for the Centenary movement may be summed up as follows:

1. A finish-up campaign. In some instances, for various reasons, the Drive was not put on, or being put on was not carried through. In response to the requests that came from various sources for an extension of time it was decided that a finish-up campaign might be carried on up to June 15th. All reports must pass through the district directors on into the hands of Dr. Beauchamp by June 20th.

This will give opportunity for every church to do its best to raise its allotment without using its credits. It will also furnish teams the opportunity to canvass persons who may have been out of reach at the time of the eight-day drive.

2. Stress the Centenary Celebration. The greatest missionary celebration the world has ever seen is being arranged for at Columbus, Ohio, and we should do all in our power to get our people to attend. People who go to this celebration will come back with a larger and better conception of what needs to be done and what is being done for the salvation of the world than they could possibly get in any other way or place. It will be a good investment for many congregations to send their pastors, paying their expenses.

3. Specials. Individuals, churches and Sunday schools may arrange to devote their contributions to some special object either on the foreign field or at home.

4. The program of intercession and stewardship are to be carried forward. Our people are not yet fully developed along these lines.

Emphasize evangelism. In response to the call of God and the church men have laid their money on the altar. In response to the call of God and the church men who are already Christians will lay themselves on the altar of service, and others will respond to the call for salvation.

AN EXPLANATION

From the published reports in the press it might appear that the Western North Carolina Conference was falling behind most of the great conferences of the connection in the Centenary Drive. The explanation of this is the fact that there was some confusion about the reports. The reports of the first day's work hardly have been surpassed. The first report sent by Brother Cole to Dr. Beauchamp showed that $1,082,000.00 had been subscribed. There seems to have gone abroad the impression that there was no need for reports till the campaign was finished, so Brother Cole had no further reports till after the Memphis meeting.

BROTHER KUGIMIYA

A letter from Rev. S. A. Stewart, of Japan, brings the news that Brother Kugimiya, one of the Japanese preachers, who was educated at Trinity College, is to visit this country at an early date. In fact he may now be within the borders of the state. I am hoping that he may be available for some services while he is here. Many of us will recall the great service at the Annual Conference at Monroe when he spoke to us.

THE CENTENARY SPIRIT

The Centenary spirit has been in evidence from one end of our Conference to the other. Many, very many, reports indicating the presence of this fine spirit have found their way to the Secretary, but he has been too busy to try to tell of these interesting occurences. In some cases this Centenary spirit was operating through a presiding elder, making him a great leader and captain. Some time it has found expression in a preacher, and the folks say their preacher has become a new man. In other instances this same spirit has gone into offices and shops or out on the farm and has taken possession of a layman and made him a mighty power for God. The truth is, the Centenary spirit has given us a lot of new presiding elders, preachers and laymen.

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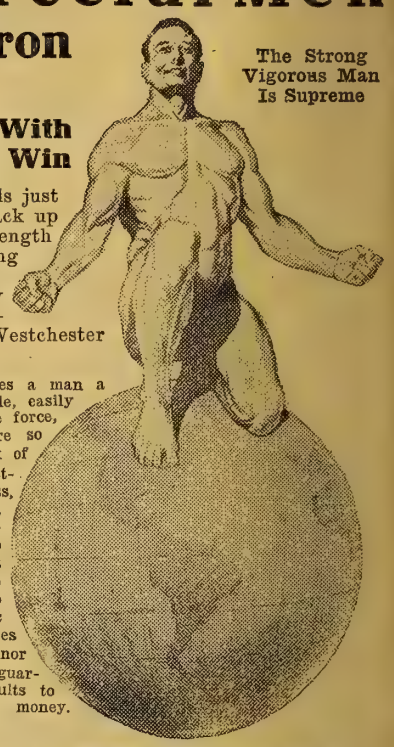
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A TURTLE TALE

There once was an island far out in the sea,
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And the fishermen used to come out from the land
To visit during the year.

They would come to the beach in their queer little boats,
And leave them pulled up on the shore
While they angled for fish, or dug up the clams
That lie in the sand and snore.

It happened one day that they found a huge clam,
The largest that ever was seen—
So big that it wouldn't go into a bot,
Too big for a chowder tureen.

'This clam shell will make a fine boaat!" they cried,
And they cut out a place for an oar;
Then they cut out another, and built a small dock
Around the opposite shore.

But you never can tell in this funny old world,
For quick as a twinkle, dear me,
Dock, island and clamshell and boats disappeared,
And a turtle jumped into the sea!

—Antoinette E. Fisher, in "The Youth's Companion."

THE DIAMOND CUP

An old legend tells of a little girl who lived in a land where a drought had dried up all the streams, so that all were perishing. The child went out into the woods and prayed for enough rain to fill her tiny cup for her sick mother. After her prayer she lay down and slept and woke in the dawn to find her cup filled with sparkling dew.

She hastened to her home, but on the way stopped to pour a few drops into the mouth of a gasping dog. Immediately the cup in her hand changed to silver. She ran to her mother's bedside joyfully, and placed it in her hand. But the sick woman cried, "No, I am dying, give to those who will live." And gave it back, and lo! the cup became a cup of gold.

Then the child bore the cup away to divide its water among all in the house, when a thirsty stranger came to the door. She eagerly held out the cup to him, and as he took it, a radiant light shone about him, the cup turned to shining diamonds, and a spring of water welled from it, refreshing all the land.

"Blessed are they," said the stranger, "who give a cup of water in My name."

He disappeared and the diamond cup rose into the sky, shining forever as the Dipper among the stars. There it gleams for all to see—

Showing the world with what a light divine,
Through all the years, unselfish acts may shine.

—Queen's Gardens.

Scotland Saved by a Thistle

Billy, a bright-eyed boy, in his eagerness after bowers, had wounded his hand on the sharp, prickly thistle. "I do wish there was no such thing in the world as a thistle," he said in hot temper.

But his father said calmly: "And yet the Scottish nation think so much of it that they engrave the thistle on the national arms."

"It is the last bower I should pick out," said Billy. "I am sure they could have found a great many nicer ones even among the weeds."

"But once this thistle did them such good service," said the father, "that they learned to esteem it very highly. One time the Danes invaded Scotland, and they prepared to make an attack upon a sleeping garrison. So the Danes crept along barefooted, as still as possible, until they were almost on the spot. Just at that moment a bartefooted Dane stepped on a great thistle, and the hurt made him utter a sharp, shrill cry of pain. The sound in the still night awoke the sleeping Scotch soldiers, and each man sprang to arms. They fought with very great bravery, and the invaders were driven back with great slaughter. So you see this thistle saved Scotland, and ever since it has been placed on their seals and emblems as their national flower."

"Well," said Billy, "I would never suspect that so small and ugly a thing could save a nation."—Exchange.

A Strong Family

"You just ought to feel my muscle, papa," said Johnny; "ain't it big and hard?"

The blue blouse and the flannel shirt were pushed up into wrinkles at the shoulder, and a very soft and pink arm presented itself proudly for the father's inspection.

"Pretty good for seven years," said papa, smiling. "I hope some day to see you as strong as a family I know, who carry the world on their shoulders."

"What's their name?" asked Johnny, forgetting his muscle at this first hint of a story.

"Their name is Never,' answered the father with a queer little wrinkle at each eye corner, as if a smile was curled up there.

"Never! What a funny name!" exclaimed Johnny. What are their other names?"

"Oh, there are a lot of them. There is Mr. Never-drink; he has such clear eyes and such a steady step, you'd know him anywhere; a strong fellow is Mr. Never-drink. He is always ready to lift his end of the log.

"Another is Mr. Never-swear; you will know him by the company he keeps, and I suppose he grows strong by not wasting his breath. Then there's Mr. Never-lie, everybody trusts him; and Mr. Never-forget, who loses nothing; and Mr. Never-be-idle, who does the world's work; and Mr. Never-be-discouraged—"

Papa stopped and laughed aloud, for Johnny was in the midst of a big yawn. "You don't seem to care much about my strong young people, Jack," he said.

"I like stories about sho'-nuff people," owned Johnny.

"All right. Once there was a little boy who wanted to be very strong—oh, as strong as Samson. So he went to the strongest man on N. Street, and asked him how he got so strong and hardy. 'By never touching strong drink,' said the man on N. Street. He asked another steady fellow. 'Never swear,' said the man; 'it takes you into low company, where God and men are dishonored.' Another said 'Never lie.' A single lie takes away a man's courage—"

"Who was that little boy, papa?" interrupted Johnny.

"He was that little boy that I want my little boy to be," answered the father. "I want him to make friends with the Nevers, because they are the friends of God, and their family motto is, 'Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt not.' "—Exchange.

HIDE AND SEEK

I must not move, I dare not speak,
Because I'm playing hide-and-seek;
And while I crouch behind this tree,
The other children look for me.

Sometimes so close to me they pass,
I hear their steps upon the grass,
And then no tiny little mouse
That ever crept about the house.

Can be more still than I,
Until the rest have passed me by,
But when they've wandered far away
From 'round the base, at which we play,

You'd think it was the best of fun
To see me jump and dodge and run,
And reach the home base first of all,
And then "Home free! home free!"
I call.—Frances McKibbon Morton in Mayflower.

THE TRICOLOR

"There isn't a single Belgian flag left in the store," cried Doris, running into the room where Faith was dressing big doll Rosabelle. "I guess everybody in town wanted one to hang in the window to show the corporal that Americans honor the flag of his brave army. Anyhow, he won't come by our house to get to Mr. Vance's from the station."

"Why, Dorris May Drake! We want to show our honor just as much if he doesn't go by to see the flag," said Faith.

"Mrs. Wilson was at the store when I was and she was awfully disappointed to find the flags were all sold. She was going to buy red and yellow and black ribbon to make a Belgian flag."

Faith put down doll Rosabelle and jumped up.

"Then we'll get ribbons and make a flag too. I guess we can sew together three pieces of ribbon and hem the ends."

"I'm sure we can," cried Doris gladly.

So Doris and Faith asked mother how much ribbon to get and how wide it ought to be to make the Belgian flag properly and hurried to the store for the materials. Then Faith, who was two years older than Doris, sat down with silks and a needle to sew the tricolor ribbons into a flag. She did not want a stitch to show, but every one must be firm enough to hold fast.

"I want to help," said Doris.

"You sew the red and yellow, and I'll sew the black and yellow," answered Faith, sure that if her sister could not make as fine stitches as she every one would be just as full of loyalty and love.

It took the girls nearly the whole forenoon to make the flag so there wasn't a pucker where the ribbons joined, and then they watched while mother hemmed the ends. For mother wanted to help honor the brave Belgian soldier who was coming to visit their town and to tell the people about his dear old country.

When the flag was finished and hung in the front window Faith and Doris ran out to the sidewalk to make sure it looked just right.

"Isn't that splendid!" cried Doris, clapping her hands.

They had not noticed that a tall man in a blue uniform and with gold on his sleeve was coming up the street.

"Ah!" he said, stopping, "you do my flag the great honor in your window. Me, I salute."

Faith tried to think how she ought to speak to a soldier and her heart was thumping very fast against her ribs, as he clicked his boot heels and lifted his hand.

"Are you Corporal Jean Longle, sir?" she asked.

"I am, mademoiselle. I was able to arrive on a train earlier than I am expected, and walk about your town to find the home of Mr. Vance, my host."

"That would be my pleasure," smiled Doris, eagerly.

"Can't we show it to you, sir?" asked the corporal.

Though they went very slowly and talked a great deal, it seemed but a minute before they reached the Vance house.

"I shall remember always this pleasure," said the corporal.

"I'm sure we'll never, never forget," said Faith and Doris.

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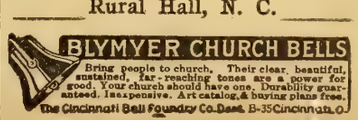
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OPENING OF WASHINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH

PROGRAM

Opening Week, celebrating the completion of the Representative Church for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington, D. C., June 15-22, 1919.

Sunday, June 15th

9:30 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., sermon, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D. 8 p. m., Sermon, Rev. E. B. Chappell.

Monday, June 16th. Afternoon Service

Isaac W. Canter, D. D., Presiding.

Rev. John W. Smith, Scripture Reading and Prayer.

J. Howard Wells, D. D., Sermon.

Rev. L. B. Bobbitt, Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Evening Service

Hon. John W. Price, Presiding.

The Epworth League Board.

Address, James A. Burrow, D. D.

Tuesday, June 17th.

Afternoon Service

Rev. Ernest L. Woolf, Presiding.

Rev. Claude M. Hesser, Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Rev. Wm. French Locke, Sermon.

Rev. D. L. Brown, Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Evening Service

Hon. W. W. Millan, Presiding.

The Sunday School Board, Address, Charles D. Bulla, D. D., Rev. A. L. Deitrich.

Wednesday, June 18th.

Afternoon Service

Rev. T. J. Lambert, Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Forest J. Prettyman, D. D., Sermon.

Rev. John C. Hawk, Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Wednesday, June 18th.

Evening Service

Hon. Daniel C. Roper, Presiding.

The Mission Board, Address, W. W. Pinson, D. D., O. E. Goddard, D. D.

Thursday, June 19th.

Afternoon Service

Rev. M. H. Keene, Presiding.

Rev. J. Judson Ringer, Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Jefferson W. Duffy, D. D., Sermon.

Rev. John C. Copenhaver, Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Evening Service

Hon. T. S. Lloyd, Presiding.

The Church Extension Board, Address, H. A. Boaz, D. D.

Friday, June 20th.

Afternoon Service

Rev. H. L. Hout, Presiding.

Rev. S. D. Long, Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Carlton, D. Harris, D. D., Sermon.

Rev. John Paul Tyler Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Evening Service

Judge E. K. Campbell, Presiding.

The Board of Education, Address, Stonewall Anderson, D. D.

Saturday, June 21st, 8 p. m.

Grand Organ Recital.

Sunday, June 22nd.

9:30 a. m., Sunday School

11 a. m., Sermon, Bishop W. A. Candler, D. D.

3:30 p. m., Fraternal Greetings.

Response, Bishop W. F. McMurry, D. D.

8 p. m., Sermon, Bishop John C. Kilgo, D. D.

CHRISTIAN PUNCTUALITY

To be behind time is to disappoint God. God always keeps his own appointments to the second; He wants his children to be as careful in keeping theirs. Dr. A. F. Shauffler, the veteran Sunday school teacher and leader and Bible teacher who was called to his heavenly home in February, after a ripe life-time of rich service, was conspicuous for keeping his appointments on time. He was on the staff of the Sunday School Times lesson writers for example from 1884 to 1905. During the dozen years in this period, when the present editor was thereby privileged to be a co-worker of Dr. Schauffler's he cannot remember a single instance when this writer's lesson copy reached this office one minute behind time. Whether Dr. Schauffler was ninety miles away, in New York, or six thousand miles away in the Holy Land, made no difference. What he had agreed to do in furnishing lesson articles was always done and delivered on time. That is a wonderful recird for any man. Christian people sometimes seem to think that "the liberty of the Spirit" means freedom to ignore such "little" matters as punctuality and the scrupulous keeping of every promise. But the Holy Spirit is a Spirit of promptness and orderliness and honorable meeting of every obligation, even the slightest or seemingly most unimportant. He who tells us rightly to divide the word of truth would have us also, we may be sure, rightly divide our time—which is His time.—Sunday School Times.

MISSTEPS AND HOW TO REMEDY THEM

The Psalmist is not the only person who could truthfully say: " My steps had well-nigh slipped." In too many cases it does not remain with "well-nigh" slipping, but it end in an awful realization of a lamentable fall—a fall from virture, from piety, from the right standard of morals, and from better knowledge and the influence of earlier teaching. There are many ways in which one can backslide. but there is only one way to remedy such folly Peter realized to his heart's grief what it meant to backslide in heart, and he also realized the joy of recovery from that terrible state of mind by genuine repentance of his unfaithfulness and disobedience.

No Christian is absolutely proof against such a moral disaster; it is only by faithfully following the Lamb of God abiding in Him that such a sad experience can be averted. When a Christian forsakes the altars of God, the surest way of finding God again is to return to those altars. Well has one said: "Well, it may be or it may not be our lot to be trudging through a period of shame. Perhaps we have gone to pieces in other ways. Somehow we may have got away from the only thing that really matters and we have been narcotized by the world and have been scarcely conscious of our loss. Or perhaps the tragedy of our time, the universal convulsion, has shaken us out of our sleep, and a vital craving has risen for a nobler life. What shall we do? The one thing to do is to make our way to a deserted altar, some revered altar of our earlier days. And, first of all, let us hasten away to the supreme altar, from which all other altars get their fire and virtue; let us hasten to the cross, that altar of superlative and incomparably lonely sacrifice. Let us take our pilgrimage there, with our burdens upon our backs; and when we get to that first altar. we shall share the experience of Christian, and the burden will be loosed from off our shoulders and will roll away into a sepulcher, from which it will never rise again.

'At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away.'"

And let us get back to the altar of early consecration. It would be a blessed thing, if possible, to visit the very spot where we made our first spiritual vows, to go to the little village church, to sit in the old pew, and under the influence of sacred memories renew our covenant with the Lord. "I will renew my vows unto thee, O God." And we must visit the altar of early loyalties if we have lost our first love. We must seek to regain the constancy of our early communion with the Lord. We must renew our tryst with Him in private prayer and in family prayer and in public worship and in Christian service. We must get back and rebuild these first altars. Nay, it will not be going back; it will be going forward, upward; and in our glorious recovery of abandoned treasure we shall sing with the woman of old: "Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost."—Exchange.

TRUSTING GOD

I feel often how with God all that is for the best. There may come things that to us are disappointments; there may come sorrow; there may come great losses; there may come sudden reverses. But if we are working with God, every one of those seeming reverses is a victory for us, and if we are working against Him, those seeming succes in obtaining prosperity in obtaining business rank, or social station, are really the curses of God. It does not make much differece what we get in this world, but how we receive it and with what spirit we use it. God always prospers the man, whatever may seem to be on the outside, who walks with Him.—Russell H. Conwell.

FATHERHOOD

In all its human uses the idea of fatherhood comes nearer to being a religious idea than that of any other human relationship. And when we catch sight of it as the expression of man's relationship to God, it has all that mysterious and beautiful mingling of the most vast and awful with the most near and personal and urgent, all that vagueness which we know includes definiteness, not excluding vagueness which is the very essence of religious impressivness And when we think of it as the idea of Jesus, it must always have the special beauty connected with it, that Jesus must have grown up into the apprehension of it as He grew into the consciousness of His own life.—Phillips Brooks.

THE CROSS

"Upon a cold October day a man was sitting by the wayside, with his forehead against the hands that clasped his stick. He was thinking over his hard life and lamenting his lot. 'O, dear Lord,' he said, 'no one had so hard a lot as I! No one has lost so many sweet friends! No one has had such bad luck with the lambing, and now my little house has burned down, and I have no money to build a new one. O, dear Lord, my cross is too heavy—my cross is too heavy!'

"As he said this a great wind came up the road and whirled all the scarlet and yellow leaves up from the ground, and from the branches, and as they sailed down again in a golden rain, the man heard a deep voice behind him say: 'I have heard your complaint; come with me and I will let you choose a different lot.' And immediately he felt himself borne up on mighty wings through vast spaces until he stood at the great gates of a temple.

"As the doors opened to let him in he found himself in an immense hall, beyond which there was another and another and another, all perfectly empty, but upon their walls hung hundreds and hundreds of crosses of different sizes and different colors. 'Choose,' said the voice. He wandered through all the rooms, trying now this cross, now that one. At first he took down a beautiful golden one that shone in the light, but when it was upon his back he sank down on his knees and could scarcely rise. He put it back trembling. After many attempts he found a wooden one which seemed a light burden, so he asked permission to leave the temple. But hardly had he gone a few steps down the hill when he noticed that his cross had sharp edges, which cut into his flesh at every step, and very soon he was back, knocking at the door and begging to have this cross removed.

"So the poor man went roud the halls a second time and just as he reached the entrance again, full of despair and bewilderment he saw a small black cross that he had not noticed before. He tried it and it fitted him perfectly. This is the one I choose,' he said joyfully. 'Take it,' said the voice as the gates flew open and the wind carried him back to his roadside seat. 'It is your own that you have chosen.'"—The Christian Commonwealth.

One hour a week, or one afternoon or a part of it in a month, given seriously and with complete determination of purpose, to thinking out, wrestling out, praying out the question of your soul's real relation to the eternal future, would be, indeed, time well and economically spent.—Rev. H. P. Liddon.

A man whose intellect has been educated, while at the same time his moral education has been neglected, is only the more dangerous to the community because of the exceptional additional power which he has acquired —Theodore Roosevelt.

SMILES

A boy was driving along a road in Ireland a donkey cart which belonged to his widow mother, when he was accosted by a snobbish young man, who wished to impress his cleverness upon a young lady who accompanied him.

"Watch me take a raise out of this boy."

He shouted to the boy: "I say do you think your mother would sell me that donkey?"

The boy took a good look at him and answered: "Do you think your mother could keep two?"

The smart young man didn't laugh but the lady did.

Dibbs—"Do you believe that there is really something which can invaribly tell when a man is lying?"

Higgs—"I know it."

Dibbs—"Ah! Perhaps you have seen one of the instruments?"

Higgs—"Seen one? I married one!"

Teacher—"Don't you know that punctuation means that you must pause?"

Willie—"Course I do. An auto driver punctuated his tire in front of our house Sunday and he paused for half on hour."—Boston Transcript.

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"I've got the room above him,"—Indianapolis News.

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Weaverville, N. C.

Third Round

June

Fairview, Bethany 14-15
Weaverville, 11 a. m. 15
Biltmore, 8 p. m. 15
Henderson, Reedy Patch 21-22
Hendersonville 22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork 28-29
Riverview 28-29

July

Sulphur Springs, Pisgah 5-6
Haywood Street 6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill 12-13
Bethel 13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope 19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse 26-27
Chestnut Street 27

August

Leicester, Big Sandy 2-3
Rosman circuit 9-10
Brevard station 10
Mills River circuit 16-17
West Asheville 17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder

508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Third Round

June

Prospect, Midway, 11 a. m. 14-15
Monroe, Central, night 15
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m. 21-22
Dilworth, night 22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m. 28
Hebron, 3 p. m. 29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m. 28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m. 29

July

Marshville, Marshville 3
Unionville, Oak Grove 5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m. 6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m. .. 11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m. ..12-13
Lilesville 19-20
Wadesboro, night 20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m. 27
Seversville, night 27

August

Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m. .. 2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder

508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Greensboro, N. C.

Third Round

June

Coleridge circuit, Olivet 14-15
High Point, East End, night 15
Deep River circuit, Cedar Fal' 21-22
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, night 22
Randleman, Old Union 28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night 29

July

Greensboro circuit, Bethel 5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock 6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth 12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's 19-20
High Point, Main Street, night 20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard 26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon 27
Asheboro, night 27

August

Ruffin, Hickory Grove 3
Reidsville, Main street, night 3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer 23

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round

June

First Church, 11 a. m. 15
Spencer, Central, night 15
China Grove, 11 a. m. 22
Park Avenue, night 22
Concord, Central, 11 a. m. 29
Concord, Forest Hill, night 29

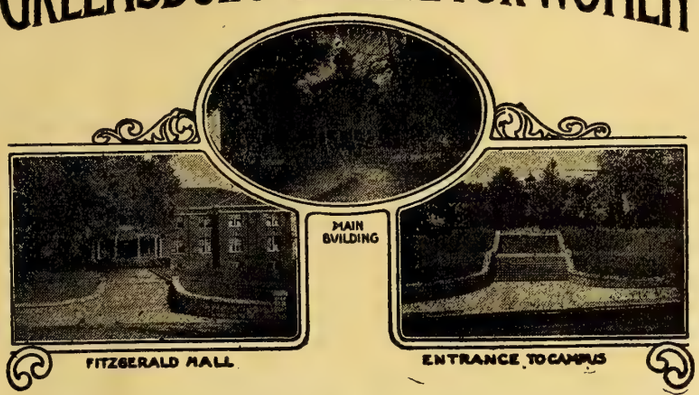
July

Woodleaf, South River 5-6
South Main, night 6
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m. 13
Badin, night 13
Cottonville, Rehobeth 19-20
Norwood, Randall 20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove 26-27
Epworth, night 27
New London, Richfield 29
Salem 30
Gold Hill, Wesley 31

August

Concord circuit, Rogers 2-3
Kerr Street, night 3
Bethel, Loves 9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion 12
First Street, night 13
Kannapolis circuit 16
Kannapolis station 17
West Harmoney, night 17
Salisbury circuit, Providence 23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night .. 24

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MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

Mount Airy, N. C.

Third Round

June

Rural Hall, Germanton, 11 a. m. 8
Stokesdale, Glencoe 14-15
Jonesville, Grassy Creek 21-22
Elkin, 11 at night 22 a. 11 a. m.
Yadkinville, Boonville, 20 at 11 a. m. and 22 at night.
Walnut Cove 28
Madison-Stoneville, Mayodan 29

July

Danbury, Snow Hill 5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove 12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20 4 p. m.
Spray,, night 18-20
eaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge 26-27

The Mount Airy district conference will be held at Walnut Cove, June 26-28. Bishop Darlington will preside.

W. F. Womble.

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Second Round

Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville

June

McDowell circuit, Bethel 14-15
Marion Mills, Clenchfield, Sunday night 15
Morganton circuit, Zion 21-22
Morganton station, Sunday night .. 22-23
Cliffside circuit, Oak Grove 28-29
Henrietta-Caroleen, Henrietta Sunday night 29

July

Table Rock circuit, Fair View 5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel 12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. 13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship 19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday 3 p. m. 20
Bakersville circuit, Penland, night .. 26-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night 27

August

Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend 2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord 9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m. 10
Mill Spring, New Hops 16-17
Rutherfordton Ct., Mt. Hebron 23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m. 24
Marion Ct., Carson Chapel, 3 p. m. ..31

The Marion district conference will convene on Wednesday morning, July 2, at 9:30 o'clock in the town of Marion.

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder

Jefferson, N. C.

Third Round

June

Jefferson circuit, Zion 14-15
Creston circuit, Big Laurel 21-22
Boone circuit, Rutherwood 28-29
Laurel Springs, Mt. Zion 28-29

July

Elkland circuit, Cranberry 5-6
North Wilkes 5-6
Sparta, Piney Creek 12-13
Watauga, Mabel 12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview 19-20
Elk Park, Banner Elk 19-20
Wilkes circuit 26-27
Wilkesboro, night 26-27

August

North Wilkesboro 2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder

Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round

June

Sylva 14-15
Waynesville circuit, Balsam, 4 p. m. 15
Macon, Maidens Chapel 21-22
Franklin, night 22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge 23
Bethel, Liberty 28-29

July

Andrews 5-6
Murphy 6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem 7
Ranger, Belview 8
Robbinsville, Trinity 12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee 19-20
Waynesville 23
Canton, Clarks Chapel 26-27

August

Hayesville 2-3
Highlands 2-3
Glenville 3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell 5
Judson, Fontanna 9-10
Fines Creek 13

The Waynesville district conference will be held at Murphy, July 9-10.

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Denton circuit, Jackson Hill, June 14-15.

Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.

Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.

Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.

Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.

South Thomasville, July 4, night.

Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.

Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.

Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.

Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.

West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.

Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.

Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.

Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.

District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.

All Sunday school officers and teachers are requested to attend all services of third round.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder

Statesville, N. C.

June

Troutman, Knox's Chapel, 11 a. m. .. 28-29
Davidson, Huntersville, 3 p. m. ... 28-29
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 8 p. m. 28-29

July

Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m. ..5-6
Mooresville Ct., Williamsons, 3 p. m. 5-6
District Conference, Lenoir 14-16

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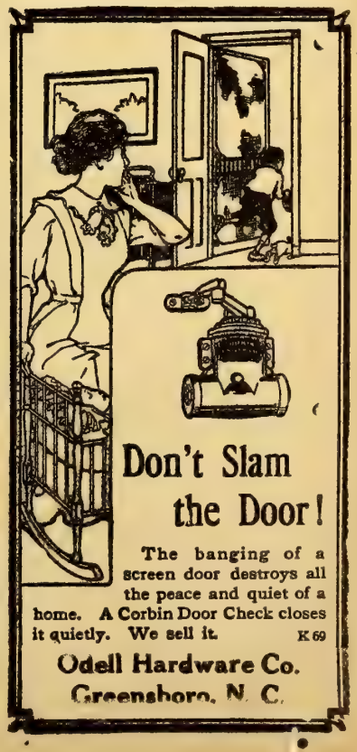
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TAKING UP ONE'S TASK

The pathway of duty is always the path of safety and of usefulness. No task assigned us should be neglected or slighted. God needs co-oworkers, and such who follow him fully are the ones he depends on to help him. While you may feel like shirking, oftentimes thinking the task too great and your ability too inadequate to measure up to it, yet as you assume it you will find that Christ is with you, and every step forward leads you into a more salubrious atmosphere and larger life and more definite possibilities. God expects each Christian to do his level best, then he vouchsafes to help him; through his strength he can do valiantly.

Why not imbibe the strong sentiment of the peot?

"Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth,
'Here am I; send me.'"

That kind of spirit will put perseverance into the undertaking and will yield glorious results. It will help to overcome many difficulties. It furnishes nerve and moral stamina, kindling a commendable optimism. It dooms doubt and defeat. Much of the anticipation proves evanescent. The same thing is true today that prevailed in the days of Caleb; of him it was said: "Another spirit was in him." Oftentimes the whole career of an individual turns on that pivotal thought and fact. Even so it was with those whom God had chosen to smite enemies, sifting them down until there was but a handful of them; but they possessed the spirit of the Lord, and hence they came off victorious.

Napoleon had stricken from his vocabulary the word "impossible" and acted accordingly. That is the way to climb the Alps of all difficulties. Enthusiastic workers always have the advantage over those who show faintheartedness. Workers in God's vineyard must quit themselves like men—men who know no shirking, who do not become slackers in God's kingdom. A brave heart and a determined soul can accomplish marvelous deeds and extend the kingdom of God among men. Beloved co-workers, catch your inspiration from the cross and by that sign you can conquer.—Evangelical Messenger.

THE GUIDE OF THE NIGHT

While traveling in Canada, I had occasion one evening to call on a physician for a friend of mine who was ill. I found the doctor most congenial and companionable; and when he learned that I was from "the States," he insisted on a prolonged conversation.

The route from the home of my friend to that of the doctor was somewhat zigzag, which I had no difficulty in finding in the lingering twilight of that beautiful Canadian evening. But when I emerged from the doctor's office a dense darkness had settled down upon the little hillside village, and I soon became confused and lost. Wandering about for the doctor's office—if I could. After more groping in the darkness, I succeeded and asked my new-made friend to give me further direction. But he said: "No, I will do better than that. I will accompany you back to your home." Then he and I went out into the night together, and my fears were clean gone. I had no further concern about the winding pathway or the uncertain footing. We walked happily together until we ing directly in front of me, he said: reached a little hillock, when, pointing directly in front of me, he said: "Do you see that light in the window? Make straight for that. That is your home. Good night."

I have never seen that frined of the night from that day to this. But I have a Friend who has walked with me in all the dark places of life's uncertain path-way; and often when the twilight had faded and feelings of fear overtook me and I felt myself hemmed in by the dense darkness of the night I found, walking by my side this on precious and abiding Friend, and I was comforted and calmed not only in the consciousness of his mute presence, but stayed and steadied in my onward course to my mansion home beyond by his assuring direction: "Do you see that light in the window? Make straight for that. That is your home." Thank God for the Guide, and thank God for the light in the window!—Rev. J. H. Shirley, in Episcopal Recorder.



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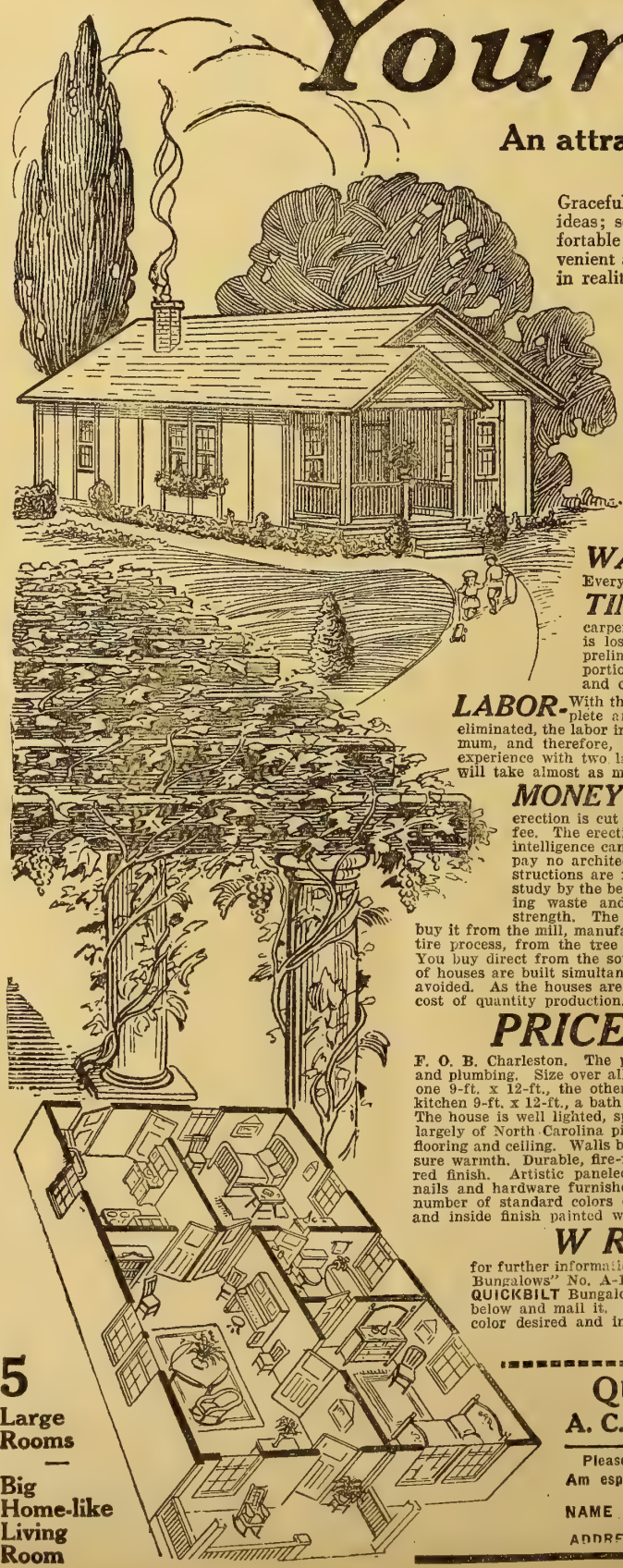
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Editorial

A WORD PERSONAL

With this issue of the Advocate another chapter in its history begins. We now have what many of our people have long desired—one official organ of our church for the entire State. To the members of the North Carolina Conference who have been readers of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, it is not necessary that I should address myself at this time. My work for the past nine years has been passing in review before them weekly, and it must speak for itself; but for that slightly larger clientele of the Western North Carolina Conference, it may not be amiss to write a word or two of introduction.

From the start I wish to be absolutely frank. In my editorial experience I have acquired very little ability so to write as to leave my readers in doubt as to my views on current questions of church life and polity. This is sometimes a very desirable accomplishment for an editor. It is quite convenient to write a column or two, when one perforce must write, without expressing a conviction that may run counter to the opinions of anybody; but I acknowledge myself devoid of that skill. I therefore ask that, if you cannot agree with me, just agree to disagree and take no offense. One of the keenest pains that comes to an editor's life is the estrangements of friendships through no cause but that of honest difference of judgment. Let us contract at the start to respect each other's judgment; for I am unskilled in the art of "riding the fence."

,I cannot forecast what the Advocate is going to be under the new arrangement. As editor I can only make one promise: Not to write any word for these columns the purpose of which is not the promotion of the cause of Christ and the best interests of the great church we represent. I am not unmindful of the greatness of this promise, but it does not mean that the reader will always think what we write is calculated to promote the cause. It means that I will think so at the time of the writing. The same principle shall guide in the things admitted to these columns. I have no ulterior purpose to serve. What I write will have to be the production of the mind and heart as the weeks go by.

These are turbulent times. The world is in a ferment. Currents and cross currents are running in all directions. Many foolish things are being said and written, and what is wise is not always easy to determine. I look into this ferment with the calm assurance that the fundamentals of our religion will not change. They cannot change. They inhere in the very nature and character of God, and are as unchangeable as He is. We shall have no new religion for the new age into which we are coming. I have no new doctrine to present to my readers. The new theology, born in Germany, had no attraction for me before the days of the late bloody war: it has not gained any since. Whatever others may think, I believe that we need to stand flat-footed upon the eternal verities of our holy religion in this age as we never needed to do so before. I believe the ministry needs to ring clear on the great doctrines and hold fast to the faith "once for all delivered to the saints." I cannot therefore promise to gratify those who hunger for the sensational in religion.

With these few brief statements, I commit myself to the task to which I have been called. From week to week my readers will come to know me better, and I trust that the fellowship will be mutually beneficial. There is a great and open door before us, and I covet the earnest co-operation of all our readers and of all the varied activities of the church to rescue sinners from sin and to edify saints to the end that all "may be established in the faith." L. S. Massey.

SOMEWHAT PERSONAL

I feel that it is due to Brother Massey as well as myself and the many readers of the Advocate that I should state frankly that this first issue of the consolidated paper is not what we had anticipated. If, therefore, there should be any disappointment among our readers, it is doubtless more keenly felt by those engaged in making the paper than by those who read it.

After deciding to consolidate the papers it was seen, in order to make such a paper as we desired, that some changes in our equipment must be made. Accordingly, we set about this, giving as we thought ample time for the work, but had not reckoned sufficiently with the unsettled conditions of labor, transportation, etc. Consequently, on the very eve of the consolidation, we were notified that a machine which we had been assured could be delivered in ample time, and which is essential for the production of the paper in enlarged form, could not be delivered under ninety days. So our friends will readily understand how embarrassing it is to undertake to serve both Conferences without being able to increase our reading space; and we are sure that those who contribute matter for the various departments will be considerate and condense their matter as far as possible. Apart from the lack of the machine referred to our plant is now in fine shape, a new press having been installed and individual motors attached to each machine.

It is our purpose to increase our reading space at the earliest possible moment. Meantime, we shall expect the loyal support of the great constituency which we represent. As to the advance in the price of the paper, I wish to say that this should not be considered as an increase in the price, but rather as a re-adjustment of the price to meet, in some measure, the increase in the price of all commodities. The fact is that $2.00 now is not so high a price for the paper as $1.50 was a half dozen years ago. At that time it took about two bushels of the farmer's wheat to pay for a year's subscription; now it requires but one bushel. Then it required fifteen pounds of cotton or tobacco to pay a year's subscription; now five pounds of either will foot the bill. The same is true of those who work for wages, and there is no good reason why the price of the paper should not be re adjusted. The truth is, it must be, and we must trust our people to be broad and reasonable about this, and they will.

H. M. Blair.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

This issue of the Advocate is given to the cause of Christian literature. It is fitting that this issue should come at this juncture when the Advocate is beginning a new chapter in its history, and it well fits the occasion that a sketch of the Advocate to date should be laid before our readers. We are glad also to give a number of helpful articles on this important subject. We trust that our readers will give them all careful attention.

We are strongly of the opinion that our people have not yet come to any proper appreciation of the importance of the periodical literature of the church. It seems not even to have dawned upon the minds of many that it has any real place in the activities of our great church. We have not come to think of it as a necessary agent in the work which the church has set itself to do, and is treated accordingly as an indifferent matter. Even many of the ministry are disposed to think of the church paper as only one more burden added to the many which they already have to carry. We wish that some movement might be inaugurated that would open the eyes of the great bulk of our membership to the importance of this work.

This is no case of special pleading. It is no effort to magnify one's own task. It is not for the sake of the Advocate even that we write. The church paper is not an end in itself, but a means to an end. It is the great ally of every worthy cause; and those who have been interested in promoting great movements in the last few years seem fully to have realized this truth. The calls upon the church press have been many and urgent. The government, the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the social reformers of all various types, have been and are making insistent demands upon the church press to promote the various movements which they have enterprised, and with becoming modesty we may claim that the church press has not failed them.

The church press is to the literature of today what the Acts of the Apostles was to inspired Scripture. We have recorded there the activities of the church in the first years of the Christian era. The Holy Spirit thought those activities worthy to be put to permanent record. Those records have been the source of much information and inspiration for all the ages since. The church paper today contains the records of the activities of the church in this our day. It is a bureau of information with particular reference to what the church is doing at home and abroad for the evangelization of the world. It brings this information to your home and lays it down upon your table. It does this from week to weok, always bringing facts fresh from the field; and it is the only adequate source of information to which our people have access. And this information is essential to the best life of our people. No man can make his life count for most in the furtherance of the work of the church who does not keep himself posted upon the present day activities of the church upon its world-wide field.

The church paper is the promoter of all the enterprises and institutions of the church. Our colleges, our orphanages, the work of our women, the Epworth League, the Sunday school—all these collectively and severally—are the beneficiaries of the church press. It gives itself freely and unreservedly to the promotion of these things, and does it as constantly as the dew gathers upon the grass with the returning nightfall. So uniformly is this true that we are disposed to forget all about it, just as we do every blessing that comes with the regularity of the air we breathe. Stop the circulation of the church paper, and all of the enterprises would feel the shock. The great centenary movement could never have been put over so gloriously as it has been to date, without the co-operation and support of the church press, and it will be just as greatly needed in the work that is yet to follow in the work of reconstruction and evangelizing the world as it has been needed in that part of the work already done.

It is the function of the church paper to interpret the thought life of the church to the men of God. Truth is new only to the man who dis- "The ancients stole all of our best ideas." So far as the church is concerned, the truth which it is to promote is reported in the revealed Word of God. Truth is new only to the man who discovers it, and it is always new to any man when he first discovers it. The great fact about it is that every man must discover it for himself, and in some measure in his own way, before he makes it really his own. Hence the work of making known the truth never ends. Each unfolding mind must apprehend it a little at the time, and the angle by which it is approached is always slightly varying. To present this truth, and to present it in such a way that the average mind of the present day will appropriate it, is a part of the function of the church press. And the fidelity of the church press to this task is noteworthy. Books that are issued from our publishing houses are often heretical. They set forth doctrines that cannot be accepted without damage to character—many of them. Preachers in the pulpit sometimes sound a false note and take up with strange doctrines; but when has the church press been found guilty of it? The cases are rare indeed. They have held true to the compass. They have sounded the one clear call, and stood as the exponents of Scriptural truth through the changes that have swept over the thought-life of the peoples of the world.

If the church paper occupies such a place as this in the life of the church, then what ought to be the attitude of the church toward the church paper? One would think that it ought to be the pet, the nursling, of the church. On the contrary, it has been thrown out to care for itself as best it could. It has been made to pay its own way or die; and oftentimes it has had to pay its way in the face of criticisms and an indifference that is heart-wrending. Why should it go begging for support? Why should it be treated as a foundling for whose adoption no one cares? Why should it be considered a hard thing, if it calls for some

consideration, for some effort, for some time and attention from those who have the interests of Zion at heart? It seeks the good of the whole church and should have unprejudiced access to the whole church.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ADVOCATE

At the Conference held in Pittsboro, December, 1854, the question of publishing a paper as an official organ of the North Carolina Conference was discussed and measures were then adopted looking to the establishment of such a paper. At the Conference held in Wilmington, November, 1855, a plan was matured and the paper was established at Raleigh. This paper was known as the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the first number appeared in January, 1856, with Rev. R. T. Heflin, D. D., as editor. Dr. Heflin was continued as editor till 1861, when Rev. William E. Pell, who had served as assistant editor during the year 1860, was elected editor in chief. During the early part of this year the paper was suspended by order of the publishing committee, on account of the war and for the further reason that its resources were not sufficient to meet current expenses. Thus far the paper had been conducted entirely by a publishing committee of the Conference. At the Conference held in Raleigh, December, 1862, a joint stock company was formed and this company took over the Advocate, assumed its liabilities and received all its income, while the Conference was to have an "equal voice with the company in the election of editor." Rev. W. E. Pell was elected editor and continued in that relation till some time during the year 1865, when the paper was again suspended.

At the Conference held in Fayetteville, November, 1866, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the feasibility of resuscitating the Advocate. The committee reported favorably and Rev. W. H. Cuninggim was appointed agent to manage the affairs of the company and to publish the paper. The paper appeared in the spring of 1867 with Rev. H. T. Hudson, managing editor. The name of the paper was changed from Christian Advocate to Episcopal Methodist. During this year the office was burned and much of the type and fixtures were destroyed. In addition heavy debts came upon the company and the entire office and fixtures, together with all assets saved from the fire were advertised to be sold to satisfy claims against the company. In this crisis Dr. H. T. Hudson came to the rescue, putting his own money into it when no one else was willing to risk a dollar in it. He bought the whole outfit and employed R. H. Whitaker ,(afterwards Rev. R. H. Whitaker, D. D.), to take charge of the paper—do all the mechanical work—bear all expenses and receive all the income while Dr. Hudson did the editorial work as a gratuity. The paper was continued for a year or more under this management, all the while in a struggle for existence.

In December, 1868, the Conference met in Statesville. It was evident that some change must be made if the paper was to be continued. A proposition was made to Rev. J. B. Bobbitt to take over the whole property as an individual enterprise, relieving the Conference of any pecuniary risk and publishing the paper in the interest of the Conference. The Conference pledged hearty support and recommended that Dr. Bobbitt be appointed editor of the paper. The subscription list at this time, according to the statement of the new editor, amounted to only about two hundred and fifty. Referring to his experience in these first days under the new regime, Dr. Bobbitt says: "When I took charge of the paper, there were only about two hundred and fifty names on the subscription books. Many of these were non-paying subscribers. In about two months the number was increased to one thousand. I was greatly encouraged by this rapid increase. My work was arduous. I labored day and night. I was editor, proof-reader, bookkeeper and mailing clerk. My heart was in the work. I determined to assume no liabilities which I could not meet at the close of each week. The paper must pay its way or it could not go forward. Confidence in its success was gradually restored, and hearty congratulations came in from all quarters. My subscription list had already gone beyond my most sanguine expectations. My heart was full. I thanked God and took courage. Thus the paper—our paper—lifted its head above the waves of misfortune and has had smooth sailing, all the while, until it now has its place in the great family of Advocates in the Southern Methodist Church, not only in point of circulation but also in character, influence and usefulness." (Centennial of Methodism, 1876.)

In the year 1870 the paper was greatly enlarged and improved in many respects and the name changed from Episcopal Methodist to Christian Advocate. Dr. Hudson continued as assistant editor till 1872. In 1873 Mr. R. T. Gray, then a young attorney of Raleigh, became assistant editor, and continued for a number of years in that relation, purchasing a half interest in the paper in 1874.

In November, 1878, Revs. W. S. Black and Frank L. Reid purchased the type, presses, office furniture, subscription and account books of the Raleigh Christian Advocate." In the issue of November 6, 1878, Dr. J. B. Bobbitt announced his retirement from the paper and Messrs Black and Reid announced that they had taken charge. At the succeeding Conference held in Charlotte, December, 1878, Revs. W. S. Black and Frank L. Reid were appointed editors of the Advocate. During their incumbency the paper was greatly improved and increased in circulation. They continued to edit and manage the paper jointly until December, 1884, when Dr. Black retired and Rev. Frank L. Reid became sole owner and editor of the paper, Dr. Black having retired to give his entire time to the regular work of an itinerant Methodist preacher. The paper continued to prosper during these years. During the years of the joint management of Messrs Black and Reid the circulation increased from about three thousand to five thousand.

In 1890, the General Conference set up the Western North Carolina Conference, transferring a large section of the Holston Conference, including the city of Asheville, where for several years a paper had been published known as the Western Carolina Methodist. There was also the Statesville Christian Advocate, an excellent paper which had for a number of years been published at Statesville, unofficially, by Rev. James Willson.

At the Conference held in Charlotte in 1893, the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was adopted recommending the adoption of the Western Carolina Advocate as the official organ of the Conference, also that Rev. P. L. Groome be continued as editor. In their report was also a resolution recommending a joint commission of the two Conferences in the state with power to consolidate the Western Carolina Advocate and the Raleigh Christian Advocate, the Statesville Christian Advocate having been absorbed by the Asheville paper during the year. This joint commission went to work immediately and early in the year 1894 announced that they had been successful and that the consolidated paper to be known as the North Carolina Christian Advocate would begin publication in Greensboro during the following March. This was March, 1894, the first issue being mailed throguh the postoffice at Greensboro during that month.

In effecting the consolidation it was deemed wise to form a joint stock company; accordingly a charter was applied for and obtained, dated January 18th, 1894, under the name of The Christian Advocate Publishing Co. Rev. F. L. Reid was elected President of the company and Rev. W. L. Grissom, Secretary and Treasurer. This company, through the good offices of the Joint Commission, succeeded in taking over all the interests of both papers and clearing the field for one paper.

For several months Rev. D. Atkins, D. D., a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, had been on the editorial staff of the Raleigh Advocate and he was, at the request of his Conference, appointed to that work again. This stock company elected Rev. W. L. Grissom, then a member of the North Carolina Conference, to a position on the editorial staff, and he was, at the request of the Conference, so appointed by the Bishop. The consolidation of the papers appeared for the time to give almost universal satisfaction. The people seemed particularly pleased with the idea of one paper for the two conferences. The combined subscription lists, after eliminating duplicate, gave a total net circulation of about 6,500 or 7,000.

In December, 1894, Revs. H. M. Blair and W. L. Grissom were appointed as associate editors. Mr. Blair continued only one year, and was succeeded by Rev. P. L. Groome, who, with Mr. Grissom, continued till 1896, when they were succeeded by Rev. L. W. Crawford.

At the session of the North Carolina Conference held in Kinston in 1896, Rev. T. N. Ivey was elected editor for that Conference, Rev. L. W. Crawford having been elected by the Western N. C. Conference. This arrangement was continued until the year 1890. That year a joint commission arranged for the separation of the lists, and the N. C. Conference re-established the Raleigh Christian Advocate as the official organ of the N. C. Conference. Rev. T. N. Ivey, now editor of the Christian Advocate (Nashville) was elected editor and continued in this relation until 1910, when he was elected editor of the Nashville. Meantime Dr. Crawford was continued editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate until December, 1901, when the Conference purchased a controlling interest and Rev. H. M. Blair was appointed Editor and Manager. Mr. Blair took charge December, 1901, working under the direction of a publishing committee until December, 1908, when the Conference took over the remainder of the stock, dissolved the old stock company and organized a Board of Publication under a charter authorized by a special act of legislature. This Board has had the management of the paper since that time, and Mr. Blair has served as editor, General Manager and Agent of the Board continuously.

When Dr. Ivey retired from the Raleigh Advocate, in 1910, Rev. L. S. Massey was chosen as Editor and Manager of that paper and has continued in the same relation, having just completed his ninth year of service. During these years there has been in both Conferences a spirit of co-operation and both papers have increased their circulation. Resuming their separate existence in 1899 with a combined circulation of about seven thousand, they now join hands again with a combined circulation of about seventeen thousand.

During several years since 1906, Rev. W. L. Sherrill, for twenty-five years Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, has rendered valuable service as Assistant Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

During the years of separation there has been a growing sentiment in favor of the re-uniting of the two papers. The territory covered by the two Conferences is so homogenious, and there are so many interests common to all North Carolina Methodists that it seemed no reasonable plea could be made for continuing to publish two papers where one can be made to answer every purpose of the two, besides making it a bond of fraternity and brotherhood, in every way helpful to the more than two hundred thousand Methodists of the state. Accordingly the Western North Carolina Conference, at its last session, by unanimous resolution, invited the North Carolina Conference to consider the propriety of bringing their lists to Greensboro and uniting with them again in the publication of the North Carolina Christian Advocate as the official organ of both Conferences. By a vote practically unanimous, this invitation was accepted, and the two Boards to whom the whole matter was referred with power to act, met in Greensboro on Thursday, February 21, and agreed upon the terms of consolidation without division. At a meeting held on April 17, the details of the agreement were agreed upon and a new charter adopted. On April 29th the joint board met and organized under the new charter. The charter provides for a joint Board of Publication, to be known as The Methodist Board of Publication, with principal office in Greensboro and providing for the carrying on of a general printing and publishing business, book selling, etc., and especially for the publishing of the North Carolina Christian Advocate as the official organ of the two Conferences.

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Religious Literature ITS PLACE AND IMPORTANCE

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS REVITALIZED

By Bishop John M. Moore

The pulpit in this day is severely handicapped without the vigorous support of a competent, virile religious press. There was a time when that was not strictly true. Then the pulpit was the medium of knowledge and current information to the pew. Now the pew that does not read gives little hope of any great result to the pulpit, however eloquent, illuminating, and masterful. The pew that does read gives scarecly more hope for the success of the church if its reading is wholly secular. The supreme bond of sympathy and responsiveness between the pulpit and the pew of today is the religious press.

The churches have not laid too much emphasis on missions, education, and evangelism; but they have not given their religious press the attention, the support, and the cultivation which its high importance truly warrants. Colleges have been endowed, and rightly. Why have not great periodicals been endowed? Hospitals cannot now meet the requirements of the public and of the skilled physicians and surgeons who serve them without adequate, up-to-date equipment. The church has been negligent in supplying equipment for making a great church paper and for the circulation of vital publications. The church press has been expected and required to shift for itself, and frequently that has meant to eke out a miserable existence. The publication department of the church has been looked upon as a business run for profits. If profits have been made and a goodly sum appropriated annually to the Superannuate Fund, the agents are congratulated and the church feels comfortable. If the conference organs get through the year without a deficit proper resolutions are adopted. Shall the church of this vigorous age be content with this attitude toward this greatest of all its arm of power? The press of the church in the future will all but determine the real force of that church in its evangelizing, directive, and constructive work in America and in foreign lands.

By the press I mean not only our general and conference organs, but our Methodist Review and all our other periodicals and tracts and books. Our church has woefully neglected its obligation in the production of books. We depend largely upon non-Methodists to write our books on religious and theological subjects. When books are published by our press, they are not extensively sold. I will not undertake to say why, but it is true that the machinery for getting first-class books written by our authors, published by our House, and circulated in our communion is not operating. This we know, whatever we may say as to the existence of such machinery. The propaganda by tracts, leaflets, and booklets which certain sects have used most effectively in making known their teachings and in indoctrinating their adherents is not employed by us. When the dearth of real Methodist books and tracts is truly recognized, is it to be wondered at that so many of our people go off after all sorts of fanciful theories and questionable doctrines? Methodism can only hold by the press what she wins by the pulpit.

Money must go into our publication work if Methodist intelligence is brought and kept up to modern standards. Preaching through the press is a necessity today. The program of Methodism should stand out in bold outline before the world. Emblazoned banners should weekly, if not daily, mark Methodism's new way in the world. The "penny-wise-and-pound-foolish" policy has been discounted in this country quite completely in the last three years. The church is now reaching for the larger things and seems ready for larger methods in the Lord's world kingdom. Men everywhere want to know what the church is thinking. The church membership wants to know what its leaders are thinking. Papers, books, and tracts in which real thinkers express attractively their thoughts should be kept at their command.

The publication department of the church needs such re-enforcement, enlarged equipment, and genuine revitalization as will make it dynamic in Methodism's new era. Think of our Nashville plant being compelled to take three our four days to print an edition of thirty thousand of the Christian Advocate! This great paper must await the slow process of flat-bed presses printing one side at a time. The editors must close their columns early Monday morning so as to give printers and mailing clerks time to get all the copies in the mail by Friday night. Great is the pity! The Sunday School Department is suffering in like manner in the issuance of some of its periodicals. For ten years our House has needed a large modern rotary press that would print five thousand copies of the Advocate in one hour. This would enable the editors to give the church real church news. Where is the blame? Upon the church. The management of the publication department cannot buy great presses and put in all the equipment needed and make contributions to the Superannuate Fund at the same time. Surely the time has come when our superannuates should be taken care of—and that adequately, property, worthily—on the merit of their own cause, and the publication department be wholly devoted to its own great work. Our editors and publishers need to be given a real chance to do the great work for the kingdom of God which the times require at their hands.

All the interest of the church is by no means tied up with the publication department as represented by the Nashville plant, with its branch houses. The conference organs have done and today are doing more than ever heroic and most commendable service for Methodism and the cause of genuine Christianity. No class of men has labored more sacrificingly for the church than the editors and publishers of these conference papers. They should have all praise. But that is not enough. They should have substantial financial and genuine moral and intellectual support. They need money, they need good will, and they need good brain products from the leaders of the constituency. The conference organ should be looked upon as doing just as essential and just as valuable work as any school or any mission charge in the territory and worthy of just the same financial consideration. A weak, poorly printed, indifferently edited conference organ with few or no contributions except gossip notes and extended obituaries is a discredit to any conference and a serious embrassment to Methodism. A full stop to such a journal would bring applause. But the real conference organ—vital, vigorous, with insight, vision and outlook—is indispensable to modern Methodism and should be put where its work can be done most effectively.

The proposed consolidation of the two Advocates in North Carolina is to be most heartily commended. The day when our conference organs give place to regional organs will be widely welcomed. When Southern Methodism has five or six regional organs well supported and widely circulated and a general organ equal in circulation and contents to the demands of the modern era, a new force for Christianity will be felt wherever we labor.

My plea is for a revitalization of all our publication work. Our brain output should be increased. The people should be brought to an appreciation of the high value of such a periodical as the Methodist Review, of the supreme importance of the Christian Advocate, and their regional organ. More than that, they must be brought to realize that great Christians can be made only by the reading and study of great Christian books. There must come about at the same time of this awakening of the people a new movement in the production of meritorious books and vigorous thought-bearing and thought-producing periodicals. The proceeds of the publication business for several years at least should be used in propaganda through the printed page and not in benevolence. This can be done without transgressing the sixth restrictive rule. The publication plant should be adequately equipped for meeting modern demands in modern ways. The regional press should have financial consideration in due measure with the regional college and other regional missionary work. The competent religious press is in the highest sense a true missionary agent. My plea is for the illuminating, instructive, evangelical printed page, strongly written and vigorously and wisely circulated. Bring into greater service this powerful means of Christian propaganda.

Nashville, Tenn.

THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN MISSIONARY WORK, AND WHY IT HAS NOT BEEN MORE EXTENSIVELY USED.

By J. W. Clay, Publishing Agent, Methodist Church in Brazil.

The modern printing press has brought literature into its own. Men have always had noble thoughts, and some could express their thoughts nobly, but before the day of the printing press their thoughts, no matter how noble, had little chance of reaching any great number of people or of doing any great work. But today things have changed. Today legions of men are feverishly gathering up the wisdom of the ages, and are putting it into the printed page, and are giving it to an eager world.

The value of the printing press in propaganda is universally known. When a manufacturer wants to sell his goods he advertises. And many of the greatest industrial institutions of the world were built up and are sustained through the printed page. When millions are to be raised for charity, for war work, for fighting the battles of Democracy the printing press is put on the job, and great things are accomplished.

The mission field is an especially fertile field for the use of Christian literature. Where the Christian missionary will come into personal contact with and be able to present his message to one native. Christian literature may reach a dozen. Of course personal contact is often more to be desired, yet on the mission field it is not always so. More often it is best that Christian literature lead the way, and that the missionary follow. The great handicap under which the missionary labors is not often understood in the homeland. He usually goes to a people who have a religion which has been handed down to them by their fathers, and with which they are satisfied. He is a foreigner, and has a foreign religion. They are prejudiced against him and against his religion. And it is only after long and patient work that he can reach their hearts and minds. But the printed page—it is eagerly sought after in most countries. In China it is considered a crime to throw away a piece of paper that contains printing. In Japan every piece of printing is examined, for the Japanese are anxious to learn any new thing. In Brazil paper bound books are treasured as though they were bound in finest morocco, and in every mission field Christian literature is of the utmost value and importance. It will often get a hearing where the missionary would have the door shut in his face. It will often reach a heart that would be absolutely closed to the foreign missionary. It will often reach an intellecutal who would scorn to talk of religion to any one. It can reach its tens of thousands while the missionary is struggling with his hundreds, and if it is wisely used and is the right kind of literature it will silently build up a sentiment and character that will prepare the way for the missionary and for his religion.

Why Christian literature is not more wisely and generously used on the mission field is puzzling. Perhaps one of the chief reasons is that it costs money and that its results are usually silent and not immediately visible. A great wheat farmer once said that the hardest money he was ever called upon to spend in the operation of his farm was that spent for fertilizer and seed wheat. He could pay his laborers their hire, for he could see each day just what they had done. He could feed his mules for the same reason. He could invest in new machinery because he could put it to work immediately, and see just what it could do. But to bury his wheat and fertilizer always looked to him like burying his money. Of course he knew that it was absolutely necessary to bury it before he could reap a crop, still he never had to buy his seed without feeling a pang about his heart. Perhaps it is just this same feeling that takes possession of the Church at home when it is asked to invest in literature for the mission field. It can send a missionary out and feel good about it for he goes to work and delivers the goods immediately. He has experiences which are interesting, he has conversnons, and he builds a church, and he keeps the people at home informed of his success and his work. And the church at home is enthused and sends out more men. It builds great schools and sends out a trained faculty. The

school fills with students, and again the home church is made glad and the school is strengthened with both men and money. It builds a great hospital and equips it with every modern device and mans it with specialists. And soon there is an ever increasing stream of diseased bodies flowing through its gates. And angain the mother church congratulates herself on her achievement. But when the church is called upon to equip a publishing house, whose steady stream of literature, like the seed wheat and the fertilizer, is destined to fall into the soil and be covered up and lost to view for a season, her zeal is not kindled to any very great extent. And why is her zeal not kindled? Is it not that we have yet to learn the real meaning of Christ when He said: "Cast your bread upon the waters?" Is it not that we are yet greatly influenced by show and display? In our haste for immediate results we are not careful enough in the laying and building of our foundations, and it is a sad fact that in almost every mission field the soil is such that it is dangeirous to build on other than a very firm foundation.

Another reason why Christian literature has not been more extensively used on the mission field is the almost universal failure of mission publishing houses to make a success financially. Nobody expects a mission school to make money. The world would be shocked should a mission hospital declare a dividend. But it seems to be the general opinion that a mission publishing house should not only pay expenses but that it should also help to support other work on the field.

There are several very good reasons why mission publishing houses have been financial failures. In the first place most of them were founded by some zealous missionary who got together a few hundred dollars and who bought some second-hand printing outfit, and tried to run it on the side, while he tried to also be a college president or had a circuit as big as two states to take care of. So far as the writer can find there was never an adequately equipped publishing house, manned by competent and specially trained men, sent out by any mission board. Fully three-fourths of all mission publishing houses are being run today by men who never had any training in the business before they went to the mission field, where they went, not for the purpose of running a publishing house, but for the purpose of preaching the gospel, or of teaching in some school. Lack of funds, lack of proper equipment, and lack of specially trained and experienced men for the operation and management of same have given mission publishing houses the black eye, have kept the printed page from the waiting millions of the earth, and have made hard and slow the work of the missionary.

After spending more than five years on the misin field the writer is convinced that two of the greatest needs to be found in any field today is the production of Christian literature, and the preparation of a native ministry. And because each of these require specially trained men, requires money and long years of toil before results are seen, they have been neglected, and shamefully neglected.

The missionaries' first and most important work, therefore, should be to give the people a Christian literature and prepare a native ministry, and with these two agencies, and with these alone, may we expect to evangelize the world.

THE BIG DISGUST OF JONAS BATES

The body of the narrative which follows has been taken form a letter which Bildad Akers wrote to Mrs. Turpin, superintendent of the Centenary Publicity Department, in response to her request for some homespun views on "Religious Literature." Mrs. Turpin, without any desire to reflect on the old philosopher, gave his letter to the editor of the Christian Advocate for de-coding, renovating, and general furbishing.

The editor cannot say that he appreciates the job. Bildad could easily take first prize in hieroglyphics. He invaribly writes with a hard pencil on some kind of glazed paper, a supply of which he must have bought at a sale. He has often said that in his school days he had "gone through" Smith's grammar and had actually figured with some credit to himself in a public spelling-match. This statement, if his friends were not so well acquainted with him, would cause a creaking in the joints of their confidence in his veracity. They cannot at least, believe that he is friendly to grammar and spelling, for his speech, oral and verbal, is littered with multilated fragments of those sacred things of the olden days.

So you can easily realize that the editor does not enjoy de-coding Bildad's letters and especially clearing the field of syntactical and orthographical mutillations. In fact, he hardly ever essays the latter serivce Beyond leaving out certain parts, punctuating what remains, and slightly bandaging the most unsightly wounds, he gives the letter as it came into his hands. Here it is:

Dear Mrs. Turrepin,—I understand that you are the lady which has been runnin' the advertisin' bisness of the Cintuary in the Conference orgins. I allow that what you want are some pints on relijus literchure. I've got 'em ready made from rale life —from my own pussonal experunce of mine. Show 'em to Ivry, and if he says so, let 'er go.

T'other day I went over to the store at the cross roads to get a cupple of whang hallters for the mules. I run acrost Jonas Bates over thar. Jonas lost his boy acrost the water last fall. You read about it in Ivry's paper. Jonas suffered a heap but it made a new man outen him. He had bin the stingiest white man in the whole wurld, ef not in the universe, but arter he lost Jim he wanted to give away all that he had to the Lord. Ef that ain't one of the best signs that relijun had got holt of him I've shed my powers of jedgment, Mrs. Turrepin. The preacher made Jonas a stewart at the fourth quarterly and it was a fust-rate appintment too. We needed more relijun of a givin' kind in that bunch of stewarts. He tuk to the offus peart enuff, and the way he talked about it was a sight. He never had bin willin' to take it before bekase he thought it was a trick to get money outen him.

I had got my whang hallters and was right ferninst the cottin jin agoin' home when who should I meet but Jonas. He was goin' my way and both of us was afoot.

I seed at once arter I had made a pass at him with a few questions that he had a kind of misery on his mind and wanted to work it off. I sed "Jonas, you have been peart for several months. Theres somethin' pesterin' of you, ain't it?" "Yes, he said, "I'm on a plum disgust with myself. I would be willin' to swap two of my best hosses for one good second-hand kickin' masheen."

Well, to make matters short, he told me this tale consarnin' of hisself.

"I was up at Rolly yistiddy. I happened to run acrost Mose McGinnis, and we was standin' on the corner tawkin when Col. Mills come up. He knowed us both—knowed that we both was Methdists at Ebenezer. He said 'I've been lookin' for two honest men that is Methodists all morning'. I've got a kind of church case affectin' some church property, and its mighty little I know about your church. I belong to the Baptisses, you know. I want you and Mose to come over to my offus for a brace of minits. I want to bresh up on some church knowledge.

"When we was in his offus he had me and Mose to set in frunt of him while he rared back like a rale lawyer what he was in his big offus cheer.

The fust question he popped was somethin' consarnin' the govermint of the Methdist church. I kin remember the words he used, for I've got a good memory ef I ain't got nothin' else. He wanted to know sumthin' about when the Methdist church was organized. I told him as fer as I could remember it was about the time of John the Baptist and that John Wesley had somethin' to do with it. He kinder looked quare when I said that, but I thought he thought I was pokin' fun at the Baptisses. He then said he had hearn tell of some kind of Chrismas Conference away back in anshunt times. I told him Methdists never hold their conferences at Chrismas time. He looked quare and reached for a seegar. While he was lightin' of it I looked at Mose and Mose looked rale sad and trubled like.

"The Col. then went into church guvermint. He wanted to know what kind of guvermint we've got anyway. He said that he knowed it was of the Piscopal kind. No, I said, we like Piscopals, but we ain't got nothin' to do with each other in church bisness. 'Maybe its Presbyterul' he said. This rather fired me, and I said that the Presbyteruns is good people but they goes their ways and we goes our'n. The Col. cleared his throat and spit and said, 'It's Congergational then, ain't it? Yes, I says, you've struck it there, Col. We've got a sight of congergations and one of the best is at old Ebernezer. Here I looked at Mose agin, and he looked sadder'n ever.

"The Col. moved his cheer a lettel and popped this question to me. 'You Methdists have got a system of faith. You've bleeged to have. What is the chief docterns you perfess which you dig outen the Bible? This was the fust question, Bildad, which flored me, but I didn't let on but what I knowed. You know me, Bildad; Jonas Bates allers has some kind of answer to all questions. So I said Methdists believe in free salvashun and in practicin' the best economy in runnin' of the church. We believe in shoutin' and big meetin's and payin' the preacher his quarterage by the time he goes to conference ef we kin. That's a purty good systum of doctern, ain't it Col? When I said that Mose groaned. It scairt me. I said, Mose, is that misery in your stummick struck you agin? You see Mose is my neighbor and I have set up with him whole nights when he had his spells. Mose didn't answer but turned his face to the winder.

"By this time the Col. looked pestered like, sich as I have seed him zaminin' of tuff witnesses. I felt sorter like I was on top so fur. I says to myself, Jonas, no Babtis lawyer kin turn you down when it comes to gettin' infermashun about your church.

"But at it he went agin. He says: 'Mr. Bates, you have Bishops, I believe. How many? I didn't have to study any on this. I said, theres Dr. Kilgo who used to run the college over at Durhams. He's one. Thar's Dr. Jubows who married in this state. Dr. Kilgo lives in Sharlot. Don't know whether he's got a church there or not. Dr. Jubows—the Lord knows where they have sent him. They transferd him it striked me. Then, thar's Dr. Atkins. He lived in Ashvil, but is now prechin' in Tennessy. Then that's—well thats about all I know of to my 'zact knowledge.

"He stumped me when he axed me how many confearances we have and how many members we have got. I made some kind of anser. The main question he axed was about our laws on church property. I told him every church owns its own property and has its title in a board of trustees of which I was one at Ebenezer. When I said this Mose had his misery to come back on him for he groaned agin and the Col. didn't look like he thanked me for all my informashun.

"Then I was knocked offen my pins by what Mose McGinnis done. Mose is ginerally quiet like. He allers heers in siluns whats goin' on, does a lot of readin', makes one of our best stewarts. He is pore, but he alwasy pays his part and more to the church. He is what I call a good sitizen and a good Methdist, but you know, Bildad, he hain't got his tongue hung loose as mine is, and is ginerally quiet like. Before I knowed it tho' Mose had turned to the Col. and begun to speak. He said that he hated to change anything I had said but kerrect informashun was wanted and he was thankful he could give it. For once Mose's tongue was loose jinted. He made a regular speech and every word he said took me plum between the eyes. I never felt so mean in all my life. He said it was a Chrismas conference in 1784 that the Methodist church was orginized. He said we do have a Piscopal form of guvermint. He named all our bishops and said they don't ride sirkuts. He told how many confearances we have, thirty-eight in this kentry in all, how many members, how our law is made. When he got to docterns he talked like a preacher, Bildad. He said a heap about universal atonement, jestification by faith, witness of the Sperit and a heap of other things. He said some things I never hearn before, that there are five pints in our Methdist doctern. He said that every bit of Ebenezer church property and all other of our church is secured to the whole church and that it is not the Methdist church as I told the Col. but the Methdist Piscopal Church South. I remember every word he said, Bildad, and I learned a heap that day. But jest to think that me, the richest man in the county, d'rector of a bank in Rolly and who has axchally been to the Legislatur and is looked up to by all this part of the state, should be turned down in a church knowledge match by Mose McGinnis.

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONAL NOTES

—We regret to learn that Rev. T. E. Wagg, presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro District, has been quite sick at his home in Jefferson.

—Rev. H. G. Allen announces revival services to begin at Granite Falls next Sunday. He will be assisted by Rev. E. L. Hillman, of Atlanta.

The latest figures we have seen for the Centenary drave of the Metthodist Episcopal Church was $106,804,212.00, and the returns still coming in.

—The North Wilkesboro District Conference will be held at Valle Crucis, June 24-25, instead of July, as was erroneously stated in a recent issue.

—Our people at Dunn have just completed the installation of their new pipe organ at a cost of $3,700.00. It was built by the Pilcher Sons, and has several unusual features.

—Rev. J. J. Stowe, D. D., Nashivlle, Tenn., dropped into our office at Raleigh a few momentts one day last week. He was very much gratified over the success of the "Big Drive."

—The Greensboro District meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, held in Centenary church last week, was well attended and in many respects the most satisfactory ever held.

—Rev. Loy D. Thompson, pastor of Broad Street church, Statesville, writes: "Our grand total for the Centenary is $35,000. The Centenary has been a benediction to our congregation."

—The Dilworth congregation have shown their appreciation of their pastor, Rev. L. B. Abernethy, in a very substantial manner by presenting him with a well filled purse to meet the expense of the Columbus trip.

—Special Sunday School Day was observed at the Methodist Church at Smithfield on Sunday, June 8. Brother T. R. Hood is superintendent and a well arranged program was carried out. The Sunday school is being graded through the intermediate department.

—The friends of Greensboro College for Women are much elated over the fact that Miss Winnifred Sundean, one of the students of the college attending the Blue Ridge Y. W. C. A. Conference, won the championship in Tennis over 92 colleges for women participating in the contest.

—Mrs. Katherine B. Browning, who has served faithfully as Secretary of the Western North Carolina Epworth League Conference for four years, retires from the work. We regret that a communication from her with reference to this is crowded out of this issue.

—We acknowledge the courtesy of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Nell Dellinger Myers, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ebenezer Myers, to Mr. George Mark Goforth, Jr., of Lenoir, N. C., which will take place at the Methodist church in Waxhaw, on Wednesday evening, June 25th. Congratulations in advance.

—A most successful Summer School for Preachers has just been closed at Trinity College an account of which will be found elsewhere in this issue, and now a Summer School for Teachers is in progress which will continue for six weeks from June 13th. Trinity College is striving more and more to serve the best interests of the church and of the public.

—Mrs. A. R. Surratt, who has been in very feeble health for some time, has been advised by her physicians to consult a Baltimore specialist and she and Brother Surratt, accompanied by Mrs. Z. Paris, are now in Baltimore. Let all friends who read this statement offer a silent prayer that she may be entirely restored and returned home in health and strength.

—We regret to note from the Dunn Dispatch the death of Paul C. Hood, Jr., the twenty-two months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hood. This sad event occurred Monday morning, June 9th, at their home in Dunn after an illness of about three weeks. We sympathize deeply with the sorrowing parents upon whom the blow falls more heavily because he was their only child.

—Rev. E. G. Glass writes in the Ayden Dispatch of June 12th, "Methodist congregations always look forward with pleasure to the coming of their presiding elder. This is especially true in the Washington district since Rev. N. H. D. Wilson has been our presiding elder. He made a pleasant and lasting impression at our first Quarterly conference in March when he preached two powerful sermons."

—The Wesley Bible Class of Dunn has just enjoyed its annual fish fry. It was attended by between 80 and 100 men who were members of the class. Of it the Dunn Dispatch says: "The class has had an unusually prosperous year. The attendance has been large and the faithful and efficient teacher, D. H. Hood, has ably filled his place for twenty-five years. It is a great help to the community and church and is known as the best class in this section of the country."

—The relatives and friends of the Brock family in Davie county and elsewhere, have formed the Brock Memorial Association and they propose to remove the body of Nathaniel Brock, the pioneer of the family in this state, and father of Rev. Moses Brock, from the old family burying ground on the B. F. Eaton farm, to the Olive Branch cemetery, near Farmington. The 22nd day of June, 1919, is the 99th anniversary of his death, and it is now the plan to remove and reinter the remains on the 100th anniversary. So we are informed by Mr. J. Hampton Rich.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street church, this city, closed a gracious revival on Wednesday night of last week, which had continued from Sunday, June 1st. The meeting was held in an open-air tabernacle which had been built by the members of the congregation after work hours. They had organized and trained three choirs, adult, intermediate and junior, and had an orchestra directed by home talent. The attendance was large from first to last, the preaching was done by the pastor and he used the Methodist altar. Many were converted. There were sixty-six accessions to the church, fifteen by certificate and fifty on profession of faith. Brother Kirkpatrick has the remarkable gift of being a pastor-evangelist who can lead in his revival work year after year with a growing grip upon his people. Spring Garden has put through its Centenary, Advocate campaign and revival with overflowing results and is now well on the way with a church building enterprise.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL AT TRINITY COLLEGE

One hundred and fifty-seven Methodist preachers, young, old middle aged- forty-seevn of these being conference under-graduates—became members of the school of the prophets at Trinity College, and gave themselves without stint to consecutive study, to the hearing of lectures by eminent scholars upon biblical and kindred topics, and to an intelligent communion with God where buildings and campus have been dedicated to learning and religion. The under-graduates were very busy men with three hours each morning on class, books to review for examinations, and three public lectures, daily, inviting them to an intellectual and spiritual feast. To those free from the exactions of the conference courses, were offered periods to sprawl on the campus lawn, to assemble in groups under the tress for story and anecdote, or as peripatetic philosophers to offer immediate solution of all sorts of world problems, and in the afternoons, these story tellers and philosophers, joined with their hard worked brethren of the class room in tennis, croquet, volleyball and sundry other forms of recreation.

Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of New York City, who this year delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Trinity College, gave three lectures of unusual value. Back of his messages, was a vigorous and robust manhood aflame with passion for souls and for the success of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is said that when Demosthenes spoke his auditors cried, "let us go and fight Phillip!" As Goodell talked to the Summer School, every hearer must have said to himself, "I can, and will do better than I have, hitherto dared, even, to think that I could do."

Dr. George Albert Coe, of Union Theological Seminary, Now York City, an authority and in several respects a pioneer in his field of religious education, provoked the thought of his hearers and sent some of them thinking in new channels, much to their delight, while others preferred to glide along the old familiar grooves that from long association seem a bit more pious.

Rev. Harris Elliott Kirk, the pastor of a Presbyterian church in Baltimore, delivered a series of eight lectues upon Isaiah, that greatly interested, not to say delighted the preachers, and those of the college community who heard him. He has the gift of taking the familiar things in the realm of Biblical scholarship, put upon them the stamp of his individuality, clothe in charming English, and then present them in a manner that whets the appetite of his auditors. Those hearing him once continued to the end and were eager for more, had it been offered.

Dr. Franklin N. Parker, Dean of the Chandler School of Theology, lectured each morning at 9:30 o'clock upon the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. There is no man that the Methodists of North Carolina esteem more highly than they do Franklin N. Parker. He walks among men as the very embodiment of the doctrines that he believes, and teaches in a manner to instruct and inspire those who are privileged to sit at his feet. Frequently, did one hear the remark, "Dr. Parker's lectures are worth more than the cost of the trip to the Summer School."

Rev. Thurston B. Price, one of the general evangelists of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, spoke thee times upon evangelism. Rev. J. A. Baylor, of the department of Architecture of the Board of Church Extension, presented the all important matter of church architecture. The instructors who had charge of the class room work gave themselves without reservation to the duties assigned them and they in almost every instance found the young men eager to make the most of their opportunities. The idler was conspicious by his absence. The Dean of the Summer School, Prof. J. A. Spence, was constantly on the job, and in addition to making a full hand as instructor, kept his eye on every movement. Spence allowed nothing to escape his attention.

The invaluable services of Prof. R. L. Flowers deserve special mention. He aided materially in the securing of lecturers and after their arrival, by his thoughtful courtesies, added greatly to the pleasure of the stay of these gentlemen. Dr. Few also proved himself a valuable co-laborer of all who wrought for the success of the school. He delivered one public address, replete with wisdom and sound advice, and in sundry ways showed himself the staunch friend of the preachers of North Carolina.

An admirable feature of the school, is the spirit of fellowship among the members thereof that ignores distinctions of age and station. Youth and age mingle together unmindful of the calendar. Presiding elders and young men on trial associate together as if the common thought of both is to make new and better sermons. College days are far removed from some of these men. Yet the itinerant upon whom has rested the care of the churches for many eventful years, returns to adopt for a few days the unconventional life of the college student and at the same time strive to possess anew the ideals and enthusiasm of youth. And it is really surprising how and admirably they succeed in all this.

Who would dare intimate that the summer school at Trinity College, astir with the spirit of youth, even as the birds and blossoms in May are touched by the breath of spring, is not of unspeakable value to every minister wise enough to shun the "dead line?" Or what man among us can be indifferent to so great an agency for making better ministers of Jesus Christ? The answer to these questions is the unanimity with which both conferences have approved the plan and the enthusiasm with which those having the work in hand have addressed themselves to the task of making this summer school one of the greatest agencies for a more effective ministry.

A. W. Plyler.

NOTICE

In order that there be no confusion in the minds of the pastors of this Conference in regard to Centenary money will you please state in the Advocate that all Centenary subscriptions and the money paid on them are separate from Conference collections.

Each pastor is expected to collect his Conference collections as usual and the Centenary treasurer of the church should collect the Centenary subscriptions and forward them to Mr. Jas. G. Brown, Raleigh, N. C., who is our Centenary treasurer.

J. C. Wooten,
Chm. N. C. Conf. Cent. Com.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Desecration of the Sabbath is a matter of serious concern to all who set high value upon our religious institutions. Both the Old and the New Testaments lay stress upon the Sabbath as essential to permanent happiness and prosperity in the life of a nation. In the midst of so much disregard of this bulwark of a Christian nation it is refreshing to see the decided stand taken by Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, who recently issued the following order:

Hereafter all commanding officers and others officially concerned will see to it that aboard ships and on shore stations to which they are attached, no work of any character whatever is performed except works of necessity.

This order will be construed as embracing target practice and drills of every character, inspection of ship and crew, clothing inspection, issuing of small stores, and all other ship activities that violate the letter and spirit of this order.

No vessel of the Navy shall begin a cruise on Sunday except in case of emergency.

In order to insure the regular performance of divine services aboard the vessels of the U. S. Navy and at shore stations, it is further ordered that in no instance shall secular work be allowed to interfere with the holding of divine services, and that every possible assistance and encouragement be given our chaplains in the conduct of such services. A suitable compartment or room shall be designated for this purpose, and properly rigged for the occasion, and orderly quiet be maintained throughout the ship during divine services. The ship's band shall always be made available for use at divine service.

When there is no chaplain attached to his ship or station, the commanding officer will arrange for and give every possible assistance to any naval chaplain in squadron, or adjacent, or available who might be able to come aboard for such purpose. In case it is impossible to secure the services of a regular Navy Chaplain, it is directed that commanding officers, when practicable, invite competent clergymen from ashore to come aboard and conduct religious services.

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The Law of the Sabbath, as laid down in our civil code is not generally known by the people, and is shamefully disregarded. Here is our state law on the subject and any citizen can find it and read for himself by referring to the code:

"It is a violation of the law and punishable for any tradesman, artificier, planter, laborer or other person upon land or water to do or exercise any labor, business or work of his ordinary calling or employ himself in hunting, fishing or fowling or engaging in game, sport or play upon the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday.

"And it is made the duty of every officer of the law to see that all persons violating this law are prosecuted."

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Traveling by Aeroplane will soon be a commonplace in this country and, of course, throughout the world. The doubting ones have already been convinced, and now the process of locating the lines of travel with suitable landing stations here and there goes on with as much interest to the public generally as the locating of railway stations. No doubt there will be some tragic wrecks in which lives will be lost, but likely not more than we have had by railway travel. The world moves and the human family becomes more and more one vast community.

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The Business Men of Hickory have organized a strong corporation for the purpose of erecting houses to be rented at reasonable prices, with the view of relieving the situation on account of a shortage of houses to shelter the population. The same trouble exists in other towns in North Carolina and it would be wise for the business men to get together and take steps to relieve the situation. The greatest obstacle is a general shortage of labor.

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The Peace Terms will possibly be signed or rejected by the Germans before this issue of the paper reaches our readers. It is not generally believed that they will refuse to sign when the decisive moment comes, as they have nothing to gain by further delay. The allied armies are ready to move forward on an instant's notice if Germany should refuse to sign the treaty. The German armies are without airplanes, without material and without food spplies, and would be unable to make any effective resistance. "The Belgians, holding from Cologne to the frontier of Holland, are within a day's march of Essen, and the British, supporting the Belgians, would move forward and occupy the mining regions. The American army would occupy Frankfort, and the French would take Hanau, Wurzburg and Ulm." So we need not worry about what is to be the final outcome. All this parley on the part of Germany and Austria has been a play for sympathy. They will sign and take their medicine.

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The Death of Rev. Dr. J. B. Shearer, which occurred at his home at Davidson, last Saturday night, removes one who, for many years, was a conspicuous figure among Southern religious educators. Dr. Shearer was president of Davidson College from 1888 to 1901. Since that time he has been vice-president, but for a number of years has been entirely disabled physically. A special correspondent of the daily press, writing of his death, says: He was the first man to put the Bible into colleges as a textbook. He was distinguished in ancestry and remarkable in learning and ability. He wrote a number of books, and was one of the ablest divines of the Southern Presbyterian church.

WANTED, A NEWS SERVICE

A proper news service for the church paper is different from that of the secular paper. We want, first of all, news of the activities of the church. The people throughout the Conferences served by the Advocate want to learn through its columns what is going on in all parts of the field. They want to know when Zion travails and when sons and daughters are born to the Lord Almighty. They want to know where churches and parsonages are being built and repaired. They want to know about new church organizations and, in fact, anything that tells the story of the progress of the work.

Then it is due the worthy saints that have passed away that mention should be made of their departure, especially those who have been prominent in the church life of their community.

All these things should be given, however, in brief and condensed form. The public generally is not interested in elaborate descriptions or long drawn out eulogies. They want simply the facts. Why then, can not our pastors and others interested use postal cards instead of foolscap and make the paper fairly bristle with facts of interest from all sections of the Conferences. Suppose we try this plan and have a postal card at least once a month or oftener from every pastoral charge.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE SPECIAL

This issue of all the Advocates in Southern Methodism is designated by the Centenary Commission as a Christian Literature special. The fact that it comes exactly on the date of our consolidation does not contribute at all to our convenience, and makes it impossible for us to birng out such an elaborate number as we would like. We are compelled to yield much of our space to the excellent matter furnished us from Nashville, and yet much of this matter could not be printed this week for obvious reasons.

A little later we hope to give our readers an elaborate edition devoted to this subject and one especially adapted to the needs of our own patronizing territory.

NEWS NOTES

Hon. Claude Kitchen, congressman from the 2nd. North Carolina district, was honored by Wake Forest College with the degree of LL. D.

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Dr. Archibald Henderson, a member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, is strongly urged by his friends for president of that institution. Hon. Josephus Daniels is also being urged by many.

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Eighty-seven graduates received diplomas at the University of North Carolina commencement last week.

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Captain J. W. Fry, a prominent banker, of Greensboro, was married on Saturday, June 14th, to Miss Alice Everette, of Keswick, Albemarle county, Va. The ceremony took place at Staunton, Va.

THE BIG DISGUST OF JONAS BATES

(Continued from Page Five)

Bildad, I'm a fool. What is the matter? Whar's the kickin' masheen?"

We had got to the forks of the road by this time, Mrs. Turrepin, and we had to part. I had lissened pashuntly to him, and now I felt that the Lord had delievred him into my hands so I could larn him a lesson that would be worth more'n a forchin to him.

I said to him, Jonas you ain't no fool. You are just plain fool ignorunt. With all your money and fine house nad fine clothes, and big proper way of talking and sense enuff to make money, you are just plain fool ignorunt about things which count most in this life, and so ignorunt that it is a plum scandle and explains why the angels has bin wonderin' a thousand year why the "Old Ship of Zion" has never made the passage.

The worst part of it is you have plenty of company. Thar's a site of high-fliers in the church who are counted larned who couldn't a made as good ansers as you made. Ignorunce in book larnin' seems to settle at the bottom in what you call the classes that has got the least money and s'ciety flashin' ways, but when it comes to ignerunce of the church of Jesus Christ, why it seems to settle in them classes that has got the most money and shines highest in what you call a s'ciety, for them classes that has got the most money and shines highest in what you call so'ciety. For this reason the work of the church is not carried on, as a rulle, by them who has been most blessed in wordly means. In makin' money and cuttin' high wing they haven't tuk the time to larn much about the church. Some of 'em has of course, but the bulk of 'em hasn't. Why, in this cintuary them millions was paid mostly not by them who was most larned in books and in money makin', but them who was most larned in things that belong to the church of Jesus Christ. T'other bunch, I say again', hasn't tuk the time to larn about the church and what God is doin' and wants to do through it.

Now, Jonas, I said, the Holy Spirit last fall busted through your tuff hide into your heart and for the fust time larned you somethin' about God—give you speritual knowledge. Now what you need is to learn somethin' of what he is and what he is doin' and wants to do through his church. You caint love the church when you are so fool ignorunt about it. Do you think I could have courted Liza unless I first larned to know somethin' about her?

I took Jonas by the hand and looked square into his eyes and said: God bless you, nabor. This Cintuary has brought us to a time when God expects to make a hundred per cent outen every man like you for his kingdom. Go home and subscribe at once fer your conference orgin and fer Ivry's paper. No Methdist can have the larnin' that God wants him to have unless he reads his church paper, no matter what conference it is. They cant larn you spellin' and grammar—you allready know such truck—but they can larn you to live strait and be of some service to your church which is a site better. Turn out a heep of that trash on your table and bring in good books and magazeens and the right kind of books. And nabor, don't feel so bad about Mose outshinin' you. Mose keeps up with the church. Go to his home and you'll fine the church papers and magazeens and other relijus literchure there. That tells why he put your light out. That tells why he makes a better Christian than you have bin and why he is so useful to the church. Goodby.

Now Mrs. Turrepin, I hope you think this is all right for your literchure number. So hopin' and in my rite mind and usual health, I sign myself with my left hand,

Yours till we meet again,
Bildad Akers.

A CARD OF THANKS

To my friends of the Raleigh District, who so kindly presented me a purse to pay my expenses to the great Centenary celebration in Columbus, Ohio, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks. This is a kindness which will not be forgotten.

Raleigh, N. C. J. E. Underwood.

"A polite request is always better than a stern command. Whoever shows disregard for the feelings of others gives unmistakable evidence of ill breeding."

Woman' .Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

NOTICE, TO ALL AUXILIARIES

With this issue we begin our first page of missionary items in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, we are to have two columns on this page until further notice. Please send all communications and notices to me not later than Monday of the week previous to the issue, as the copy will have to be edited and sent to Greensboro on Friday.

Mrs. V. Royster, Editor.

The seventh annual report of the Woman's Missionary conference has just been received, and we .wish to congratulate our very efficient recording secretary, Miss May Ella Smith, as well as the printing establishment that contributed no little to its success. The conference was held the last of april, and the report ready for distribution early in June, well gotten up and beautifully printed. Among the many fine reports, we are in this issue calling attention to two that are to be read in every auxiliary:

Report of Committee on Extension of Work

Whereas, a report must be made on this most important subject, and believing that the recommendations of council should be brought definitely to the attention of our women, your committee recommends that a part of their report be incorporated in ours.

1. That each society shall endeavor to qualify 100 per cent on the following points: Organizations and membership; intelligence regarding the work, spiritual life; and finance.

2. That each auxiliary president provide a program based on the council report as soon as practical after the report is published.

3. That the attention of the auxiliaries be directed to the proceedings of this conference as found in the annual report.

4. That the standard of excellence be kept before the auxiliaries.

5. That the Auxiliaries acquaint our Methodist people with the advantage offered by Scarritt Bible and Training School with a view to securing trained leaders.

6. That the conference corresponding secretary with the aid of the district secretaries shall secure lists of women from unorganized churches and cultivate these women by all possible means in the interests of the Centenary movement, and with a view to future organization.

7. That a service flag on which shall be rperesented our deaconesses and missionaries, at home and abroad, shall be used in the churches, and prayer shall be daily offered for the volunteers for whom the Centenary is loudly calling. The design recommended by this committee is a Christian flag having a white cross on a blue field, small red and blue stars on same representing the two classes or workers respectively.

Mrs. Harvey Boney Chairman,
Miss Anna D. Graham, Secretary.

INTERESTING NOTES FROM THE RALEIGH DISTRICT SECRETARY, MISS VARA HERRING

Last year was the best year of the Raleigh district, it having made the 10 per cent increase in finances and membership and 30 per cent increase in subscribers to the Missionary Voice. The total amount sent to the conference treasurer was $5,031.33, and the local work reported was $8,664.85, making a grand total for the district $13,696.18. The indications now are that this year will greatly exceed last year. The first quarter's report was the largest financial report of our first quarter in its history.

Since January first, there have been added to the list of auxiliaries, four Adult, two Young People and two Bright Jewel Bands. We are now beginning an organization campaign and hope to report several more new auxiliaries in the near future.

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SECOND QUARTER REPORT

As a reminder to the auxiliaries that the second quarter report will be due by the first of July, we are giving in this issue the names of the conference officers so that there may be no mistake as to whom these reports should be sent.

It is absolutely necessary that each auxiliary, adult, young people and children, get their reports in to the conference officers and district secretaries on time and let us not be forgetful of this important matter.

No blanks will be issued as heretofore, but each auxiliary will be expected to use the blanks found in the record and report books, copies of which should be in each auxiliary. Let these reports be in to the conference officers not later than July 5. Do not overlook this very important part of our missionary work.

NEW YOUNG PEOPLES ORGANIZATIONS

It gives us great pleasure to announce the organization of two new Young People's societies, at Forest City on the Marion district. With Mrs. W. L. Dawsou as leader a society has recently been organized and starts out enthusiastically in the work. We are sorry not to have the names of the officers but hope to receive them within a few days.

Miss Lucretia Ashby, of Mount Airy, reports another young People's society at Mount Airy. This society is composed of girls ranging from sixteen to twenty years and is the third Young People's society that has been organized in that church within the past few weeks. This is the only church in the conference having as many as three Young People's missionary organizations and we congratulate Mrs. Herman, the Adult first vice-president on the splendid work she is doing in her department. Following are the officers—President, Miss Lillian Sparger; first vice-president, Miss Carrie George; second vice-president, Mrs. Doris Allred; corresponding secretary, Miss Lucretia Ashby; recording secretary, Miss Lillie Mae George; recorder of honor roll, Miss Nelle Folger; treasurer, Miss Love Banner; superintendent study and publicity, Miss Elizabeth Sparger; superintendent of social service and supplies, Miss Alice Hole.

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE

At Blue Ridge, the well known conference grounds in the mountains of North Carolina, will be held June 24 to July 3, the Blue Ridge Conference, under the management of the Inter-Church World Movement and it promises to be a meeting of unusual interest and profit.

A feature of this meeting will be the Mission Study classes and among the teachers of these classes we find three authors of text books who will lead classes in their own books. Dr. Charles A. Brooks, of New York, will lead in the study of his book "Christian Americanization," "A Task for the Churches;" Mr. David McConnaughey, of New York, author of that gripping book "Money the Acid Test," will give a course with his book as the text, and Dr. W. D. Weatherford, the most thorough student of the Negro question in the South, will teach his book on "Negro Forces."

Other leaders will be Dr. Herman H. Horne, of New York University; Dr. E. M. Poteat, of Boston; Franklin C. Cronk, of New York, and Miss Williams, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. E. C. Cronk, of New York, and Miss Grace Lindley, of the Church Missions House in New York.

Miss Gertrude Hutton of New York, one of the leading specialist of America in Junior training will be present and will have charge of the courses on "Missionary Education of Juniors" and the "Missionary Training of the Sunday School."

It will be of special interest to the women of Southern Methodism to know that Mrs. Luke Johnson, of Newnan, Ga., of the Methodist Board, will have in charge methods of work for the local women's societies.

Platform addresses will be given by leaders of thought in the missionary work and a recreational program will be planned by Miss Vossler and Mr. Ambrose Page, of Virginia.

To attend this conference will be a great opportunity for our young people in the Western North Carolina Conference and we hope a large number will avail themselves of this splendid chance to spend that week at Blue Ridge.

For information write R. D. Dodge, Blue Ridge, N. C., or E. C. Cronk, 124 East Twenty-Eighth Street, New York.

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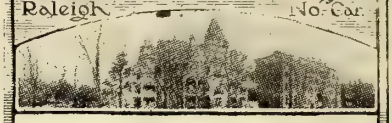
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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Feild Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY HONOR ROLL

It will be remembered that the Sunday School Board of the Western North Carolina Conference has a standing offer to furnish any Sunday school in its bounds free programs for the celebration of Sunday School Day. This is a fine opportunity for good service and your field secretary is anxious that all our schools accept it, thus lining up with those who do things.

Some time ago each Sunday school superintendent in the conference was forwarded a blank for filling out, which, when done and forwared in the self addressed envelope would bring the number of programs needed. Many of our most progressive schools have ordered programs but not nearly so many as ought to order. It is earnestly hoped that many more will do this at once. The only stipulation is that your school see to it that a public offering be made for the benefit of our Sunday school work and that this offering be forwarded to Treasurer G. F. Ivey, Hickory, N. C.

As best it can be determined the following schools have ordered programs.

Asheville District

Chestnut Street; Haywood Street; Biltmore; Black Mountain; Brevard; Hendersonville; Hendersonville circuit, two schools; Mills River circuit, one school; Swannanoa circuit, one school; Sulphur Springs, circuit, one school; Weaverville station.

Charlotte District

Ansonville circuit, two schools; Moores; Hawthorne Lane; Trinity; Tryon Street; Hickory Grove circuit; one school; Lilesville circuit, one school; Marshville circuit, one school; Central Monroe; Matthews circuit, one school; North Monroe; Morven circuit, three schools; Polkton circuit, two schools; Unionville circuit, two schools; Waxhaw circuit, one school; Weddington circuit, one school.

Greensboro District

Asheboro; Coleridge circuit, one school; Gibsonville, Carraway Memorial; West Market Street, Greensboro circuit, three schools; West Greenesboro circuit, four schools; Wesley Memorial; East End High Point; Franklinville; Ramseur; Randolph circuit, four schools; Main Street Reidsville; Uwharrie circuit, two schools; Wentworth circuit, two schools.

Marion District

Bakersville; Broad River circuit, one school; Cliffside circuit, one school; Connelly Springs circuit, two schools; Forest City circuit, two schools; Carolean, Micaville circuit, one school; Mill Springs circuit; one school; Morganton station, Old Fort circuit, one school.

Mount Airy District

Ararat circuit, three schools; Draper; Mount Airy circuit one school; Rural Hall circuit, one school; Stokesdale circuit, three schools; Summerfield circuit, one school; Walnut Cove circuit, one school; Yadkinville circuit, one school; Elkin.

North Wilkesboro District

North Wilkes circuit, one school.

Salisbury District

Central Albemarle; First Street, Albemarle; Albemarle circuit, one school; Badin; Bethel circuit, one school; Kerr Street; Westford; Concord circuit, two schools; Cottonville circuit, two schools; Gold Hill circuit, three schools; Mount Pleasant circuit, two schools; New London circuit, one school; Salem crcuit, one school; First Church Salisbury; Salisbury circuit, one school; Central, Spencer.

Shelby District

Belmont, Belwood circuit, all schools; Cherryville circuit, two schools; Crouse circuit, two schools; Dallas; El Bethel; Kings Mountain; Lincolnton; Lincolnton circuit, one school; Lowesville circuit, two schools; McAdenville circuit, one school; Mount Holly, Polkville circuit, one school; Rock Springs circuit, four schools; Central Shelby; Shelby circuit, two schools; Stanley-Iron circuit, one school.

Statesville District

Catawba circuit, one school; Cool Springs circuit, one school; Davidson circuit, one school; Dudley Shoals circuit, one school; Granite Falls; Hickory circuit, two schools; Lenoir; Lenoir circuit, one school; Mooresville circuit, two schools; Mount Zion; Olin circuit, one school; Statesville circuit, one school.

Waynesville District

Clyde circuit, two schools; Glenville circuit, one school; Hayesville circuit, one school; Macon circuit, one school; Waynesville circuit, two schools; Fines Creek circuit, one school.

Winston District

Advance circuit, two schools; Davidson circuit, four schools; Davie circuit, one school; Denton circuit, three schools; Farmington circuit, one school; Forsythe circuit, five schools; Lewisville circuit, two schools; Linwood circuit, two schools; New Hope circuit, two schools; Main Street Thomasville; First Church, Lexington; Thomasville circuit, two schools; Burkhead; Centenary; Southside.

A VACATION TRIP

Lake Junaluska is the place, August seventh, eigth and ninth is the time and the Western North Carolina Wesley Bible Class Federation is the occasion. If you take your vacation at this place at this time for this occasion you will gain in many ways. There will be opportunity for physical exercise, mental activity and spiritual encouragement. One will, I am sure, increase in wisdom, grow in stature and improve his standing with God and man.

Our program for this great meeting is yet in the process of making but in a short while it will come forth laden with good things. There will be some twenty of Southern Methodism's leading thinkers and speakers on it. Ample time for discussions of class problems will be given. One feature will be a number of one minute talks on "One Thing My Class Has Done." Arrange to take your vacation at this time and and let's have a fine body of our consecrated young men and women together at Lake Junaluska August seventh, eighth and ninth for the big Wesley Bible Class Meeting. Just as well arrange to come. There is going to be much doing.

FAIR VIEW, RANDOLPH CIRCUIT

"My Dear Mr. Woosley:

Here I come agin! Not for help this time, but just to tell you that we have succeded in organizing our class. And it isn't such a "bug-a-bear" job after all, is it?

If you remember, my class is composed of Intermediate boys. We have chosen "Win One" for our name and "More Than One" for our motto.

I am sending the application blank for certificate of registration to Dr. Bulla this week. These boys conducted the membership campaign for our Sunday school, Fair View, in May and most of them worked very faithfully.

I hope, oh so much, that the interest and enthusiasm awakened will not die out. Remember us, won't you when you pray?

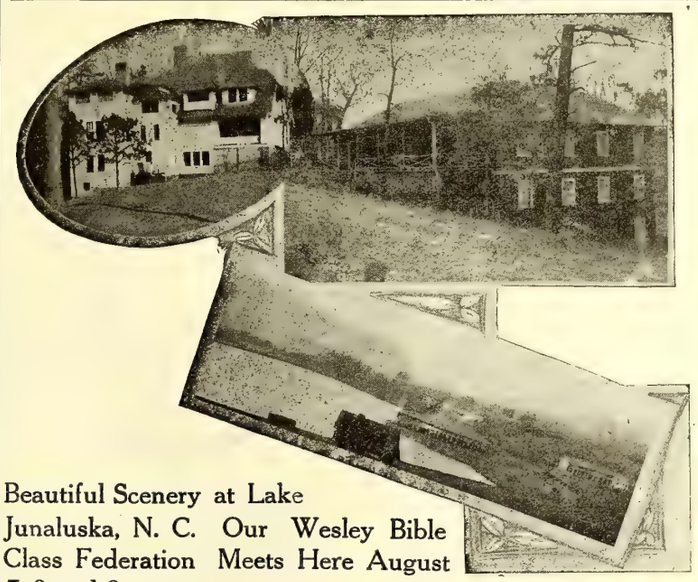
We appreciate very much your interest and help and we want to thank you.

With best wishes for you and your work, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Fannie Croker."

Miss Croker is a young lady, barely beyond girlhood stage. Instead of finding her greatest enjoyment in dancing and frivolous amusements, she directs the Christian development of intermediate boys. There is a big place in heaven for such young ladies.



Beautiful Scenery at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Our Wesley Bible Class Federation Meets Here August 7, 8 and 9.

TOO BAD

The cut intended to show who attended the Charlotte district Sunday school institute has come but it does not show well enough who's who. Another effort will be made to get that splendid group before you.

There are two reasons for being persistent about the business: First, it is desired that the institute furnishing the largest attendance of all our thirteen institutes ought to be "shown off." Then, too, it was promised and all promises ought to be carried out if practicable.

HOW ABOUT THAT PICNIC?

Brother Superintendent, please remember that once you were a youngster and that you did love so very well to go on picnics. Remember, too, that a large majority of your school is composed of children and young people and that now they are, in this particular, like you used to be. Give them a good picnic this summer.

Your congregation has many automobiles and trucks and when the proper effort is made this same congregation will furnish them for a day off at a Sunday school picnic. Go to some place where the children can wade in the water. Their feet will be made clean and their hearts will be made glad. Give the children a good time. Too many of our schools are run for adults. Get up a good picnic, or break a trace pulling for one.

"A BAND OR BUST"

Mrs. S. L. Penry teaches a fine class of Senior boys in First Church, Lexington, Methodist Sunday school. Recently she decided to organize them into a Wesley class and when she and her class got to talking about what an organized class could do the interest leaped beyond the confines of the class.

When the superintendent of the Sunday school, that resourceful Geo. L. Hackney, heard of this interest he gave them this motto to work towards, "A Band or Bust." The boys took to it and soon "horned" catalogs were in demand. The Sunday school will aid the boys and the boys promise to blow for the school. Several trained leaders have volunteered to aid these boys in their effort to blow well.

It is suspected that Lexington got its inspiration for a band from nearby Thomasville, where a good Sunday school orchestra enlivens each Sunday's program.

CENTENARY, WINSTON

"Mr. G. F. Ivey, Treasurer,
Hickory, N. C.
Dear Sir:

As instructed by Conference Sunday School Secretary, I am inclosing herein check for $29.66, covering collection taken at Centenary M. E. Church Sunday at the time of the "Sunday School Day" exercises.

Trusting that this will be of some service, and with the best of wishes, beg to remain

Very ttruly yours,
Jas. A. Gray."

So writes superintendent Gray of Centenary, Winston, Sunday school. Superintendent Gray sets a fine example. There ought to be at least four hundred schools doing the same thing this year.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"The's consider'ble diff'rence between habit an' instinct. As I see it you foller a instinct 'cause it's borned into you to do it; but you foller a habit 'cause your own or somebody else's sense made you learn. Habit is the result of learn'—instinct don't require any thinkin' or l arnin'."

"The Sunday school teacher who just fills his scholars full of information about religion but don't help 'em to make use of it, wont have those scholars long—they won't graduate, they'll quituate."

"Accordin' to the parable the talents belonged to the householder, an' he just loaned 'em to the servants to be used an' multiplied. I'm wonderin' if we realized our talents 'blong to God an' He expects us to multiply 'em by use."

Letters From the Field

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Mount Airy district, Walnut Cove, June 26-28.
Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4.
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3.
Marion district, Murphy, July 9-10.
North Wilkesboro district, Valle Crucis, June 24-25.
Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25.
Shelby district, Fallston, July 28-30.
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10.
New Berne district, Newport, June 24-26.
Fayetteville district, Roseboro, June 24-27.
Elizabeth City district, Pantego, July 9-11.
Warrenton district, Conway July 15-17.
Rockingham district, Maxton, June 24-26.
Statesville district, Lenoir, July 14-16.

GENEROUS GIFT TO RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Rutherford College thanks Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, for directing $5,000 through the Centenary to Rutherford College. For three reasons it would be well for other friends to direct their gifts to Rutherford:

1. The money may come to the college sooner.

2. This may help Rutherford to receive something out of the Centenary surplus. Our $50,000 from the Centenary is to be an endowment. We need for endowment $200,000.

3. No doubt many would be pleased to take Rutherford as their special.

Mr. J. B. Ivey has already given for Weaver Hall $500, and has paid for one-half the expense of publishing one thousand copies of "Men of the Burning Heart," the gross proceeds of which are to go to Rutherford. Mr. George Ivey, of Hickory, paid the other half, and gave $500 to the fund for Weaver Hall

Seperately from the endowment, we are eager to bring our subscriptions to Weaver Hall and water and lights to $35,000 by October. J. R. Walker.

CENTENARY MATTERS WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

By the time this reaches the readers of the Advocate the reports to Brother Cole, Conference Director, will, without doubt, show that the Western North Carolina Conference has pledged its Centenary allotment in full without credits. The reports in his hands on June the 10th indicated that we were at that time short only about $32,000. Since that date additional reports from a number of places have materially reduced that amount. At this time (Saturday, the 14th) there are still a number of places to hear from.

The official allotment to the Conference was $1,682,909.25. At the Annual Conference we decided to raise at least $1,750,000.00, including credits. In some way, doubtless, under the leadership and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for the same thing occurred throughout the church, we began to set as our goal the allotment without counting the credits. So we have done not only what we set out to do, but we have secured far beyond the original amount. Our entire Centenary pledge, including credits, will reach in the neighborhood f $2,200,000.00, almost a half million more than our original goal. R. M. Courtney.

NOTICE

By reference to the district appointments, it will be seen that it is necessary in the third round to place suite a number of quarterly conferences on week days, with no Sunday appointment. There are two reasons for this. For the past four months, the pastors and the presiding elder have given over the regular routine work in the interest of the Centenary. The date of the Annual Conference for this year is a month earlier than usual. So in order to have plenty of time for the fourth round, the third round will be made in less than two months. It is important that the official members make it a point to arrange their affairs in advance so as to be able to be present at the quarterly conference, and the pastors will please emphasize the necessity of all officials being present. Delegates to the district conference to be held at Fallston, will be elected on this round. Bishop Darlington has promised to be with us this year.

John F. Kirk.

WINSTON DISTRICT NOTICE

The committee on License, Orders and Admission for the Winston District Conference, which convenes in Lexington Wednesday night, July 2nd, and continues through Friday afternoon, July 4th, is composed of G. T. Rowe, P. E. Parker and R. G. Tuttle.

Persons interested will please meet with the committee Thursday, July 3. Bishop Darlington will be unable to be present.

Representatives of special interests will have a cordial hearing at this Conference.

Frank Siler.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

CLIFFSIDE

Our Centenary quota for the Cliffside charge was $6,700. Our aggregate at the close of our drive is a little over $8,880. This puts us $2.180 over our apportionment. Our membership shows about four hundred and ten. This is one hundred and fifteen less than is reported in our Conference Journal. This will be an average of over $22.00 per member. This amount has been subscribed by about three hundred and ffity persons. These are very deserving people. We have one little organization of about twenty members. Our Conference collections are being provided for also. A. J. Burrus.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION, JUNE 20 to JULY 13

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R. M. Courtney,
Missionary Secretary.

MT. AIRY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

All who expect to attend the Mount Airy District Conference are requested to notify me at once. At some other time we will be glad to entertain the wives and children, but it will not be convenient to do so at this time.

G. W. Williams.

Walnut Cove, N. C.

Four-year-old Willie saw his first snake. It wiggled itself along, and Willie ran for his mother. 'Come, quick, come quick," he creid. "There's a tail here, and it wags without any dog."—Selected.

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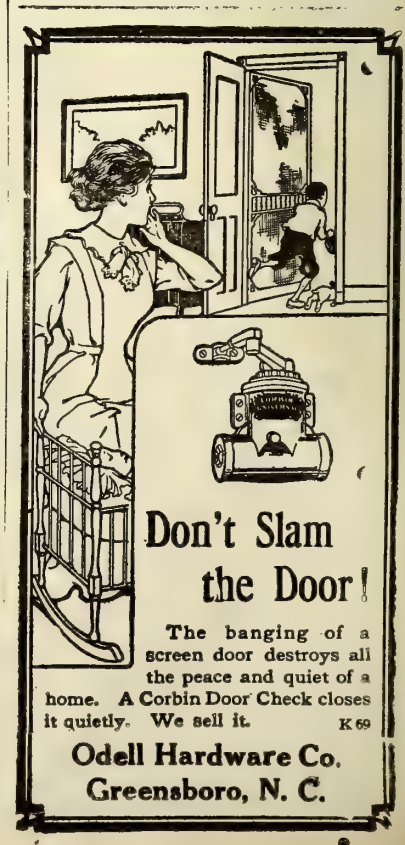
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The Sunday School Lesson

LOVE

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Exposition by the Editor

The one word love comprehends more that contributes to the making of character than all the language without it. John was the disciple of love, but Paul wrote what many regarded as the most beautiful chapter in the Bible on the subject. One hesitates to comment on this chapter. It is too full of meaning to hope to exhaust it, and it is difficult to know how to select the best things to be said.

Love Gives Meaning to Speech

To the mind of the apostle speech had no significance if love was absent. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." It is a mere matter of noise. It may be more or less musical, but it conveys no meaning. It accomplishes no purpose. Our speech does not get anywhere so far as producing better character is concerned, either in the speaker or in those who near.

Gifts and Endowment Are Unprofitable Without It.

To a Jew the "gift of prophecy" was about the most desirable endowment God could bestow. In the best days of their national life, the prophet was the most important man in the community. He was the voice of God speaking to them, and the king must frequently yield to him in point of authority. But the "gift of prophecy" without love was useless. Apprehension of truth has always been held in high esteem among men. We honor the man who knows, and especially if he is not too conscious of knowing it. But all knowledge is without avail in the making of character without love. Faith itself does not reach the goal. It is essential to life that is well pleasing to God; for the Word affirms: "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Yet, if we had "all faith so that we could remove mountains," and be devoid of love, there is no worthy character. With expressive bluntness the apostle says: "I am nothing."

External Conduct Cannot Produce Worthy Character Without Love.

God is not indifferent to our conduct. We have seen the emphasis that he puts upon obedience. The gospel demands a right life. It does no good to say that you believe, or even that you love; and yet live as the heathen do. But it remains true that we cannot "work" ourselves into righteous character. We may be liberal to the poor, and even suffer bodily discomfort, as the hermits of former ages did. The apostle puts this in the most extreme form: "Though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." It makes no contribution to the worthiness of his character. It might win the applause of the multitude. Men may possibly become famous in this way. Society may be the better for their having lived in it; but, if love is not the inspiration of this sort of living, the life is not purified, elevated, or enriched by it.

The Virtues of Love.

In verses 4 to 8 the apostle eulogizes this crowning grace. Though it suffers for it, love is kind. Though others are prosperous and love the poor, yet it is not envious. It is not too conscious of its own goodness or greatness, and does not seek to promote its own interest to the detriment of others. It is not contentious, nor does it put evil constructions upon the conduct of others. It is not delighted when men act wickedly, but it rejoices when they live as becomes the children of God. Whatever may be the trials and afflictions through which it passes, it endures them all, and still looks hopefully to the future. It never fails. How wicked does the son have to become before the mother turns away from him and disowns him? How far in wickedness does man have to go before God forsakes him and leaves him to his fate. The persistence of love will not submit to our little measurements, but presses on to the end.

The Limitations of Other Virtues.

The never-failing quality of love particularly gripped the heart of the apostle. There was but little of which he could think that does not pass away. The "gift of prophecy" even had its day, or we should say has its day. Somewhere in the yet unmeasured future there will be no need for it, no service that it can longer render. The speaking with tongues shall cease—in the special sense of which the apostle was probably speaking, they have already ceased. Such knowledge as we now have "shall vanish away." It is only partial knowledge that we possess. There is nothing that we can carry to its final analysis. Pursue the study of a blade of grass or a grain of sand back to its origin, and we run against unsolvable mystery. We know in part; and "when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Already we see illustrations of this truth. The thought and speech and understanding of a child no longer exist in the mature man. "Childish things" are put away. We expect them in the child—it is natural—but we do not expect them in the man. So the apostle was sifting the things that his mind could apprehend, and most of them were only for a time; but not so with love. Faith, hope and love are eternal graces; and the "greatest of these is love."

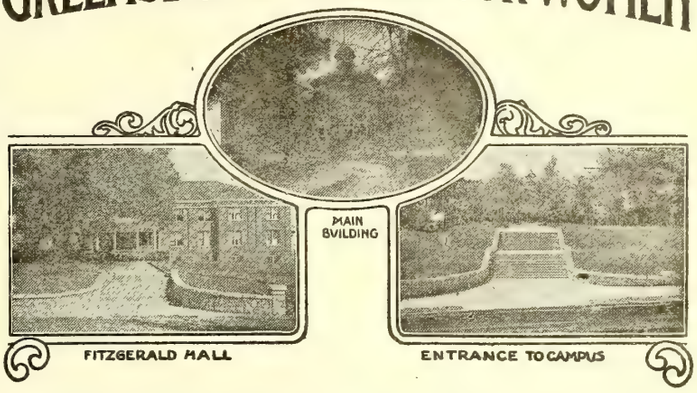
Love the Greatest Commandment.

The Master Himself summarized the law and the prophets as love. The first and greatest commandment is love to God, and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love is the whole of it. When the lawyer sought to ensnare Jesus in His teachings, and lightly enquired the way of life, Jesus threw him back upon the law which it was his business to interpret. What does the law say is the way of life? He quoted from Deut. 6:5 with some little variation: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." It was a good answer, and the Master said: "Do this, and thou shalt live."

Love, The Mark of Discipleship

As Christ has loved us, so ought we to love one another. We will not exercise the same degree of love that Christ did, but our love should base itself upon the same principles and work in accord with the same spirit. It is not a mere matter of the emotions, though it affects the emotional nature. Christ sought our salvation to the extent of absolutely surrendering His own life on the cross. He did this, not by the compulsion of some power exterior to Himself, but He did it by the promptings of His own heart. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." That goes much farther than any affervescing sentiment. It is an expenditure of life. It may not be on a wooden cross; it may be by the side of men in the struggle and conflict for the higher things. To direct thus the forces of our life is to love in the highest sense, and it is this that makes us Christ-like.

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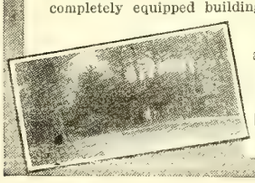
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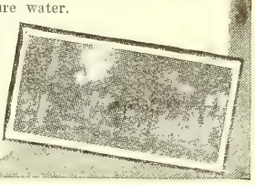


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THE NAGGING HABIT.

There are times in every life when it is very difficult to know when to speak and when to be silent; what to speak and what to leave unsaid—to know how best to adjust yourself to the occasion—the subject, the circumstances and the person. But the gentleness of the character and the softness of the word will usually disarm the most furious person, for the disposition of the spirit always begets its own likeness in another; thus kindness produces kindness, and rage produces rage. The proverb says: "A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger." All of these are difficulties, often even to the wisest and best of men. There must have been a previous schooling in self-control in order to give mild, submissive and yielding answers to those who severely scold and nag at you with grievous words; for sharp, contemptuous and insolent replies or speeches incense them more, and often raise a passion where there was none before. Evidently Solomon meant by this caution that we should not think it enough merely not to begin a contention, but if others begin it we should not continue it by rough answers and angry words.

A Habit That Mars

Human nature is subject to many very grievous habits, but it is hard to think of one so galling to others as nagging. If the person is a woman it matters not how beautiful she may be, how well educated in the arts and science she may be, that one ugly habit mars and spoils all other accomplishments in her life. It stands out and above everything else and protrudes itself into every conversation and subject, and not even the dearest friend or loved one can pass it by without being hurt and made unhappy by it. If the person is a man he is commonly looked upon as a churl, a grouch, a pesky fellow with whom every one will have as little to do as possible. Hence a nagging woman and a churlish man will soon learn, or should soon know, that every one will avoid them, and have as little to do with and say to them as possible—every one except the immediate circle and family, and here the tragedy of nagging is enacted mith fearful results. Nagging is a quick, irritable, pricking speech backed up with an ugly temper and disposition; it is an aching, throbbing pain to society. It is a lack of self-control. Usually it is such a gradual development in life, and the process is so slow and sure, the person is not aware of it, and to admonish him of the habit is only to bring on a paroxysm of the ugly disposition.

Another proverb runs on: "Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. A wrathful man stirreth up strife; but he that is slow to answer appeaseth strife." The most appropriate epitaph for the death of domestic happiness would be to place on its tomb: "Love Died on June the First, After Ten Years of Awful Suffering From the Nagging Habit." Where either party begins to nag, to find fault, to critize every thing and everybody that comes up for conversation, you might as well hang up the crape; for if love is not already dead it has become so weak and sickly it soon will be. One of the greatest tragedies of domestic life has begun its drama, and the end is not far off.

This lack of self-control in the disposition will become so all-pervasive as to work its way into every habit, word and action of life, but in no way will it show so quickly as in the tone of the voice. The voice will lose its soft, sweet tones and will become irritatingly pricking and unduly loud. The defects of character show quicker in the voice than anywhere else, for the very secrets of nature are revealed in the cultivation or the lack of cultivation of the voice. When you see a beautiful face for the first time, and before you have heard the party speak, you want an introduction; but after the acquaintance is made you are often sadly disappointed in the crude, sharp tones of the voice; and soon lose all interest in your newly found friend.

I have a dear old friend who was never known to say anything unkind or bad about anyone. She makes her living by taking boarders, and one day we made it a point to birng up the name of a no-account fellow just to see what she would say about him. After discussing him pro and con we finally asked: "Now, Aunt Mag, what good can you say about him?" "Well," she replied, with her usual jolly laugh, "he has a good appetite!" It was a redeeming trait we had overlooked. Let us remember that if we set out to do so we can always find some good in others, and by finding it and enlarging on it we can weed out the bad. And also remember that a soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger; and that a smile is always worth its face value!—Charles Henry Prather, in Christian Advocate.

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When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall,
And down will come cradle, baby and all."

But how many know the origin of these lines? Shortly after our forefathers landed at Plymouth, Mass., a party were out in the field where the Indian women were picking strawberries. Seven of these women, or squaws, as they are called, had papooses—that is, babies—and, having no cradles, they had tied them up in Indian fashion, hung from the limbs of surrounding trees. When the wind blew, these cradles would rock. A young man of the party, observing this, peeled off a piece of bark and wrote the above lines which, it is believed, was the first poetry written in America.—Girls' Companion.

THE STORY OF THE PUSSY WILLOWS

A legend of the pussy willows says that there was once a great city in Asia which was built so long ago that its name has been forgotten. Its inhabitants were very fond of cats and great numbers of them were all about the city. The people believed that cats were sacred animals, and, therefore they fed them well and treated them kindly.

When the city had grown very old a great flood came, which covered all the earth. The cats and kittens could not live in the water, so they tried to find trees into which they could climb and keep dry. The old cats remembered that there was a forest of big trees on a mountain a long distance away, and started for it on the run. The little kittens started, too, but they soon grew tired of trying to run through the mud, so when they reached some tall willow trees beside a river they climbed upon and nestled in the forks of the branches close to the trunks. Each kitten rolled itself into a ball, with its head between its paws, and went to sleep.

It rained and rained until the earth was covered with water, and only the tree tops remained above the surface. As the wind drove the waves back and forth they struck against the tree trunks and splashed a thick coating of sticky mud over the kittens till nothing but little brown balls could be seen along the branches.

After a while it stopped raining and the sun shone again, drying the mud until it cracked open and revealed the kittens underneath. Soon they wakened and pushed out of the mud shells and all along the branches where the brown balls of mud had been shone the smooth, furry balls of yellow and white and gray.

And now we call certain willows "pussy willows," in memory of the little kittens of the ancient city, and of the way they weathered the great flood.—Seelected.

FREDDY'S HAIR TONIC

Little Freddy was preparing to go out calling with his mother. Suddenly he called to her in a rather startled voice:

"Mamma, is this bay rum in the brown bottle?"

"O, no, dear! That's mucilage."

"O," said Freddy, then after a pause, "Maybe that's why I can't get my hat off."—Saint Louis Christian Advocate.

A SMALL BEGINNING

One day a little English girl was walking along a street in London, on her way to school. She carried her books and a little bouquet for her teacher. A poor little boy, leaning on crutches, said to her: "Say, gimme a flower."

The kind-hearted little girl picked out a rose and gave it to him. Four or five other children gathered around her each begging for a flower, and one by one she gave them all away, and had no bouquet that day for her teacher.

The next day she took two bouquets, one for her teacher and one for the street children, and day after day she carried flowers until at last she carried a basket especially for the poor children.

This was the beginning o the Flower Mission. The news spread and the idea was taken up all over London, and then some one in Boston began it, and then in New York, and now thousands of flowers are given away all over the country. So all this beautiful work started with one kind-hearted little girl.—Selected.

BOYS WE LIKE

The boy who never makes fun of old age, no matter how decripit or unforunate or evil it may be. God's hand rests lovingly on the aged head.

Cheating is contemptible anywhere and at any age. His play should strengthen, not weaken, his character.

The boy who never calls anybody bad names, no matter what anybody calls him.

The boy who is never cruel.

The boy who never lies. Even white lies leave black spots on the character.

The boy who never makes fun of a companion because of a misfortune he could not help.

The boy who never hesitiates to say "No" when asked to do a wrong thing.

The boy who never quarrels.

The boy who never forgets that God made him to be a joyous, loving, helpful being.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A young man succeeded in squandering a fortune of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars on the questionable deilghts of Broadway. It took him only a year and a half to do this, during which time he drifted from comparative wealth to the condition of a mechanician working in an automobile garage. It did not require much genius to make this descent. To clamber back from the garage to the fortune will be a slower and more tedious process.

TOTALS—A LESSON IN THRIFT

A Kansas school teacher saw a little girl in her room write a half dozen words on a sheet of paper, then crumple it up and throw it into the wastebasket.

"Why did you waste that sheet?" she asked.

The child looked surprised. "Why, it wasn't worth anything."

The teacher did not contradict that statement, but when the arithmetic hour arrived she asked the pupils to count the sheets in their writing pads, then to figure the cost of one sheet. The price varied, according to the kind of tablet, but the average was around a fifth of a cent a sheet.

"We have nine months of school, twenty days in a month. Mow many days in the school year?" asked the teacher.

That was easy.

"And if you each waste one sheet of paper a day, how many will you waste in a school year."

That was easy too.

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"Think how many nice things we could buy for our schoolrooms with that money," said the teacher. She had used that lesson period well.

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CHEERING HEARTS

"O dear!" sighed the hollyhock, "I'm tired of growing here by the peach tree day after day and week after week, with no chance whatver."

"Cheer up," whispered the white holloyhock. "Who knows but that we may be useful yet? Let's keep right on blooming, and maybe we can do some good before we fade."

"But no one thinks our family are nice anyhow."

"Yes," said the pink hollyhock; "I heard a little girl say the other day that she thought we were pretty. She said we looked like little fairies in satin gowns."

"You must have been dreaming," said the fairy in the red gown.

"Mumsie had such blooms at home," "mayn't I take some flowers to the hospital today?"

"Why child, we have nothing nice for you to take."

"We have some splendid hollycocks, and I think they're lovely."

Mrs. Gray smiled.

"Let daughter take the posies to the poor little ones," interceded the father.

So the flowers were gathered, Crystal dancing gayly along the path at her mother's side When the blossoms were packed carefully in a basket, the little girl started for the hospital. When with her sunny smile she passed down the ward of the hospital and laid a flower of each color on the snowy cots, the children were delighted. They held the blossoms in their pallid hands and gazed lovingly at them.

"Mumsie had such blooms at home," whispered lame Jeannie.

Crystal went home with a glad heart. "The children were pleased. "Mamma," she cried. "And God had a use for the hollyhocks, after all."—Lillian M. Wise.



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The C. W. Munger Memorial Infirmary was to have been dedicated last Sunday, the 8th, but owing to certain circumstances which prevented Mrs. C. W. Munger from being present, the date had to be postponed. Dr. R. C. Beaman, who was to have delivered the dedicatory address, reached Raleigh before we could notify him of the change. This makes three times the dedication has had to be postponed. We had scarlet fever last fall and influenza last spring when the dates were fixed. As soon as we can arrange another date announcement will be made in the Advocate.

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Mrs. Amelia Gainey, of Parkton circuit, has donated to the Methodist Orphanage a fifty dollar Liberty Bond, which has been placed to the credit of our Endowment Fund. Through the coming years the interest from this amount will be used for the benefit of orphan children. Is there any better way to use our money than by giving it to an orphanage? As we are endeavoring to greatly increase our endowment I want to urge others to follow this fine example set by Sister Gainey.

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For the present the Methodist Orphanage, located in Raleigh, will publish its notes in the North Carolina Christian Advocate. We trust that there will be no misunderstanding and confusion growing out of this new arrangement. The Methodist Orphanage of the North Carolina Conference has no organ of its own like the Children's Home of the Western North Carolina Conference. Ever since our Orphanage was founded we have had a page in the Raleigh Christian Advocate, so this accounts for our using the combined paper for the Methodist Orphanage notes.

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The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Methodist Orphanage at noon on June the 24th. It is earnestly hoped that every member of the Board will be present so that the affairs of the orphanage may be transacted in a business-like way. There are matters of more than ordinary importance to come up for discussion. At eleven-fifteen we will have special exercises in honor of the Board of Trustees. At the conclusion of the morning program diplomas will be presented to members of the graduating class who have completed the eleventh grade. As this is the first time in the history of the Methodist Orphanage that diplomas have been given, it is the sincere desire of the class and officers that all the Trustees be present to witness the occasion. Therefore every member of the Board is most cordially invited to come over to the orphanage immediately upon their arrival in Raleigh.

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It fell to my lot, while pastor of our church at Smithfield, to become acquainted with many of the members of Elizabeth church on the Four Oaks circuit. This church is located in one of the most promising sections in the state and among cultured Christian people. Living in this community are many loyal supporters of our Methodist Orphanage. Since coming to the Orphanage I find Brother John F. Sanders always ready and glad to help provide the necessities for the large and growing family now numbering two hundred and forty. His frequent and generous contributions have often made our load lighter. Last year when I was pushing the campaign to secure fifty two friends who would agree to send me one hundred and twenty dollars each, Brother Sanders was one of the first to respond. A few days ago he sent me a like amount for the support of a child this year. Such kindly consideration of our needs is highly gratifying during these days of high prices. May blessings of heaven be upon his head!

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North Carolina Conference

RALEIGH DISTRICT

J. E. Underwood, P. E.

Third Round	June
Franklinton, Grove Hill	21-22
Youngsville, Rock Spring	29_30
July	
Kenly, Lucama	16
Selma, Sanders	12-13
Smithfield	13
Mill Brook, Pleasant Grove	19-20
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial	20
Granville, Roberts Chapel	26-27
August	
Oxford	1-3
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	2-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23-24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Sept.	
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14

WARRENTON DISTRICT

E. M. Snipes, P. E., Weldon, N. C.

Third Round	June
Rosemary, New Hope	21-22
Roanoke Rapids	22
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton	27
Scotland Neck, Hobgood	28-29
July	
Enfield and Halifax, Pierce's	4
Battleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross	5-6
Weldon, night	6
Northampton, Pleasant Grove	11
Garysburg, Seaboard	12-13
Conway, Conway	17
Rich Square, Roxabel	18
Murfreesboro and Winton, Winton	19-20
Ridgeway, Tabernacle	26
Henderson	27-28
N. and S. Henderson, S. Henderson	27
August	
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-10

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

NEW BERN DISTRICT

J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder

Third Round	June
Kinston, Caswell Street, Webb's Chapel	21-22
Kinston, Queen Street (night)	22
Mount Olive Circuit, Falling Creek	28-29
July	
Beaufort, 11 a. m.	6
Morehead City (night)	6
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove	12_13
Straits and Atlantic	19-20
Dover, Lane's Chapel	25
LaGrange, Hickory Grove	26-27
August	
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9-10
New Bern Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circuit, Epworth	16
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit,, Tabernacle	23-24
Carteret Circuit	30-31

District Conference at Newport, Tuesday night, June 24th, to Thursday night, June 26th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. T. M. Grant.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND	June
Vass, Lemon Springs (A. M.)	21-22
Aberdeen Church, preaching (night)	22
Hamlet (morning)	29
Richmond, St. Paul (afternoon)	29
July	
Mount Gilead, Sardis	5-6
Mount Gilead	6-7
Laurel Hill, Old Hundred (A. M.)	13
Roberdel, Green Lake (3 P. M.)	13
Lumberton Circuit, Pine Grove (A. M.)	20
Laurinburg (night)	20
Laurinburg (A. M.)	21
Lumberton (night)	23
Maxton (night)	24
Robeson, Olivet	26-27
Rowland, Asbury (afternoon)	27
August	
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conference (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
September	
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

Third Round	June
Bladen, Deem' Chapel	21-22
Duke, Angier	29-30
July	
Dunn, Black's Chapel	13-14
Fayetteville, Camp Ground, 11 a. m.	18
Newton Grove, Ebenezer	19-20
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill	26-27
Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, 11 a. m.	28
Haw River, Merritt's Chapel, 11 a. m.	29
August	
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9_10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16-17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
Sept.	
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

District Conference at Roseboro, opening with the sermon by Rev. J. M. Daniel, Tuesday night, June 24th, and closing Friday, 10 a. m., June 27th.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

N. H. D. Wilson, P. E., Washington, N. C.

Second Round	June
Stokes	21-22
Washington, night	22
Swan Quarter, Soule	26
Fairefild	27
Mattamusket, Bethany	28-29
July	
Bath, Bethany	5-6

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

J. H. Shore, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Third Round	June
Clinton, Johnston's	21-22
Southport, Trinity	28-29
Wilmington Ct., Sea Gate	29-30
July	
Jacksonville-Richlands, Haw Branch	5-6
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	10
Burgaw, Watha	11
Kenansville, Wesley	12
Faison-Warsaw, Goshen	13-14
Chadbourn, Evergreen	18
Tabor, Bethesda	19-20
Wallace-Rose Hill, Providence	25
Magnolia, Carlton's	26-27
August	
Carver's Creek, Shiloh	1
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

R. H. Willis, P. E., Elizabeth City

Second Round	June
Hatteras, Hatteras	21-22
Keenekeet, Rodanthe	25
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	27
Dare, East Lake	28-29
Third Round	
July	
Chowan, Bethany	5-6
Hertford	16
Perquimans, New Hope	17
City Road, Epworth	18
Pasquotank, Mt. Hermon	19
Edenton	20
Gates, Philadelphia	26-27
North Gates, Hebron	27-28
August	
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet	18
Dare	19
Hatteras	21
Moyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

District Conference at Pantego, beginning on Wednesday night, July 9, and closing on Friday night or Saturday morning. Bishop Darlington will be present and preside after Thursday.

DURHAM DISTRICT

Rev. J. C. Wooten, P. E.

Third Round	June
Durham Circuit, Bethany, 11 a. m.	21-22
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	22
Memorial, 8 p. m.	25
Burlington, Front Street, 11 a. m.	29
East Burlington, Webb Ave., 8 p. m.	29
Burlington Circuit, 11 a. m.	5-6
July	
Graham and Haw River, 8 p. m.	6
Mt. Tirzah, Hurdle's Mill, 11 a. m.	12-13
Rougemont, Ellis, Chapel, 4 p. m.	13
Mebane, Prospect, 11 a. m.	19-20
Milton, New Hope, 11 a. m.	26-27
August	
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.

Third Round	June
Henderson, Reedy Patch	21-22
Hendersonville	22
Spring Creek, Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
July	
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
August	
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C

Third Round	June
Matthews, Bethel, 11 a. m.	21-22
Pilworth, night	22
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
July	
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Unsonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Allesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Leversville, night	27
August	
Norven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C

Third Round	June
Deep River circuit, Cedar Fal'	21-22
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, night	22
Randleman, Old Union	28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night	29
July	
Greensboro circuit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
August	
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer	23

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round	June
China Grove, 11 a. m.	22
Park Avenue, night	22
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	29
Concord, Forest Hill, night	29
July	
Woodleaf, South River	5-6
South Main, night	6
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m.	13
Badin, night	13
Cottonville, Rehobeth	19-20
Norwood, Randall	20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richfield	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
August	
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circuit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmoney, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.

Third Round	June
Elkin, at night 22 at 11 a. m.	
Yadkinville, Boonville, 20 at 11 a. m. and 22 at night.	
Walnut Cove	28
Madison-Stoneville, Mayodan	29
July	
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-20
Leaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Second Round	June
Burnsville, Bald Creek and Micaville	
Morganton circuit, Zion	21-22
Morganton station, Sunday night	22-23
Cliffside circuit, Oak Grove	28-29
Henrietta-Caroleen, Henrietta Sunday night	29
July	
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. m.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday 3 p. m.	20
Bakersville circuit, Penland, night	26-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
August	
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
August	
Mill Spring, New Hops	16-17
Rutherfordton Ct., Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion Ct., Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.

Third Round	June
Boone circuit, Rutherwood	28-29
Laurel Springs, Mt. Zion	28-29
July	
Elkland circuit, Cranberry	5-6
North Wilkes	5-6
Sparta, Piney Creek	12-13
Watauga, Mabel	12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview	19-20
Elk Park, Banner Elk	19-20
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
August	
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round	June
Macon, Maidens Chapel	21-22
Franklin, night	22
Franklin circuit, Oak Ridge	23
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
July	
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
August	
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

WINSTON DISTRICT

Third Round
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Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
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Winston-Salem, N. C.

Linwood circuit, Cotton Grove, June 21-22.

Lexington station, June 22, 4 p. m. and night.

Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.

Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.

South Thomasville, July 4, night.

Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.

Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m and night.

Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.

Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.

West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.

Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.

Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.

Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.

District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesvile, N. C.

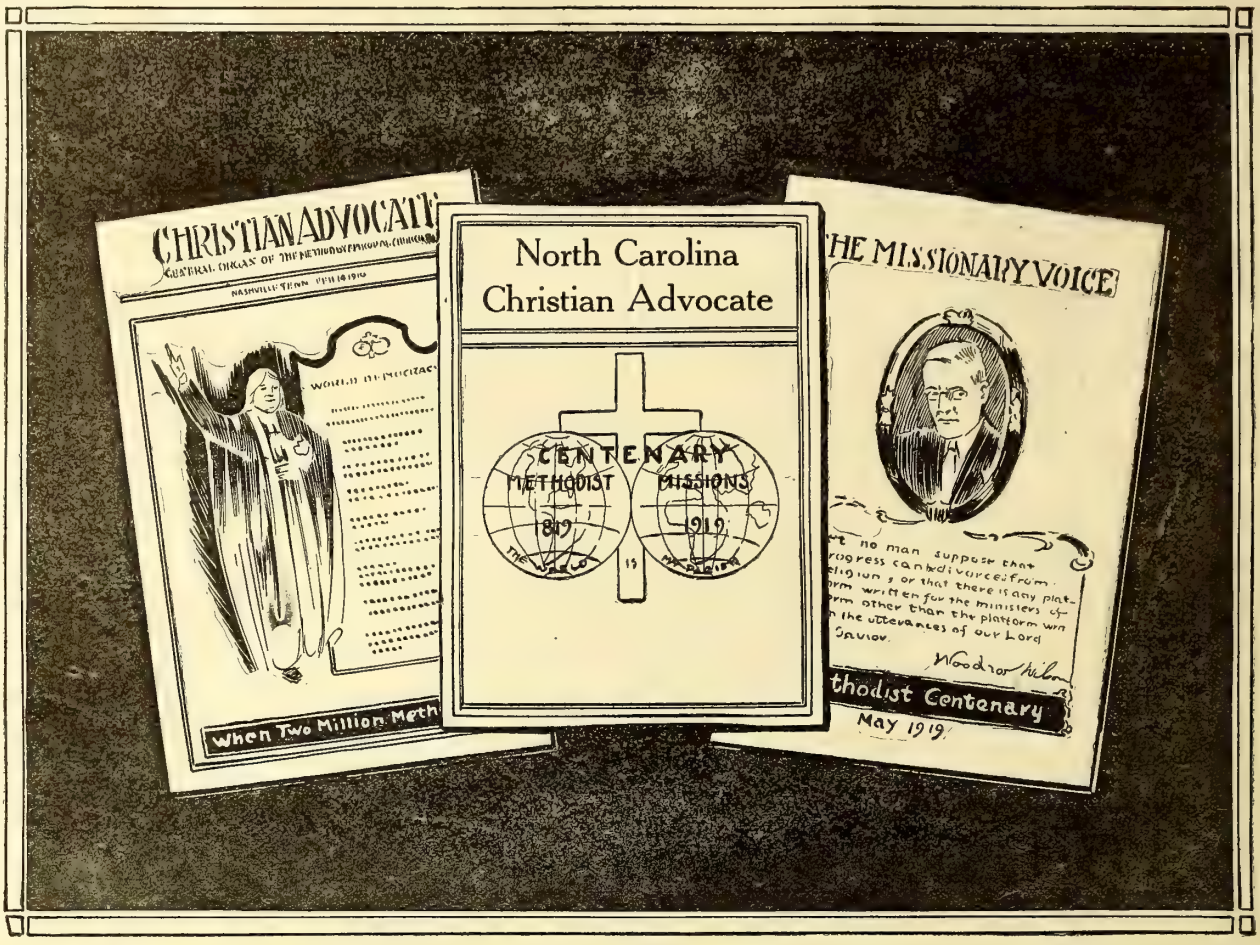
	June
Troutman, Knox's Chapel, 11 a. m.	28-29
Davidson, Huntersville, 3 p. m.	28-29
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 8 p. m.	28-29
July	
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m.	5-6
Mooresville Ct., Williamsons, 3 p. m.	5-6
District Conference, Lenoir	14-16

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

Third Round	June
Belwood, Palm Tree, 11 a. m.	21
Cherryville, Mary's Grove, 11 a. m.	22
Crouse, Laboratory, 4 p. m.	22
Main Street, 8:30 p. m.	25
McAdenville, 8:30 p. m.	26
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	29
Franklin Avenue, Franklin Avenue, 8:30 p. m.	29
Eigth Street, South Gastonia, 8:30 p. m.	30
July	
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	11
Lincolnton circuit, Marvin, 11 a. m.	12
Stanley, Trinity, 11 a. m.	13
King's Mountain, King's Mountain 8:30 p. m.	16
Shelby circuit, Lafayette Street, 3 p. m.	17
Shelby Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Polkville, Rehobeth, 3 p. m.	18
South Fork, Zion, 11 a. m.	19
Rock Spring, Bethany, 11 a. m.	20
Lowesville, New Hope, 5 p. m.	20
Dallas, High Shoals, 8:30 p. m.	21
East End, East End, 8:30 p. m.	22
McAdenville, 8:30 p. m.	24
Mayworth, Mayworth, 11 a. m.	27
Belmont, 5 p. m.	27

District Conference, Fallston, Belwood circuit, July 28-30.



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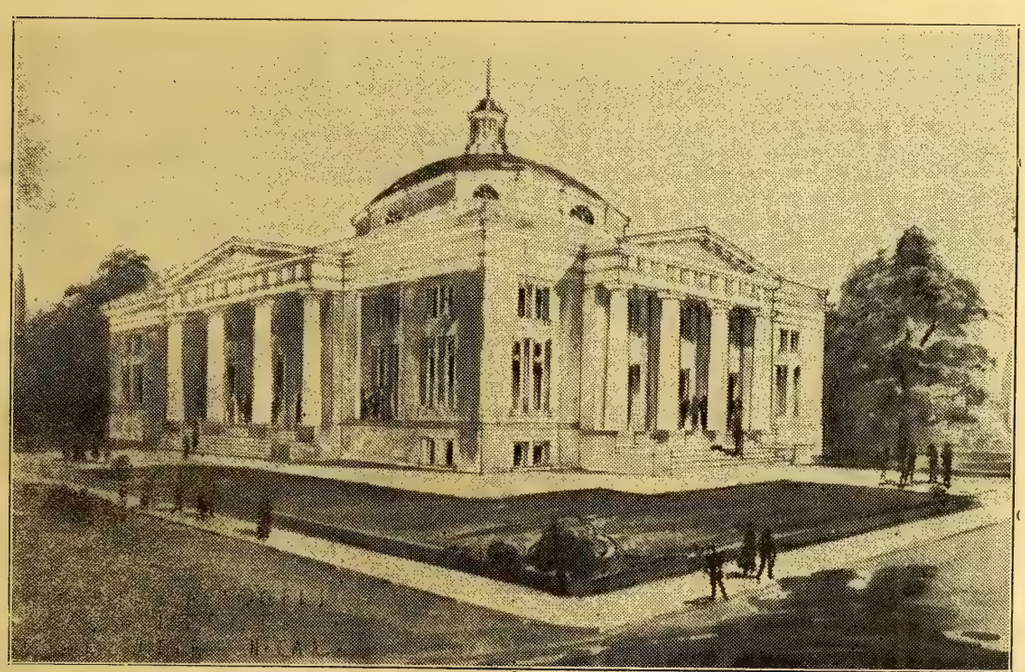
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DEATH INVADES THE ADVOCATE CIRCLE

Mr. Rufus Massey, brother of Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of the Advocate, passed away at a local hospital in Durham, on last Saturday, after a long illness. Mr. Massey was seventy-five years old, a veteran of the civil war and had long been prominent in business circles in Durham. The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon. Brother Massey, the editor, who is absent from the office at this writing, will have the profound sympathy of his brethren in both conferences, and correspondents will understand any delay which may naturally occur on this account. May the comfort of divine grace be given to all the bereaved ones.

OBITUARIES AND MARRIAGES

It is necessary that all obituaries and marriage notices be made as brief as possible. This matter is accumulating on our hands and the patient forbearance of our friends is necessary. Hereafter, no obituaries exceeding 100 words can be admitted unless accompanied by cash to cover the excess at the rate of one cent per word. Count the words and send check or money order. Marriage notices must be given in the briefest possible language.

SPECIAL DAYS

We believe in special days in the program of church services. Sunday school days and special rallies on various subjects all help to pull the church out of its ruts and save it from stagnation and death. There are many old places of worship, churches of long standing and large membership, where congregations have gradually gone to nothing simply because the leadership has been devoid of tact in arranging services so as to awaken special interest. Many of our churches are slowly dying for lack of rallies calculated to shake them out of their lethargy.

Some months ago we visited one of the oldest churches in Western North Carolina, one whose history dates back to the days of the pioneers. This church is located in the midst of a prosperous and thrifty community, and, for more than a hundred years, has had the whole field with scarcely a rival denomination; yet there was painful evidence of a lack of interest. The Sunday school was dull, the classes poorly attended and the whole service calculated to suggest the feeling of one walking among the tombs and reading the epitaphs of the departed. Somehow we could not shake off the feeling of depression as we sat there and listened to a truly competent Bible teacher spending his talent and energy upon a class of one dozen when it could have just as well been a class of one hundred.

That church, and many others like it, needs shaking up. They should get together and organize for a series of Rally days, and advertise the occasions thoroughly, bringing out the indifferent ones by a program that would not only appeal, but one calculated to get the grip on the people when they are brought together. A few such occasions would fill the house for Sunday school and church services and soon they would be wondering why they might not suppport their own pastor instead of being content to share his services with a half dozen other congregations.

Here is a real task for our Centenary organization. The minute men are ready to hand, and could be used to great advantage as speakers in these rally services so badly needed in many of our churches. Let Sunday school superintendents and Centenary directors get together and plan to wake up these lethargic and sleeping congregations.

GREAT EXPOSITION OPENS

The following message from Mr. John R. Pepper, Southern Methodism's greatest Sunday school man, came by wire Monday morning:

"We have attended all great expositions in the United States since eighteen seventy-six. We have never seen one combining entertainment, instruction and inspiration more successfully than our own joint Methodist Centenary celebration, which began here in Columbus on Friday, the twentieth. This exposition far surpasses our most sanguine expectations. We are exceedingly desirous that all our people shall realize the greatness of their opportunity to see these accurate, vivid life representations of conditions in every country, and the self sacrificing service which is being rendered by the missionaries to brighten the dark places of the world. The exposition gives the very information which all our people need and which will certainly delight and inspire those who attend. The daily program rendered in the great auditorium and in the buildings set apart for the exhibit of the different nations, includes addresses by great leaders, music by great soloists, quartets, a splendidly trained choir accompanied by the great organ and large orchestra, and spectacular features showing customs of the native people in our mission fields.

May we not urge all our preachers and the people to join to make this the greatest and the most helpful Christian exposition the world has yet known? Methodism has shown her courage and faith by calling for the greatest offering any Christian denomination ever made, and the "people called Methodists" have made a glorious response to the call. Now the directors with extraordinary constructive ability have developed this remarkable exposition and we are so impressed by its great value that we want our people to participate fully in this pleasure and profit which will come to all who attend. Come to Columbus. The great exposition closes July 13th.

THE PROTRACTED MEETING

The season approaches when these meetings will be on the program for weeks in succession. The fathers called it the "protracted meeting," and it is not uncommon yet for the people to refer to the annual occasion of continued daily services as a protracted meeting. This is even more accurate than revival, which is applied indiscriminately by many to such occasions. These meetings are always protracted but are not always revivals, for the reason that they do not always achieve the end of reviving the church.

By whatever name they are called these meetings are of vast importance to the church. In the first place they afford excellent opportunity for social intercourse which is by no means a thing to be despised, especially in country places, where the people have scant opportunity to cultivate the social side of life.

Again, these meetings afford the pastor the best opportunity to get near to his people and secure that hold upon them which is necessary for the best pastoral success. This is particularly true when the meeting results in a good revival where souls are saved and the people receive the pentecostal blessing. All pastors of experience understand this, and recall instances in which they felt conscious of the possession of a peculiar pastoral grip upon the congregation only after being fused with them in the white heat of that baptismal power.

Not the least important advantage of these meetings is the pastor's opportunity to instruct, indoctrinate and edify his congregation. This too applies more especially to the congregation in the country where regular services are held but once or twice a month. All pastors feel that they labor at a great disadvantage in such congregations, because of a lack of opportunity to meet the people often enough to present all important matters fully. The protracted meeting helps in a measure to make up for this loss, and every pastor should study how to utilize the occasion to the best advantage.

There is no truer philosophy than the utterance of divine inspiration that "where the Spirit of God is there is liberty." In the midst of the fervor of revival power no one puts this to the test more assuredly than the pastor who finds himself able to speak with inspired utterance and freedom altogether beyond the power of ordinary speech. The people find the same to be true as they are thrust out to engage in a personal ministry of help to others altogether beyond their power under ordinary conditions. Thus pastor and people being specially endued with a power from above, such a time is peculiarly fitted for giving and receiving special instruction and indoctrination needed in every congregation.

These protracted meetings have always filled a large place in our economy. They have been among the chief agencies of propaganda, and we see nothing in changed conditions which would demand that they be discontinued or receive less of emphasis than heretofore. In fact, we believe that in many of our churches they should be held more frequently than ever before. Besides the opportunity for evangelistic work, incidentally they afford the best opportunity for bringing the people into intelligent sympathy with all the enterprises of the church.

The protracted meeting is the pastor's great opportunity, and we hope to hear of all our pastors working it to the utmost this year. He who, through fear of failure or for any cause, mistrusts himself, and farms out this opportunity to another, is very short-sighted. God will bless the pastor who undertakes to lead in the work to which he has been divinely called. Stepping aside to allow another the place of leadership will forfeit to him the peculiar blessing which no other service can give, and occasion irreparable losses in every way.

THE FIRST COPY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

The beginning of any great movement or any great influence is always interesting, but, of course, the origin of some things is more interesting than others.

North Carolina Methodism must necessarily be interested in anything that has been such a factor in its development as the church paper; for if we except the ministry itself, perhaps nothing has done more to mold our Methodism than the conference organ.

I am peculiarly interested in the first issue of this paper, which lies before me as I write, and which was launched from Raleigh on Friday, January 4, 1856, with Rufus T. Heflin as its editor. It has four pages with seven columns to the page. The editor's introduction is written under the head "Our Paper," and is a plain statement as to the aim and object of its publication. Most of the editorials were written on the reports of the conference which was held in Wilmington. The paper also contains the appointments of the preachers. The North Carolina Conference at that time embraced the following presiding elder's districts: Raleigh, Danville, Greensboro, Salisbury, Washington, Newbern, Wilmington and Atlantic.

The conference convened in Wilmington on November 14, 1855. Next November it will be fifty-five years since this conference was held and since our Christian Advocate was established. In looking over the list of appointments of the preachers for that year you will find the names of only two living today who received an appointment at that conference—that of Rev. M. C. Thomas now of the North Carolina conference, and Rev. S. H. Helsabeck, of the Western North Carolina conference, and yet, in 1881, when the writer joined

the North Carolina Conference at Durham, there were just 50 of these preachers living and most of them in the active work. How rapidly our ranks are being broken. But while there are only two left of that great body of men who met at the conference in Wilmington in 1885, yet as our ranks are broken here by some answering to the "Roll call up yonder," young men take our places and the work goes on.

The very first article that appears in this first copy of the North Carolina Christian Advocate and in the first column, is a poem entitled "A Hope of Heaven." It is to be regretted that its author is not given; the nom de plume "Raleigh" is used. After quoting Montgomery's Cry of the Soul: "Oh! where shall rest be found—Rest for the weary soul," the poem begins thus:

"Oh! there is naught upon this earth of ours
The restless longings of the soul to fill,
We pant for fairer fields and fresher flowers,
For purer fountains still.

"Our drooping souls like captive eagles pine
To breathe once more their native atmosphere—
To soar above the clouds, where sunbeams shine.
And shadows disappear."

Several other stanzas follow on the same line of thought; but it is not what this old paper contains that impresses one so much as it is the association of it with the men, many of whom we knew, and the work they did. But most of those who read the first lines in the Christian Advocate in 1856 are gone into the great future, many of them dying with the hope of reaching that place where the shadows are all dispelled by the sunbeams which forever shine.

(The above communication is taken from a copy of the Advocate printed in 1909. The writer is not known.—Editor.)

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

—Our readers will regret to learn that Mrs. Morrison, wife of Bishop H. C. Morrison, is now helpless and that there is no hope of her recovery. Their home is at Leesburg, Fla.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street church, this city, is one of the lucky ones whose congregations are furnishing the wherewith for a trip to Columbus.

—Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of Walnut Street and Caraway Memorial, this city, has been holding revival services at Walnut Street during the past week. There has been much interest.

—At the late commencement of the Atlanta University, a well-known colored institution, Rev. Plato Durham, of Emory University, delivered an address on "The Study of the Negro Problem."

—It will be pleasing to his numerous friends to know that Rev. L. A. Falls, pastor of Mooresville Station, is now entirely recovered from his recent illness and is again able to go forward with his work.

—Mr. Ernest Brown, of Salem church, has been appointed delegate from the Mount Airy circuit to the Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio, which opens June 20th. So says the Mount Airy News.

—Mr. John Barnhardt, a prominent citizen of Cabarrus and long time merchant at Pioneer Mills, was in the city last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Plyler. We were glad to greet him in the Advocate office.

—Miss Virginia Ella Ingram, of Mount Gilead, was married to Mr. Winston L. Stubbs, of Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday, June 18th. The wedding took place in the Methodist church, and the ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. N. C. Yearby.

—Dr. E. L. Bain and wife are enjoying a visit to the great Methodist Exposition at Columbus, Ohio. This trip was given them by the West Market Street congregation as a slight expression of their appreciation of faithful service.

—The old Zion church, near Thomasville, was sold at public auction on Monday, June 16, the congregation having decided to purchase and occupy the old Piney Woods Quaker church. They will build a new church this year.

—Rev. A. P. Brantley, pastor of Westford-Harmony charge, Concord, we are glad to learn, is rapidly recovering from an attack of appendicitis and will soon be able to return to his work. He was operated on by Dr. Long at the Long Sanitorium, Statesville.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Hon. Wm. D. Upshaw, member of Congress from Georgia, not only represents his people in the National Legislature, but gives much of his spare time to active religious work. He is now conducting a successful evangelistic meeting in Washington and great multitudes attend the services.

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Hon. John C. Spooner, one of the most brilliant men of this generation, died at his New York home recently. He was a great constitutional lawyer, who first became distinguished as a United States Senator from Wisconsin but resigned his seat in that body in order to give his full time to his legal practice.

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There is Visible Weakening on the part of the small politicians who have evidently conspired to play the game of politics and discredit Mr. Wilson and all who have labored to get an international agreement whereby the world may hope to escape another more horrible war than the one out of which we are just now emerging. These men have been playing with fire and it will be a wonder if they are not badly burned in the end.

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The Aeroplane has conquered the distance from the old world to the new, the translantic flight having been accomplished without a stop. Saturday afternoon, June 14th, Captain Alcock and Lieut. Brown, British aviators, started from Saint John, Newfoundland, and in sixteen hours and twelve minutes landed at Clifden, Ireland, a distance of over 1,900 miles. The trip was made against great difficulty, through fog and cold, but they claim that with favorable winds and weather the distance may be covered in considerably less time. It is claimed now by some that aeroplane trains will finally carry passengers across the Atlantic.

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Dr. H. W. Chase, chairman of the faculty of the University of North Carolina since the death of Dr. Marvin H. Stacy, was, last week, elected president of the institution to succeed the late Dr. E. K. Graham. Dr. Chase is 38 years of age, a native of Massachusetts, and has been a member of the faculty of the University for 10 years. He came to the educational department under Dr. M. C. S. Noble and succeeded Dr. Stacy as dean when the latter was chairman of the faculty, following the temporary adjustment after the death of President Graham. Then, after the death of Dr. Stacy, he was advanced to the chairmanship of the faculty.

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The Demand Made on Congress recently by the assembled multitude on the Capital grounds, to repeal the war time prohibition on wine and beer will hardly meet with favor by the Congress or the American people. The temperance forces have for nearly a century been laboring and praying for national prohibition. We have it now in regular constitutional form and it has come to stay. The arguments, pro and con, have been thorough and exhaustive. The majority of the people have endorsed it. Forty-five out of forty-eight states have accepted the amendment, and the legalized liquor traffic in America will come to an end next January, despite the threats and resistance of the liquor interests which have been outlawed by righteous public sentiment and legal enactment.

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Ever Since Diaz was removed from the presidency the Mexicans have been in constant turmoil and strife. The government has been unable to overcome Villa and the revolutionary party has grown so formidable that Carranza has announced his purpose to withdraw from public life at the close of his present term. The situation, always serious, is now deplorable. Trains are wrecked daily even though they have military guards always on board. The altercations between the forces near El Paso have been so serious lately that stray bullets struck down town business houses in El Paso and the 5th and 7th Regiments of U. S. troops, 3,600 strong, in command of Col. Tompkins, crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico to keep back the malcontents whose reckless warfare imperilled American life and property.

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There must be a united campaign; it must be put on with a purpose and worked with a will and it must aim high. Why not double the subscription list of all our papers?—W. W. Pinson.

The German National Assembly decided, on Sunday, June 22nd, to sign the peace treaty This decision was reached by a vote of 237 to 138. The assembly also voted confidence in the new government of Herr Bauer 236 to 89, sixty-eight members abstaining from voting. After many special pleadings and much lamentation as to the terms submitted to them, like a whimpering, spoiled child, Germany takes her medicine. Herr Bauer, the new Premier, plays the final act with the following lament: "The allied and associated powers cannot expect the German people to agree from inner conviction to a peace instrument whereby, without the populations being consulted, living members are severed from the German empire, German sovereignty permanently violated and unbearable economic and financial burdens imposed upon the German people." Surely he has been a long time finding out that Germany's place was not at the head of the peace table!

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That Was a Great Truth uttered by Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, in the debate on the League of Nations a few days ago when he said: "There is no moral duty incumbent upon any man in his relation to his fellow man that is not equally incumbent upon a nation in its relation to every other nation." Continuing, he said, with great force: "Of course, not one of us would have written this covenant just as it has come to us. But this covenant represents the deliberations of nations. It deals with complex situations. It comes to us as a compromise compact. And to secure the support of this country special concessions have been made to us. Our Monroe doctrine is by this instrument given a world sanction. It has been asserted and re-asserted in all the false attacks on this instrument that the United States would be compelled to help Great Britain preserve her domain against her own internal revolutions or rebellions. Nothing could be more false. It is only against external aggression that the league assures its protection."

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The Rural Mail Carrier used a Ford car and hauled human passengers as a side line. A young soldier just returned from France was on his way to the old home and friends. He wanted to take them by surprise. Finally the Ford car stopped at the farm house and he alighted. His brother met him at the gate. Four eyes moistened as they met. We looked anxiously for the mother, but she was busy with household cares and knew nothing of the presence of the lad for whom she had for long, weary months so tensely thought and earnestly prayed. The Ford car proceeded on its way down the road. We saw the father in the cotton field, busy with hoe, and when we called out and told him John had come, he suddenly threw the hoe on his shoulder and walked rapidly back toward the house. How the hearts of those parents were gladdened at the sight of the boy safe at home again—safe there with victory. That meeting was one of millions that have been held in a million American homes since the armistice was signed. How the mothers suffered and endured while war raged. What comfort and joy they deserve when the boys come back.

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The Fellow Who Has His Price is ready always to charge the evangelist with preaching for the money he can make out of it. Sam Jones was paid much money but he was a free spender who gave vast sums to charity. Every genuine evangelist uses the money he gets, not to hoard, but to bless others. Some months ago a noted evangelist was paid $6,000.00 for four weeks' preaching. A poor widow gave $50.00 toward that sum. That fact reached the ear of the evangelist, who carefully investigated the case, called even to see the widow and inquired why she, with a heavy mortgage on her home, which she was straining hard to meet, had given so much to the fund for the preacher. She replied: "The blessing which the meeting brought to me is worth infinitely more than the fifty dollars." The evangelist, not letting his left hand know what his right was doing, sought out the man who held the mortgage, paid him four thousand dollars to cancel the debt, and then went back to the widow and presented it to her, paid in full. That was a noble deed and only one of many which Billy Sunday has performed. This is written because it is fragrant with charity and will be good news to many who believe that unselfish service will never lose its reward.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE STEADINESS OF THE SAINTS

Bishop Jno. C. Kilgo

I am glad the sun still rises morning after morning and the moon and the stars come out in the night just as they did the first day and the first night God set them in their courses and ordained to them their universal ministries. If David should again stand on the hills about Bethel at night, far above them, he would behold the same skies adorned with the glory of God pouring out of the silent spheres of the heavens.

I am exceedingly glad that the same old Book which God began to prepare in the hands of Moses and finished amid the glowing visions of Patmos, still lies open on my desk, telling the story of how the world and the moon and the stars and the sun and all things which are were made by the hands of the Almighty.

But my joy is supreme in the truth that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the eternal Son of God, the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth, the atonement for the sins of the world, He that was alive and was dead and is alive forevermore, the Alpha and Omega, in whose hands are the seven stars, and who walks amid the golden candlesticks, and who will come in the end with all the holy angels with Him to judge the quick and the dead and to gather all saints into the home of God.

With all nature standing the same, the Bible proclaiming the same truths and promises, and Jesus the unchangeable Lord and Saviour there is no cause for fear and no grounds for doubt. The wide world is in turmoil. Men are stampled, their knees are striking with fear, their faces are pale with fright, and they run hither and thither crying lo! here and lo! there, and lo! this and lo! that, but the old sun keeps on its way, and all nature goes its rounds without noise or spasm, and the old Book utters its truths, its warnings, its exhortations, its hopes, and sings its songs of praise, while the cross stands the supreme reality of all things in heaven and in earth.

These things give steadiness to thought and faith and hope. They protect against stampede and panic. Whatever storms may break and lash to fury the surface of the seas, the great deep is not disturbed by the howling winds and raging billows. Only the timid who lack footing on the fixed and immovable things show fright and have heart palpipations. They conclude all is changed and the old sea has run away and the vessel has been put out of date, and out in the surging waters they contrive new inventions and fabricate new methods of travel. Let them go within their cabins. The winds will go away and the old sea will stretch out around them and the big ship will move along its course to the shores.

The frightened folks are telling us that the old world has passed away and a new world has come in its place, and w must go into the shops for readjustment. A few days ago I heard one of the stampeded grow eloquent on the new order and world the war has made, and as I listened I was almost thankful to God for the Kaiser and his armies and all the meanness they did and started others to doing in the earth. My heart had bled over the heroic sons of America who had died away in France and Belgium and Russia, but then, I asked myself, am I not in error? Isn't it a good thing seeing we got a bran new world out of it? But I decided the brother was stampeded, and would get over his fright some good day, and be able to see that this old world had been passing through an awful storm, but the winds had not blown it from the foundations, or even changed one single vital thing in it.

Then I heard another speaker dilate on the new opportunities and responsibilities the war had brought into the world. This greatly confused me for I have not been able to meet the ancient obligations which now rest on my conscience and were delivered originally to the saints by prophets and apostles, and now that new and heavier ones were on me, disconcerted me. However, this is another sign of fright. There can be no new obligations. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" is very ancient, and beyond it nothing can go. And the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and this is both ancient and exhaustive, not the infantile duties born in the trenches of northern France. They come out of the eternal sovereignty of the blessed God, and nothing can add to them or take from them. Earthly circumstances do not revise the spiritual laws and doctrines of righteousness with God. He has spoken once and His words are final. Blessed is the man who knew Him and knew His laws war or no war, and does not have to confess that it took all this blood and crime and ruin in the earth to wake him to a knowledge that God had spoken His mind to men in the ages past and spoken it for all time.

Then the new and the larger opportunities the war has furnished the church of the living God is startling news. Does it mean that God's church finds larger doors of opportunity through the carnage of battle, and especially this recent war of frightful barbarism and savagry, than it finds under peaceful conditions? If so then why this parade in the churches and among so-called Christian people to bring war to perpetual end? There are those, however, who firmly believe that on the cross and in the resurrection and the ascension of the Christ and the advent of the Holy Ghost the church has all the opportunities it shall ever need, and none of the vilest wickedness of men can add to the might and glory of these resources. They furinsh the only hope to steadfast believers amid these scenes of horror. These look to the things He achieved in the long past, and not to the shifts in commerce and political boundaries and leagues of nations which may come about within the next few decades, even if they ever come to pass. They are not stampeded and refuse to be stampeded or browbeaten into needless terror. The world is sorely in need of a host of persons who keep their nerve. The wildly excited are of little assistance in putting out a fire or calming a riot. Young York, the single-handed hero of the war, said he learned early in life from his father to keep his head, and why should not Christians illustrate the same gift of grace?

KEEP THE CENTENARY ORGANIZATION INTACT FOR THE GREAT REVIVAL

By O. E. Goddard.

One of the lines of conservation agreed upon by the Ad Interim Committee for the Centenary is a revival campaign. The Centenary organization and the disciplinary evangelistic agencies have been merged as follows: The Evangelistic Committee shall consist of three members from the Ad Interim Committee, three from the Committee on Evangelism, and three who hold membership in both the Committee on Evangelism and the Ad Interim Committee. The Evangelistic Committee shall be the steering committee to carry out the policy of the Centenary Commission and the Board of Missions for a church-wide revival. The Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism shall consist of the Conference committee on evangelism, the Conference missionary secretary, the Conference campaign director, the Conference lay leader, the chairman of the Annual Conference Centenary Commission, and any others that this Annual Conference commission may choose to add thereto. It shall be its duty to carry out the policy handed down to it from the General Commission mentioned above, and do all else in its power to promote revivals in the bounds of that Conference.

There shall be a district commission in each presiding elder's district, composed of the presiding elder, the district lay leader, district campaign director, district chairman of the minute men, and one pastor elected by the other members. This commission shall function as hitherto, with such additional work as the revival plan may entail as it unfolds.

There shall be in each church an evangelistic commission composed of the pastor, the evangelistic committee of the local church, the local church Centenary director, the chairman of the minute men, and such others as these may desire to add. The commission shall, in addition to doing all in its power to promote revivals in the local church, carry out the standard plan for a revival, which will come down to it later from the General Commission on Evangelism.

It will be seen at once that it is the desire of the evangelistic agencies of the church to use all the power, momentum and organization that now exists in the Centenary for a great church-wide revival.

Some time in the early spring of 1920, a great simultaneous revival campaign will be put on throughout the whole church. Details of the plan will be given later. Let this much be understood now. No one will be asked to delay his revival campaign until this time. Many are going into revivals at once. The time seems auspicious for it. The Centenary and the Department of Home Missions will lend all help possible for revivals from this day forward. It shall be our steadfast purpose to promote revivals, co-operating with the pastor and presiding elders in their plans. We shall supplement their efforts in every possible way. But after all the local plans now being made shall have been carried out, there will still be need of the big simultaneous movement some time about Easter next year. There are more than four millions of people within our territory who, if ever converted, will likely be converted in a Methodist revival. If they ever unite with a church it will likely be a Methodist church. If all this constituency should be worked up and brought into the church before the Lenten season, we should not need the proposed simultaneous revival, but the probabilities are that there will still be unsaved people within our reach after all these local revivals shall have been held. It is hoped that such an intensive and extensive campaign can be put on about the Lenten season, that on Easter morning we can look up into the face of our risen Christ and say that every man, woman and child, for whom we feel responsible, has been invited, urged, to accept Christ and be saved. This is the kind of campaign we are planning for. This is the kind of a campaign that ought to reach many thousands not hitherto reached.

MY MOTHER

By H. L. Atkins

"Mother passed away this morning at 4 o'clock." So read the telegram which came to me May 20, 1919. I was not surprised. She was 88 years and 21 days old, and had been almost helpless for more than a year. She had no disease, her physician said, just the machinery of the body was slowly running down. For some time we had expected the change to come, and she had looked forward to it patiently, having no doubt that it meant freedom from all suffering and a home with the loved ones gone before. But all the same, this news pierced my heart with sorrow and threw over me great shadows of grief. It could not be otherwise when I thought of her dear form being cold in death.

But I was comforted with the thought that she quietly but bravely lived out her days, that she was true to God, to her loved ones, and as she understood it, tried to measure up to all the responsibilities of life. Her Christian experience was as clear as a sunbeam. Sometimes the cup would run over, and she would shout and praise the Lord. Not to shout or testify when led of the spirit to do so, she said, would be to sin against God, and to do either when not so led of the Spirit would have been, in her judgment, to act the hypocrite in the very worst way. How she ever got through with the home task when I was a small boy I cannot tell. How did the women of those days ever do the canning, spinning, weaving, cutting and making garments, knitting socks, cooking and so many other things, and yet have the family ready for church and Sunday school and a good dinner for the preacher, if he should go home with us? She did these things, and managed to enable us to live our lives in the back woods with happiness and hope.

Thank God for such a mother! Her passing does not make me feel that she is further away from me, or less interested in me. Blessings on her memory.

Bandera, Texas.

CENTENARY REPORT

Below is given a tabulated statement of the Centenary reports from the local churches in the Durham, Fayetteville, Rockingham, Washington, and Wilmington Districts, as they have come to me from the District Directors. I shall be glad to receive notice of any errors which may appear in the reports. It has meant an immense amount of careful work to compile these reports and get them in shape for publication, but they will be of immense interest to the membership of the Church. This finishes the report for the North Carolina Conference.

D. W. NEWSOM.

DURHAM DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Total
Allensville	45	$ 1,250.00	$ 1,277.50	$ 155.00	$ 1,432.50
Bethel	...	125.00	82.50	115.00	197.50
Branson	192	4,000.00	5,538.50	955.00	6,493.50
Brooksdale	50	1,500.00	1,764.00	610.00	2,374.00
Brookland	25	500.00	512.50	200.00	712.50
Calvary	175	3,000.00	4,487.64	1,305.00	5,792.64
Carr	295	5,000.00	7,375.00	2,200.00	9,575.00
Carrboro	54	1,110.00	1,661.55	548.00	2,210.35
Clover Garden	39	375.00	341.00	.....	341.00
Concord	145	6,525.00	8,820.00	1,140.50	9,960.50
Edgar Long Memorial	155	17,000.00	20,350.00	4,830.00	25,180.00
Ellis Chapel	8	300.00	260.00	68.65	328.65
Eno	300	300.00	310.00	252.00	562.00
Graham	111	3,000.00	3,569.00	870.00	4,439.00
Haw River	65	1,250.00	1,741.00	505.00	2,246.00
Hebron	...	500.00	319.50	221.80	541.30
Lakewood	23	1,000.00	900.00	515.00	1,415.00
Leasburg	...	1,050.00	602.11	899.80	1,501.91
Lea's Chapel	90	4,422.50	4,878.75	361.20	5,239.95
Massey's Chapel	...	265.00	325.00	93.30	418.30
Memorial	587	32,500.00	35,044.10	135,845.00	170,889.10
Mt. Bethel	43	750.00	1,305.00	366.75	1,671.75
Mt. Sylvan	30	300.00	357.50	68.65	426.15
Mt. Tabor	28	300.00	355.00	148.65	503.65
Orange	53	625.00	540.00	217.70	757.70
Orange Factory	9	150.00	162.50	34.35	196.85
Oak Grove	156	2,175.00	2,493.75	361.60	2,855.35
Pearl Mill	15	200.00	235.00	168.00	403.00
Pelham	51	1,000.00	654.00	465.00	1,119.00
Phillips Chapel	58	625.00	888.50	.....	888.50
Rougement	26	450.00	741.30	188.50	929.80
Salem	...	1,050.00	1,142.50	405.90	1,548.40
Saxapahaw	59	500.00	761.50	.....	761.50
Swepsonville	158	1,500.00	2,155.75	250.00	2,405.75
Trinity (Brooksdale)	35	1,250.00	1,250.00	145.00	1,395.00
Trinity (Durham)	575	40,000.00	45,907.49	11,363.50	57,270.99
Union	...	275.00	333.40	184.50	517.90
Warren's Grove	30	471.25	362.50	12.90	375.40
Webb's Chapel	25	750.00	845.00	125.00	970.00
West Durham	413	5,000.00	10,020.50	2,225.00	12,245.50
Woodsdale	17	906.25	445.00	77.40	522.40
Totals	3,870	$143,250.00	$171,115.84	$168,499.45	$339,615.29

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Total
Andrew's Chapel	35	$ 750.00	$ 415.00	$ 200.00	$ 615.00
Antioch	...	505.00	380.20	122.25	502.45
Bethel (Bladen)	3	65.00	65.00	13.80	78.80
Bethel (Roseboro)	58	1,750.00	2,150.00	2,620.00	4,770.00
Bethlehem	102	875.00	2,057.85	205.00	2,262.85
Beulah	35	350.00	317.00	180.00	497.00
Black's Chapel	82	1,000.00	1,144.45	375.00	1,519.45
Calvary	67	1,250.00	1,620.25	367.50	1,987.75
Fayetteville, Carthrage	...	4,860.00	8,384.00	1,700.00	10,084.00
Center (Bladen)	22	350.00	385.00	81.40	466.40
Center (Carthage)	...	1,426.00	1,295.50	295.00	1,590.50
Cool Spring	...	1,338.00	1,437.50	290.00	1,727.50
Daub's	...	325.00	330.00	65.00	395.00
Deem's Chapel	80	635.00	803.00	269.15	1,072.50
Duke	98	2,500.00	3,282.50	760.00	4,042.50
Dunn	218	11,500.00	11,875.35	3,340.00	15,215.35
Hall's	81	1,125.00	628.00	300.00	928.00
Hemp (Charge)	335	3,600.00	3,150.00	1,515.00	4,665.00
Highfalls	...	708.00	881.00	305.00	1,186.00
Lillington (Charge)	274	7,815.00	8,195.65	1,415.00	9,610.65
Live Oak	1	215.00	50.00	52.95	102.95
McGee's	50	1,125.00	1,148.00	180.00	1,328.00
Newton Grove	...	5,000.00	5,000.00	775.00	5,775.00
Person Street	86	1,250.00	2,542.95	367.50	2,910.45
Roseboro (Charge)	269	5,000.00	4,813.00	3,555.00	8,368.00
Siler City (Charge)	290	7,430.00	6,650.00	2,290.00	8,940.00
Steele Street	210	12,425.00	20,083.50	5,156.40	25,239.90
Windsor	67	480.00	498.50	110.65	609.15
Totals	2,463	$75,652.00	$89,583.20	$26,906.60	$116,489.80

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Total
Aberdeen (West End and Hoffman)	210	12,000.00	16,364.00	5,565.00	21,929.00
Asbury	40	1,050.00	1,194.50	545.00	1,739.50
Barkers	80	1,885.00	3,361.50	617.00	3,978.50
Beaver Dam	...	220.00	148.00	87.15	235.15
Biscoe	76	3,500.00	5,875.10	.....	5,875.10
Bladenboro	12	61.50	728.83	.....	728.83
Bowmore	88	2,015.00	2,018.00	3,098.30	2,416.30
Buie	34	1,000.00	1,121.00	146.25	1,267.25
Bulah	21	350.00	410.00	46.40	456.40
Cameron	98	1,735.00	1,539.25	171.00	1,710.25
Candor	75	1,165.00	2,330.50	175.00	2,505.50
Centenary (Red Springs)	58	1,000.00	1,185.72	46.25	1,331.97
Centenary (Rowland)	50	1,800.00	3,228.50	695.00	3,923.50
East Lumberton	52	750.00	1,102.50	225.00	1,327.50
Ellerbe	68	1,000.00	1,181.45	320.00	1,501.45
Lumberton	226	15,000.00	15,040.50	10,170.00	25,210.50
Mint Hill	30	175.00	175.00	46.40	221.40
Gibson	72	7,000.00	10,322.50	2,417.50	12,740.00
Green Lake	34	400.00	310.75	134.00	444.75
Hoffman	34	.....	211.00	.....	211.00
Johnson's Grove	93	3,550.00	2,182.87	1,190.00	3,372.87
Ledbetter	44	400.00	288.00	149.50	437.50
Lemon Springs	80	1,215.00	1,596.11	300.00	1,896.11
Marcus	27	585.00	658.00	75.00	733.00
Mt. Gilead	212	8,000.00	7,907.75	2,590.00	10,497.75
Mt. Olive	...	200.00	54.00	57.85	111.85
Old Hundred	40	404.00	560.45	128.22	688.67
Onvil	5	125.00	65.00	46.40	111.40
Ophir	41	450.00	450.00	46.40	496.40
Packers	63	1,205.00	1,217.50	228.70	1,446.20
Pee Dee	53	600.00	416.50	229.00	645.50
Pleasant Hill	36	585.00	270.50	230.00	500.50
Prospect	8	200.00	200.00	46.40	246.40
Purvis	64	1,890.00	2,385.00	545.00	2,930.00
Rachels	35	404.00	477.29	79.35	556.64
Regan	76	1,885.00	2,843.50	425.00	3,268.50
Roberdel No. 1	118	1,400.00	1,671.50	356.00	2,027.50
Roberdel No. 2	69	1,100.00	1,225.35	704.00	1,929.35
Rowland	50	1,880.00	2,787.50	1,370.00	4,157.50
Shiloh	29	350.00	350.00	46.40	396.40
Singletary	36	461.00	534.50	115.00	649.50
Snead's Grove	117	2,138.00	2,299.60	707.40	3,007.00
St. John's	133	7,000.00	7,677.50	1,838.00	9,515.50
St. Paul's	84	1,885.00	4,524.20	665.00	5,189.20
Tabernacle	...	1,009.00	1,383.40	223.25	1,606.65
Trinity (Elizabeth)	34	1,372.50	1,381.00	120.00	1,501.00
Trinity (Red Springs)	200	8,000.00	13,310.23	2,217.50	15,527.73
Trinity (Robeson)	159	3,220.00	4,872.75	1,793.05	6,665.80
Union	67	430.50	1,250.07	165.00	1,415.07
Wesley's Chapel	38	461.25	505.66	225.00	730.66
West End	49	1,120.00	1,353.00	425.00	1,778.00
West Rockingham	17	280.00	246.00	101.50	347.50
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Zion	83	.....	1,303.50	1,145.00	2,448.50
Zoar	16	350.00	350.00	46.40	396.40
Totals	3,514	$106,361.75	$136,446.83	$40,535.57	$176,982.40

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Total
Amity	54	2,645.00	587.25	635.00	1,222.25
Ayden	52	4,000.00	5,632.50	1,952.50	7,605.00
Belford	...	688.00	837.50	.....	837.50
Bethel	135	4,550.00	4,950.00	433.00	5,383.00
Bethlehem (Farmville)	25	600.00	742.00	.....	742.00
Bethlehem (Sp. Hope)	26	491.80	218.75	.....	218.75
Clark Street	138	2,000.00	3,550.00	965.00	4,515.00
Evansdale	52	897.00	1,320.00	100.00	1,420.00
Elm City	88	5,250.00	3,860.00	915.00	4,775.00
Fairfield	109	4,600.00	4,378.25	1,649.75	6,028.00
Farmville	...	4,500.00	5,656.00	.....	5,656.00
First (Washington)	174	17,000.00	16,108.00	5,277.00	21,385.00
First (Wilson)	540	22,000.00	35,017.50	11,710.00	46,727.50
Gold Valley	19	491.00	320.00	.....	320.00
Lang's	32	300.00	352.50	24.15	376.63
Lebanon	7	805.00	950.00	90.00	1,040.00
Maple Creek	22	500.00	702.50	270.00	972.50
McKendree, Pinetops & Temp. Hall	56	2,000.00	1,938.90	455.00	2,393.90
Mt. Pleasant	71	1,580.60	2,502.50	765.00	3,267.50
Mt. Zion (Stokes)	13	267.00	332.50	60.10	392.60
Mt. Zion (Elm City)	44	750.00	915.00	175.00	1,090.00
Nashville	198	5,000.00	5,105.50	2,000.00	7,105.50
N. Rocky Mount	64	500.00	623.00	275.00	898.10
Providence	87	2,500.00	2,715.00	884.25	3,599.25
Robersonville	18	500.00	510.53	360 00	870 53
Sandy Cross	57	885.26	530.00	.....	530.00
Saratoga	1	560.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Sharon	120	1,000.00	2,016.50	525.00	2,541.50
Shiloh	25	500.00	450.00	125 00	575 00
Shadesville	77	1,000.00	1,104.35	301.50	1,405.85
Soule	102	2,500.00	3,180.00	696.75	3,876.75
S. Rocky Mount	43	500.00	548.00	160.00	708.00
Stanhope	8	393.30	393.30	.....	393.30
St. James	125	5,300.00	2,686.00	2,670.00	5,356.00
Stantonsburg	84	3,738.00	5,915.00	1,050.00	6,965.00
Wares	18	267.00	267.00	60.10	327.10
Watson	22	1,362.85	464.25	293.10	757.35
Wharton	24	267.00	268.50	60.10	328.60
White Oak	32	491.82	200.80	.....	200.80
Yelverton	73	1,250.00	1,155.00	300.00	1,455.00
Totals	2,860	$104,930.63	$120,039.38	$35,437.30	$155,476.68
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WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Total
Adams	36	500.00	450.00	105.90	555.90
Andrew Chapel	36	750.00	129.50	150.00	279.50
Bethlehem	47	2,500.00	1,134.50	480.00	1,614.50
Bethel (Tabor)	...	550.00	554.00	120.00	674.00
Bethel (Town Creek)	37	900.00	166.20	75.00	241.20
Bethany	8	350.00	150.00	60.00	210.00
Bethesda	17	550.00	114.50	.....	114.50
Bladen Street	150	3,384.00	4,053.00	970.45	5,023.45
Bolton	73	1,753.00	1,468.37	285.00	1,753.37
Boardman	2	125.00	125.00	.....	125.00
Burgaw	57	2,432.00	1,297.00	49.65	1,346.65
Carlton	50	800.00	850.00	120.00	970.00
Carver's Creek	73	1,116.00	1,152.00	257.00	1,409.00
Centenary	60	1,043.00	880.00	160.00	1,040.00
Cerro Gordo	86	1,525.00	1,947.00	320.15	2,267.15
Chadbourn	81	3,396.00	2,991.50	946.00	3,937.50
Charity	70	1,205.00	1,274.59	410.00	1,684.59
Clarendon	18	300.00	305.00	125.00	430.00
Clinton	125	4,575.00	4,060.00	2,035.00	6,095.00
Concord	23	250.00	181.00	.....	181.00
Council	56	636.80	706.13	106.00	812.13
Delco	8	797.00	290.00	190.00	480.00
Epworth	10	595.00	250.00	.....	250.00
Evergreen	71	1,407.00	1,430.00	232.75	1,662.75
Fair Bluff	50	1,220.00	1,225.00	428.60	1,653.60
Faison	68	1,750.00	3,019.00	1,395.00	4,414.00
Federal Point	7	200.00	95.00	100.00	195.00
Fifth Avenue	462	12,580.00	14,840.50	6,760.00	21,600.50
Freeman	29	797.00	1,000.00	220.00	1,220.00
Friendship	53	600.00	615.00	60.00	675.00
Gants	22	350.00	375.00	60.00	435.00
Grace	453	20,000.00	32,323.77	13,080.00	45,403.77
Hallsboro	42	1,750.00	1,765.00	275.00	2,040.00
Herring's Chapel	29	1,228.00	216.00	48.10	264.10
Hopewell	51	1,000.00	1,000.00	105.00	1,105.00
Jacksonville	93	3,268.40	3,206.00	875.00	4,081.00
Johnson's	25	1,417.00	1,417.00	.....	1,417.00
Kenansville	32	1,050.00	998.00	100.00	1,098.00
Keener's	60	961.00	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Lebanon	52	550.00	634.50	.....	634.50
Macedonia	10	100.00	93.75	50.00	143.75
Magnolia	77	3,500.00	3,563.00	550.00	4,113.00
Maysville	170	2,000.00	2,456.00	620.00	3,076.00
Nebo	4	75.00	45.00	.....	45.00
Old Dock	23	710.00	495.00	125.00	620.00
Peace	16	450.00	450.00	75.00	525.00
Piney Grove	20	100.00	85.25	25.00	110.00
Providence	28	925.00	557.00	180.00	737.00
Queen's Creek	65	1,919.00	1,409.09	200.00	1,609.00
Richlands	139	4,803.20	5,164.63	1,707.00	6,871.63
Rocky Point	50	1,750.00	1,100.00	177.50	1,277.50
Rose Hill	107	2,680.00	3,738.75	1,115.00	4,853.75
Salem	12	625.00	430.00	100.00	530.00
Scott's Hill	53	1,500.00	1,408.80	177.50	1,586.30
Seagate	7	225.00	225.00	85.00	310.00
Shallotte Village	69	725.00	535.50	225.00	760.50
Sharon	14	700.00	113.75	175.00	288.75
Shiloh (Carver's)	108	695.00	735.75	138.00	873.75
Shiloh (Hallsboro)	36	750.00	750.00	130.00	880.00
Shiloh (Town Creek)	9	74.00	40.50	25.00	65.50
St. Paul	67	1,125.00	1,755.00	.....	1,755.00
Stella	70	825.00	655.00	65.00	720.00
Swansboro	71	2,500.00	3,294.00	600.00	3,894.00
Tabernacle	168	2,465.00	2,179.00	335.00	2,514.00
Trinity (Burgaw)	3	315.00	81.00	15.80	96.50
Trinity (Wilmington)	134	11,322.00	8,263.86	3,790.00	12,053.86
Trinity (Magnolia)	77	1,580.00	1,900.00	200.00	2,100.00
Trinity (Southport)	192	7,548.00	8,117.75	2,090.85	10,208.60
Union	53	515.00	515.50	177.50	693.00
Wallace	62	2,190.00	3,220.50	1,157.50	4,378.00
Warsaw	75	1,650.00	1,778.00	332.50	2,110.50
Watha	13	921.00	225.72	46.00	271.72
Wayman	33	1,035.20	1,035.50	219.00	1,254.50
Wesley	28	700.00	478.50	598.50	1,077.00
Wesley Memorial	40	1,190.00	1,472.00	782.00	2,254.00
Whiteville	211	8,806.00	7,749.50	2,451.25	10,200.75
Wooten	33	940.00	1,080.00	160.00	1,240.00
Wrightsville	7	525.00	600.00	200.00	800.00
Zion (Burgaw Circuit)	13	127.00	103.75	6.98	110.73
Zion (Tabor Circuit)	20	600.00	505.00	.....	505.00
Zion (Town Creek Circuit)	76	2,100.00	3,562.50	665.00	4,227.50
Totals	5,185	$153,121.60	$161,657.82	$50,477.48	$212,135.30

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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONAL AND OTHER NOTES

—Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Glenn, of Burlington, were visitors in the city last Friday.

—Rev. Robert E. Hunt was with Rev. J. A. Cook in revival services at Sylva last week.

—The Marshville circuit Centenary quota was $7,764.00. The total amount raised is $9,961.26, as reported by the pastor, Rev. Seymour Taylor.

—Bishop John C. Kilgo addressed the Methodist Ministerial Union of Baltimore at the Eutaw Street Methodist Episcopal church, last Monday morning.

—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, pastor of Main Street church, Reidsville, has been voted a vacation of one month by his congregation. He begins his vacation this week.

—Mr. O. V. Woosley, our Sunday School Field Secretary, left on Tuesday morning for Columbus, Ohio, to attend the Centenary celebration. He will be away for one week.

—Rev. F. L. Townsend announces revival services to begin at Salem church, on the Wentworth circuit next Sunday, with Rev. H. H. Robbins, of High Point, to assist him.

—Rev. Dr. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Central church, Asheville, passed through the city on Friday of last week, returning from Louisburg, where he had been attending the annual Epworth League Conference of the North Carolina Conference. He was one of the speakers on their program.

—Hon. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, announces that he will be a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor in the next Democratic primary. Mr. Cooper is a prominent business man, an active church member and would fill the place he seeks with honor to the state.

—Rev. H. H. Robbins, of Main Street, High Point, called one day last week. He reported a good meeting just closed on Wednesday night, in which there were about fifty conversions, and forty-five accessions to the church. He was assisted by Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of Burkhead church, Winston-Salem.

—The Wesleyan Christian Advocate, published at Atlanta as the official organ of the Georgia and North Georgia Conferences, has determined to go on the cash-in-advance basis hereafter. They estimate that they have been losing $8,000.00 a year by unpaid subscriptions. How is that for good Georgia Methodists?

—Rev. J. J. Eads, of the Danbury circuit, was in the city on Thursday of last week to consult Dr. J. W. Long. He was painfully injured by a young horse a few days ago and has since been on crutches. We are glad to learn that the doctor pronounced his injuries as not at all serious. Brother Eads did not forget to pay his respects to the Advocate office.

—Rev. E. N. Crowder had a great day with his Sunday schools at Centenary, on the Mooresville circuit last Saturday. Every school was represented with a well organized choir, and there was a splendid program of song and recitation. Mr. O. V. Woosley, Sunday School Secretary, and Rev. L. A. Falls delivered addresses. The people were there in crowds.

—Our congregation at Mount Zion, Cornelius, is taking hold of their building enterprise with great zeal. The plan contemplates the erection of an annex which will thoroughly accommodate the large and growing Sunday school. Rev. W. B. Davis is pastor and Mr. B. T. Cook is superintendent. Mr. Jonathan Hoyle, father of the late Rev. E. M. Hoyle, is chairman of the building committee.

—A letter from Rev. H. L. Atkins, of Bandera, Texas, brings the welcome news that he is somewhat improved in health and is able to drive around the place some now and that he has been to one neighbor's house. He also reports an ideal season so far and the prospects of an abundant crop. It will be recalled that he lives in the drought-stricken section of Texas.

—Dr. W. F. Tillett, for the last thirty-seven years a professor in the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University and for thirty-three of the thirty-seven years dean of the department, has been relieved from the deanship at his own request. He will continue his work as a professor. Dr. O. E. Brown, a member of the Missouri Conference and a professor in the Theological Department of Vanderbilt, is the new dean.

—Rev. John H. Hall, of Aberdeen, will preach the sermon and dedicate the church at Lillington on the fifth Sunday morning in June. All former pastors and members of the church are most cordially invited to be present. There will be service on Friday night preceding, conducted by Rev. H. B. Porter, of Siler City, following which will be the installation of officers in the ladies missionary society.

—West Market Street church came to the front last week in the Advocate campaign. Dr. Bain had organized his forces following the big Centenary drive and as a result more than eighty new subscribers have been added to our mailing list and many renewals have come in. Here, as elsewhere, it has been demonstrated that the only way to handle the Advocate circulation is to institute a regular drive through the local church organization. The Advocate greatly appreciates this rally of the home folks.

—South Main Street, High Point, in addition to putting over the Centenary raised about $3,000. for better Sunday school facilities. They are excavating for a large basement in which the beginners and primary department are to be housed, also for social functions. The building is also to be veneered with brick. When they are through the whole plant will have splendid equipment for its work. Brother Robbins reports a general awakening among his people and things are looking up.

—The annual meeting of the Children's Home was held at the Home at Winston-Salem last week. The old officers were re-elected. Rev. T. F. Marr, of Charlotte, is president and Walter Thompson, of Winston-Salem, is superintendent. A home for the superintendent and a building for boys will be erected during the present summer and fall. C. G. Johnson, of Asheville, will succeed F. M. Weaver as a member of the board of trustees. The Home now has 130 children, and the Methodists of Western North Carolina are justly proud of the institution.

—Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, pastor of the Burnesville charge, came to the J. Wesley Long Hospital on Monday, June 16th, and has been undergoing surgical treatment. He will likely be here for some time, as it is necessary for him to undergo a series of surgical operations. He has been in rather feeble health for quite awhile and it is hoped that the treatment will give him early and permanent relief. He seems quite cheerful and is not confined strictly to his room at the hospital. We trust many Advocate readers will remember him at a throne of grace.

—Among the Conference officers attending the various district meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Western North Carolina Conference we hear frequent mention of the fine, helpful addresses of Mrs. W. A. Newell, of Statesville. There is a galaxy of remarkably bright women, who have been either discovered or developed through the work of our missionary societies, of whom we should be proud. This in itself is proof of the wisdom of our church in its early venture to brook public sentiment by organizing the women and giving them a chance.

—A press dispatch from Asheville, dated June 19th, tells of plans of the trustees of Weaver College for a great enlargement and for a forward movement in the work of that institution. The plan is to increase the capacity of the college to 300 and steps are to be taken for the improvement of the campus, the erection of a new administration building and two dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, all to have modern and up-to-date equipment. There is no doubt that Weaver offers one of the finest educational opportunities in the whole Methodist Church, South. Its close proximity to the city of Asheville, delightful climate and beautiful situation, as well as its worthy record of more than fifty years, all conspire to give it strong appeal for liberal support.

Charlotte District Conference

The Charlotte District Conference will meet at Marshville, July 2-3. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. L. T. Cordell, of Brevard Street church, Charlotte, on the evening of July 1st. All connectional representatives will be cordially welcomed. Seymour Taylor, P. C.

Salisbury District Conference

The Salisbury District Conference will be held at Kannapolis on Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24. Rev. R. M. Taylor will preach on Tuesday night, July 22.

The committees are as follows:

For License—P. W. Tucker, W. S. Hales, J. F. Shinn.

For Orders—M. H. Vestal, E. J. Poe, J. C. Brown.

For Admission—S. E. Richardson, P. L. Shore, J. W. Strider. J. C. Rowe.

North Wilkesboro

It was a very impressive scene at the close of the eleven o'clock service in the Methodist church, Sunday morning, June 15th, at North Wilkesboro, when thirteen young people who had volunteered for definite Christian service stood at the chancel and received the congratulations, instructions and benedictions of their pastor and the prayers of the church as they faced the opening doors of Centenary opportunities. This is one of the products and incalculable possibilities of the Centenary among us. Others will join this consecrated band. In fact, three others are now in it, but were detained from being present on the above date.

W. R. Ware.

Ararat Circuit

Sunday night, the 8th inst., we closed a very successful fifteen-day meeting at Hunter's Chapel, Ararat charge. Rev. C. C. Totherow did the preaching and Geo. R. Hawker aided in the singing. There were nineteen professions and a good many reclamations. The church is in better spiritual condition than it has been for years. There were more than twenty-five pledged to tithe and about seven family altars established. We recommend Brother Totherow to those who can secure his aid as a preacher of the whole truth. May God greatly bless his preaching and the singing of Brother Hawkes. Geo. W. Clay, Pastor.

A Word to the Laymen (Pastors Will Please Not Read)

I appreciate so much the fact that my laymen have made it possible for me to attend the Centenary meeting at Columbus, Ohio, that I am anxious for a great many pastors to have the same privilege. I think it will be a fine investment indeed for every charge to raise a little purse and send the pastor. Besides getting a much needed rest after the strenuous campaign that they have all gone through recently, they will come back full of inspiration and will be prepared to give better service the remainder of the year.

Now, Brother laymen, if you have not attended to this before, please do so at once and thereby make your pastor happy and be happy yourself.

S. E. Mercer.

Front Street, Burlington.

Elizabeth City District Conference

The Elizabeth City District Conference will be held at Pantego, N. C., July 9-11, 1919. The opening sermon will be preached on Wednesday night, July 9, and the conference will close on Friday night or Saturday morning. Let every preacher and delegate be present at the first roll call and remain until all the business has been completed. Visitors from outside the district expecting to attend will please notify Rev. J. C. Whedbee, Belhaven, N. C.

The following are appointed a committee to examine the candidates for license to preach and for recommendation to the Annual Conference: W. B. North, H. I. Glass and W. L. Loy.

Local preachers who wish to have their license renewed and who cannot attend the Conference will please send written reports.

Bishop Darlington is expected to reach us on Thursday night and preside from that time on. On the Sunday following at eleven o'clock he will preach at Woodland, on the Perquimans circuit, and dedicate the church. R. H. Willis, P. E.

Eliazbeth City, N. C.

Wilmington District Conference

The Wilmington District Conference will convene at Rocky Point, N. C., Tuesday night, July 8th, and close Thursday night, the 10th. Bishop Darlington is to preside and the opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. H. Frizelle. Revs. D. L. Earnhardt, B. E. Stanfield and V. P. Scoville constitute the committee for all examinations.

Every pastor will prepare a brief written report on all subjects required by the Discipline, and will also see that his Quarterly Conference record is present for examination.

Let every local preacher in the district bring or send a written report of his work during the year, as there will be a committee appointed to examine these reports.

Those who expect to attend as visitors will write to Rev. C. N. Phillips, Scott's Hill, N. C., in time that entertainment may be provided.

Let the slogan of the district be "A full delegation from every charge." J. H. Shore.

Warren Over the Top

Yesterday Cokesbury and Prospect went over in the Centenary. I mean with the credits. Please publish in the Advocate as follows for the two churches:

Cokesburry:	
Centenary quota	$2,363.00
Pledges—135	1,973.50
Credits	391.85
Grand total	$2,365.35
Prospect:	
Centenary quota	$ 919.00
Pledges—41	793.00
Credits	147.10
Grand total	940.10

Chas. A. Jones.

West Salem Notes

Good meeting held in early April. Rev. C. C. Totherow assisted. His preaching was scriptural, clear-cut, earnest, and under God, produced fine results; twenty additions to the church; general spirit of the church immensely benefited. George R. Hawkes, of Cornelius, did fine work as soloist during the meeting.

Centenary was subscribed with enthusiasm and almost $8,000.00 secured for new church, to be built next year, according to present plans of the City Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Work has begun on parsonage, an eight-room bungalow on a beautiful lot on Green street.

H. C. Jones, our efficient Sunday school superintendent, will attend the Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio, through the courtesy of the school.

The church mourns the loss of two members by death. W. F. Swaim, one of the most faithful and best loved men ever connected with this church. His was a triumphant passing. Mrs. Elizabeth Powers, a charter member of the church, passed away, leaving the testimony that it was well with her soul. A. C. Swofford.

Letter from Brother Brothers

I have been on my biennial visit to many friends in Moore, Lee and Northampton counties. All these friends were my members when I served Vass and Cameron churches, in 1912. It would seem like ingratitude did I not make acknowledgement of their deeply appreciated kindness to me on this and every visit I have made them, and I do so most cheerfully.

There was special inducement for this last visit which was to attend the first service in our new church at Vass. Before any collection was undertaken for building the church I asked the privilege of paying the first dollar on it, and also the pleasure of offering the first prayer in it, all things being equal. I had that pleasure.

Brother A. Cameron promptly notified me that the new church would have its first service Sunday, May 4th, last, and he inclosed the "wherewith" to cover my traveling expenses; and it was enough to pay for the round trip of 500 miles. Although that was unexpected, I was not surprised, knowing him as I do. He called that a "Free Will Offering." Thanks.

Well, I expected to find a good building, and very good; but I was more than delighted to find a church edifice that went beyond my expectation. Those brethren are in the habit of doing things on a large scale, anyway. It is a thing of beauty, built of brick, with Sunday school rooms beneath the spacious auditorium. It cost about twelve thousand dollars, and every dollar has been paid and was, I suppose, dedicated Sunday, May 25th.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" that beautiful first Sunday in May. In the Sunday school I had my desire and offered the first prayer in the new church. I also had the privilege of conducting the Wesley Bible class, and the pleasure of preaching at the evening hour, to a large and appreciative audience.

Rev. L. H. Joyner, the beloved and popular pastor, preached a splendid sermon in the morning. He showed me much kindness, which I deeply appreciate. I enjoyed his brotherly companionship, and the hospitality of the parsonage, for a night. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head."

The brethren, whom I served in 1912, have placed me under lasting and willing obligations for their unmeasured kindness at all times, beginning with my pastorate among them. They stood loyally by me at the time I needed the support they cheerfully accorded me, and I always remember them in my approach to the throne of grace. They gave me a cordial welcome to their homes, and their sweet hospitality was certainly all anyone could have desired; but, with all that, they gave me many tokens of their esteem and of the most substantial kind. May our blessed Lord graciously reward them here and hereafter. And may we all meet around the throne.

One of the sweetest remembrances of my visit is the love of the children for "Uncle Charlie," and "Bubbers," as some affectionately call me. God bless every one of them! The little ones, then, are fast approaching the state of adolescence, and most of them are still dear friends of mine, but each visit adds a growing number of little friends to my interesting list, which also records their birthdays. May we all, young and otherwise, meet around the beautiful throne of God in heaven, in the sweet by and by.

I love my Lord and all my brethren, and I find "it is better farther on." The prospects grow brighter as the days go by. Pray for me that I may be faithful to the end.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Chas. C Brothers.

MRS. EUGENIE MANN ORMOND

Just before midnight on May the seventh, nineteen hundred and nineteen, came, like a sudden clap of thunder, the stroke which translated to glory Mrs. Eugenie Mann Ormond, wife of Hon. Y. T. Ormond, of Kinston, N. C. Only a few minutes before she had been in conversation with her husband on the porch, and was in her usual health. The shock, coming thus to her loved ones, was doubly intense, but she had time to leave a tender farewell for her absent daughter, and to give her testimony to her faith in her Saviour.

Sister Ormond was born in Salem, N. C., December 27, 1860. She was the daughter of Rev. James E. Mann, D. D., and Mrs. Martha Miller Mann. Sh was graduated from Greensboro College for Women in 1879. Quite early in life she was converted and joined the Methodist church. She was married to Hon. Y. T. Ormond, of Kinston, N. C., in February, 1885. Four children were born to them. Two, Wliber Dare and Yancy Carlisle, died in infancy. The youngest child, Loys, died in 1910, just after returning from Trinity College where he had completed his Sophomore year. Sister Ormond never recovered from the effect of his death. With true Christian spirit she was submissive to God's will, but those who knew her best knew that she carried the wound incurable, and were aware that she lived much with the dear boy over there. One child, Mrs. Leroy Turnage, of Ayden, N. C., lives and exemplifies in her beautiful character the virtues of the deceased mother. The husband, Brother Y. T. Ormond, is well known in the state and church, being a prominent member of Queen Street Methodist church in Kinston, and now for some years Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference.

The home was so beautiful! One of those homes in which all the higher, holier, and sweeter things were appreciated and evidenced. There was no hurrying after the world, no eagerness to get rich, no mania for ease and pleasure as named by this age, no falling down to foolish fads and fancies, no restless craving for the unattainable. But here was sweet peace and deep contentment, permanent satisfaction and abiding joy. Here a multitude of friends found a real haven of rest. The atmosphere was clean, refreshing and buoyant. It left an abiding something with one who went from it. The beauty of g nuine culture, the Christian faith at its best, a love for humanity, an interest in men and movements, and a high appreciation of all real life values—these made the home one of earth's rare retreats. Sister Ormond loved God's great outdoors. A rose from her vine climbing on the porch, a jessamine, a lilly, or a daisy, were God's children, with voices and messages to men. And what lover of flowers ever went empty handed away!

And books! There were books everywhere. It seemed that she had read all books. She was acknowledged to be the best read woman in her section. By nature's gift, by training and practice, she was pre-eminently a teacher. She was one of those rare people who teach always, whether in the school room or out of it. Only those, who like the writer, were privileged to be among her pupils, know what she was in a school room. Of the hundreds, maybe thousands, whom she taught during her life time, probably every one would rank her as the best teacher ever had.

She was a woman of masterly intellect, of rare judgment, of independent thought, of strong will, of broad sympathy, and magnetic personality. She had a host of admiring friends, who sought her fireside during the many years in which, because of affliction, she rarely left home, that they might enjoy the fellowship of her rare personality, which left an after glow on one's life as if an angel had passed.

The funeral was conducted from the home, on the evening of May the 8th. In the absence of her pastor, the writer, who had been her pastor for four years, and who had known her for twenty-six years, officiated. The earth was covered with flowers, the grass was green, the trees had just reached the zenith of their spring-time glory; an evening shower had passed, and the sun had painted all the city in glory. The vast funeral procession moved down wonderful Queen street, and out to the City of the Dead. Just as the sun slipped behind the western tree line, we laid her body to rest beside that of her loved son to await that day when "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise."

As the writer said farewell to the grief-stricken husband and daughter, and looked at the wonderful floral tribute, and the great assemblage at the grave side, he said within his heart, "She will be missed for she has not lived in vain. Earth's trials are over for her and heaven's joys are just begun, and we shall know where to find her after awhile," and turned and walked away with the heart of one who has buried his mother.

May our loving Father abundantly comfort the bereaved family. H. A. Humble.

New Bern, N. C.

TORCH BEARERS OF THE KINGDOM

By W. W. Pinson, D. D.

That is what the Church papers are meant to be. They should lead the procession. They are commissioned prophets of spiritual progress. Their light should be set on a hill. It should be made possible for their voice to be heard.

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This is not only an index to progress, but it is the promise of greater progress still. The ignorant in any case are the indifferent. Enthusiasm begins with ideas. Thought is the big dynamic in the human realm. Every great movement must somehow find its way in the intelligence of the people. The readers of our Church papers represent the high water mark of loyalty and devotion. Those only who keep track of the thought of the Church keep step with its progress.

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To push the front line further forward we must put this dynamic intelligence behind it. More and more readers for a liver and stronger Church press. The Editors can only reach the people through subscribers. We must give them subscribers. In this we are all alike interested. We must unite to put over a big thing for our Church papers.

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT

Two Junior Missionary Societies in Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, held a joint "Mother's Meeting" the first Saturday in June. These two societies are Junior No. 1, composed of girls from ten to fourteen and the "Coming Laymen" whose membership is boys.

The meeting to which the mothers were invited was held in the Sunday school rooms at the Church and was very well attended. The two presidents of the societies presided, and made the announcements alternately. After the business session was finished a musical program was rendered which was very much enjoyed. At the close of the meeting a member from each society stood at the front with a collection plate and the members marched up and deposited their money in envelopes with their name and the amount written thereon.

Punch was served afterward. There were about fifty boys and girls present.

LAWN PARTY

A most delightful occasion was the lawn party held recently by the Children's Missionary Society of the Forest Hill Church, Concord. About a hundred little folks with parents and friends were there full of gayety and expectation.

WOMANS MISSIONARY SERVICE AT CENTRAL CHURCH, MT. AIRY

At the request of the pastor, Rev. G. D. Herman, the Womans Missionary Society of Central Church, Mount Airy, gave a missionary program at the regular church service on Sunday evening, May 11th.

The program was opened with expressions from several of the members as to the value of the missionary society to its members, the refreshing social influence, the mental stimulus and the spiritual blessings which it unfailingly supplies to its earnest active members.

The great subject of the Centenary claimed the greater portion of the program. Mrs. T. P. Jimison described in a clear concise manner the beginnings of this great movement unprecendented in the history of the church, tracing the progress of the missionary work from its beginning in 1819 to the present time, told of the historic meeting of the Board of Missions in 1916 when the plan was conceived for a fitting and adequate celebration of Methodism's one hundredth anniversary, relating briefly the various steps until the perfected plans were given to the whole church

Mrs. D. C. Absher discussed most effectively the Centenary program for the home land, showing the importance of christianizing America, in fact as well as in name at this crucial time.

The Centenary plans for foreign mission work were reviewed clearly and briefly by Mrs. D. Vance Price, who showed in an interesting manner how the work in the foreign field was to be greatly strengthened and enlarged as the peculiar needs of each field required.

The Battle Hymn of the Centenary was sung and was followed by a talk on "Stewardship," by Miss Cora Earp, who made clear the unmistakable teaching of the church tadoy concerning this great question

The pastor concluded the service with an appeal to the women not identified with this work to line up with this organization as active members, as this is an age in which any individual to make his life count for the most must unite himself with the organized forces which make for righteousness in this present world.

WINSTON DISTRICT MEETING

On Wednesday of this week the annual district meeting of the Winston District was held at Burkhead Church, Winston. We trust that this was a great meeting and that great and lasting good will result from this coming together of the workers of the district for the discussion and formulation of plans for the advancement of the work. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President was present and we are sure contributed greatly to the success of the occasion. We hope to have an account of this meeting right soon for publication.

We are in receipt of a splendid account of the recent district meeting of the Greensboro District, held at Centenary Church, Greensboro, which we hope to give in our next issue. Absence from home for a day or two this week has made it impossibe for us to get it in shape for this edition. We wil also, right soon, give a report of the Marion District meeting, held at Marion, which it was our pleasure to attend.

OFF TO COLUMBUS

A number of representatives from our Woman's Missionary Conference are attending the great Centenary Celebration at Columbus, Ohio.

Among those we know to be in attendance are Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Conference Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. B. T. Morris, District Secretary, Shelby District; and Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, District Secretary, Marion District. Of course there are others and we shall expect to hear great things of this wonderful meeting when they return.

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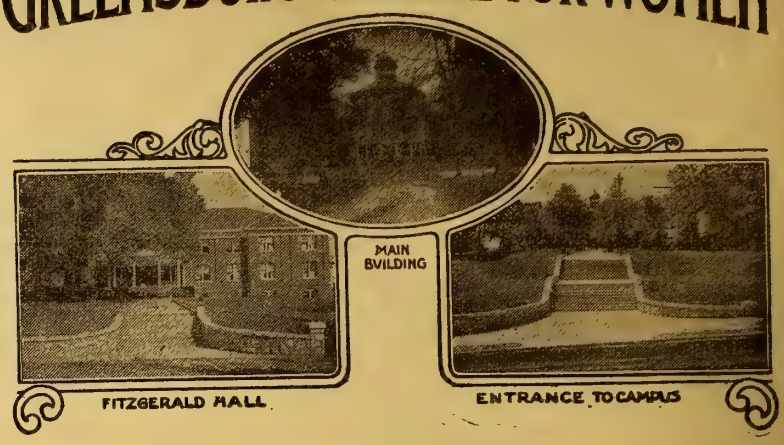
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ENTERTAINMENT BY FOREST HILL YOUNG PEOPLE

We have heard most complimentary things of the entertainment recently given by the Young People's Missionary Society of Forest Hill Church, Concord, which was so fine that it was repeated a week later by request. It was an entertainment of a high order and reflected great credit on those taking part. We are sorry we have not a program of this splendid meeting.

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

TEACHER TRAINING

Reverend H. E. Kirk, one of the splendid speakers before the Summer School for Ministers, held recently at Trinity College, voiced many true thoughts, but to my mind none was truer than the following one: "Our Saviour divided people into two classes: shepherds and sheep. He never showed great concern over the sheep."

With the right kind of leaders one need not worry long over the followers. When our Sunday schools have trained and consecrated leaders most of their problems will have been solved. A growing number of our schools are facing this situation with sufficient faith and purpose to put their earnest efforts behind the training of their leaders. They are to be congratulated. They have the stuff that makes them tackle something difficult.

During the present year some twenty new Teacher-Training classes have been organized with nearly two hundred and fifty students enrolled. From this number the following students have within the past short while received credits on examinations taken:

Ramseur—Class led by A. W. Lynch. Text, "The Teacher." Mrs. J. M. Brady, Mrs. I. F. Craven, Mrs. C. A. Marley, A. W. Lynch, I. F. Craven V. C. Marley, Mrs. Martha White.

Walnut Street, Greensboro—Class led by Rev. A. C. Gibbs. Mrs. E. D. Grubb, Penelope Sharpe, Mrs. J. L. Moore, Rev. A. C. Gibbs.

Newton—Class led by A. C. Sherrill. Mildred Sherrill, Annie Cooke, Parnell Lackey, Eva Wilkinson.

Walnut Street, Greensboro—Class led by W. B. Webster. Text, "Life in the Making." Fannie Craven, Hazel Webster, Roy Webster, May Leonard, Mrs. Mabel Michael, Mary Beeker.

Davenport College—Class led by E. J. Harbison. Text, "The Pupil and the Teacher." Frances Tabor, Elizabeth Hoyle, Virginia Davis, Sara Long, Pauline Tabor, Beulah Heafner, Annegra Boyette.

Franklinville—Class led by Hugh Parks. Text, "New Testament." Hugh Parks, L. F. Fentress, J. H. Fentress, Grace Moon, Mrs. Hugh Buie.

CHARGE INSTITUTES

Several of the progressive pastors on our large circuits are arranging for charge Sunday school institutes. The second Sunday in June witnessed a fine all-day meeting at Concord church on the Ansonville circuit, where five of the seven schools were represented. The day's work started with an effort at running a model Sunday school. Then the morning and afternoon sessions were spent in discussing the ways and means of making the Ansonville circuit schools more effective. The discussions were freely entered into and Brother Bell's work may be counted upon for some good progress.

The third Sunday of the month found the Mount Airy circuit Sunday schools together celebrating an all-circuit Sunday School Day and at the same time arranging for better work in the regular work of the schools. The Sunday school Standard of Efficiency, arranged for the Southern Methodist Sunday schools, will be placed in each church and efforts made to attain the third rank at an early date.

At the time of this writing plans have matured for an all-day Sunday school meeting on the Mooresville circuit, Brother Crowder having arranged for all his schools to come together on Saturday, June 21, to emphasize the Sunday school work. Brother Crowder has arranged to have his school choirs present to vie with each other in making good music. Of course a profitable day will be marked down on the calendar.

WHICH WILL WIN?

At the recent Charlotte district Sunday school institute Rev. E. R. Welch, our enthusiastic pastor at Wadesboro, arranged with Rev. H. H. Jordan, the man who does things, for a contest between the Sunday schools of Wadesboro First Church and Central of Monroe. A recent letter from Brother Welch states that the contest is on and the interest is increasing. The following is the basis of the contest:

1. Every member present on assembly of classes—10 points.
2. Every cent contributed for any cause—1 point.
3. Contest to be decided on basis of 5 to 7 as per respective church membership.

This is a fine idea and it is passed along for the consideration of other congregations. Contests enliven the indifferent and bring in many who otherwise do not attend regularly. Challenge your neighbor school for a contest on Sunday school attendance and Sunday school giving, then do your best to win.

A CIRCUIT RIDER

Two years ago the Mount Airy circuit was assessed $501.00 for the pastor in charge. It paid $480.00. It is this year paying with much satisfaction, $1500.00. A splendid parsonage, remodled last year, and several church buildings contemplated for the near future are other material signs of awakening.



REV. T. P. JIMISON
Mount Airy Circuit

On the third Sunday in June I attended a circuit Sunday School Day held at New Hebron on this charge, to which five of the seven churches sent delegations with suitable programs for the occasion. It so happened that 17 of the 21 stewards of the charge were present and when called together by the pastor readily agreed to send Mr. Ernest Brown, one of their number, to the Columbus Centenary Celebration. There is great co-operation on the Mount Airy circuit.

T. P. Jimison is so unconventional and yet so successful that he strikes my fancy. I asked him for a newspaper cut and a few facts relative to himself. Here they are in his own words: "Was born 32 years ago up in the hills of Buncombe county. Was the eighth of ten children. Raised on farm in several different places. Attended school at old field school, Pryor Institute, Jasper, Tenn., and Emory and Henry College. Was converted while a student there.

Began preaching in 1907 and have been following it since with some degree of success, having spent most of this time in the evangelistic work. I edited a weekly newspaper once and write some yet. Married in 1911 Miss Maude E. Riggs, school marm, of Big Stone Gap, Va. One child, "Peter."

I am fond of children, horses, dogs, and neckties. I dislike combs, vests, hats and long faces. Am ambitious to be an efficient Methodist minister, to become an authority in the realm of psychology and to beat Rev. W. H. Willis playing croquet.

SOME INTRODUCTION.

Rev. T. P. Jimison in introducing your humble servant to a large congregation on his charge recently spoke on this wise:

"My Good Friends: The speaker for this occasion reminds me of the man the old negro introduced as follows: 'Ladies and Ge'man: Dis am de Bishop Simpson, who goes up and down the land like a roaring lion and a tinkling simlin a seeking of whom he may devour."

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FIRST WESLEY FEDERATION DELEGATE

Mr. W. M. Crowder, secretary of the Wesley adult class, Caraway Memorial, Greensboro, is the first to report a duly authorized delegate to the big Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Lake Junaluska, August 7-9. He reports that Mr. Role McDonald will be certain to be on hand and represent the class. Mighty glad to have Brother Role to start the roll.

By the way, did you know that you can buy a round trip ticket to this meeting for just one-third more than the usual one way fare? Your ticket will be good for return trip till August 28. We shall be very glad to see you, just come right along.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"The ol' fashioned Methodis' class meetin' helped folks to be religious 'cause it made 'em think religious thoughts, talk religious talk, pray religious prayers, an' do religious things. As we don't have class meetin's any more our Wesley Bible Classes ought to make their members do them same things."

"Of course, when you've helped a old pusson to become a disciple of Christ you've did a good thing; but his life is most ended an' th' ain't much time left for him to serve Christ. But when you've started a young pusson on 'the way' the's a whole row o' years ahead for him to serve Christ in."

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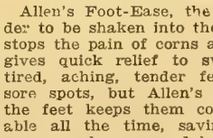
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By the time our readers get their Advocate we will be in the midst of our Commencement exercises. The play will be given in the Academy of Music. We think we have an interesting program which will be enjoyed by the large audience that usually turns out to witness our exercises. Our regret is that we can't give it throughout the bounds of the North Carolina Conference so that all of our many friends could enjoy it with us.

RECEIPTS

Roberdell No. 1 SS, $2.78; Barkers SS, North Gates circuit, $10; Hope Mills SS, Parketon circuit, $6; Bethlehem SS, Warren circuit, $6.35; Parkers SS, Raeford circuit, $5.15; Concord SS, Perquimans circuit, $5; Dr. M. L. Smoot, Fayetteville, $100; Rowland SS, Rowland circuit, $6.07; Centre Hill SS, Chowan circuit, $2.30; A friend, Tar River circuit, $2; Missionary society, LaGrange charge, $12; Missionary Society, Fairfield, $6; Missionary Society, Wilson, $18; Aid Society, Battlebor and Whitakers, $7; Epworth Church, Raleigh, $3.30; Bethlehem church, Warren circuit, $25; Missionary Society, Fayetteville, $13.50; Ellen Willis Missionary Society, Laurinburg $9; Missionary Society, Weldon, $7.85; Missionary Society, Tarboro, $30; Methodist Ladies, Garysburg, $27; Kershaw Missionary Society, Oriental circuit, $3; Kershaw SS, $1.50; Class No 3, Kinston SS, $10; Bethlehem SS, Bladen circuit, $150; Beaufort SS, $5; Tabernacle SS, Laurel Hill circuit, $3.95; Maysville SS, Onslow circuit, $15; Mrs. Carrie L. Brantley, Winston-Salem, $2; Selma Cotton Mill SS, $3.87; Zion SS, Gates circuit, $10; Bethel SS, Roseboro circuit, $5; Bethel SS, Bethel circuit, $10; Person Street SS, Fayetteville, $10; W. Cash, Wilson, $5; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Smithfield, $10; Warren Plains SS, Warrenton circuit, $10; Mrs. N. V. Ferrell, Rocky Mount, $3; Raeford SS, $10; Wadeville SS, $10; Clinton SS, $9.83; Lemon Springs SS, Vass circuit, $1.58; Ebenezer SS, Tar River circuit, $4.40; Wesley Bible Class, Dunn, $10; B. C. Thompson Bible Class, Harrellsville circuit, $10; Wesley Class, Wilson, $4.80; L. E. Barnes, Wilson, $8; Aid Society, Laurinburg, $9; Missionary Society, Goldsboro, $20; Missionary Society, Fuquay Springs, $4; Mrs. D. T. Smith's SS, Class, Wilson, $6; Central SS, Raleigh, $7.50; Susanna Weslely Class, Trinity church, Wilmington, $10; Lillington SS, $19.33; Baraca Class, Trinity church, Wilmington, $10; Lillington SS, $19.33; Baraca Class, Burlington, $10; Johnson's Grove SS, Clinton circuit, $5.92; Jr. Philathea Class, St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, $10; Leesburg SS, $2.80; Will Casey, Goldsboro, $10; Grey Rock SS, Oxford circuit, $5; Wesley Bible Class, Trinity church, Durham, $15; Tabor SS, Tabor circuit, $7.64; Miss Virginia Rhodes, Goodwin, $1; J. H. Fuller, Lee's Chap Youngsville circuit $1; Wesleyan Class, Front Street Church, Burlington, $5; Millbrook SS, Millbrook Circuit, $2.50; Banks Chapel SS, Franklinton circuit, $10; Chatham SS, Pittsboro circuit $2.90; 4 SS, Chadbourn circuit, $10; Miss Lola Gibson, Gibson charge, $20; Ebenezer SS, Currituck charge, $2; Josephine Ashley and Ethel Bartholomew, Louisburg, $1.62; Class No. 2572, Tabor Church, Roanoke circuit, $5; Wesley Bible Class, Rocky Mount, $20; Annie Lee Gore, Clinton, $5; Red Springs SS, Red Springs, $41.56; Ormond's Chapel SS, Hookerton circuit, $10; Rich Square church, $60; Grifton SS, Grifton circuit, $10; J. B. Barrow, Vanceboro, $10; SS Class No. 11, Roxboro, $15; Providence SS, Conway circuit, $8.50; Powellsville SS, Harrellsville circuit, $2; New Lands SS, Camden circuit $5; Mrs. W. E. Stinson, Raleigh, $5; Weldon SS, Weldon, $22.50; W. H. 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NOTE

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Home last week. The old officiers were reelected. Rev. T. F. Marr, of Charlotte, is president and Walter Thompson,, of Winston-Salem, is superintendent. A home for the superintendent and a building for boys will be erected during the present summer and fall. C G. Johnson, of Asheville, will succeed F. M. Weaver as a member of the Board of Trustees. The Home now has 130 children, and the Methodist of Western North Carolina are justly proud of the institution.

WEEKLY REPORT

Ten Per Cent Assessment

Rev. E. Myers, Waxhaw charge, $4.65; Mrs. T. R. Flack, Rutherfordton, Gilboa church, $14.55; Rev. T. B. Johnson, Trinity, Randolph charge, $9.70; J. L. Friddle, Grensboro, Walnut Street church, $17.50; Mrs. A. N. Bulla, Randleman charge, $50; Rev. A. G. Loftin, Stony Point charge, $12.50; Rev. A. L. Latham, Crabtree, Haywood charge, $32; Rev. L. C. Delp, Plumtree, Avery charge, $5.77; Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, Swannanoa charge, $7.67; Rev. W. I. Hughes, Weaverville circuit, $2.05.

Total: $239.62.

Fifth-Sunday Offerings

Neel Sherrill, Terrell, Rehoboth SS, $4.66; Mrs. W. O. Geer, Rutherfordton, Gilkey SS, $2.74.

Special Gifts

Rev. J. C. Mock, Winston-Salem, $5; H. A. Dunham, Asheville, $10; R. H. Latham's Bible Class, West End church, Winston-Salem $9; Mrs. Sallie Clodfelter, Main Street Philathea, Thomasville, $20.50; Miss Minnie White, Charlotte, B. C. W. Class, Trinity SS, $3; Mrs. Fallie A. Ward, Ladies Aid Society, Lexington, $3; Mrs. F. S. Detter, Dallas Ladies Aid Society, $2; Mrs. John Alspaugh, Ladies Aid Society Centenary, Winston-Salem, $10.

Total: $62.50.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4.
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3.
Marion district, Murphy, July 9-10.
North Wilkesboro district, Valle Crucis, June 24-25.
Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25.
Shelby district, Fallston, Jr 28-30.
Waynesville district, Murph July 9-10.
Elizabeth City district, Pantego, July 9-11.
Warrenton district, Conway July 15-17.
Statesville district, Lenoir, July 14-16.
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THE LORD'S DAY IN MODERN LIFE.

James Morrison, first leader of the Evangelical Union in Scotland, laid down for his students in Edinburgh certain rules of conduct of which this was the fourth: "Be particularly careful to improve the Sabbath Day by laying in your spiritual stock on that day. Make it, if possible, the longest and brightest day of the week." One of his students who became famous said that he had never had any trouble in finding it the longest day of the week but that Mr. Morison's rule helped him to make also the brightest. The manner of many people toward the Sabbath has in it a note of pathos, in that something within them calls for a special observance of it that they have not yet experiencerd. It is a long day, not a bright one.

Many have frankly abandoned any effort to observe it as a day of devotion and are trying to make it a bright day at any cost. They are on the lookout for anything new that will divert them on the Sabbath. They want a "good" time, whatever kind of time that must be. Yet for most of these the day is painfully near to boredom, and they would be actually happier if they went straight along with their usual employment. They come to work on Monday morning more wearied than on other mornings. A director of a large force of employes, many of them the pleasure-seeking class, bears testimony to the fact that it takes a day or two for most of them to recover from the dissipation (not at all liquor dissipation) of their one day of rest. Parents know how difficut it is to keep the day bright in a home, and to make its hours pass cheerily. Yet failure to accomplish this often results in developing a distaste for religion. An experienced minister told lately of a field where a lad who loved his violin had been warned if he became a Christian that he must give it up as a worldly amusement calculated to do him harm. He had given it up, but he had not filled the vacant place in his life. Blessed are those children for whom has been accomplished the great feat of finding the joy of their faith without losing also the self-deniel of it! The old system emphasized the self-denial; the new lack of system emphasized the joy. It is not yet proved that either is right. Some plan including both will be right.

Mr. Morison's rule covers the ground, especially for adult people who may be supposed to know something of their own needs. The drain on spiritual resources of any normal life through the week is steady and continuous. In the hurry of the six days the spiritual stock can nct be fully replaced. Time for meditation is almost impossible. Only snatches of reading of the spiritual type can be had. No soul is ever so busy that it can wisely forget God, but in the normal ongoing of life thoughts of eternal things, even of God, become increasingly casual. Into such a condition the Sabbath drops down like a benediction. It brings the chance to lay in a spiritual stock. Obviously the chance will mean nothing to those who have no sense of the reduction of the stock of their souls. Men who do not care for meat will not welcome the chance to replenish their stock of meat. Men who do not care for God will not care for the chance to renew their closer relation with Him. For such men the day has other meanings, and they will adopt no plans that interfere with those meanings. It is for those to whom the spiritual stock means much that the Sabbath is supremely intended.—The Continent.

CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS

The Commission on Temperance and Social Service will hold its annual meeting at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on August 19th and 20th. There will be held in connection with the meeting of the Commission a conference for Social Workers, beginning on Sunday, the 17th, and extending through Sunday, the 24th. There will be addresses in the auditorium morning and evening each day of the conference and lectures and conferences every morning.

Dr. Worth M. Tippy, secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Federal Council of Churches, will be present the entire week and will lecture every morning. Mr. Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, will give four platform addresses and hold four conferences. Dr. Edgar H. Johnson, of Emory University, Dr. Comer Woodard, of Southern Methodist University, Dr. A. E. Trawick, of Scarritt Bible and Training School, and Bishop James Cannon, Jr., will also take part in the conference, delivering addresses and lectures. The work will be systematized and divided so as to cover as much ground as possible during the week of the conference.

Special rates have been granted by the railroad administration. Tickets will be sold on the certificate plan, full fare being paid going to Lake Junaluska, a certificate of that fact being obtained from the agent, which certificate will entitle the holder to purchase a return ticket at one-third the regular rate. No fee will be charged for attendance upon the conference other than the regular gate fee for entrance to the assembly grounds.

For further information apply to the Southern Assembly, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Silence is often the wisest antidote to unprofitable or dangerous contention. The kindling flame, if not blown upon, will go out. A few blasts from an unguarded mouth may fan it into a long-burning and wide-spreading fire. Silence, not a sullen and contemptuous silence, but a silence that shows itself to be the child of principle and love, is also sometimes the strongest rebuker and vanquisher of unkindness. —William Newell.

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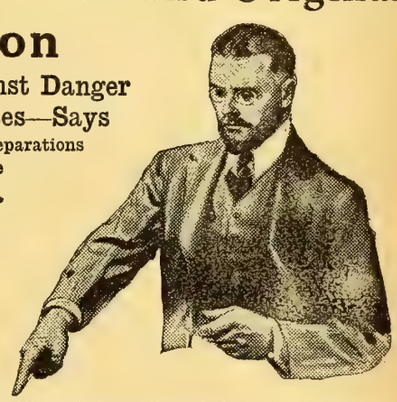
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REPORT OF SECRETARY

Condensed Report of Secretary Epworth League Conference

Thirty years ago, on May 15, 1889, there took place the merging into one, of several young people's societies then existing in American Methodism, and we came forth as the Epworth League, an organization which has ever sought to mould and unite our young people as one through the channels of religious activities.

It has grown to be an organization of four thousand chapters, enrolls 140,000 members, holds thirty-seven summer conferences and assembles and support the Congo Mission in Wembo-Niama, Africa to say nothing of the scope of work done in local chapters, in individual support of missionaries, hospital rooms, an orphan boy or girl, or the quiet influence of the consecrated young man or woman who probably never gets beyond the narrow confines of their local chapter. Today in the Western North Carolina Conference, we stand as living witnesses to the great work done through the channels of the Epworth League; we have an enrollment of 80 chapters, a total membership of 2,650; total amount raised, $2,688.

Discouragements have confronted us, the loss sustained through the call to arms among our boys, then the awful contagion that swept over our country last fall, causing our churches to be closed for weeks, some places extending into months, but notwithstanding all this, requests have come to me for information along all lines of League activities, much literature has been sent out, new Leagues have been organized, to all of which our report from conference will testify.

We wish to thank Miss Bell, our retiring League page editor, for her very creditable work, and make a last appeal to y u to rally to the support of her successor, send in lively, snappy items of League news, and make your page the most interesting in the Advocate.

God bless you, dear Epworth Leaguers! Speed on in your work, never falter, never fail, let your watchword be "Onward," ever attaining unto heights of success; until when reaching the other shore, you drop anchor, and stepping into the presence of your Lord, know you have done "All for Christ."

Katharine R Browning,
Retiring Secretary.

1919 EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

This Conference convened in Hawthorn Lane church, Charlotte, Tuesday evening, June 10, 1919. A dramatization of the story of Ruth was given by the Charlotte Leaguers.

Dr. T. F. Marr and Mr. J. B. Ivey spoke words of welcome, and Rev. J. Frank Armstrong responded.

Eighty young people met at 6:30 o'clock the following morning in a splendid sunrise prayer service. Following communion service at 9 o'clock, the president, Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, made his report, which was followed by a report from the secretary, Mrs. Browning.

Prof. Gabriel Evans made a talk. Bible hour was conducted by Rev. R. S. Stuart, showing our world relationships. "Brazil," he says, "gives us a cup of coffee, Cuba drops in the sugar, our tea comes from China, our rubber from the Congo, etc." showing we touch the entire world.

Districts reporting over the top for the Centenary were, Asheville, Charlotte, Mt. Airy, N. Wilkesboro, Statesville, Waynesville and Winston. Five city unions reported in Asheville and Winston.

An able address on "Men and Women Who Have Made Most of Themselves" was then given by Prof. Evans.

At the afternoon session Miss Ruth Anthony led the devotional service.

By call it was learned that two leagues had disbanded and six new ones had been organized. League membership for the entire Conference is now 2,809.

Revs. R. M. Courtney and R. S. Stewart addressed the meeting and a number of committees were named.

Wednesday night Rev. J. H. Armbrust, lately returned from France, addressed the Conference, supplying for a stereopticon entertainment which had to be given up. Wit and humor, tenderness and pathos pervaded the address, and all were highly pleased.

On Thursday morning Rev. J. Frank Armstrong led the sunrise prayer meeting, and, true to Methodist custom, a number present gave personal testimony on the religious life.

At nine o'clock the Morganton League led the devotional service. Miss Lucile Dinkins, of Asheville, but fresh from Scarrett Bible and Training School, came to the platform and spoke of her work at the school. She told of the congeniality and good fellowship among the students of this school, the broadening of her life, specially in the close study of God's word, and expressed a willingness to spend her life in Christ-like service to the colored people. This was highly fitting since the negro work of our church has been assigned to the Epworth League. Scarrett needs no higher distinction than that she instill in her pupils a love for the entire race.

Rev. J. O. Ervin used Isaiah's vision as the basis for a talk on the "Epworth League in the Centenary." Points stressed were vision, power and service.

An outstanding feature of this Conference was a memorial service in honor of the League's fallen heroes, and conducted by Rev. L. A. Falls. The memoir of George P. Gray, of the Elkin League, was read by his pastor, Rev. G. C. Brinkman. Plato Wilson, of Morganton was spoken of by Mr. W. M. Shuford. Rev. J. Frank Armstrong read memoirs of Sgt. J. W. Hudrall, Chas. Martin, Jesse Kelly and Jake Boone.

All stood with right hand on the heart and taps were sounded. The solemn stillness of the moment as the sound of the bugle was heard in the distance was exceedingly impressive.

The Junior Leagues of Brevard St. and Belmont Park then conducted a very fine service.

It was found that 116 delegates attended the Conference.

Revs. Z. E. Barnhardt and J. J. Stowe addressed the Conference.

Thursday afternoon Misses Bessie Scarborough and Adelaide Saunders, of Centenary, and T. L. Matlock, of Spring Garden, reported special features of the League work in Greensboro.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Rev. W. W. Edwards; Vice-President, W. T. Ulrich; Secretary, Miss Emily Mathis; Treasurer, Miss Marjie Hastings; Junior Supt., Miss Maude McKinnon; Supt. Life Work, Rev. L. A. Falls; Era Agent, S. M. Turner; Editor, Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick.

Centenary Report by Districts:

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Charlotte	1,400.00
Greensboro	1,250.00
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Mt. Airy	700.00
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Shelby	175.00
Statesville	875.00
Waynesville	650.00
Winston	1,275.00
Total	$9,460.00

Winston was selected as place for meeting one year hence.

The closing service was a very impressive one, seven young people responding to the call for service at home or abroad. It was the general feeling that this was the best Conference for a number of years.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE, LOUISBURG,—A FOREWORD

At this writing the North Carolina Epworth League Conference is in the midst of a great session at Louisburg College with a very gratifying attendance much larger than last year.

The motto or theme of the Conference is: "Ourselves and our possessions for God." The assembly plan is being followed with great satisfaction and benefit.

Profitable, instructive, and institutes in the various departments of the League work, Bible courses, stewardship, and mission study courses are being conducted by Mrs. H. B. Branch, Mrs. W. A. Cade, Rev. H. M. North, Rev. H. B. Hill, Rev. W. A. Cade, Rev. J. M. Ormond and President F. S. Love. Stirring inspirational addresses have been and are being made by Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Asheville, N. C., Rev. H. M. North, of Rockingham, N. C., Rev. Walter Patten, of Greenville, N. C., Rev. W. A. Cade, of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Rev. J. M. Ormond.

The great purpose of the assembly is the giving and getting useful instruction, healthful recreation, valuable information, and stirring inspiration. This purpose is being fully carried out with a high spiritual tide in a fine spirit of fellowship.

We shall give a fuller account next week after the work has been accomplished and the assembly has closed.



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A LESSON IN SELF-CONTROL

One day Janie was down in the yard helping mamma to hang out the clothes. To be sure, Janie wasn't big enough to help very much. She couldn't lift even one end of the heavy basket. But she could hand mamma the towels and small pieces, one at a time, and pick up clothes-pins that dropped and be ready to run errands. She enjoyed helping mamma as much as she could, even if she wasn't very big, and she meant to help still more when she was older.

Pretty soon they heard baby Mary laughing the merriest little laugh. They had left her asleep upstairs, and there were so many folks in the house that they thought she would be well taken care of. But papa had gone down to the shop and big sister was busy in the kitchen, thinking Polly would play with baby when she awoke, while Polly, thinking big sister was in charge, had gone off to play.

So, as often happens, what was everybody's business proved to be nobody's, and here was baby May standing all by herself, away up at the head of the long back-porch stairs, throwing down clothespins as fast as she could. What fun she was having! Every time she threw one down she stood on her tiptoes and lurched forward until it seemed as though she would surely follow it down the long flight.

But mama and Janie did not feel at all like laughing. Janie would have screamed out in terror when she saw the precious baby in such danger, but one look from mamma's white face made her keep silent.

"Hush!" said mamma, quietly. "Not a word, not a sound of fear." Then, as fast as she could, without startling baby, she hurried across the yard and up the stairs, talking cheerfully to little May, calling her all the pet names in the dictionary of baby talk, just as she was used to.

Baby thought it was all a part of the game, and crowed and shouted and threw dozens of clothespins down on her smiling mamma. She didn't know what a prayer there was behind that smile, nor that those arms were opened wide to catch her if she should fall before the stair top was reached. At last she was caught and hugged close to a heart full of thanksgiving, and Janie, feeling rather limp after those moments of suspense, was glad to creep into that embrace also.

"Little daughter," said mamma, "learn self-control from this experience. If you or I had cried out for frightened baby by letting her see that we were frightened, she would have started and fallen down those long stairs, without a doubt. The people who do brave deeds and who save lives are not the ones who scream the minute anything goes wrong. A man or woman or even a little child can stay brave and calm, and think what is the wisest thing to do and how to help others from becoming frightened, and so be very, very helpful."—San Francisco Call.

We call ourselves a Christian nation, but we can learn some valuable lessons from the heathen. In the Japanese language it is impossible for a man to use profanity, as there are no profane words in their vocabulary. What a pity that this useless and degrading form of speech was ever introduced into our language.—Biblical Recorder.

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EDWARDS—Sister Margaret S. Edwards, wife of K. F. Edwards, of Baldwin, N. C., was born May 28, 1870, and died March 1, 1919. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton Blackburn, of Todd, N. C., and was married to K. F. Edwards Jan. 22, 1896.

Sister Edwards professed faith in Christ when she was very young and joined the M. E. Church, South. She loved the church and Christian people, and lived a faithful Christian life. She was a true wife, a good mother, a kind, quiet neighbor; in fact, she was one of our best women. Everybody loved her and had great confidence in her. During her lingering illness she was very patient and was never heard to murmur or complain. And when the final end came she was able to trust in Jesus, and he manifested himself to her in her last moments. Thank God for a Saviour who can sustain his children in the hour of death. May He comfort and bless the husband and children, for they are so lonely without her, and may we all meet her in heaven. T. J. Houck.

REDFERN—William Dorsey Redfern was born February 17, 1837 and died April 20, 1919, being 82 years, 2 months and 3 days old. Brother Redfern was converted early in life and joined the Methodist church and remained a faithful member of the same to the day of his death. He was married to Miss Winifred S. Watkins December 14, 1869, and the Lord blessed them with a long, happy married life, almost 50 years. They had three children, all of whom are living: Christopher W., who still lives at the Redfern home in Ansonville, and Jennie Gray, now Mrs. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, and Winifred, now Mrs. J. A. Baldwin, of Charlotte, N. C.

Brother Redfern was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for over 60 years, and taught the Bible Class in Ansonville church for almost 50 years. He went through the entire four years of the war and was taken prisoner on the retreat from Gettysburg on the night of July 3rd, 1863, and spent eleven months in prison at Point Lookout and Fort Delaware.

He served as Superintendent of Education in his county for 20 years, and proved to be a very useful citizen. His love for children and their love for him was remarkable. Perhaps the best part of his life was his home life. He was always kind and considerate of the feelings of others and was a most affectionate husband and father. He was of the old type of Southern gentleman, refined to the last degree.

His death was simply beautiful. The whole family was present, grandchildren and all, and happened to be all standing round the bedside, and he asked Rev. J. A. Baldwin to read a Psalm, who responded by reading the ninety-first Psalm, but he had just read a few verses when Brother Redfern gave just a little gasp and start and his spirit was gone.

He lived well, therefore he sleeps well.

A. R. Bell.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom, has called from our society and church our beloved sister, Mrs. Zilphia Howard, the oldest member of our society, being 78 years of age, therefore, be it resolved:

First, that the death of our sister removes from our society and church a loyal and useful member, and to her children and grandchildren a devoted mother. She also was a great friend to the needy of the community and was of a cheerful disposition.

Second, that, with humble submission, we bow to our heavenly Father's will, knowing our loss is her gain.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes and one sent to the Advocate for publication.

Ladies' Aid Society,
Ocracoke Church

THOMAS COLEMAN EDWARDS

We, the members of Mt. Moriah M. E. church and Sunday school, are called on to mourn the loss of one of our members, Brother Thomas Coleman Edwards, the first one of our members to die.

Brother Edwards joined Mt. Vernon Methodist Episcopal church at Danville, Va., about thirty years ago and transferred from that church to the M. E. church at Willetts some years ago, and was a consistent member at the time of his death, which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. T. Knight, Balsam, N. C., May 14, 1919. His death was somewhat unexpected, though he had been in bad health for some time. He bore his suffering, which was great at times, with Christian fortitude.

He was faithful and regular in his attendance at church services and Sunday school and seemed to enjoy being present. To know him was to love him.

We feel it mete and proper that we express our feelings in sympathy with the bereaved relatives and in memory of our departed brohter; therefore be it resolved:

First, that we extend to the son and daughter, sisters and brothers and other relatives our heartfelt sympathies and point them to God, who doeth all things well, for consolement in this their sad bereavement, feeling that our loss is Brother Edwards eternal gain.

Second, That a copy of these resolution be furnished his family, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, in token of our esteem for our beloved brother.

GLOVER.—Harlon, son of John E. Glover, came to a tragic death at Willowbar Oklahoma, June 5, 1919. While oiling a traction engine his overcoat was caught by the flywheel, dragging him under the ring wheel, inflicting wounds from which he soon died. On August 26 he went to Camp Jackson and was soon advanced to the place of seargent. He received his discharge December 14, 1918. Harlon was a bright young man. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Hopewell during the ministry and pastorate of the Rev. A. C. Swafford and was a member here when the tragedy occurred. He was just in the bloom of his young manhood, and it is sad that one with such a bright future should be taken so suddenly.

"The way of man is not in himself," He leaves father, step-mother, four brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss. As a son and brother he was kind and affectionate. He was genial, made many friends and had a word of cheer, for all. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Hopewell and his grave beautifully decorated with flowers. The services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Bridges and his pastor, A. J. Burrus.

MRS. N. H. MERRITT—AN APPRECIATION

It has been truly said that the church could better afford to demolish and destroy its most magnificent buildings than to forget or obliterate the memory of many of those who have been nurtured at her altars. Many of the church's most serviceable lives have not been conspicuous in its public ministry. They came to its services with open minds, and without show or noise, their hearts burned and glowed as they waited on God and communed with Him. The holy fire was not dissipated but was carried into the home and there it burned and glowed on the family altar brightly, being enforced by the life or vessel in which it was carried. The beauty and power of such a life is not seen in some particular act or trait of character, but in the home, elevated refined, and beautified, and in the famiy in all of its relations. There are a few people whose religion is seen and felt by others only in the church and in the public gatherings. But my friend, Mrs. Merritt, belonged to a better class, who without any show or ostentation used the church and its services as a kind of reservoir from which to draw strength and divine power to be used in the administration of her home and family. It was in the home and the quiet ways of life that her righteousness and consecration were best seen by others and, I have no doubt, was most enjoyed by her.

The function of the gospel is to produce sincere Godliness in the lives of those who by faith receive it. Men may, and some are so inclined, deny the claims of the gospel, but a Godly life, which is the product of the gospel, can not be denied, and people are not apt to try. The beauty of a holy and righteous life is convincing and overpowering, and the testimony of such a life is the greatest human asset the church can have, and should be much cherished by its members. We will do well to cherish the memory of Mrs. N. H. Merritt, a faithful Methodist and a devoted mother in Israel, who died January 15, 1919.

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District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

RALEIGH DISTRICT
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Third Round	June
Youngsville, Rock Spring	29_30
July	
Kenly, Lucama	16
Selma, Sanders	12-13
Smithfield	13
Mill Brook, Pleasant Grove	19-20
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial	20
Granville, Roberts Chapel	26-27
August	
Oxford	1-3
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	2-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23-24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Sept.	
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, P. E., Weldon N. C.

Third Round	June
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton	27
Scotland Neck, Hobgood	28-29
July	
Enfield and Halifax, Pierce's	4
Battleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross	5-6
Weldon, night	6
Northampton, Pleasant Grove	11
Garysburg, Seaboard	12-13
Conway, Conway	17
Rich Square, Roxabel	18
Murfreesboro and Winton, Winton	19-20
Ridgeway, Tabernacle	26
Henderson	27-28
N. and S. Henderson, S. Henderson	27
August	
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-10

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

NEW BERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder

Third Round	June
Mount Olive Circuit, Falling Creek	28-29
July	
Beaufort, 11 a. m.	6
Morehead City (night)	6
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove	12_13
Straits and Atlantic	19-20
Dover, Lane's Chapel	25
LaGrange, Hickory Grove	26-27
August	
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9-10
New Bern Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circuit, Epworth	16
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit,, Tabernacle	23-24
Carteret Circuit	30-31

District Conference at Newport, Tuesday night, June 24th, to Thursday night, June 26th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. T. M. Grant.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND	June
Hamlet (morning)	29
Richmond, St. Paul (afternoon)	29
July	
Mount Gilead, Sardis	5-6
Mount Gilead	6-7
Laurel Hill, Old Hundred (A. M.)	13
Roberdel, Green Lake (3 P. M.)	13
Lumberton Circuit, Pine Grove (A. M.)	20
Laurinburg (night)	20
Laurinburg (A. M.)	21
Lumberton (night)	23
Maxton (night)	24
Robeson, Olivet	26-27
Rowland, Asbury (afternoon)	27
August	
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conference (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
September	
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

Third Round	June
Duke, Angier	29-30
July	
Dunn, Black's Chapel	13-14
Fayetteville, Camp Ground, 11 a. m.	18
Newton Grove, Ebenezer	19-20
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill	26-27
Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, 11 a. m.	28
Haw River, Merritt's Chapel, 11 a. m.	29
August	
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9_10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16-17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
Sept.	
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

District Conference at Roseboro, opening with the sermon by Rev. J. M. Daniel, Tuesday night, June 24th, and closing Friday, 10 a. m., June 27th.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, P. E., Washington, N. C.

Second Round	
July	
Bath, Bethany	5-6

Third Round	
July	
Aurora, Warrens,	12-13
Rocky Mount, First Church	18-20
Rocky Mount, Clark St., night	19-20
Tarboro	26-27
Bethel, Robersonville	27-28
August	
Spring Hope, Sandy Cross,	2-3
Nashville, Mapel Creek	3-4
Ayden Circuit, Crimesland	9-10
Stokes	10-11
Mt. Pleasant, Horne's	16-17
Wilson	17-18
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	22-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
September	
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mt., Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Wahsington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Third Round	June
Southport, Trinity	28-29
Wilmington Ct., Sea Gate	29-30
July	
Jacksonville-Richlands, Haw Branch	5-6
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	10
Burgaw, Watha	11
Kenansville, Wesley	12
Faison-Warsaw, Goshen	13-14
Chadbourn, Evergreen	18
Tabor, Bethesda	19-20
Wallace-Rose Hill, Providence	25
Magnolia, Carlton's	26-27
August	
Carver's Creek, Shiloh	1
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, P. E., Elizabeth City

Second Round	June
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	27
Dare, East Lake	28-29

Third Round	
July	
Chowan, Bethany	5-6
Hertford	16
Perquimans, New Hope	17
City Road, Epworth	18
Pasquotank, Mt. Hermon	19
Edenton	20
Gates, Philadelphia	26-27
North Gates, Hebron	27-28
August	
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet	18
Dare	19
Hatteras	21
Moyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

District Conference at Pantego, beginning on Wednesday night, July 9, and closing on Friday night or Saturday morning. Bishop Darlington will be present and preside after Thursday.

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, P. E.

Third Round	June
Burlington, Front Street, 11 a. m.	29
East Burlington, Webb Ave., 8 p. m.	29
Burlington Circuit, 11 a. m.	5-6
July	
Graham and Haw River, 8 p. m.	6
Mt. Tirzah, Hurdle's Mill, 11 a. m.	12-13
Rougemont, Ellis, Chapel, 4 p. m.	13
Mebane, Prospect, 11 a. m.	19-20
Milton, New Hope, 11 a. m.	26-27
August	
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

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Third Round	June
Spring Creek; Roaring Fork	28-29
Riverview	28-29
	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnut, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
	August
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Third Round	June
Weddington, Hebron, 11 a. m.	28
Hebron, 3 p. m.	29
Waxhaw, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	28
Pleasant Grove, 11 a. m.	29
	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Pageville, night	27
	August
Monroe, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
403 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Third Round	June
Randleman, Old Union	28-29
High Point, Wesley Memorial, night	29
	July
Greensboro circuit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
	August
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ebenezer	23

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round	June
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	29
Concord, Forest Hill, night	29
	July
Woodleaf, South River	5-6
South Main, night	6
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m.	13
Badin, night	13
Cottonville, Rehobeth	19-20
Norwood, Randall	20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richfield	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
	August
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circuit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmoney, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.

Third Round	June
Walnut Cove	28
Madison-Stoneville, Mayodan	29
	July
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20 4 p. m.	
Spray,, night	18-20
Leaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Third Round	June
Cliffside circuit, Oak Grove	28-29
Henrietta-Caroleen, Henrietta Sunday night	29
	July
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday 3 p. m.	20
Bakersville circuit, Penland, night	26-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
	August
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
	August
Mill Spring, New Hops	16-17
Rutherfordton Ct., Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion Ct., Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.

Third Round	June
Boone circuit, Rutherwood	28-29
Laurel Springs, Mt. Zion	28-29
	July
Elkland circuit, Cranberry	5-6
North Wilkes	5-6
Sparta, Piney Creek	12-13
Watauga, Mabel	12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview	19-20
Elk Park, Banner Elk	19-20
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
	August
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTIRCT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round	June
Bethel, Liberty	28-29
	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

WINSTON DISTRICT

Third Round
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Winston-Salem, N. C.

Davie circuit, Salem, June 28-29.
Cooleemee, June 29, 4 p. m. and night.
South Thomasville, July 4, night.
Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main street, July 6, 4 p. m and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District conference at Lexington, July 2-4. Opening sermon July 2, night.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesvile, N. C.

	June
Troutman, Knox's Chapel, 11 a. m.	28-29
Davidson, Huntersville, 3 p. m.	28-29
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 8 p. m.	28-29
	July
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m.	5-6
Mooresville Ct., Williamsons, 3 p. m.	5-6
District Conference, Lenoir	14-16

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

Third Round	June
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	29
Franklin Avenue, Franklin Avenue, 8:30 p. m.	29
Eigth Street, South Gastonia, 8:30 p. m.	30
	July
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	11
Lincolnton circuit, Marvin, 11 a. m.	12
Stanley, Trinity, 11 a. m.	13
King's Mountain, King's Mountain 8:30 p. m.	16
Shelby circuit, Lafayette Street, 3 p. m.	17
Shelby Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Polkville, Rehobeth, 3 p. m.	18
South Fork, Zion, 11 a. m.	19
Rock Spring, Bethany, 11 a. m.	20
Lowesville, New Hope, 5 p. m.	20
Dallas, High Shoals, 8.30 p. m.	21
East End, East End, 8:30 p. m.	22
McAdenville, 8:30 p. m.	24
Mayworth, Mayworth, 11 a. m.	27
Belmont, 5 p. m.	27
District Conference, Fallston, Belwood circuit, July 28-30.	

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When freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night
And set the stars of glory there.
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
The milky baldric of the skies,
And striped the pure celestial white
With streakings of the morning light;
Then from his mansion in the sun
She called her eagle bearer down,
And gave into his mighty hand
The symbol of her chosen land.

—JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE.

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Editorial

A CORRECTION

A statement in connection with the tabulated report of the Centenary drive for the North Carolina Conference last week has made an erroneous impression. That report is not closed as was stated, but there are two supplementary reports yet to be published. One of them already in hand came in too late for this issue of the Advocate, but will appear next week; and, if we can find space for it, the final report may also appear. We regret the error, but as the reports had covered all the districts, we supposed that the report was complete. This is one of the results of men failing to report promptly in matters of this kind.

ASSISTANT EDITOR RETIRES

For several years Rev. W. L. Sherrill has served as assistant editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Both in the field and as the writer mainly of our Note and Comment department he has served faithfully and efficiently. Now that the new arrangement causes his retirement, I wish to express the sense of loss that I feel personally on this account. Brother Sherrill has been a tower of strength to me in my work, and I shall miss him. I am quite sure many Advocate readers will share with me this feeling.

A man of wide and accurate information, Brother Sherrill has always found something to interest and instruct in his interpretation of current events, and above all did not fail to give to his writing the religious flavor. While nominally separated from the work we hope still to have contributions from his pen on occasion, for we know that the hand that has written so well will hardly be content to be idle.

As our paths separate may the God who has led us hitherto still be our guide. H. M. B.

ENDOWMENT OF OUR COLLEGES

In his report to the trustees at their annual meeting, President Few, of Trinity College, calls attention to the great need of increased endowment as well as the need of money for additional buildings. He says that the endowment of Trinity should be increased by $1,500,000 and that $500,000 should be at once expended on buildings that are needed for the best work.

This opens up the whole question of endowment for all of our colleges and other educational institutions. What is true of Trinity is true of every one of our colleges. The growth of the physical plant so as to accommodate a larger number of students only increases the embarrassment and makes the situation more problematical. Unfortunately the majority of our people do not seem to comprehend the situation. They seem to think that brick and mortar, campus, library and laboratory, are all that is needed to make a college. The fact is that as the physical equipment expands the faculty must increase and the whole organization becomes more and more a liability rather than an asset. This being true it is a peril to all these institutions to keep on increasing the plant without making provision for an endowment or some means of income besides the meagre sum realized from tuition.

There is no doubt that our Methodist schools in North Carolina have reached the danger point. In a sense our success is embarrassing. We have succeeded in awakening more interest in education than we are able to take care of. Young men and women, in greatly increased numbers, are applying for admission to our colleges. We can not meet the demands and there is only one way out; that is to increase our plants and give them sufficient endowment to take care of necessary expenses and see that the doors are not shut against the worthy applicant. With all the wealth in the hands of North Carolina Methodists there should be no time lost in providing the means for taking good care of all our institutions. If we are wise it will be done.

MONUT AIRY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Editorial Letter

Time works its changes everywhere, and in nothing more than in the boundaries of our districts and pastoral charges. Industrial development and rapid changes in transportation facilities in Western North Carolina have brought about many such changes within twenty years. The result is that the Mount Airy District is something very different in geographical outline from what it was twenty years ago. The district now embraces Surry, Yadkin, Stokes and a portion of Forsyth and Rockingham. It is, perhaps, the most compact district now in the Western North Carolina Conference, all parts being easily accessible from Mount Airy, where the presiding elder lives.

The conference convened at Walnut Cove on Thursday, June 26th, at 2 p. m. The opening sermon was delivered at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Leaksville. The sermon was very appropriate, setting forth the elements of the higher Christian life.

Following the sermon, a very profitable and helpful communion service was held.

I had only Thursday to give to this conference, notwithstanding the pull of old acquaintance which made me long to stay with the brethren.

Rev. W. F. Womble, the presiding elder, was presiding in his first district conference, but, with all of his inherent modesty, did not seem at all lost or confused in the chair. Everybody loves Brother Womble, and will not fail to accord to him the utmost spirit of respect and co-operation.

Much of the afternoon was taken up with the call of the local preachers. Incidentally, a very spirited discussion arose on the question of the renewal of license in cases where local preachers habitually fail to conform to the law of the church requiring a report of their labors. There is no doubt that the church has been too lax in this respect and this discussion and the action of this conference in its refusal to renew license in one case will doubtless do good.

Two promising young men, Early Spencer Gilley, of Spray, and Josephus Gentry, of Stokesdale, were licensed to preach.

Under the inquiry as to prospective candidates for the ministry and consecration to Christian work, there was a large number of volunteers enrolled from various sections of the district. The prayer for more laborers is evidently being answered throughout the Mount Airy district.

Rev. W. M. Curtis was present and gave good account of the work of Greensboro College for Women. Rev. J. P. Rodgers spoke for the Conference Superannuate Endowment fund, and the writer spoke of the outlook for the North Carolina Christian Advocate in its larger field. It was plainly evident that the whole church has a larger vision of things than ever before.

I left the conference at the close of the first day with regret, but I am sure Brother Wall, the efficient secretary, will give the Advocate a full report.

Walnut Cove was giving the conference cordial entertainment, and the pastor, Rev. G. W. Williams, played the part of host to the satisfaction of all.

The sessions were held in a large warehouse which had been set in order, and Rev. Tom P. Jimison was on hand to lead evangelistic services for ten days. We hope to hear of a gracious revival following the conference. H. M. B.

SHALL WE HAVE A CHURCH-WIDE REVIVAL?

Signs are beginning to multiply that the leaders of our church are planning to throw emphasis shortly upon a great evangelistic effort. The signs are quite as manifest that we need it. The growth of Methodism in the United States for the past year was not satisfactory. The total increase for our branch of Methodism was only 19,301. There was an actual decrease of 26 in the number of itinerant preachers and of 211 local preachers. Practically all the other items show the figure on the wrong side of the ledger. The Methodist Episcopal Church (North) shows a decrease of membership in this country, and it is only the increase of more than 30,000 in India that saves the denomination from a decrease in membership. It is true we have been passing through the perils of war, and war at its best is demoralizing; but this does not change the fact that our church is not having the growth that we ought to have.

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Can We Organize a Revival? The literature for a revival propaganda is beginning to drift into this office. It is coming from men who are appointed by the church to do just that sort of work. We are told that the organization of the Centenary is to be preserved and turned in this direction. The minute men are to be retained and used for this purpose, as they were used so effectively in the Centenary campaign. There will be some modifications of plans. We are already informed that there will be put on next spring a great evangelistic campaign, but that no pastor will be asked to delay any work of that kind in his church that he may wish to do before that time. If we catch aright the foreword that is being passed along, there will be a "drive" of an evangelistic nature planned to culminate about next Easter, and the might of a mass movement is to be hurled against the bulwarks of Satan simultaneously from the Carolinas on the Atlantic to California on the Pacific. Do not forget that we must have a revival.

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Methodism and Revivals. Methodism was certainly born in a revival. At the beginning it was itself nothing but a revival in the Protestant Episcopal Church of England. Its wonderful progress through the nearly two centuries of its history has been marked by revival work. We doubt if ten per cent of its membership has come in through other methods than through revivals. The pioneer Methodist preacher was primarily a revivalist. He preached constanly with the expectation of immediate results. He delivered his message, called for penitents, prayed with them at the altar and saw them happily converted to God. To see these results was essential to his happiness. His very soul was aflame with a gospel of immediate salvation. He believed in the supernatural power of the Spirit to convert a sinner and make a saint of him. He expected to see drunkards sober up and live as becometh the gospel. And they did it. Methodism went in this spirit into all the nooks and corners of the wilderness in search of the lost, and the desert was made to resound with the shouts of new-born souls. Multitudes were gathered into the kingdom, and the church grew in membership and in spiritual power in the world as no other church ever has. We must have a revival.

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The Present Need of a Revival. There are more than 100,000,000 people in the United States of America. Only about forty million of these are even affiliated with any church. Only about 25,000,000 are affiliated with all the various branches of the Protestant church. Something over seven million, or nearly one in three, are members of the Methodist church. Too many of these—the per cent we would not dare to say—have a name to live, but are dead. But not to speak of the merely nominal church members who need to be revived, there are sixty million people in the United States who are not affiliated with any church. What a vast field for endeavor! Some one has figured it out that there are four million adults in the United States who, if they are ever converted at all, will likely be converted in a Methodist revival. Four million of them! and the chances of ever reaching them are daily decreasing! for the sake of these immortal souls, do not talk of waiting till next Easter. Go after them today. We must have a revival.

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A Revival Not a Mechanical Thing. God has ever brought about revival through human agencies; He will do so again. The fruit always appears on the branch of the vine. Christ says that He is the vine and His disciples are the branches. And you never saw a bunch of grapes on last year's growth. The branch must be a growing branch if it produces fruit. The branch cannot grow except it abide in the vine. You may cut the trunk of a vine from its roots. You may mortice the branches into the trunk and make the whole thing look somewhat natural. If done with sufficient skill, it might deceive the eye, but it would never bear grapes. You might even hang bunches of grapes on the branches, but they would be dead grapes. No human skill and power can manufacture the real article. Do not forget that we can bear fruit only as we abide in Christ. You may patch up a church organization and hang on a few dead names to the roll occasionally; but the living, growing, soul-saving church

must abide in Jesus Christ. The vitalizing power must come from Him. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." We must have a revival. God speed its coming!

NOTE AND COMMENT

The American Bible Society has had the greatest year in its history. The war crippled many of the Bible publishing plants by enlisting so many of their force that they could not maintain their standard of production. This may have been true of the American Bible Society; but, if so, they will report a record breaking year as to the number of Scriptures published. More than 6,000,000 volumes were turned out by that society. It reports that it published and distributed to the soldiers of the Allies during the great war more than 7,000,000 copies. The society has just celebrated its 103rd anniversary, and during the century has published more than 134,000,000 volumes of the Scriptures in 150 languages. The society's budget, including costs of transportation, revision, production, and distribution, is approximately one million dollars annually.

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The League of Nations. Before these lines will be read by our subscribers, it is more than probable that Germany will have signed the peace treaty at Paris. This is by far the most important peace treaty that has been signed between the nations in the history of the world. The largest number of the leading nations of the world are involved in it. Germany made a tremendous thrust at the very heart of civilization, and now she is having to begin to pay the price. It is to be hoped she is learning the lesson, "Be sure your sin will find you out." And yet it is not vengeance that is to be written into that treaty. Not even full justice can be meted out to Germany. She could never pay the price. The damage she has done is beyond her power to repay, and much of that damage was accomplished before that fatal day in 1914 when the war dogs were unleashed. One after another of the nations were drawn into the turmoil till almost the whole world was engaged in the desperate struggle. Now the nations interested in that peace treaty are equally numerous, and the most important feature of that treaty is the League of Nations to prevent a repetition of what the world has experienced of internecine strife in the last five years. We are aware of the fact that no compact of nations can of itself accomplish the end desired. Back of all treaties is the character of the people who treat. If a nation will regard its solemn compact only "a scrap of paper" when it contravenes what seems to be its selfish interest, of what value are treaties? A League of Nations if the nations are to be of that type, would be worthless for the end in view But we do not believe that the nations of the earth have sunk to that low level, and the fate of the one that dared to do it ought to serve as a warning to any nation in the future who should be tempted to follow that course. It is because we have a better faith in the character of nations that we believe that the proposed League of Nations is something worth while on the high way of the world's life toward the goal of permanent peace. We confess to little patience with those who in this critical hour of the world's life for the sake of partisan or selfish ends will lay a ruthless hand upon this sacred instrument. Free speech is a great thing, but we cannot avoid the regret that churlish and base men in high places at some crucial moments have the use of it. The very sanctity of this freedom ought to carry with it the solemn obligation to "take heed how" they "use this liberty." We are face to face with the fact that this nation must accept this League as it is, or assume the responsibility for defeating it as a whole. We are dealing now with a world problem—a problem that touches all the great peoples of the world—and it is not to be expected that it will exactly suit all the would-be critics who have seen the situation only from one little angle. It is rather to be assumed that the greatest statesmen of the world have been engaged in the formation of this League, and it will become us at least to approach its consideration in the spirit of concession and with the sincerest purpose. We should adopt it as the best political means at hand to maintain the peace of the world.

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A Kind Word Appreciated. Under the caption "A Good Neighbor Gone," our esteemed confrere, the Biblical Recorder, last week had the following to say about us: "For two decades the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the Biblical Recorder have had their offices in the same building, and have been printed on the same presses. Dr. T. N. Ivey was the editor during the greater part of the first decade, and after his retirement, Rev. L. S. Massey was appointed editor. By an arrangement which was entered into at the last two conferences in the state, the two Advocates will be consolidated, and will be issued from Greensboro. This will take from the Recorder building and from Raleigh, Rev. L. S. Massey, who has occupied offices just across the hall from the editorial rooms of the Recorder. Brother Massey has made a fine neighbor. He is a cultured, consecrated Christian gentleman, and has made a most excellent paper. Our relations have been very pleasant, and we regret to see him go." These kindly words are genuinely appreciated, and we are glad that we can most heartily reciprocate with reference to Brother Johnson and his co-workers in the building the sentiment which he so kindly expresses. Our relations have been most cordial.

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The World-Wide Movement for the Prohibition of the beverage liquor traffic has been definitely launched. While the liquor forces are doing their level best to buck the eighteenth ammendment to the Federal Constitution, and especially to avert the enforcement of war-time prohibition, this great reform movement is going straight ahead with its plans to combat this monster evil of the race in every land. This is the more necessary now that all the world is being pressed into one neighborhood. When a man can leave the United States and be in England by the setting of the sun, there is no need to talk of one being indifferent to the conditions that prevail in the other. Booze can fly across the Atlantic now in less than twenty-four hours if you can keep the booze out of the flyer. Then the liquor interests are definitely laying their plans to invade China and India and Africa and the other belated nations with their infamous business. There are those who say that the prohibitionists are trying to force their personal habits on the rest of mankind, but they seem to forget that the whiskey interests are trying to force the immoral habit of drink upon every person whom they can lure into its toils. We are perfectly aware that we cannot legislate men into a religious life. We cannot force men to be moral. No prohibitionist claims anything of the kind. But we do contend that it is no proper function of the State to throw the strong arm of the law around any business that is wholly pernicious to the best interest of men, and we do contend further that society is entitled to be protected from the debauchery and crime that are the inevitable attendants of the liquor business in any form in which it can be carried on. Its very success demands these things as its concomitant. It cannot succeed without it.

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The Signing of the Peace Treaty at Paris marks an epoch in the life of the world. There have been wars before, and they have been costly in blood and money; but never has there been one before on such a scale, whether you consider the number of great nations involved, the number of men in battle line, or the methods and instruments of warfare employed. It is safe to say that never had there been such a thrust at the very heart of civilization as that which the German Imperial Government conceived and backed with all the military skill and power acquired by a half century of definite planning and training. It was launched in the full light of what was considered a high state of civilization. In science and philosophy they were leading the world—and as has been demonstrated in a fearfully ruinous direction. All this was done for the purpose of enabling Germany to dominate the world, and it has required the combined effort of practically the rest of the world to frustrate their infamous design. Now that design has been frustrated. Germany has been forced to sign the treaty of peace that wrests from her any place of leadership among the nations of the earth. To preserve what has been gained a League of Nations has been formed and will now be submitted to the governments involved along with the peace treaty for ratification. There are indications that certain members of the United States Senate will attack his arrangement. There are some recalcitrants on both sides of the Senate chamber that seem disposed to give trouble. We regret that this is so. An amendment offered by our government from our viewpoint would have to be submitted to the other governments involved and they would necessarily look at it from their viewpoint. They could claim the same privilege of offering amendments, and thus the door would be opened for endless wrangling. It is a Pandora's Box; let it not be opened. Let us have peace.

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War-Time Prohibition went into effect July 1st. The liquor element had clung to the forlorn hope that the President would interpose at the last moment and set aside this measure, thus giving to this business another lease on life for six months or more. While he has given them comfort on more than one occasion, he did not go this length, and the United States will be legally dry till the completion of demobilization. This is being variously estimated, according to the predilection of the one predicting how soon it can be done. We notice that Mr. Randall, the one party prohibitionist in Congress, says that it cannot be done before October 1st at the earliest, while some one else has estimated that it may be completed by August 10. The President has made it clear that he will not delay the announcement of the completion of demobilization in order to save the country from the debauchery of another lease of a few months' life of the legalized traffic. Unless some other measure can be provided to prevent it, the country will have to suffer this ordeal.

PERSONAL MENTION

—Rev. Euclid McWhorter, Chapel Hill, has been visiting recently at Morehead City, where he was formerly pastor.

—Rev. B. H. Black, pastor of Granville circuit, has been spending his vacation on a visit to his wife's people in Hyde county.

—Rev. Raymond Browning will conduct a three week's revival at Ayden, N. C., beginning July 13. Rev. E. W. Glass is the pastor.

—Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of our church at Dunn, preached the opening sermon at the Fayetteville District Conference, which was held at Roseboro last week.

—Rev. J. M. Ormond, of Elizabeth City, and Rev. A. L. Ormond, of Rockingham, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Laura E. Turnage, Ayden, recently.

—The membership of Nashville Methodist church provided the means for their pastor, Rev. L. B. Jones, to attend the great Centenary Exposition now being held at Columbus, Ohio.

—Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., has been appointed to supply St. Pauls church, Maxton, to relieve Rev. C. C. Alexander who prior to his appointment there had an engagement for the summer which it is necessary for him to keep.

—Rev. C. R. Ross and family left Jonesboro on the morning of June 16 for Lake Junaluska, where Brother Ross' family will spend the summer at their cottage at that place. Brother Ross expects to return shortly to his work.

—Rev. F. S. Love, president of Louisburg College, preached at Creedmoor June 22nd. The Times-News of that place says: "He preached an able sermon. Our people were glad to have Mr. Love with them and wish a return visit."

—We acknowledge receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Miss Daisy Darel Fuqua to Rev. John Bascom Hurley on the twelth of June. They will be at home at Elm City after June 26. We extend to the happy couple our congratulations and best wishes.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Gibson, N. C., accompanied by Mrs. Berta Adams, of that place, have gone to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the great Centenary exposition now being held at that place. They left on the 18th inst., and expect to take in the entire celebration.

—A note from Rev. R. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district, brings us the sad information of the death of Mr. W. S. Blanchard, of Hertford, N. C. He passed away at his home in that place on Tuesday night, June 24, and his funeral service was conducted on Thursday afternoon by his pastor, Dr. W. B. North, assisted by Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor of First Church, Elizabeth City. We regret that we have none of the particulars of his last illness. Brother Blanchard was one ef the leading citizens of Hertford, and a loyal member of the Methodist Church. Rev. R. H. Willis married his daughter. A good man has gone. Our sincere sympathies are extended to the sorrowing loved ones.

CONTRIBUTIONS

AFTER THE CENTENARY "DRIVE"

The Methodists of America, by the success of the Centenary Movement, have demonstrated anew their vigor, their capability, and their efficiency. Their own self-respect has been increased. The esteem of their fellow Christians has been enlarged. And the admiration and applause of the people generally, to a degree hitherto unknown, has been won.

This movement has called into action the unused powers of many strong men and women in our churches and has quickened their consciousness of personal responsibility for the effectiveness of the church. This new sense of personal obligation, this new consciousness of matters religious, is a tremendous asset which makes possible a greatly enlarged service in the interest of a lost world.

America was never more conscious than today of the need of a nation-wide reviving of genuine Christianity and personal religion. With our immense wealth has come luxury, softness and selfish worldliness, which can result only in pitiable weakness and woeful wickedness. This is now glaringly evident in our great centers and becoming so in all sections. Our national bigness, our vast resources, and the recent exhibition of our mightiness as a world power will develop a sense of superiority and a spirit of haughtiness that will make us despised of men and nations, unless these powers be directed to some high, moral, human purpose. There is danger here which only devotion to noble and holy aim can avert. Nations come to greatness by their virtues; they enter upon their decline by their vices. Religion is essential to keeping pure the current of our national life.

The condition of the world mind today seems to make the present time especially propitious for a great religious awakening. Old systems of thought, worship and life have been shattered. Old beliefs have been subjected to profound questionings. The sense of human deficiency has become depressing. There is a heart cry for spiritual realities. New alignments are being formed. New powers are being sought. New expectations have been awakened. The world seems ready for the great outstanding truths of religion, and the heart of mankind yearns for a new sense of personal relationship to a Heavenly Father and a redeeming Saviour.

To whom should the world look at this time of its spiritual need more than to the sons and daughters of Wesley. Their message is—and has been—that of the New Testament—God in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The spring of their evangelistic effort and fervor is a sense of an indefinite debt to Jesus Christ, which has characterized them through all their history. And wherever modern Methodism retains, to any degree, its primal impulse, it is seeking the lost. The life and vigor of Methodism is bound up with the spirit of evangelism. For her to become unfaithful to this task, is for her to perish. The Methodist church has no foe so deadly as self-satisfaction. Its chief concern today, therefore, should not be doctrinal system, or an eclesiastical policy—these have stood their test—but with the one task of reaching the lost sinners of this broken and bleeding world with the gospel of power and salvation. This is the primary task of the Christian church in every age and the spiritual vigor of every congregation of Christians depends upon the fidelity with which the task is pursued. Every congregation should be an evangelistic center and force and every saved man a seeker after his brother's good.

A revival of religion, church-wide, nation-wide and world-wide, has already begun with the Methodists of America. The nine months, and more, given to a campaign in which the emphasis was placed constantly upon intercession, stewardship of property, stewardship of life and service and the claims of the unsaved world, created a new sense of personal responsibility in religious matters in the entire membership of the church. Many are the testimonies of the spiritual uplift which has come to individuals and congregations in the development of the Centenary program. There is, in a word, abundant evidence of the divine approval of this movement, and from every quarter comes the suggestions and appeals that this is "the accepted time" for an intense evangelism, in which the whole world shall be enlisted.

What is now needed is not so much the revival effort as the revival attitude and state. The genuine revival is not something to be had and done with. Time is an essential element in a great awakening—and a half year, or a whole year, is not too much to devote, all but exclusively, to this one thing in each church. The Wesleyan revival, which brought Methodism into being, was a movement, and it penetrated into the depths of the moral life of the people, purged human hearts of vileness, healed social disorders, and restored national life to the ways of virtue and integrity. A profound revival of religion in America can come only from the honest, vital, interpretative preaching of the New Testament gospel of Jesus Christ and the serious call to holy living and to the profound experience of salvation in Him! The pulpit must be marked by sanity, seriousness and competency, and be the herald of consuming passion for the salvation of the people. The pew must awaken to its evangelistic mission and responsibility in every community.

A genuine religious awakening is of God. God is the source, the strength and support of such a holy work. A church may be ever so well equipped, and its organization may be well nigh perfect, and yet all but dead spiritually. It is wanting in the life that God alone can give. The fathers had poor facilities for church work, but they knew the way of God, were able to interpret the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and gracious revivals followed their labors. By its evangelistic activities Methodism has come to its great strength.

We, therefore, call upon our people, who have made such a noble offering of their material wealth for the evangelization of the world, to make a genuine revival of religion the subject of constant prayer at the family altar and in their private devotions. Let all their powers be consecrated to the supreme work of soul winning.

Great prayer and devout and diligent reading and study of the Holy Scriptures in search for the will of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit have characterized every great religious awakening. Deepening of the spiritual life in the ministry and membership of the church cannot be less than primary and essential. Means for the accomplishment of this end should be diligently employed. Enduements with power follow the baptisms of the Holy Spirit. The mind of the church must be set and held upon these things. The great and essential doctrines of Christianity should be faithfully unfolded anew and proclaimed with power. When the gospel in its sweep and fullness is faithfully and powerfully presented and the people are really made to see Jesus the Saviour, then worldliness will be abhorred and be straightway put off. The sins of modern life, personal and social, economic and political, will come to judgment before the uplifted Christ. The one thing needed today is that Christ be preached.

The church has created a Commission on Evangelism and charged it with the responsibility of promoting revivals throughout the churches, inspiring the ministry to earnest pastoral and personal evangelism, and developing the evangelistic spirit and method among church members. This Commission is now, we are informed, giving serious thought to this vital work. In each Annual Conference there is a Commission on Evangelism that is auxiliary to the general commission. The day upon which we are entering furnishes the opportunity for these agencies to justify their existence in providing a leadership in this campaign for souls. The superb organization which brought such generous success to the Centenary might well be put at the command of the Commission on Evangelism, for such service as a church-wide revival movement may require, and this organization may be able to render.

We strongly recommend that the Annual Conferences at their coming sessions, set apart a season for self-examination, reconsecration, special prayer and earnest consideration of this supreme subject of winning souls, with the end in view that the members of the Annual Conferences, preachers and laymen, may go forth from the annual gatherings with the revival fires burning in their souls. All the exercises of the Annual Conference, including the preaching, addresses, social intercourse, work of committees and boards, and reports of preachers, should be so directed as to emphasize the importance of making the ensuing Conference a time of great revival power. Here is an opportunity for the Conference Commission on Evangelism, the committee on public worship, the president of the Conference, the presiding elders and others to lead in the return to the spirit and method of New Testament Evangelism, which preaches to the changeless need of the world, with a conviction too deep for hysteria, too holy and reverent for sensationalism, Jesus Christ and Him crucified. No other message is the power of God unto salvation.

Let the evangelistic note be made prominent in all assemblies, institutes, conventions, summer conferences and district conferences. The problem of a popular and profitable program will be solved if the revival fires from heaven begin to fall on these gatherings. The Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, missionary societies, and other organized agencies among our people, should be made the occasion for study of God's word and for prayer, looking to a great religious awakening. Let the main feature of one round of quarterly conferences —six thousand, five hundred and four of them— be the necessary preparation on the part of the official members of the church to meet their obligation to God and to their community in this greatest business of winning men to Christ. These should be occasions of heart searching and honest dealing in the presence of God.

Our Methodism is a mighty force with great numbers and large wealth. It has recently shown commendable liberality and a genuine effectiveness in its organized activities. Its supreme need at this hour is a baptism of divine power, a Pentacost of Heavenly love, and enduement with the Holy Spirit for bringing salvation to a lost world. For this let all the people make humble, earnest and continued supplication. Tarry—tarry until you be endued with power from on high.

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Wm. F. McMurray,
John M. Moore,
Wm. B. Murrah,
U. V. W. Darlington,
Committee.

A GREAT REVIVAL NEXT

H. A. Boaz, D. D.

The Centenary financial drive is over. It's results will abide forever. Our highest expectations were surpassed. A new day has dawned for the Kingdom of God. A new era for American Methodism is on. Our church has been greatly quickened and other denominations inspired to undertake similar campaigns.

The great Inter-Church World Movement received its inspiration from the Centenary program.

The only disappointing feature was the failure on the part of many of our rich men to respond with large gifts. Where many large gifts were expected, only a few came in. It may be they are waiting to endow our schools a little later. Let us hope that they will catch the vision of a greater day and rally to the call of our schools in the near future.

The securing of this large sum of money was a great achievement. Dr. Beauchamp and all his coadjutors deserve much credit for the splendid work done and the brilliant results achieved. The whole church was thoroughly organized and, with telling effect, delivered itself on this objective. No military expedition has ever been better organized than General Beauchamp's army of Methodists. Greater honor awaits the genius of the commanding spirit.

The greatest results have not yet been achieved. Larger things are in the future. A great revival of religion must result from this campaign. In fact, it is already apparent. "The leaves are rustling in the Mulberry Trees," and a great spiritual awakening is at hand. The great fund that has been pledged is a sure token of a greater interest in spreading the gospel throughout the earth. The church has been awakened to a realization of its own strength.

The Centenary organization should be maintained and its attention now turned to the great work of winning men and women to a deeper consecra-

tion of life, and a nobler order of living. The one great need of the day is a deeper spiritual life on the part of preachers and laymen, and a greater passion for the salvation of lost souls. No more week of emotional excitement and religious fervor will prove sufficient. We need to preach the great fundamental doctrines in the light of this new day and look for an abiding spiritual power that will bring men in closer communion with God and lead them into the life of consecrated service. The day of regeneration is at hand. A great program must be planned and executied.

This age will not measure men's piety by loud professions, shouting or singing, but by their deeds of loving service. The need of the day is a revival that will bring better physical, intellectual and spiritual conditions for all men.

The Centenary campaign has revealed some of the latent forces of the church, and great things will be dared by many congregations. At the Memphis meeting of Conference secretaries and directors, a very successful manufacturer and layman in our church, Mr. W. E. Brock, from Chattanooga, made a memorable statement which shows the new trend of things. He had talked privately with me in the hotel lobby and so impressed me that I asked him to say the same things to the secretaries and directors. When called on by Dr. Beauchamp, he said something like the following:

"I am sorry that I was not called to preach, but as I was not, I desire to do the best I can as a layman. After the world war was in full swing, and the Government and Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. were all doing business on a new and much larger scale, I was ashamed that our church was doing so little and remained so long on a pre-war basis. But, when the Centenary campaign got under way the church seemed to be on the new big basis, and I was delighted. The subscription of more than thirty-five million dollars seems a big thing and it is, but greater things are in the future. This is but the beginning of what will follow.

"I have already called our Chattanooga district officers to meet me at the Patton Hotel next Tuesday night. We are to put on a campaign to fill all the Methodist churches in the district. There is no inspiration in an empty pew. We expect to fill them. We want to give our preachers somebody to preach to, and will expect the preachers to have something to tell us when we come.

"While this program is on I expect to begin another campaign to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to build, out of one treasury, seven new churches in and arund Chattanooga. Some of our churches would not make a good garage, and yet our children are expected to attend Sunday school in these places and worship God under such uninspiring surroundings. We must build suitable places of worship."

The statement was received with much enthusiasm. It indicates what an awakening there is, at least, in some parts of the church. Let us hope that many other strong laymen will catch the same vision and dare to undertake big things for the church.

The day for the general awakening is dawning. Let every faithful soul watch and pray for the speedy coming of the Kingdom of God in new power.

OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

The Anti-Saloon League of America closed its twenty-sixth year with a great convention at Washington, June 3-6. The convention was a jubilee for the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment, and a call to battle for law enforcement in the United States, and for world-wide prohibition.

The national officers elected are as follows:

President, Dr. Luther B. Wilson; General Superintendent, Dr. P. A. Baker; Associate Superintendent, Dr. Howard H. Russell; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. E. J. Moore; General Secretary and Manager of Publishing Interests, Ernest H. Cherrington; National Attorney, Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler; Legislative Superintendent, Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie; Treasurer, Foster Copeland.

Legislative Committee:—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Chairman; Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler, Secretary; Dr. A. J. Barton, E. H. Cherrington, W. H. Anderson.

National Executive Committee:—Fillmore Condit, Chairman; Frederick Fosdick, Massachusetts; Wm. H. Anderson, New York; Allen Sutherland, Pensylvania; James Cannon, Jr., Virginia; J. A. White, Ohio; S. S. Kresge, Michigan; A. J. Scrogin, Illinois; H. B. Carre, Tennessee; L. B. Musgrove, Alabama; A. J. Barton, Louisiana; Claudius Spencer, Missouri; F. J. Stoughton, Wisconsin; S. K. Warwick, Nebraska; D. M. Gandier, California; J. S. Hoagland, South Dakota; Wm. F. Cochran, Maryland; P. E. Selby, Ohio; W. J. Milburn, Texas.

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World League Against Alcoholism

The most important action taken by the Anti-Saloon League Convention was the ratification by the Board of Directors of the constitution of the World League Against Alcoholism. This League was organized by the adoption of a constitution which was signed by the representatives of the Anti-Saloon League and by the representatives of the leading temperance organizations of Canada, Mexico, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, England, Ireland Scotland, France, Switzerland and Denmark. It is practically assured that the constitution will also be adopted by the temperance organizations of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Bohemia, Holland and Belgium. The constitution of the World League was formally signed by the delegates at noon on Saturday, June 7th, after which a picture was taken of the signers.

The officers of the World League for four Joint-President, namely, Dr. R. Herod, Switzerland; Rt. Hon. Lief Jones, England; Dr. Howard H. Russell, United States; M. Emile Vandevelde, Belgium. A Vice-President was elected from each country, Dr. P. A. Parker representing the United States. Mr. Miles Vokes, Canada, was elected Teasurer and Ernest H. Cherrington, General Secretary. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of fifteen is Bishop James Cannon, Jr. Other members of the Executive Committee from the United States are, Wayne B. Wheeler, L. B. Musgrove, W. H. Anderson, A. J. Davis, Howard H. Russell, E. H. Cherrington.

It was decided to hold the first World Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the year 1920, probaly in March or September.

NEARLY AS OLD AS THE CENTENARY

The publication of the Christian Advocate really began in 1834 when it was established at Nashville and was called the Western Methodist. Revs. Lewis Garrett and John Newland Moffitt were the editors. In 1836 The Western Methodist was merged into the Southern Advocate. Rev. Thomas Stringfield was elected editor by the General Conference. In 1840 Rev. Jno. B. McFerrin, D. D., became editor. In 1846 the name of the paper was changed to Nashville Christian Advocate. The word "Nashville" was dropped in 1858 when Rev. H. N. McTyeire, D. D., became editor. Rev. Thos. O. Summers was elected editor in 1866 and served until 1878, when Rev. O. P. Fitgezrald, D. D., became editor. In 1886, Rev. Warren Candler, D. D., was elected assistant editor and after two years Rev. Jno. W. Boswell, D. D., was elected to succeed Dr. Candler. The General Conference of 1890 elected Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., editor, and Rev. E. M. Bounds, D. D., assistant editor. The latter served four years and was succeeded by Dr. Jno. W. Boswell. In 1902 Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D., was elected editor and served until 1910. During this time, Rev. S. M. Godbey was assistant editor. In 1910, Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., was elected editor. Rev. Jno. S. Chadwick, D. D., became assistant editor and served until the summer of 1918 when he was succeeded by Rev. R. S. Satterfield.

During all these years the circulation of the Advocate did not vary largely. The number on the mailing list ranged from 12,000 to 22,000. The Tennessee Conference for obvious reasons has always furnished the largest number of subscribers. It heads the list at present. The name of the oldest living subscriber is not known. It is nothing unusual for the editors to receive letters from those who speak of their having read the Christian Advocate for sixty years and more.

The present weekly circulation of the Christian Advocate is about 38,000. During the recent campaign for new subscribers 23,000 names were added to the list. This means that the paper is now reaching a constituency of nearly 150,000. The Christian Advocate threw all of its resources into the work of helping to make the Centenary of Missions a success. It began to push this enterprise with all its strength from the very first and week after week continued its efforts. During the Centenary campaign the Centenary matter contained in the Advocate, advertising, editorials and contributions, amounted to more than 4,700 narrow column inches representing nearly 200,000 words, or more than four solid issues of the Advocate, or three volumes of good size of 200 pages each. The commercial value of all the space, according to reasonable advertising rates would be worth more than $6,000. This was part of the Christian Advocate's contribution to the Centenary.

The Christian Advocate's relations with the Conference organs have been most brotherly. It has been realized that there is no reason why there should be any competition between the connectional organ and the Conference organ. Each supplies a need which the other cannot supply. Every member of the church needs his Conference organ and also an outside general paper like the Christian Advocate.

The Christian Advocate is prepared to adapt itself to the fact that a new era has dawned for Christian journalism in Methodism. The war and the Centenary have wrought conditions under which the church must suffer unless she be a reading church in a sense never known before.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. A. D. BETTS

"Doctor Betts was a remarkable man. I have known no other man so completely absorbed in the one work for which he had a passion, the great work of saving souls.

In this respect he reminded me of Saint Paul. He had Wesley's genius for personal work. No opportunity escaped him. In this way he won many souls to Christ. I doubt whether any other man has lived among us who has accomplished so great a work in this field—the neglected field.

Everybody was his friend, and they loved him. As a rule all men have enemies, but he was an exception. When he made his appeal for souls people would listen. They had confidence in his message because they had confidence in him.

When he was superannuated he accepted it as an opportunity for a larger field and everywhere he went he let no opportunity escape to press Christ and him crucified upon all whom he met. He was never happier than when his brother ministers invited him to preach for them. I never regarded him as in reality a supeannuated man. He was full of good works almost to the last day of his life. Verily he has many stars in his crown."—President J. M. Rhodes, at the burial of Rev. A. D. Betts, in Greensboro, N. C.

RELIGIOUS PRESS POINTERS

W. W. Pinson

This involves editors. They must get their quills busy. Get the stride of the big hour and then hold it. Set your best wits to work on the best plan then work it out. Call to your aid your highest advertising skill. Talk your goods. Get in the game strong enough to make other folks play it with you.

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This means Presiding Elders. How can anything be done in Methodism without these nerve centers of the Kingdom? Set every district humming with a story for subscribers. Make a Captain's call for a crack corps of workers. Set a high standard for your district and go to it.

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This means laymen and women who love the Kingdom. It cannot be done without them. They alone can make the slackers blush. They create the kind of public opinion that goes to the quick. They must get busy if the thing is done.

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This means pastors. The editor is the ally of the pastor. Push the paper and it will boost you and your work. Talk it to the pulpit and to the folks. It will kindle new fires of loyalty in the homes of your people.

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The conservation program of the Centenary demands no less than what we have been saying. The great revival for which we are praying and planning cannot reach its highest without it. There are other reasons, but these are enough to compel us to our best endeavors, so "let's go."

Notes and Correspondence

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4.
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3.
Marion district, Marion, July 24.
Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25.
Shelby district. Fallston, July 28-30.
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10.
Elizabeth City district, Pantego, July 9-11.
Wilmington district, Rocky Point, July 8-10.
Raleigh, district, Cary, July 22-24.
Warrenton district, Conway July 15-17.
Statesville district, Lenoir, July 14-16.
Salisbury, Kannapolis, July 23-24.

PERSONAL AND NEWS NOTES

—The World's Sunday School Convention is to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in October, 1920.

—Bishop James Cannon is now at Lake Junaluska where he expects to remain till September.

—Rev. O. I. Hinson, of Clayton, is assisting Rev. S. A. Cotton, of Smithfield in revival services. The meeting began last Sunday.

—Rev. J. A. B. Fry, formerly a member of the Western North Carolina conference, is now pastor of our church in Corvallis, Oregon.

—It is announced that the Episcopal church in the United States will launch a campaign for $20,000,000 for a progressive fund this fall.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street church, this city, left for Columbus on Monday morning. He will be gone for a week or ten days.

—The revival meeting will begin at Nebo, McDowell circuit, on July 3rd. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Fry, will be assisted by Rev. W. L. Dawson, of Forest City.

—Rev. R. E. Hunt, of the Clyde circuit, is one of the fortunate ones. He is at Columbus this week by the good grace of the people of Clyde and Lake Junaluska churches.

—Rev. F. S. Love, president of Louisburg College, filled the pulpit at Creedmore on Sunday, June 22. The pastor was absent on a visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

—Rev. M. F. Moores, pastor of our church in Hendersonville, is off this week to the great exposition. His people, of whom he says there are none finer, are sending him with purse for expenses.

—The Seashore hotal at Wrightsville beach was destroyed by fire on last Thursday night. There were more than three hundred guests in the building, many of them making narrow escape.

—Rev. A. B. Crumpler, evangelist, announces that he has open dates from July16-24. These dates he will be glad to give to any brother needing his services in revival work. His address is Clinton, N. C.

—Prof. D. M. Weatherly, who for many years was a teacher at Franklinville, and who was last year in charge of the school at Ruffin has been elected superintendent of the Randleman schools. Prof. Weatherly is a good Methodist layman.

—The Wesleyan Christian Advocate says that the Baptists have bought a site in Atlanta and the announcement has gone forth that on it will be erected a million dollar hospital. Work, it is said, on the building, will begin about the first of November.

—Rev. L. B. Jones, our pastor at Nashville, writes: I leave for the Centenary celebration Tuesday, 24th. My good people anticipated my needs and furnished me with a good fat purse to pay expenses. This is one time in my travels that "Jones" doesn't pay the freight.

—Our congregation at Mt. Holly is showing genuine appreciation of the work of Rev. C. M. Short. He left monday for Columbus with a purse sufficient to finance his trip and a vacation of one month. He writes the Advocate a note expressing great appreciation of the people of Mount Holly.

—Rev. I. F. Shaver, of Richfield, requests us to announce that he is in position to render service in protracted meetings during the greater part of July and August. He and Mrs. Shaver will return from Columbus about the 8th of July and will sail for Japan in September. Address him at Richfield, N. C.

—The Culpeper meeting at Salisbury, now in the third week is reported to be taking a wide range and many are being converted. The great tabernacle has been enlarged and still the crowds are too large for its capacity.

—Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, closed a gracious revival at Walnut Street on Sunday night. No such crowds and widespread interest have been seen at that place in recent years. The meeting continued two weeks and more than fifty persons professed conversion and there were thirty additions to the church. Brother Gibbs left Tuesday for Columbus with a purse of $75 contributed by the congregation to defray expenses.

—Rev. W. T. Phipps recently closed a good meeting at Freemont. There was increasing interest till the last service on Sunday night, June 15th. Mr. W. R. Dosher, a business man, of Wilmington, led the singing and delighted the people with his tenor solos. On Sunday evening, June 22nd, a welcome service for all the returned soldiers was held. Brother Phipps and wife left last week for a three weeks' visit to their old home in Maryland.

—We have learned with deep regret that Mrs. Ball, wife of Rev. J. H. Ball, presiding elder of the Shawnee district, East Oklahoma conference, passed away on Monday, June 26. She had never fully recovered from an attack of influenza she suffered last fall. Brother Ball is the son of Mrs. M. J. Ball, of this city and has been in the west since the beginning of his ministerial career. He will have the sympathy of many friends among Advocate readers.

Warrenton District Conference

The Warrenton District Conference will convene at Conway, N. C., Tuesday evening, July 15, with the opening sermon by Rev. G. B. Starling, and will close Thursday evening, July 17.

The pastors are requested to prepare written reports on all subjects required by the discipline and to see that their quarterly conference records are on hand for examination.

Revs. H. M. Eure, W. C. Merritt and J. M. Wright are appointed a committee on all examinations.

All visitors should notify the host of the conference, Rev. J. J. Boone, Conway, N. C. E. M. Snipes.

Prospects Bright

In the Advocate of June 19, I stated that Rutherford College needed an endowment of $200,000. The prospect now is brighter that in a few years Rutherford will have an endowment of $200,000, and an equipment worth $200,000 than the prospect was a few years ago that it would have what it has today.

Separately from other funds let us speedily finish our campaign for $35,000 for Weaver Hall and water and lights. Thirty-five thousand at Rutherford with its special advantages in economy, in building, will go farther than fifty-thousand at almost any other place.

J. R. Walker.

Vanceboro Circuit

Rev. R. L. Carraway, having with my consent, surrendered the Vanceboro circuit. Rev. R. N. Fitts has been employed to supply the charge and will enter on this work at once.

N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder.

Elizabeth City District Conference

I will appreciate it if the connectional brethren who expect to attend the Elizabeth City district conference at Pantego July 9, to the eleventh, will notify me at once so that we can provide entertainment for them.

Belhaven, N. C. J. C. Whedbee.

Elizabeth Circuit

I notice in the Centenary report of the Rockingham District that two of the Elizabeth Circuit churches are entirely missing.

The report of these as given along with the other five was as follows:

Bladen Springs, No. pledges 36; allotment, $399.75; pledged, $453.00; credits $150.00.

Purdies, No. pledges 39; allotment $584.25; pledged $807.50; credits $160; total $967.50.

I hope you can make this correction for these two churches were among the most zealous workers on the charge.

Sincerely,
W. B. Humble.

Washington

In this week's Advocate you do my charge hurt through somebody's error. Our quota of Centenary offerings was $17,000. We raised $17,009; adding credits of $4,376 and the total $21,385 is correct. Your published figures said we were $892 short on our quota and had to pull out on futures in credits. No, sir, I cannot spoil my record after that manner. To the credit of First Church, Washington, it needs to be said that in the first two weeks of May she raised more than $11,000, cash and subscriptions, for debt on the new Sunday school building that had cost $22,000, just finished.

D. H. Tuttle.

To Dr. S. A. Weber

A few weeks ago the South Carolina correspondent of the North Carolina Christian Advocate had a kind word to say about me. I cannot express my appreciation of Dr. Weber's kind words or of his many kindnesses from the day I, as a boy preacher, met him up to this day. I do not know of a better example of what an older preacher ought to be to younger preachers than is found in Dr. Weber's life. He loves and helps the younger men and they love and reverence him. May God bless you more and more, Dr. Weber.

J. R. Walker.
Rutherford College.

Matthews Charge

Matthews charge is moving on fine. Our special meeting at the Matthews church which has been in progress for two-weeks came to a successful "wind up" last week. Brother L. T. Cordell, of Brevard Street, was with us in the meeting and did the preaching. His deep, soul stirring sermons found their way through to the very heart of the church, and it is plainly seen that the church has taken on new life and all who heard these great gospel truths are strengthened.

Our third quarterly conference convened at Bethel last Saturday, June 21-22. Dr. Boyer, our presiding elder, was on the spot and took his place. He gave us two great sermons that I wish could have been heard by all who call themselves Methodists. I suggest that the pastors of Charlotte district ask him to repeat the sermons he preached at Bethel.

We are arranging for a charge Sunday school rally day to be held at Indian Trail the second Sunday in this month. Our special meeting at that church will begin on the night of the same date, and we are expecting Dr. J. H. Brendall, of Advance, to be with us and do the preaching.

We are planning, praying and expecting a gracious revival.

T. E. McSwain,

Waynesville District Conference

The Waynesville district conference will convene at Murphy July 9-10, Wednesday and Thursday. Rev. J. H. Bradly, of Canton, will preach the opening sermon Tuesday night.

Let every pastor and delegate be present at the opening session, Wednesday morning, as we are only scheduled for two days. All local preachers in the district are members of this body and should be present to report work done, and to make request for renewal of license bringing license with them. A failure to send in report or make request for renewal of license on the part of those who do not attend will create prejudice on the part of the conference toward those who are manifestly indifferent concerning a matter so important.

The pastors are exhorted to urge full delegations, as they are empowered by the quarterly conference to fill all vancancies.

The editors of the Advocate, the representatives of our schools, and other interests of our church are cordially invited to be with us. All visiting brethren should write at once to Rev. J. W. Ingle, host of the conference, Murphy, N. C., indicating day of arrival, so that homes may be secured. Murphy will furnish whole-hearted entertainment for all delegates and visitors.

The following constitute the committee for license, orders, admission and readmission: Rev. J. A. Cook, Rev. L. P. Bogle and Prof. A. C. Reynolds.

J. H. West.

From Morven Charge

Please let me tell through the Advocate some of the good things about my work. In the first place we are getting on splendidly an the work is moving up all along. Improvement is seen almost everywhere. Our congregations, Sunday schools, and prayer meetings are growing all the time.

We were allotted $9,117 in the Centenary and we raised in pledges, including the Sunday school pledges, which are all new $11,130 or nearly 125 per cent in pledges for the entire circuit. Including credits we raised $13,415 which is forty-seven per cent over. Morven church went 63 per cent over; Pleasant Hill 60 per cent; New Hope 45 per cent; and Bethel 44 per cent, over. These churches get three stars, while Union gets two, and Sandy Plain and Long Pine came out including credits.

But the thing I want to tell just now is how good the people have been to me as their pastor this year. They have been exceedingly kind and good ever since I came to them. They keep always ahead in paying my salary and it has been a great pleasure to me to see how ready they have been to help me in every way. This year they started out by making me a donation of a purse of five hundred and forty-five dollars towards the price of an automobile and there has hardly been a week but that some good things have been sent to me. Then last week the crowning thing came. I have been as anxious as could be to go to Columbus to the great Centenary celebration. I have never wanted to go anywhere more than to Columbus, but I did not have the means. These good folks just made me the gladdest man any where by presenting me a purse to go and stay as long as I desired and pay all my expenses.

I wonder if any other preacher in the church has been treated better by his flock.

May God greatly bless them for their kindness to me. And may I bring them a blessing from Columbus.

S. T. Barber.

Collection of Centenary Pledges

There seems to be some confusion with reference to the method of handling the Centenary Pledge Cards and Centenary funds. I am, therefore, giving in detail the method that should be followed.

Dr. J. J. Stowe, of Nashville, Tenn., is the general Centenary Treasurer. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, N. C., is the Centenary Treasurer for the North Carolina Conference. All pledge cards should be turned over to the Centenary Treasurer of the local church, together with all cash subscriptions. He should make out a complete statement of all pledges and all cash subscriptions, and send a copy of this statement to Mr. J. G. Brown. At the end of each month he should make out statement showing all cash collected on subscriptions, and the amount of subscriptions remaining uncollected, sending copy of this statement to Mr. Brown. The funds in the hands of the local church Centenary treasurer will always be subject to the draft of Mr. Brown, Conference Treasurer. In every case we endeavored to keep the offices of local church treasurer and local church Centenary treasurer separate and distinct, to avoid confusion of accounts.

In making out checks or money orders in payment of subscriptions, subscribers should make their checks payable to J. J. Stowe, Treasurer. Local church treasurers should open their Centenary accounts at the banks or depositories in the name of J. J. Stowe, Treasurer. Each local church Centenary treasurer is supposed to have been furnished with a rubber stamp by Dr. Stowe, so that these checks can be stamped on the back, "For Deposit to the credit of J. J. Stowe, Treasurer, by ————, Local Church Centenary Treasurer." All payments in the local church should be made to the local church Centenary treasurer, and he should give every subscriber proper credit on his records for each payment.

In the case of a Centenary treasurer for the charge, the local church Centenary treasurers should make their reports to the charge Centenary treasurer and turn over all cash to him, and he in turn makes out his reports and sends in his cash to Mr. Brown.

Where Government Bonds are taken in payment of subscriptions, they should be accepted at par value and sent to Mr. Brown as so much cash. They, of course, cannot be deposited in the banks as cash, as the banks are not yet paying par value for them.

If there is a local church that has no Centenary treasurer, the pastor should see that such appointment is made at once, and that he is supplied with all necessary instructions.

D. W. Newsom.

Just a Word to O. E. Goddard

In the Advocate of this week this brother makes the most startling announcement I have seen, on the findings of the ad interim commission of the Centenary, on what he calls disciplinary evangelistic agencies.

I would ask first, do we believe in a divine call to the ministry? If you say not, then I have nothing more to say, but should you answer yes, do we believe the Lord was right when he said no man can serve two masters? If you do not agree with Him there I stop, have nothing more to say. But should you think he is right, then I ask how can a man called of God to preach obey twenty-four masters and five commissions in holding a meeting for the salvation of the people?

Then I would ask, what do you all think constitutes a revival? What s it? If it is to get the children and others into the church without conviction, not to say conversion, then let the preacher look to organization and manipulation but if it is the out pouring of the Holy Spirit to the awakening and salvation of the community, let the man called of God look to the Holy Spirit and live close to Him.

But he says the commission shall in addition to doing all it can in its power to promote revival in the local church, carry out the standard plan for a revival, which will come down to it later from the general commission on evangelism.

I wish I knew what Paul would have thought of this. I think just this way, I have given more than forty-six years of my life to the church as a Methodist preacher, and no commission has the right to dictate to me with regard to holding a meeting in my congregation for the conversion of the people.

I thank God that He called me by His grace and put me into the ministry, and by His grace, I must finish this ministry, only leaning on Him; trusting His very word.

R. M. Hoyle.

Cool Springs Charge

Our third quarterly conference met at Clarksbury church, Saturday, June 21, with all of the churches of the charge represented, except Providence, though some of the other churches had a very small representation.

Our reports as a whole were very good, showing, we think, an increased interest in the church. Our Sunday school reports show that not much over half of our members are attending, and the strange thing about it is that those who do not attend are grown people. But probably they know the Bible perfectly. But if so, our superintendents might use them for teachers.

Seven months of our conference year has passed, and our financial reports show that we have paid to pastor's salary and presiding elder, $802.-63 out of $1,665. All of the churches are a little behind, except Cool Springs church, and Providence church is badly behind, but at the present rate it seems that we can easily be ready for the annual conference on October the 22nd.

Providence church had Children's Day services last Sunday, and I think that the exercises were considered a success by every one of the large number of people present. Our superintendent and his wife, as well as others, deserve great credit for the faithful work done to make it possible.

During the next quarter, our revival meetings will be held, and we are trying to lay our plans well. We have ordered 100 song books that will be used in all of our revivals this year, and we are intending to have good singing. We have engaged splendid pulpit help. We are endeavoring to get every unsaved person within the bounds of our charge on our prayer list, and many prayers are being offered for the unsaved, and we are expecting great results.

On Monday, June 23, Brother David Fox, who had been sick for a long time, went to heaven, and the body was laid to rest at New Salem the following day. During the seven months that I have known him, I tried to visit him at least every two or three weeks, and I found him trusting God and anxious for the time to come when he would be relieved of pain by going home. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his departure, and his greatest concern during his last days was for them, and he prayed earnestly that all of them might be saved. God grant that it may be so.

When the neighbors and relatives went home from Brother Fox's burial service, they were greatly shocked to learn that Sister Jane Beaver had gone to rest. She had taken ill Sunday morning and was real sick for several hours, but she was much better on Monday and Tuesday morning, so it was a great shock when she died very suddenly Tuesday morning, and her sons, Brothers Arthur and "Newt" Beaver, their wives and children were almost overcom with grief over their great and sudden loss. She was a dear good mother and grandmother, and probably as near a saint as we could find on earth. Brother Fox was 57 years of age and Sister Beaver was 70. The friends and relatives of both families nave our sympathy and prayers.

R. A. Swaringen, Pastor.

A Day For Prayer and Fasting

The Centenary Commission and the Home Department of the Board of Missions have agreed upon Friday, August 29, as a day for prayer and fasting for a great church-wide revival. The additions on professions of faith to our church nave not been what we should expect. Though we succeeded in raising great sums of money, though we put over mighty programs, though we do wonderful things, and do not bring trembling sinners home to God, our work is a failure. The Methodist Church was born in a revival. It was the distinctively revival church in its incipiency. It made revivals respected. It gained thousands of recruits by fervent revivals. To be true to our history we must now be the most distinctively revival church on the continent. To fulfill our unfulfilled mission we must be a revival church. The time for revival campaigns for adult conversions has not passed. There are perhaps fifty millions of unsaved adult people on the American Continent at this hour. More than four millions of these, if they are ever reached, will likely be reached in a Methodist revival. The Spirit of God is moving upon our church to put on an aggressive revival campaign. On Friday, August 29, let every Southern Methodist go down upon his or her knees in humble supplication for the greatest revival in our history. The Minute Men of the Centenary will call attention to this for some Sundays before the date. Wherever practicable, let the congregation assemble for a sunrise prayer meeting. Suggestive Scripture lessons will be given later. Wherever it is impracticable for the congregation to assemble in the church let it be done by families. Instead of assembling at the table for breakfast, let the family assemble at the table and read God's word, and all the family who will join in this prayer for a great revival. The old custom of fasting on Friday before quarterly conference is almost obsolete, certainly obsolescent, but once more let all our people have a day of fasting and prayer. Some reasons for fasting will appear in later articles concerning this very matter. Fix the date on the calendar now, August 29.

O. E. Goddard.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate

By Evangelist J. V. Williams

The first issue of your most excellent paper is before me, and is a real honor to the family of Advocates, and bids fair to be among the very first of all the religious papers in the country. The consolidation of the two papers for the two Conferences in North Carolina is a thing I have longed to see, and now since it is accomplished, my heart is ready to sing with Judge Gaston:

"The Old North State Forever."

Am sure that the progressive Methodists, from the mountains to the seashore in good old North Carolina, will rejoice in this evidence of growth, not only in numerical strength but in spiritual growth, and growth in broad business-like religious life.

Many of the older brethren in the ministry, who once labored in the Old North Carolina Conference, will rejoice to be in such close touch with the brethren whom they have known and loved so long, and keep up with all the movements of their labors, while the preachers in the eastern part of the state will also rejoice in reading from the weekly reports of the western preachers.

May God greatly bless the consolidation of the two Advocates and may there be an enthusiastic activity for the paper's circulation, until every Methodist family in North Carolina subscribes for their own paper.

I read with much interest what both of the editors say for the public in the first paper. Brother Massey is against "German Theology"—Good! That dry rot ruined the religious life of Germany, if they ever had any, and has hurt Methodism in the United States more than is generally known. "Higher Criticism" means a lower life. Think of a church holding a beautiful service in the morning and then gathering in the beer garden in the Sunday evening and drinking beer and dancing. All this in the name of the church.

Now the adherents of this teaching —this stuff—are writing about the "new evangelism" that we will soon see. They don't tell us what it is. But spiritual people are not deceived. We know that an evangelism not backed by spiritual life and holy living will always be a failure. Thank you, Brother Massey, you ring true.

Brother Blair must be a very successful business man as well as a strong preacher. The wonderful manner in which he has built up the North Carolina Christian Advocate is evidence that he will continue to steer the financial interest of the paper clear of the rocks of adversity.

God bless North Carolina Methodism and keep the old-time revival fires burning from Currituck to Cherokee.

East Meadow, Long Island, N. Y.

Greensboro District Notice

The Greensboro District Conference will convene in Randleman, N. C. at 3 p. m., July 23, and continue through the 25th. Local preachers are requested to be present at the first session, or have their written reports before the conference.

Let pastors make a personal effort to secure the attendance of all lay delegates. Preachers and delegates are urged to be at the opening and remain throughout. Visitors will be welcomed and their several interests given ample consideration.

Bishop Darlington is expected to arrive Thursday morning the 24th. Rev. J. E. Woosley will preach on Wednesday night, the 23rd.

The brethren named are asked to serve on committees as follows:

License—H. H. Robbins, W. M. Smith and T. B. Johnson.

Admission—H. C. Sprinkle, A. W. Plyler, A. P. Ratledge.

Orders—E. L. Bain, W. A. Lambeth and C. F. Sherrill.

J. H. Barnhardt.

Trinity College Notes

President W. P. Few is in New York attending a meeting of the board of directors of the Jeanes Foundation, of which he is a member.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, '94, superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered an address to the Summer School last week.

Hoy Taylor, '06, recently elected superintendent of the graded schools of Franklinton, and Chesley M. Hutchings, A. B. '11, A. M. '14, and last vear a graduate student in Romance Languages at Harvard University, are teaching in the Summer School.

Mr. D. W. Newsom, treasurer of the college, who has for some weeks devoted his time to his work as campaign director of the Centenary campaign for the North Carolina conference has about completed his report and has resumed his duties at the college.

Professor H. E. Spence, of the Department of Biblical Literature, is spending the summer at the University of Chicago.

Captain Garland F. Mayes and Captain Lee Hayes, of the class of 1917, who have recently returned from France and are now on furlough, have been visiting friends at the college. Both expect to be discharged from the serivce.

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Commtitee on Finance, recommend:

1. That the Conference Expense Fund of 50 cents per member for Adults, 25 cents per member for Young People and 10 cents per member for Relief and Retirement fund, be collected the first meeting.

2. That the auxiliary president urge the quarterly payment of all dues and funds. Failure to do this forces the Council to borrow money, on which interest must be paid.

3. That December 1st, or as near as practicable, be observed as Harvest Day by each auxiliary.

4. That the treasurer of each auxiliary shall send all money and reports to district secretary of her district, and the money and reports of Young People be sent to superintendent of Young People, and money and reports of Junior and Baby Divisions be sent to superintendent of Children's Work the first day of the month each quarter.

5. That each district secretary, superintendent of Young People and superintendent of Children's Work shall send all money and reports to Conference Treasurer by the 10th of the month each quarter.

6. That we pay a pledge of $20,000 above our dues, and endeavor to reach the 15 per cent. increase recommended by Council.

7. That each auxiliary pay a minimum of $4.00 annually for support of our Scarritt Bible and Training School.

8. That a scholarship of $300.00 be established at Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Mrs. F. B. McKinne,
Mrs. H. J. Faison, Sec.

THE BRIGHT JEWELS OF BETHEL CHURCH

The Bright Jewels of Bethel church recently held an interesting meeting and have sent us this report of it. We are always glad to hear from the Young People and Bright Jewels, glad to welcome this new organization from Benson.

Mite Box Opening

The Bright Jewels of Bethel church, Yanceyville circuit, had their mite box opening on June 1, 1919. We began our meeting by singing "Publish Glad Tidings." We then had our Bible lesson about Jesus, the Great Physician," after which we were led in prayer by Mr. Wilber Zimmerman.

A special program had been arranged for the day and after our regular business meeting the society was turned into the hands of our president, Lucille Daniel.

The Wesley Houses were our chief study for the month and Lissa Blackwell told us about the great work that was being done by these houses.

Then we had a song, "Send the Light," by Lillian Moore, followed by a recitation, "God So Loved the World," by Cecil Robertson.

Just before we opened our mite boxes Lilly King and Wilson Gatewood sang an appropriate song. When we opened our mite boxes we found that all members had good collections, but Mabel Crumpton headed the list with two dollars and sixty-five cents. The total amount for the quarter amounted to $7.23.

On June 6th a Young People's Missionary Society was organized at Benson, N. C., by Mrs. Edgar M. Hall and Miss Vallie Hill, with eleven members. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Lucille Lee; vice-president, Miss Mary Jackson; corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Cox; recording secretary, Miss Nellie Hudson; treasurer, Miss Maude Johnson; superintendent of publicity, Miss Evelyn Boone; superintendent of social service, Mrs. Elton Hudson; superintendent of supplies, Miss Maude Benson.

All the girls showed much interest and seemed anxious to begin work. We are looking forward to a successful society.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT MEETING

The annual district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Washington district was held in Gibson Memorial Methodist church, in Spring Hope, June 5th and 6th. The meeting was opened with a sermon by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

The business session of the conference was opened Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with Mrs. Wiley Brown, presiding. Mrs. Brown brought us a most inspiring message, and urged us to go forward in our work with renewed interest and enthusiasm. The following program for the morning was carried out:

10:00—Devotional, Mrs. T. A. Person.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Roy Wilder.

Response—Miss Leyta Carter.

Roll Call.

District Secretary's Message—Mrs. Wiley Brown.

Study and Publicity—Mrs. T. A. Person.

Auxiliary Reports.

Devotional—Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

Delegates from Greenville, Fremont, Bethel, Wilson, Beaman's Chapel, Stantonsburg, Nashville and Spring Hope, answered the roll call and gave most encouraging reports from their respective societies.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. W. T. Phipps after which Mrs. Person read a letter from Mrs. Gates.

The minutes of the morning session were read, and "Auxiliary Problems" were informally discussed.

Our Periodicals were presented by Mrs. S. M. Wood, and Stewardship by Mrs. W. T. Phipps and Mrs. W. E. Trotman.

The Bright Jewels gave a short impromptu program, after which the following Bright Jewel bands reported: Fremont, Greenville, Nashville, Bethel, Spring Hope.

As Mrs. Wilson could not be present, Mr. Wilson gave us a very interesting and helpful talk on Bright Jewel work.

Much stress was laid on the work of the Bright Jewel Bands and Young People's Societies, and many helpful suggestions were offered.

After a short song program by the young people, Miss Lillie Duke gave us a talk on "Young People's Work—a Call to Life Investment." She brought us new inspiration, and urged us to see the importance of this work.

An invitation was extended from Fremont and Bethel for the meeting next year, and a motion was made that the meeting go to Bethel.

After the Committee on Resolutions reported and the minutes for the afternoon sesssion were read, Rev. Mr. Constable closed the session with devotional services.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. John and Miss Smith, the evening program was dispensed with.

PROGRAM LITERATURE FOR THIRD QUARTER

The following leaflets have been prepared and issued through the regular conference channels for use in preparing programs for the three monthly meetings of the third quarter. If your society has not received them, notify the Conference officer in charge of literature.

All of these leaflets are helpful and attractive and your society cannot afford to be without them in preparing the programs.

For Adults

Information for Leaders for July—"Americanization of the Foreigner" and "The Gulf Coast."

Information for Leaders for August—"Japan and Korea."

Information for Leaders for September—the Social Service Study—"Making America Safe Industrially. (In most of the conferences, this leaflet is sent out by the Conference Social Service Superintendent. If an auxiliary has no social service superintendent, or has failed to send the name of this officer to the Conference Superintendent, no leaflet will be received.) Attend to this in time to get the literature for the September meeting.

For Young People

July—"A Friendship Crusade." (Information and stories about the immigrant.)

August—"A Japanese Garden Party." (A personally conducted tour of the cities about the Inland sea.)

September—"The Liberty of the New Democracy." A demonstration. (Social Service.)

For the Children

Leader's Supplement to the Yearbook, containing helpful plans and suggestions for each meeting of the quarter. The supply of yearbooks for the year is exhausted, but this supplement, the Young Christian oorker and the following leaflets are all that is needed in order to make full and attractive programs.

July—"A Story About a Day School Girl."

August—"Jack and the Japs."

September—No leaflet—material for program, see Young Christian Worker.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fayetteville District Conference was held in Steele Street church, Sanford, June 11-12, Mrs. Emma Hunter, District Secretary, presiding.

Rev. H. M. North preached for us Wednesday evening from Luke 2:10. It was a clear, convincing arraignment of all who accept the "Good tidings of great joy" and ignore "which shall be to all people." God grant that the vision of duty neglected and the call to deeper consecration, given us through His servant, may be heeded.

Thursday morning, Rev. W. R. Royall administered the Lord's Supper. His earnest prayer that we might forget our weakness and remember God's power, helped many. We rejoice with Mr. Royall and Steele Street congregation. They have finished paying for their beautiful new church and gave $20,000. on a $12,500. quota, besides installing a fine pipe organ.

Mrs. Hunter reported two new auxiliaries, one at St. Andrew and one at Lillington. Our pledge was over paid last year, and this year it was increased sufficiently to bear our part of the Conference pledge of $20,000. Each auxiliary was requested to pay the $4.00 for Scarritt Bible and Training School at once, and then to send to Mrs. Hunter the amount asked for, for our North Carolina scholarship at Scarritt, established at Rockingham. It will be used by Miss Mary Ella McCall this year, and it is a rare privilege to have a part in preparing such a life for special service. Siler City was the only auxiliary that failed to send a representative. We regret, as they did, this fact, and hope that the delegate from some other auxiliary may be able to report for them the worth while program, prepared so carefully by Mrs. Hunter.

As we watched the Young People and Bright Jewels, and rejoiced over new bands, we realized that the women who work and pray with them are building for the future. They are splendid material and their willingness to serve puts many an adult to shame. A band of Bright Jewels in every church on our district would mean wonderful things for the next generation.

It was our privilege to have Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Boney with us. Their inspiring appeals and helpful explanations added much to the success of what was said by many to be an enjoyable and helpful conference.

Elizabeth Lamb, Sec.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE GREENSBORO DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. R. R. Alley

The fact that three Conference officers were to take part on the program of the Greensboro district meeting scheduled for Centenary church, June 12-13, insured in advance its success.

The opening session was held at three-thirty on the afternoon of the 12th, with Mrs. J. V. Wilson, District Secretary, as presiding officer, and Mrs. R. R. Alley, as secretary. The opening devotional, conducted by Mrs. M. P. Vail, of High Point, was followed by an address by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. Mr. Lambeth spoke of the wonderful privilege of working together with Christ in this great missionary work and of the tender and blessed associations formed between those who are engaged in the same work for the same object. His words went to the hearts of his hearers, carrying encouragement and inspiration.

A solo by Miss Mitchell, of Centenary church, was greatly enjoyed. In the absence of Miss Genevieve Moore, of High Point, her forceful paper on Mission Study was read by the Secretary, after which the meeting adjourned that the visitors might enjoy the delightful ride over the city, tendered by their hostesses.

The evening session was opened with a devotional service by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. W. Plyler. Then followed a most interesting program by the Centenary Junior Missionary Society, conducted by the young president, little Miss Glasscock. It was all fine, but the "Missionary Sunbonnet Babies" and the Chinese baby girl quite captured the audience. An anthem by Centenary choir added much enjoyment.

The feature of the evening was the comprehensive and splendid address by Mrs. W. A. Newell of Statesville, Conference Superintendent of Social Service. A trio by members of the choir concluded by the evening program.

Friday held the gift of a beautiful, fresh day. The session opened at 9:30 with devotional service, led by Mrs. E. D. Grubb of the Walnut Street church auxiliary. The report of the district secretary was heard with great interest and deep satisfaction. She congratulated us that we had reached our financial goal, pleaded with us for prompt reports and continued progress. She reported for Greensboro District 19 adult societies, 8 young people's 12 juniors and 1 baby division.

Mrs. Ira Erwin could not be present and her topic "Our Literature" was given over for discussion from the floor, evoking lively interest. The subject, "An Auxiliary President," was handled by Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, Conference Recording Secretary, in an original and convincing style. She held up for emulation the perfect president.

In her report of the Council meeting, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President, was at her best, giving vividly the personnel, plans and proceedings of that great body. Then came a reading by Mrs. Willis Slane, of High Point, "The House by the Side of the Road."

The Institute on Social Service, conducted by Mrs. Newell in masterly manner, proved of great value to all. One o'clock brought the hour of adjournment and a most tempting

luncheon was served to the delegates and guests by the ladies of Centenary church.

The afternoon session opened with a deeply spiritual devotional service, led by Mrs. A. J. Hughes, who made a plea for the life consecration of our young people. The "Hymn of Youth," written by Mrs. Frank Siler and dedicated to the young women of Greensboro College for Women, was effectively sung by Mrs. J. F. Hayden, of High Point. The institutes on Young People's and Children's Work were conducted simultaneously by Mrs. E. L. Bain, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Jim Kearns, of High Point.

The need of service was stressed in a paper by Mrs. H. W. McCain, on "Our Young People's Work." This was so fine that we hope to have it reproduced on our Woman's Page and will therefore give no excerpts.

Mrs. Richard Wills said a word on behalf of the treasurer, in "That Lost Five Dollars." Stewardship was presented in a very strong paper by Mrs. Will Ballard, of Reidsville, followed by the taking of pledges.

Copies of the minutes of the annual meeting were distributed and Mrs. Wilson, taking a marked copy, went swiftly through it, indicating items of special interest, intriguing us into reading the portions between.

An invitation from Jamestown for the next meeting was unanimously accepted. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Hughes.

The fact that so many young people were in attendance gave profound pleasure, for the district meeting is distinctively theirs. Prayer was the key-note of the meeting, and a spirit of prayer pervaded the sessions. Great credit is due Mrs. Wilson for the splendid service she has given the district and to her we offer heartfelt thanks.

MARION DISTRICT MEETING

With a gratifying attendance of delegates and visitors, among whom were a majority of the pastors of the Marion District, and a program replete with interest, the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Marion district was distinctively successful and profitable.

The opening service on Wednesday afternoon, June 18th, was devoted entirely to the work of the children's department and was greatly enjoyed. Miss Amy Hackney, conference second Vice-president, after conducting the opening devotional service, held an institute on Children's Work, which proved, not only of special interest, but in bringing out many questions relative to this work, was both profitable and helpful.

A children's program, directed by Mrs. Parker Holmes, of Marion, was well given and showed the splendid training of the little folks who are always a delight to the older members of the congregation, Mrs M. B. Goodwin told effectively a story to the children, bearing upon their work.

The Wednesday evening service opened with a most impressive devotional, conducted by Rev. Parker Holmes, presiding elder of the Marion District, following which Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President, gave a splendid message from the Council meeting. We were very sorry to have missed this talk but heard glowing reports of the splendid manner in which Mrs. Robertson handled her subject.

A feature of the program was a Young People's pageant by the young people of the Marion Society, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Hutchins, and proved most attractive and effective.

Special music was rendered and added to the program. Thursday morning with Rev. W. L. Hutchins conducting the devotional, the second day's session began. On behalf of the women of Marion, Mrs. J. F. Jonas, president of the Marion auxiliary, gave appropriate words of welcome to delegates and visitors, and Mrs. M. E. Hoffman voiced the appreciation of the entire congregation in her well chosen words of response.

The report of the District Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, was full and comprehensive. She showed that there had been advancement made along many lines of the work, especially in the number of new organizations, and urged to greater effort during this year, and stressed, as she reviewed the work of each department, the importance of each.

A beautiful sol, "Not Half Has Ever Been Told," was sweetly sung by Mrs. W. L. Hutchins. Rev. J. P. Morris, pastor of Spruce Pine church, made a most earnest talk on "Christian Stewardship," and was followed by a splendid paper on "The Need of Social Service Work in a Community," by Mrs. M. B. Kibler, of Morganton. (We hope to be able to give this paper on our Woman's Page at an early date.—Ed.) Reports from delegates showed an interest in the work at all points, and we believe this will be the greatest year ever on this district, basing our judgment on the spirit of those in attendance.

Lunch was served at the district parsonage by the ladies of the Marion society and was thoroughly enjoyed. A feature of this hour was the cutting of the birthday cake of Master John Jonas, the young son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jonas, who on that day celebrated his second birthday and shared with each visitor this splendid cake which had been so beautifully decorated for him. Later Master John was presented to the Conference and the best wishes of all go with him through life.

The opening devotional of Thursday afternoon was conducted by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson and was followed by an institute on Young People's Work, conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, Conference First Vice-President, who with the aid of many present, brought out every department of the work and endeavored to impress its great and vital importance.

A talk on the "Work of the Young People" was also given by Mrs. Harris. During the afternoon several songs and recitations were given by young people, representatives from various parts of the district.

Following a brief presentation of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, by Mrs. Robertson, the pledges were taken and the result was highly gratifying. The meeting closed with a consecration service, led by Mrs. Robertson.

It is interesting to note that the Marion District supports Miss Kate Hackney, one of our missionaries in China. And while not connected with our woman's work, it was gratifying to hear, through Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, that the pupils of the Institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, of Morganton, support two missionaries in China. One young lady, Miss McRory, of Rutherfordton, volunteered for service, making seven student volunteers from this district this year.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

By Mrs. George M. Foard

The Statesville district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, convened in Maiden on June 11th and 12th, with about fifty delegates in attendance. Mrs. G. A. Warlick, District Secretary, made the opening address and reviewed the work of the past year.

We were fortunate in having with us two conference officers, Mrs. W. A. Newell, of Statesville, Superintendent of Social Service, and Miss Amy Hackney, of Asheville, Conference Vice-President.

After the exercises Wednesday afternoon, the ladies of Maiden gave a delightful reception, which was followed by an automobile ride.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. W. A. Newell, in her usual pleasing manner, gave a talk on "Social Service Work That Should Be Done By a Missionary Society." Thursday morning, Miss Hackney conducted an Institute on Children's and Young People's Work, and the children gave an interesting program. Dinner was served in picnic style and was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon the reports of the auxiliaries of the district were heard and were very gratifying. Notwithstanding the many hindrances of the past year, the financial reports were better than those of the previous year. The people of Maiden were exceedingly kind and made every effort to make our stay pleasant. Each delegate went away with a warm feeling in her heart for these good people. Our District Secretary is wide awake and interested in her work. Mooresville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING OF CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

The district meeting of the upper end of the Charlotte District will be held at Harrison church, Wednesday, July 23rd. Every Adult, Young People and Junior society living on that part of the district is requested to elect delegates and send names of same to Mrs. T. H. Barber, Route 2, Fort Mill, S. C. All churches not having organizations are invited to send representatives. The meeting will be in the form of an all-day service, beginning at 10 a. m., and closing in the afternoon as soon as business is finished.

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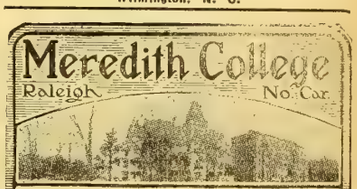
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Below will be found a part of the report which I submitted to the board of trustees at their annual meeting.

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In giving an account of the meeting of the board of trustees the daily papers got figures mixed up consider ably. It was stated that we had seventy-three thousand dollars to our credit. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, treasurer of our board, reported seventy-three thousand dollars raised for all purposes during the fiscal year ending May the 30. A large part of this amount was for endowment, building, repairs, furnishings and the Bettie Henly Vann Educational Loan Fund. I hope our friends will bear in mind that our needs are great and that they will continue their gifts to us.

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We have met today to review the work of another year. As we look back over the record the thing that impresses us most profoundly is the unfailing goodness of God toward our beloved Orphanage. There has not been a day in its history when we did not have visible tokens of His favor and unmistakable evidence of His tender love. The consciousness of such an experience has given us confidence for today and hope for tomorrow. If we are true to the ideals that were in the hearts of those who founded the institution, and if we follow in the steps of Him who went about doing good, we may with perfect assurance look forward to the fruition of our fondest dreams—to the time when we shall see scores of buildings on the campus and when we shall hear the merry laughter of a thousand bright, happy children on these sun-kissed hills. The remarkable growth of our Orphan's Home during the short period it has been in operation is a prophecy of the big things that lie just ahead of us. The fact that the rich and the poor alike share their gifts with us speaks volumns to those who understand and appreciate the real significance of things. The Methodist Orphanage is the great channel through which the small gifts of the poor and the large gifts of the rich may find their way of tender ministry to that large class among us bereft of home and loved ones. This class will continue to make its appeal in increasing measure to the love and philanthropic impulse of every person of broad, human sympathy. Those who have made sacrifices for our home have experienced in their own lives a large measure of joy and real satisfaction. With these two powerful incentives at work in the human soul, to give and to receive, we feel that our cause will continue to make its own powerful and almost irresistable appeal to the sympathy and generosity of multitudes of our people. If there were no orphanage, widows and destitute people in the world we would never be permitted to witness the finest and most beautiful traits of Christian character. Our orphanage is a challenge to the noblest and divinest impulses that slumber in the bosom of thousands of our people throughout the bounds of the North Carolina conference. To enlist these sympathies and harness these mighty forces to a larger extent is the big task of the immediate future. That we will succeed in the undertaking, with the North Carolina conference and this board giving us their unqualified support, is not a matter of conjecture but a thing of absolute certainty. With such a faith as this to allure us on the future is radiant with promise and achievement.

Following last year's plan, which was so fruitful of good, we held evangelistic meetings in the orphanage chapel in the early spring. The whole life of the orphange felt the uplifting and gracious influence of the revival. Having lived with the children in the spirit of comradeship, I coveted the exalted privilege of receiving them into the church. On Sunday night after the close of the revival I baptized and receievd twenty-seven into our church. It is our greatest desire to train in Christian discipleship those committed to our care. We feel that failure at this point can not be atoned for however well they may be trained otherwise. Not to send out from this Christian institution young lives inbued with the spirit and life of Christ would be a betrayal of the most sacred trust that the church has committed to our hands. When they go from us into the big world nothing gives us more genuine joy than to see them strong in body, educated in mind and trained in Christian service and experience. I am happy to report that in most cases our hopes are realized by the character of those who go from us to take their place in the world's work. May we never lose this vision and this divine passion.

THE CENTENARY, WHAT OF IT?

It is wonderful, stupendous, great. It is a world in miniature. It is the history of the church written in deeds. It is the answer of the church to an unbelieving world. It is a panarama of the world in living, moving, realistic objects and men and women in flesh and blood. It is more than an exposition. It is a fulfillment. Words just fail me to describe it. Of one thing I am sure, no preacher of the gospel can afford to miss it. No layman who is concerned for the race can afford at any cost to neglect to attend it, and for a Methodist minister to fail to attend it is nothing but a calamity, and every church, station or circuit should send its preacher here, and as many of our laymen as can by any means attend, should accompany them. This affair, while Methodistic in its inception, has gone beyond denominational lines. It is a compendium of Christian achievements, and the augury of the big things to be done in the future. I know now that when it is all over there will be thousands who will regret to their dying day their failure to attend it. Preachers, go in debt to come. Congregations, make a supreme sacrifice to see that your preacher goes. Stewards, you will be a thousand fold more efficient for your work if you come. Sunday school superintendents and teachers, make any sacrifice to get here. It is a university that no Christian worker should fail to attend. May I plead again with all of North Carolina Methodism, stop everything, and attend the Centenary of Methodist Missions. I thought I was a Methodist when I came. I am praying for the Lord to keep me humble. But of one thing I am sure, the sons and daughters of Wesley are and have been taking his utterance of an hundred years ago and carrying it to a literal fulfillment—"The world is my parish." But the best of all is the fulfillment of the promise of him who was Wesley's Master, and "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world."

Charles H. Ireland.

Granite Falls

We have just closed our revival meeting here. Rev. E. L. Hillman, of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., did the preaching, and the pastor conducted the singing. The people here declare that never before in the history of this town has there been such a meeting of power held in this place. The entire community was affected. Many old men were converted to Christianity and joined the church. Every church in the community profited by this meeting. There were 78 conversions to Christianity, many of whom were church members. At this writing 25 have joined our church. When God put tithing into the hearts of our people he put there the desire for a great revival.

Our ten departmental Sunday school rooms are completed and paid for. The contract for our heating plant has been let and we have the money in the bank for that purpose. Our Sunday school has almost doubled in enrollment. The Baraca class has grown to such an extent that they are now considering the erection of a separate building for their work. The pastor works with the Boy Scouts during the week and on Sunday teaches the Scout class. It is an inspiration to work with the boys.

Our people work together in almost perfect harmony. This is a great place to work and don't you forget it!

H. G. Allen.

SMILES

Teacher. "Jonny, name three words ending with 'ous' and give the meaning."

Johnny. "Dangerous—full of danger;" famous—full of fame; pious—full of pie."—Boys Life.

Dolly. "You'll never catch me again going out to dinner with an editor."

Her friend. "Was he broke?"

Dolly. "I don't know whether he was broke or not, but he ran a blue pencil through about half my order."—Examiner.

A naval officer fell overbaoard. He was rescued by a deck hand. The officer asked his preseve: how he could reward him. "The best way, sir," said Jack, " is to say nothing about it. If the other fellows knew I'd pull you out they'd chuck me in."—Boy's Magazine.

Teacher: "Don't you know that punctuation means that you must pause?"

Willie: "Course I do. An auto driver punctuated his tire in front of our house Sunday and he paused for half an hour."—Boston Transcript.

Military Commander. "Forward, march! Company, halt! Forward, march! Squads left! Squads right! On left into the line! By the right flank! Halt! Rest! Attention!"

Irish Recruit. "I'll not work for a man who changes his mind so often!"—Exchange.

The mayor of a far inland town was about to engage a preacher for the new churrh.

"Parson, ye aren't by any chance a Baptist, be ye?"

"No, not necessarily. Why?"

"Wal, I was just a-going to say we have to haul our water twelve miles."—Exchange.

Tramp—"Some men have no hearts. I just told a feller I'se so dead broke I have to sleep outdoors."

Pedestrian—"Didn't that appeal to him?"

Tramp—"Naw. He told me he was adoin' the same thing, and had ter pay the doctor fer telling him ter do it."

He suffered from a stomach ailment. The doctor was called in, and on his second visit questioned his patient.

"Have you been drinking hot water an hour before each meal, as I directed? If so, how do you feel now?"

"Doc," said the patient, "I tried hard to do it, but I had to quit. I drank for 35 minutes and it made me feel like a balloon."

New York.—"Don't sleep out loud during the sermon," is the printed admonition distributed to worshipers of the First Washington Presbyterian church.

"I paint what I see" an art student once said to his master, complacently.

"Well, the shock will come when you really see what you've painted," said the artist.—Boston Transcript.

Tommy (at Red Cross concert)—"What's that man got his eyes shut for while he's singing?"

Friend—"Because he can't bear to see us suffer."—London Opinion.

Reporter—"Just where were you born, Professor Psycoff?"

Professor (learnedly)—"Unless my recollection fails me, young man—in the state of ignorance."

Reporter (scribbling)—"Ah, yes, to be sure—and how long have you lived there, professor?"—Exchange.

Parson—"Jonson, you hadn't oughter swiped dat chicken, 'cause de debbil sent it just to tempt you, he did."

Jonson—"Well, suh, den de debbil sho' los' his chicken."—Boys' Life.

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Exposition by the Editor

Pentecost was not the beginning of the church, but it certainly was an epochal day in its history. It was more than that. The church never had been before what it has been since. It was the day of the Spirit's coming in power. The Holy Spirit had been in the world from the beginning, but on that day He assumed in a new sense the administrative function of the church militant. This can never be done again, because it has been continuous ever since. It is only in a modified sense, therefore, that we can speak of another pentecost, as we sometiems do when there is an unusual manifestation of the Spirit's presence in power. Without this presence there may be organization. There may be a church roll, a building for worship and the administration of the ordinances, and preaching services; but without the presence of the Spirit there can be no true church.

The Church a Body of Believers.

Our Baptist brethren make much of this in connection with their views of Baptism, and insist that, as an ordinance of the church, it should be administered only to personal believers; but Methodists believe in a converted membership no less than they. Pentecost was a great day for conversions. and only such as "were being saved" were added to the church—three thousand of them on that day. These all professed conversion. Whether or not they were all genuinely converted we would not undertake to say. This does not mean that all must come at once to a state of perfection. While we must emphasize the necessity of conversion, we must avoid driving from the church many who feel themselves very unworthy. The church is to help those who are sincerely striving to live the Christian life. The apostle Peter, who was the preacher on the day of Pentecost, made many blunders: but it was upon such as he that Christ promised to build His Church with the assurance that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Church and Doctrine.

The tendency today is to minify doctrine—a tendency easily explained, but as liable to abuse as has been the emphasis upon minor questions of doctrine that has been largely responsible for the tendency. The apostles were strictly doctrinal preachers, but they stuck closely to the great doctrines. And those early Christians "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." They believed something; they believed it with unaltering conviction, and this conviction was the stay of their lives. They were steadfast. They were "not carried about by every wind of doctrine." Their souls were anchored in the truth, and this was the safeguard of their conduct. The church must stand for the fundamental doctrines of revealed truth; and to depart from them is to forfeit its character as the church.

The Church and Christian Fellowship.

One of the great sources of strength has ever been the association of the saints. The early Christians were "steadfast" in this "fellowship." While the stress was so great during the persecutions that raged soon after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, the disciples met daily for this fellowship. Frequently they had to hold their meetings secretly and under cover of night, but they met. They found great strength in these frequent associations. The time of these meetings was spent mainly in prayer, in testimony, and "in the breaking of bread," which we have come to designate as the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This means of grace cannot be safely neglected. To neglect the ordinances and the means of grace is certain to result in coldness of spiritual life and gradual drifting back to the world.

The Church and Christian Unity.

There is a vast difference between unity and uniformity. The latter may be a dead and mechanical thing, devoid of the life of Christ; the former pertains to the "single eye," the singleness of Christian purpose, which is essential to the highest good. The apostle thus exhorts: "I . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." And then he proceeds to enumerate the qualities of this walking: "With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is the type of unity that Paul desired and for which Christ prayed on that memorable night before the crucifixion. The basis of this unity the apostle gives at some length. "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, our baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all." The "one body" is the church, but it is the invisible church, composed of all genuine believers in the Lord Jesus Christ without regard to the organized branch of that church to which they may belong. The "one Spirit" is the Holy Spirit, and the "one Hope of our calling" is eternal life. The "one Lord" is Jesus Christ, the" one faith" is the content of gospel truth, the "one baptism" is the outward symbol of that faith in whatever form administered, and the "one God" is the Father of us all. Here are the great elemental truths to which all Christians must adhere and which constitute a very essential unity of all believers.

The Church and Diversity.

But the unity described does not demand a dead conformity. It rather inspires diversity. It is not too much to say that it demands it. The apostle recognizes this truth and proceeds to say: "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Here is a manifest variety. He illustrates the same truth elsewhere by the different members of the body. The church is the "body of Christ;" but, if the whole body were a hand, it could not travel very well; and, if it were all feet, it could not do very much wherever it traveled. The various members of the body perform various functions, all of which are necessary for the body to fulfill its mission. So with the church. It is true of the membership of the individual church. In a larger sense denominationalism has its basis here. A concert of purpose is essential, but a dead conformity of action and method would be fatal.

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A PERSONAL WORD

The new League editor for the Western Conference makes his best bow, thanks the Conference for the honor bestowed, and promises to do his dead level best for the work.

His election to this work came as a complete surprise. He was not able, on account of his revival meeting, to attend the Conference in Charlotte, and first learned of his election through the daily paper. His first feeling was not one if elation but dread. Could he do the job? This question remains to be answered, but he promises to at least make an honest effort.

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1. Read the League page.
2. Contribute to it.

We want to know what our young people are doing in their churches. Brief, breezy news letters about our young people's work will be given a place on the League page. When a new League is organized, send in a report. When you enterprise some new work, let us know. Conference officers, use this page to convey any message you may have for our Leaguers.

My street address is 316, Tate St., but anything sent to me at Greensboro will reach me.

ECHOES FROM THE CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE

On the last night of the Conference Bishop Kilgo delivered a great lecture to our young people, using as his subject "Bubbles."

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For the first time in years, every district in the Conference had accredited delegates at the League Conference.

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Miss Grace Bradley was made Field Secretary for the Leagues of this Conference. She is a cultured young Christian woman, the product of a Methodist parsonage and the daughter of our pastor at Canton, Rev. J. H. Bradley.

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In addition to other courtesies shown the Leaguers while in Charlotte, an outing was arranged for their enjoyment.

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Both mornings the sunrise prayer meetings were well attended.

SPRING GARDEN LEAGUE

On a recent week night, under their open air tabernacle, the Spring Garden League conducted a welcome service in honor of 73 new church members who had joined at the close of the revival meeting. Miss Gertrude Wheeler recited and Mrs. Browning reported the Charlotte Conference. Small blank books were then furnished each one present, and they were asked to secure the names and addresses of as many people present as possible. A general social time followed, with refreshments at the close.

Spring Garden church has presented its pastor with a handsome purse to be used for a trip to the Columbus celebration at Columbus, Ohio. Some account of the trip may find its way into the columns of the League page later.

The Spring Garden League has just elected officers as follows: President, T. L. Matlock; vice-president, E. C. Lyndon; secretary, Miss Mary Lewis Jackson; treasurer, John Lambert; Era agent, Miss Mary Lee Watson; press reporter, Miss Gertrude Wheeler; organist, Miss Lalah Lambert; Supt. first department, Carl Lewis; Supt. second department, Mrs. T. O. Ralls; Supt. 3rd department, Mrs. T. L. Matlock; Supt. fourth department, Miss Bessie Parrish.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICY FOR COMIGN YEAR

1. Realizing the necessity of sympathetic co-operation of the pastors, we make an earnest request that the pastors acquaint themselves with the workings of the League if not already so acquainted, and help to have a live League in every congregation.

2. We suggest that this year the work of the District Secretary be magnified, knowing that the efficient District Secretary can be of utmost benefit in organizing new Leagues and helping to make more efficient the existing League.

3. We recommend that an institute for District Secretaries be held, suggesting that this might profitably be held at Lake Junaluska in connection with the General League Conference.

4. We recommend that our Conference follow the standard of efficiency, and bring the secretary and treasurer books of chapters to the next League Annual Conference.

5. We recommend that a District Institute be held in each district.

6. We wish to emphasize the work of the Junior Leagues, advising a Junior League in each congregation.

7. We request that arrangements be made to present the League work at the approaching Annual Conference at Greensboro by having a special sample programme carried out by our young people, in order to let the Conference see what is being done by the League.

8. We recommend that special mention be made at our next League Conference of the district that makes the best showing during the coming year.

9. We strongly recommend that a Field Secretary be employed at once to build up and conserve our League work in the Conference.

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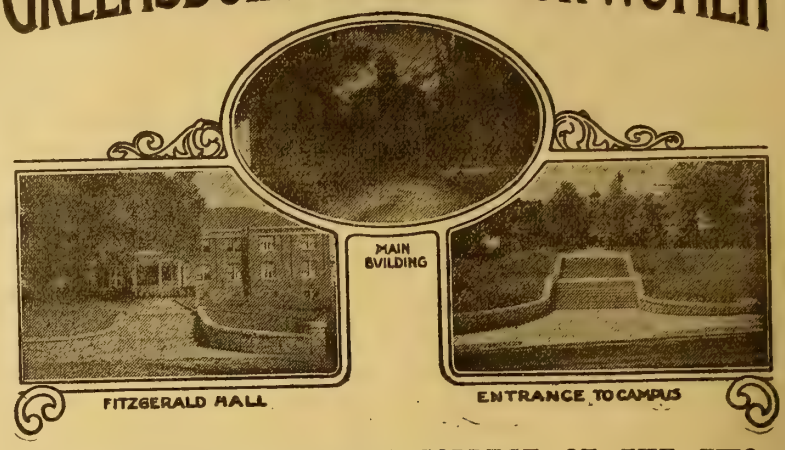
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JIMMIE'S OUTING

On a Saturday morning in July Jimmie Mulvany trudged happily along Charles Street on his way to the Public Garden. His patched shoes were so shiny that Jimmy smiled every time he looked down "They are like pieces of looking glass," thought Jimmie proudly. "Tim is a good polisher."

Tim was Jimmie's brother. He was ten years old and blacking boots was the way that he earned money with which to buy his own shoes. Jimmie's blouse was very white; his collar and cuffs were nearly as shiny as his shoes, for Mary, who was Jimmie's grown-up sister, had ironed them in the early morning before she went to work. It was Mary, too, who had bought the fine white sailor hat that Jimmie was wearing.

For weeks Jimmie had been looking forward to his visit to the Public Garden, and he was quite sure that no other small boy in Boston had so many reasons for being happy. In his pocket, safely tied in the corner of a clean hankerchief, there was a bright new nickle that his father had given him that morning.

"Take a ride on the pond in the swan boat," he had said.

That was what Jimmie had planned to do; he knew that the big white birds on the boat did not push the boats; but they sailed through the water like the live swans.

When Jimmie reached the crossing near the Garden, he stopped to speak to the crossing policeman, who was a friend of his.

"I'm going to sail in a swan boat," said Jimmie, as the officer walked with him across the street.

"I'd like nothing better myself than to go with you," said the officer.

"Some day, when I get two nickels, I'll take you," said Jimmie.

"You won't forget it?" said the officer anxiously.

Jimmie promised that he would remember and he touched his hat; the policeman raised a hand to his own hat just as he often did to the mayor, and Jimmie entered the Garden.

Near the lake Jimmie saw a small girl. She was bareheaded and barefooted; her black hair was braided tight and tied with a red string. She was watching the swan boats, and she looked so lonely and unhappy that Jimmie felt sorry for her.

"Hullo!" she said suddenly.

"Hullo!" replied Jimmie.

The little girl sat down and paddled her bare foot in the water.

"Are you rich?" she asked.

Jimmie nodded.

The little girl sighed. "I know what I'd do if I were rich," she said. "I'd go sailing in one of the swan boats."

"It only costs five cents," said Jimmy.

"How should I ever get five cents?" she answered scornfully.

Then Jimmy made a sudden resolve. There would be other nickels coming to him—perhaps as soon as the next Saturday. Anyway, how could he, with money in his pocket, fail to give this little girl a sail?

"Take your feet out of the water and come along," he commanded, and the little girl promptly obeyed.

Jimmie untied his handkerchief and held the nickel tight in his hand. When they reached the boat landing, he gave his nickel to the man in charge of the boats.

"She will take a sail," he said.

The swan boat sailed away, and away ran Jimmie, following along the shore and waving his hat to the little girl on the boat; the little girl waved back.

"What a fine time she is having!" thought Jimmie delightfully, great to be rich and give other people a fine time."

He was back at the landing when the swan boat came sailing in.

The little girl jumped ashore, her eyes were shining with pleasure. "'Twas grand!" she said. "I hope you'll be a great man some day!"

"Sure I will. The same to yourself," responded Jimmie politely.

But the little girl was runing across the Garden toward the hill.

"Maybe she's too long a way from her home," thought Jimmie, as he watched her.

"I guess I'll be going home myself now," he decided soberly.

"Don't forget your promise to give me a trip on the swan boat," said the policeman, as Jimmie crossed the street.

"I shall not forget it," answered Jimmie.

"It is time that I was earning money myself—like Timmie," he thought. "It is high time, for I am six years old." He looked down at his shining shoes and smiled happily. "It was a pleasant sail she sad, sure enough!"
—Alice Turner Curtis.

"PHOEBE"

Little Phoebe Gray had come to spend a week on Uncle Daniel's farm. She had always lived in the city, and to her the farm seemed wonderful.

One morning her Aunt Alice gave her two big cookies, and told her to play outdoors until dinner time. As the little girl walked down through the orchard she heard a clear voice call, "Phoebe! Phoebe!"

She stood quite still and listened. "I guess some little girl wants to play with me," she thought. So she answered, "Where are you?"

"Phoebe! Phoebe!" called the sweet voice.

"I guess she's playing hide and seek with me. I must try to find her." For a while the little girl looked about happily; but when she found no one, she grew tired, and called, "Come here and I will give you a cooky!"

No little girl came, but the sweet voice still called, "Phoebe! Phoebe!"

Aunt Alice was writing a letter when Phoebe hurried into her room, and said, "O Aunt Alice, there's a little girl out in the orchard calling me! I can't find her. She just calls and calls, but she won't come to me. I told her I would give her a cooky if she'd stop hiding and come and play with me. Please come out and help me find her."

"There is no little girl who lives near enough to come here all alone. What made you think there is a little girl if you could not see her?"

Aunt Alice laughed, and said, "I think that I know your little friend; I will help you find her. You will have to be quite still and look carefully, for it is not a girl, but a bird. She calls 'Phoebe' so much of the time that I think she has a nest near, for I hear her every day."

"A bird! Why, Aunt Alice, I didn't know birds could talk! She called my name just as plain as could be! It did not sound like a bird, at all."

When they reached the orchard no little bird could they see. They walked cautiously about and peeped under the leaves and shrubs.

"We shall have to wait until another day," Aunt Alice said.

They started back toward the house. As they came near the barn a bird flew out from the shed, perched in a tree near by, and sang, "Phoebe! Phoebe! Phoebe!"

The little girl laughed. "O Aunt Alice, we did find her, after all! What do you suppose she wanted in the shed?"

"We will look and see if she has a nest there, but she may have been after flies. This Phoebe would rather have flies than cookies. There is the nest and she is back in it." Aunt Alice said, and pointed to a rafter.

They saw the head of the mother bird looking down over the edge of the nest. She did not appear to be frightened.

"Why, how did you find it?" asked the little girl.

"I thought it might be there. The phoebe bird often builds her nest year after yter year in the same place. See, on the next rafter are two old nests."

When Phoebe went back to the city her father said, "Well, little girl, what was the best thing on the farm?"

Phoebe laughed, and said, "I like best the little bird that knew my name."——Harriet G. Brown.

A VACATION BOX

"What can it be?" cried Lois, as she looked at a box that the expressman had left.

"What can it be?" echoed Robert, as he drew the nails with his hammer.

It could not be a birthday box, for no one in the family had a birthday in midsummer.

With a splintering sound the top of the box at last yielded to Robert's tugging, and they saw underneath it a letter addressed to Lois.

"It's godmother's writing!" she cried, as she opened it. She read it aloud:

"Dear Lois and Robert. Perhaps you think that boxes are busy only at Christmas time, and that the expressman takes a vacation during the rest of the year. That is not so. Perhaps you will laugh when I explain that I am a vacation box.

"With best wishes for a hhpy summer, I am,

"Yours busily, A. V. Box."

The children lifted the soft paper wrappings and peeped curiously into enchanting packages.

"My first is a bird book!" cried Robert.

"I don't see any bird in it," said Lois, looking over his shoulder.

"That's the fun of it," answered Robert. "I'm to look for the birds, and to keep a record of all that I see in this neighborhood."

"I'll help," said Lois. "And I have a flower-record book with pages to hold pressed flowers; and there's an insect book, too, and a specimen box, and an insect net."

"And a folding camera!" cried Robert.

"And I've found a whole book on gardening." Lois was laughing with delight. "And isn't it rather funny that we thought that vacation was going to be dull when there were really so many delightful things to do?" said Lois.

"We ought to have thought of them ourselves," said Robert, "but I'm glad grandmother sent us such a fine vacation box."—Frances Kirkland.

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WOLFE—Mrs. Carrie Leslie Todd Wolfe was born November 9, 1864, and departed this life at Jonesville, N. C., June 1, 1919, aged 54 years, 6 months and 22 days. She joined the Methodist church at Rockford, N. C., at the tender age of nine years and lived a faithful, consistent member until the end came. She was baptized into the church by the Rev. Walter Creasy, that great and good man whose itinerancy led him her way forty-five years ago.

On December 25, 1881, she was united in marriage to Mr. J. H. Wolfe, and to this union were born four sons. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Hubert K., of Jonesville, N. C.; W. A., of New Castle, Ind., and Charley Lee, of Jonesville, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Florence Dunnagan, of Winston-Salem, N. C. The third son, John Thomas, preceded her a few years ago at the age of fourteen years.

Besides the members of her immediate family she leaves a host of friends to mourn their loss, and not the least among them to be considered are the little children who knew her best and whom she dearly loved. It was a touching scene to see them bringing their little floral tributes into the home of their departed friend.

The family has lost its guiding star, the community a faithful friend, and the church a loyal member, but none outside of the home will feel their loss more than the occupants of the parsonage, hard by.

But we weep not as those who have no hope, for the promise to those who are "faithful unto death" was surely made for such as she.

J. H. Robertson, Pastor.

ALUMNAE MEMORIAL

In this life there are no joys without a tinge of sadness. This minor chord is recognized by us all as we meet from year to year. As we greet the friends who are with us, our thoughts go out to those, who since we last met, have been called to the Great Beyond. Some have been taken ere the spring of life had given way to full glorious summer. To others the summer had almost passed and they were as the ripened sheaves of grain ready for the sickle.

Today we mourn the loss of Mrs. Lina Coltrane Ridenhour, Mt. Gilead; Mrs. Emma Renn Jones, Charlotte; Mrs. Fannie Barringer Waldrop, Greensboro; Mrs. Lila Griffin Flemming, Greensboro; Miss Louise Franklin, Winston-Salem; Miss Laura Elizabeth Ledbetter, Wadesboro; Miss Lucy Curtis, Greensboro; Miss Velma Maddox, Greensboro; Miss Glennie Yelverton, Goldsboro; Mrs. Eugenia Mann Ormand, Kinston; Mrs. Mattie Johnson Gasque, Rockingham; Mrs. Nellie Hill Miller, Greensboro; Mrs. Lucy Makepeace Curtis, Greensboro; Mrs. Susan Duty Doub, Greensboro; Mrs. J. A. Odell, Greensboro; Mrs. Julia Green Thomas, Greensboro.

Here we find the young mother, our girls, who yielded up their lives during the great pestilence, women of mature age, and those who could truly say: "Life, we've been long together, Through pleasant and through cloudy weather."

Whereas, an All Wise Providence, in infinite wisdom and love, has removed these dear ones from our midst, therefore, be it resolved by the Alumnae association of Greensboro College for Women:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Second, that although saddened that the earthly vessel is broken, we cherish the memory of their Christian lives.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved families, assuring them of our tenderest sympathy; that a copy be spread on our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication also to the daily papers of Greensboro

"There is no death,
What seems so is transition,
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

Mrs. J. Ed Albright,
Mrs. John Peacock,
Mrs. E. H. Wrenn.

McCum—Aunt Martha McCum, of Walkertown, N. C., died May 18, 1919, in her 96th year. She was the oldest living member of Love's church.

Early in life Aunt Martha was converted and joined the church. She was a splendid woman and it was her delight and joy to attend the public services of the church as long as she was able to go.

In visiting her the pastor received help and inspiration for his work. She loved to read God's word and sing the Methodist hymns. In her home alone for many years she said God's word and the hymns kept her from becoming despondent. A Christian woman has gone from our midst, and yet she is not gone, for her influence will continue to live. J. C. Harmon.

JOINER—Benjamin Joiner was born January 6, 1834, died June 1, 1919, aged 85 years, 4 months and 26 days. Brother Joyner was married to Lydia Parrish January 8, 1855. Their union was blessed with twelve children, five of whom, together with his wife, preceded him to the great beyond, leaving to mourn their loss seven children and a number of grandchildren.

Brother Joiner joined the Methodist church early in life. For many years he had been a member of Love's church, Walkertown, N. C. When he was able he loved to attend church. He was a good man and his daily conversati n revealed the fact that he lived with Jesus He was always glad to have God's word read when the pastor called to see him.

June 2nd Brother Joiner was buried at Love's cemetery in the presence of a large number of loved ones and friends. The beautiful flowers showed the esteem with which he was held in his community.

J. C. Harmon.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were passed by the Ladies Local Workers of the Brevard Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in memory of Mrs. J. C. Glenn, Charlotte, N. C.:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst a beloved friend and a consecrated member, we record the memories of her gentle, dignified and lovable character. Therefore, be it resolved,

First, that her life was worthy of emulation, being marked by the un-numbered deeds of thoughtful attention for others, that radiated the blessed influence in home, community and church. Her gentleness, devotion to duty and to church, with implicit faith in her Saviour.

Second, that we bow in humble submission to His will and that we do extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives and affections, and pray that heaven's richest blessings and consolations be given to them.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, also a copy recorded on the minutes of our Local Workers and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. J. E. Sing,
Mrs. P. T. Freeland,
Mrs. Lon G Cruse,
Committee.

KALE—Lock Kale closed a useful life at his home in Newton, May 8, 1919. He lived 65 years, a member of the M. E. Church, South, from his youth. He supported it with his means and honored it with his life. He leaves a wife to mourn her loss, but she is happy amid the gloom He raised six strong boys and four good girls. These are all living and are members of the church he loved so much and served so long and well. Kind and obliging to his neighbors, they were grieved at his passing, and love to speak in kindest terms of him. We are sorry that Brother Kale is gone from us but we feel that all is well.

Brother E. W. Fox, a former pastor, conducted the funeral services, and we laid him to rest. R. M. Hoyle.

MORRIS—Laura May Cline was born December 4, 1889, died May 31, 1919, aged 29 years, 5 months and 27 days. She was married to John V. Morris January 25, 1914. She leaves a husband, one child, two step-children to mourn her going.

Sister Morris joined the church at the age of fifteen and lived a consistent life She was loved by all who knew her. As a teacher in Sunday school she left the impress of her life upon the children. She was a true wife and mother, and more she was a mother to the motherless. All honor to the woman who takes the broken threads of the bereft home and causes, by her love, the dove of peace and happiness to again build there. We shall miss her here, but we may meet her there.

May the angel of comfort abide in this bereaved home. Amid a large group of friends she was laid to rest at Lane's Chapel by her pastor, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, and the writer.

E. M. Avett.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Burkhead M. E church the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, that in the death of Mrs. Addie Boyd Morris, which occurred at the City Hospital on the morning of June 2, our society keenly feels the loss of a loyal and valued member, one whose friendship was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by her associates. May it not also be truly said that in all lines of church activity her sweet Christian disposition was ever in evidence? As a neighbor and co-worker in the Master's vineyard Sister Morris' beautiful and lovable character was perhaps best exemplified.

Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the one who doeth all things well, yet may we not give expression to the love and high esteem in which Sister Morris was held, not only by the members of our Society, but by all with whom she came in contact.

Resolved, that to the husband and five children who are bereft of a loving wife and mother and to all of the other sorrowing relatives we extend heartfelt sympathy and condolence, with the added assurance that the members of Burkhead missionary society, individually, share in the loss sustained by the removal from earth to heaven of a noble woman, whose Christian life was worthy of emulation.

May God's hand direct and His blessings ever abide with all the sorrowing ones.

Mrs. R. E. Carmichael,
Mrs. J. O. White,
Mrs. T. G. Foy.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

The inevitable hand of death has again been cast amongst us and has taken from this earthly pilgrimage out into God's grander and all perfect universe our devoted friend and faithful brother, Joel Houston Fisher, who died at his home five miles from Catawba, N. C., on the 28th day of May, 1919. He was born June 11, 1841, being 77 years, 11 months and 16 days of age.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Willie Saunders, from which happy union were born four sons and three daughters, of which number four sons and two daughters survive.

At the beginning of the Civil War he volunteered his services to the cause of his beloved Southland and served with valor throughout the entire period. But a greater service than all this did he render to the cause of Christ, for in early manhood he haerd and hearkened unto the call of his Lord, and with his face always to the enemy he fought the good fight with faith and fortitude, so that when death came he silently and composedly lay down to sleep, sustained in the last hour by the hand that he relied upon to lead him, and went out unafraid, realizing that he had finished the race and had won his crown.

He served in some official capacity in the M. E. Church, South, almost all his life, being Sunday school superintendent, trustee and steward.

Truly can we say that one of the sweetest characters we have ever known has gone out from us, and that the world is a far better place for his having lived and cast his influence for good over those with whom he associated.

And since it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove this brother who wrought so well, therefore, be it resolved:

First, that the M. E. Church, South, has lost one of its best men and most devoted members, one who was diligent in service and patient in undertaking.

Second, that Catawba circuit will for years to come feel the loss in his absence, but shall be strengthened from the effects of his beneficent affiliation and fellowship.

Third, that we extend to his bereaved children and loved ones a heart full of sympathy and love in this hour of their grief, and rejoice that we can point to his exemplary life and say to them that to follow in his footsteps is sufficient.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, The Catawba County News, that a copy be spread upon the church minutes and that a copy be given to the fmaily.

Oscar Sherrill,
J. T. Ratledge,
Samuel Turner,
Committee.

CARR—On Mother's Day of this year, May 11th, at least one young mother's heart was made sad. Brother and Sister C. C. Carr, of Goldsboro, had to follow the remains of their little infant, William Richard, to the cemetery that day; but their hearts were made glad to know that their own darling was "safe in the arms of Jesus."

William Richard Carr was born February 22, 1919, and died, after a very few weeks of struggle to live, with a defective heart, May 10, 1919.

This little life was not lived in vain. As loved ones watched the little sufferer through the days and nights, eyes and hearts were lifted to behold afresh the Supreme Sufferer, who, after having ministered unto children and men, died to save the world.

Just a little while longer and we shall go to our departed loved ones, and there we shall live with them forever. God will keep our jewels there until we come. "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." E. C. Durham.

ALLISON—William Lee Allison was born October 30th, 1869, died June 5th, 1919, aged 49 years, 7 months and 5 days. The writer had the pleasure of receiving him into the church three years ago and he was always interested in all the moral issues and everything for the betterment of the town and community in which he lived. He was devoted to his family and thoughtful about their needs. He was evidently the center of the home in every respect. Unselfish, his friends and loved ones were first in his thoughts. He was held in high esteem in the lodges of which he was a member here in the town, and a large company of friends attended his funeral, which was conducted in the Methodist church in Old Fort, and his remains were carried to his old home in the country and laid to rest in the family cemetery.

He leaves a wife, mother, three brothers, two sisters and three children and a great number of friends to mourn his departure. May God's spirit comfort all.

R. F. Mocks, P. C.

JORDAN—Margaret Elizabeth Jordan was born Sept. 17, 1837 and died June 10, 1919, aged 81 years, 8 months and 23 days. She was the mother of six children, nine living and one dead. She professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist church at the age of fourteen and was a faithful and consecrated member when the end came. Her highest ambition was to be a true Christian and to see her family saved. She was a Christian light in the home, community and church, that shone brighter day by day until the last moment of life was gone. Possibly no one life meant more to the community and church in which she lived than hers. Her faith in God and her friendly disposition won for her many friends and she will be missed, but she had finished her work and is now reaping her glorious reward with the Father above.

She leaves five children, thirty-two grand children, fifteen great grand-children and a host of friends to mourn her departure. May God comfort her loved ones. R. F. Mock.

REYNOLDS—Edward Baxter Reynolds was born April 26, 1867, and died May 7, 1919. He professed religion in his teens and lived a true and faithful Christian life. He was a good neighbor, loved by all who knew him. His sickness continued for months. He was ready and willing to go. He is resting peacefully in the bosom of his Lord. We have all faith in meeting him in that bright world where there is no more sickness. B. F. Watson.

MARRIED

At Warren church, N. C., Wednesday, June 4th, at 9 a. m., Miss Grace Warren, to Mr. George Diamond, Rev. Eugene B. Troy, P. C., officiating.

At the home of the bride, Mrs. Mary Nance, Evergreen, N. C., her youngest daughter, Miss Lelabel Nance and Mr. Grover L. Richardson, of Bolton, N. C., were happily united in holy matrimony May 20, 1919, at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. B. E. Stanfield, officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, near Alexander, N. C., on the afternoon of June 16th, Rev. E. Maurice Jones, pastor of the Walnut circuit, and Miss Zennie Rodgers, Rev. W. H. Willis, officiating. After some days at Blue Ridge they will be at home at Walnut, N. C.

At the residence of the bride's father, Morgan G. Williams, Sladesville, N. C., on June 18, 1919, Mr. Ruffin Staples, of Portsmouth, Va., and Miss Della Williams, Rev. L. T. Singleton officiating.

At the Methodist parsonage, Rowland, N. C. On Wednesday, June 18, 1919, Mr. Graham McL. Reedy to Miss Sallie McLeod, A. J. Groves, officiating.

In the college auditorium, Rutherford College, N. C., on the afternoon of Wednesday, June the 18, Miss Genevieve Rutherford, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parris M. Rutherford, to Mr. John Allen Robins, formerly of Greensboro, N. C., Rev. M. B. Clegg, officiating. The bride is the grand-daughter of the late Dr. R. L. Abernethy.

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Third Round	July
Kenly, Lucama	16
Selma, Sanders	12-13
Smithfield	13
Mill Brook, Pleasant Grove	19-20
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial	20
Granville, Roberts Chapel	26-27
August	
Oxford	1-2
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	1-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
September	
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Third Round	July
Enfield and Halifax Pierce's	4
Battleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross	5-6
Weldon, night	6
Northampton, Pleasant Grove	11
Garyburg, Seaboard	12-13
Conway, Conway	17
Rich Squart, Roxabel	18
Murfreesboro and Winton, Winton	19-20
Ridgeway, Tabernacle	26
Henderson	27-28
N. and S. Henderson, S. Henderson	27
August	
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-11

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Beaufort, 11 a. m.	6
Morehead City (night)	6
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove	12-13
Straits and Atlantic	19-20
Dover, Lane's Chapel	25
LaGrange, Hickory Grove	26-27
August	
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9 10
New Bern, Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circuit, Epworth	16
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

Third Round	July
Mount Gilead, Sardis	5-6
Mount Gilead	6-7
Laurel Hill, Old Hundred (A. M.)	13
Roberdel, Green Lake (3 P. M.)	13
Lumberton Circuit, Pine Grove (A. M.)	20
Laurinburg (night)	20
Laurinburg (A. M.)	21
Lumberton (night)	23
Maxton (night)	24
Robeson, Olivet	26-27
Rowland, Asbury (afternoon)	27
August	
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferenme (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
September	
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Dunn, Black's Chapel	13-14
Fayetteville, Camp Ground, 11 a. m.	18
Newton Grove, Ebenezer	19-20
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill	26-27
Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, 11 a. m.	28
Haw River, Merritt's Chapel, 11 a. m.	29
August	
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs, 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9-10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
September	
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Bath, Bethany	5-6

WILMINGTON DISTICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Jacksonville-Richlands, Haw Branch	5-6
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	10
Burgaw, Watha	11
Kenansville, Wesley	12
Faison-Warsaw, Goshen	13-14
Chadbourn, Evergreen	18
Tabor, Bethesda	19-20
Wallace-Rose Hill, Providence	25
Magnolia, Carlton's	26-27
Carver's Creek, Shiloh	1
August	
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round	July
Chowan, Bethany	5-6
Hertford	16
Perquimans, New Hope	17
City Road, Epworth	18
Pasquotank, Mt. Hermon	19
Edenton	20
Gates, Philadelphia	26-27
North Gates, Hebron	27-28
August	
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet	18
Dare	19
Hatteras	21
Miyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	29
Plymouth, Silcam	31

District conference at Pantego, beginning on Wednesday night, July 9, and closing on Friday night or Saturday morning. Bishop Darlington will be present and preside after Thursday.

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Graham and Haw River, 8 p. m.	6
Mt. Tirzah, Hurdle's Mill, 11 a. m.	12-13
Rougemont, Ellis Chapel, 4 p. m.	13
Mebane, Prospect, 11 a. m.	19-20
Milton, New Hope, 11 a. m.	26-27
August	
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnuct, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
August	
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River Circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Third Round	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
August	
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Grensboro, N. C.

Third Round	July
Greensboro ciruit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circucit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
August	
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ezenezer	23

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round	July
Woodleaf, South River	5-6
South Main, night	6
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m.	13
Badin, night	13
Cottonville, Rehobeth	19-20
Norwood, Randall	20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richefld	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
August	
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circucit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmony, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.

Third Round	July
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20, 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-20
Leaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. m.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday, 3 p. m.	30
Bakersville circucit, Penland, night	20-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
August	
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
Mill Spring, New Hope	16-17
Rutherfordton circuit, Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion circuit, Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.

Third Round	July
Elkland circuit, Cranberry	5-6
North Wilkes	5-6
Sparta, Piney Creek	12-13
Watauga, Mabel	12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview	19-20
Elk Parfk, Banner Elk	19-20
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
August	
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
August	
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseege, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

WINSTON DISTRICT
Third Round

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South Thomasville, July 4, night.
Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main Street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District Conference at Lexington, July 4. Opening sermon, July 2, night.

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Third Round	July
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	11
Lincolnton circuit, Marvin, 11 a. m.	12
Stanley, Trinity, 11 a. m.	13
King's Mountain, King's Mountan, 8:30 p. m.	16
Shelby circuit, Layfayette Street, 3 p. m.	17
Shelby Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Polkville, Rehoboth, 3 p. m.	18
South Fork, Zion, 11 a. m.	19
Rock Spring, Bethany, 11 a. m.	20
Lowesville, New Hope, 5 p. m.	20
Dallas, High Shoals, 8:30 p. m.	21
East End, East End, 8:30 p. m.	22
McAdenville, 8:30 p. m.	24
Mayworth, Mayworth, 11 a. m.	27
Belmont, 5 p. m.	27

District conference, Fallston, Belwood circuit, July 28-30.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m.	5-6
Mooresville circuit, Williamsons, 3 p. m.	5-6
District conference, Lenoir	14-16

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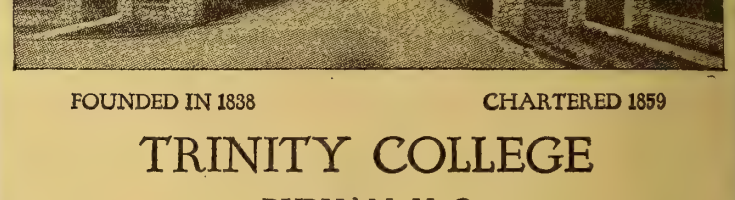
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THE AMERICAN FLAG

When freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night
And set the stars of glory there.
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
The milky baldric of the skies,
And striped the pure celestial white
With streakings of the morning light;
Then from his mansion in the sun
She called her eagle bearer down,
And gave into his mighty hand
The symbol of her chosen land.

—JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE.

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Editorial

A CORRECTION

A statement in connection with the tabulated report of the Centenary drive for the North Carolina Conference last week has made an erroneous impression. That report is not closed as was stated, but there are two supplementary reports yet to be published. One of them already in hand came in too late for this issue of the Advocate, but will appear next week; and, if we can find space for it, the final report may also appear. We regret the error, but as the reports had covered all the districts, we supposed that the report was complete. This is one of the results of men failing to report promptly in matters of this kind.

ASSISTANT EDITOR RETIRES

For several years Rev. W. L. Sherrill has served as assistant editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Both in the field and as the writer mainly of our Note and Comment department he has served faithfully and efficiently. Now that the new arrangement causes his retirement, I wish to express the sense of loss that I feel personally on this account. Brother Sherrill has been a tower of strength to me in my work, and I shall miss him. I am quite sure many Advocate readers will share with me this feeling.

A man of wide and accurate information, Brother Sherrill has always found something to interest and instruct in his interpretation of current events, and above all did not fail to give to his writing the religious flavor. While nominally separated from the work we hope still to have contributions from his pen on occasion, for we know that the hand that has written so well will hardly be content to be idle.

As our paths separate may the God who has led us hitherto still be our guide. H. M. B.

ENDOWMENT OF OUR COLLEGES

In his report to the trustees at their annual meeting, President Few, of Trinity College, calls attention to the great need of increased endowment as well as the need of money for additional buildings. He says that the endowment of Trinity should be increased by $1,500,000 and that $500,000 should be at once expended on buildings that are needed for the best work.

This opens up the whole question of endowment for all of our colleges and other educational institutions. What is true of Trinity is true of every one of our colleges. The growth of the physical plant so as to accommodate a larger number of students only increases the embarrassment and makes the situation more problematical. Unfortunately the majority of our people do not seem to comprehend the situation. They seem to think that brick and mortar, campus, library and laboratory, are all that is needed to make a college. The fact is that as the physical equipment expands the faculty must increase and the whole organization becomes more and more a liability rather than an asset. This being true it is a peril to all these institutions to keep on increasing the plant without making provision for an endowment or some means of income besides the meagre sum realized from tuition.

There is no doubt that our Methodist schools in North Carolina have reached the danger point. In a sense our success is embarrassing. We have succeeded in awakening more interest in education than we are able to take care of. Young men and women, in greatly increased numbers, are applying for admission to our colleges. We can not meet the demands and there is only one way out; that is to increase our plants and give them sufficient endowment to take care of necessary expenses and see that the doors are not shut against the worthy applicant. With all the wealth in the hands of North Carolina Methodists there should be no time lost in providing the means for taking good care of all our institutions. If we are wise it will be done.

MONUT AIRY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Editorial Letter

Time works its changes everywhere, and in nothing more than in the boundaries of our districts and pastoral charges. Industrial development and rapid changes in transportation facilities in Western North Carolina have brought about many such changes within twenty years. The result is that the Mount Airy District is something very different in geographical outline from what it was twenty years ago. The district now embraces Surry, Yadkin, Stokes and a portion of Forsyth and Rockingham. It is, perhaps, the most compact district now in the Western North Carolina Conference, all parts being easily accessible from Mount Airy, where the presiding elder lives.

The conference convened at Walnut Cove on Thursday, June 26th, at 2 p. m. The opening sermon was delivered at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Leaksville. The sermon was very appropriate, setting forth the elements of the higher Christian life.

Following the sermon, a very profitable and helpful communion service was held.

I had only Thursday to give to this conference, notwithstanding the pull of old acquaintance which made me long to stay with the brethren.

Rev. W. F. Womble, the presiding elder, was presiding in his first district conference, but, with all of his inherent modesty, did not seem at all lost or confused in the chair. Everybody loves Brother Womble, and will not fail to accord to him the utmost spirit of respect and co-operation.

Much of the afternoon was taken up with the call of the local preachers. Incidentally, a very spirited discussion arose on the question of the renewal of license in cases where local preachers habitually fail to conform to the law of the church requiring a report of their labors. There is no doubt that the church has been too lax in this respect and this discussion and the action of this conference in its refusal to renew license in one case will doubtless do good.

Two promising young men, Early Spencer Gilley, of Spray, and Josephus Gentry, of Stokesdale, were licensed to preach.

Under the inquiry as to prospective candidates for the ministry and consecration to Christian work, there was a large number of volunteers enrolled from various sections of the district. The prayer for more laborers is evidently being answered throughout the Mount Airy district.

Rev. W. M. Curtis was present and gave good account of the work of Greensboro College for Women. Rev. J. P. Rodgers spoke for the Conference Superannuate Endowment fund, and the writer spoke of the outlook for the North Carolina Christian Advocate in its larger field. It was plainly evident that the whole church has a larger vision of things than ever before.

I left the conference at the close of the first day with regret, but I am sure Brother Wall, the efficient secretary, will give the Advocate a full report.

Walnut Cove was giving the conference cordial entertainment, and the pastor, Rev. G. W. Williams, played the part of host to the satisfaction of all.

The sessions were held in a large warehouse which had been set in order, and Rev. Tom P. Jimison was on hand to lead evangelistic services for ten days. We hope to hear of a gracious revival following the conference. H. M. B.

SHALL WE HAVE A CHURCH-WIDE REVIVAL?

Signs are beginning to multiply that the leaders of our church are planning to throw emphasis shortly upon a great evangelistic effort. The signs are quite as manifest that we need it. The growth of Methodism in the United States for the past year was not satisfactory. The total increase for our branch of Methodism was only 19,301. There was an actual decrease of 26 in the number of itinerant preachers and of 211 local preachers. Practically all the other items show the figure on the wrong side of the ledger. The Methodist Episcopal Church (North) shows a decrease of membership in this country, and it is only the increase of more than 30,000 in India that saves the denomination from a decrease in membership. It is true we have been passing through the perils of war, and war at its best is demoralizing; but this does not change the fact that our church is not having the growth that we ought to have.

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Can We Organize a Revival? The literature for a revival propaganda is beginning to drift into this office. It is coming from men who are appointed by the church to do just that sort of work. We are told that the organization of the Centenary is to be preserved and turned in this direction. The minute men are to be retained and used for this purpose, as they were used so effectively in the Centenary campaign. There will be some modifications of plans. We are already informed that there will be put on next spring a great evangelistic campaign, but that no pastor will be asked to delay any work of that kind in his church that he may wish to do before that time. If we catch aright the foreword that is being passed along, there will be a "drive" of an evangelistic nature planned to culminate about next Easter, and the might of a mass movement is to be hurled against the bulwarks of Satan simultaneously from the Carolinas on the Atlantic to California on the Pacific. Do not forget that we must have a revival.

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Methodism and Revivals. Methodism was certainly born in a revival. At the beginning it was itself nothing but a revival in the Protestant Episcopal Church of England. Its wonderful progress through the nearly two centuries of its history has been marked by revival work. We doubt if ten per cent of its membership has come in through other methods than through revivals. The pioneer Methodist preacher was primarily a revivalist. He preached constanly with the expectation of immediate results. He delivered his message, called for penitents, prayed with them at the altar and saw them happily converted to God. To see these results was essential to his happiness. His very soul was aflame with a gospel of immediate salvation. He believed in the supernatural power of the Spirit to convert a sinner and make a saint of him. He expected to see drunkards sober up and live as becometh the gospel. And they did it. Methodism went in this spirit into all the nooks and corners of the wilderness in search of the lost, and the desert was made to resound with the shouts of new-born souls. Multitudes were gathered into the kingdom, and the church grew in membership and in spiritual power in the world as no other church ever has. We must have a revival.

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The Present Need of a Revival. There are more than 100,000,000 people in the United States of America. Only about forty million of these are even affiliated with any church. Only about 25,000,000 are affiliated with all the various branches of the Protestant church. Something over seven million, or nearly one in three, are members of the Methodist church. Too many of these—the per cent we would not dare to say—have a name to live, but are dead. But not to speak of the merely nominal church members who need to be revived, there are sixty million people in the United States who are not affiliated with any church. What a vast field for endeavor! Some one has figured it out that there are four million adults in the United States who, if they are ever converted at all, will likely be converted in a Methodist revival. Four million of them! and the chances of ever reaching them are daily decreasing! for the sake of these immortal souls, do not talk of waiting till next Easter. Go after them today. We must have a revival.

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A Revival Not a Mechanical Thing. God has ever brought about revival through human agencies; He will do so again. The fruit always appears on the branch of the vine. Christ says that He is the vine and His disciples are the branches. And you never saw a bunch of grapes on last year's growth. The branch must be a growing branch if it produces fruit. The branch cannot grow except it abide in the vine. You may cut the trunk of a vine from its roots. You may mortice the branches into the trunk and make the whole thing look somewhat natural. If done with sufficient skill, it might deceive the eye, but it would never bear grapes. You might even hang bunches of grapes on the branches, but they would be dead grapes. No human skill and power can manufacture the real article. Do not forget that we can bear fruit only as we abide in Christ. You may patch up a church organization and hang on a few dead names to the roll occasionally; but the living, growing, soul-saving church

must abide in Jesus Christ. The vitalizing power must come from Him. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." We must have a revival. God speed its coming!

NOTE AND COMMENT

The American Bible Society has had the greatest year in its history. The war crippled many of the Bible publishing plants by enlisting so many of their force that they could not maintain their standard of production. This may have been true of the American Bible Society; but, if so, they will report a record breaking year as to the number of Scriptures published. More than 6,000,000 volumes were turned out by that society. It reports that it published and distributed to the soldiers of the Allies during the great war more than 7,000,000 copies. The society has just celebrated its 103rd anniversary, and during the century has published more than 134,000,000 volumes of the Scriptures in 150 languages. The society's budget, including costs of transportation, revision, production, and distribution, is approximately one million dollars annually.

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The League of Nations. Before these lines will be read by our subscribers, it is more than probable that Germany will have signed the peace treaty at Paris. This is by far the most important peace treaty that has been signed between the nations in the history of the world. The largest number of the leading nations of the world are invovled in it. Germany made a tremendous thrust at the very heart of civilization, and now she is having to begin to pay the price. It is to be hoped she is learning the lesson, "Be sure your sin will find you out." And yet it is not vengeance that is to be written into that treaty. Not even full justice can be meted out to Germany. She could never pay the price. The damage she has done is beyond her power to repay, and much of that damage was accomplished before that fatal day in 1914 when the war dogs were unleashed. One after another of the nations were drawn into the turmoil till almost the whole world was engaged in the desperate struggle. Now the nations interested in that peace treaty are equally numerous, and the most important feature of that treaty is the League of Nations to prevent a repetition of what the world has experienced of internecine strife in the last five years. We are aware of the fact that no compact of nations can of itself accomplish the end desired. Back of all treaties is the character of the people who treat. If a nation will regard its solemn compact only "a scrap of paper" when it contravenes what seems to be its selfish interest, of what value are treaties? A League of Nations if the nations are to be of that type, would be worthless for the end in view But we do not believe that the nations of the earth have sunk to that low level, and the fate of the one that dared to do it ought to serve as a warning to any nation in the future who should be tempted to follow that course. It is because we have a better faith in the character of nations that we believe that the proposed League of Nations is something worth while on the high way of the world's life toward the goal of permanent peace. We confess to little patience with those who in this critical hour of the world's life for the sake of partisan or selfish ends will lay a ruthless hand upon this sacred instrument. Free speech is a great thing, but we cannot avoid the regret that churlish and base men in high places at some crucial moments have the use of it. The very sanctity of this freedom ought to carry with it the solemn obligation to "take heed how" they "use this liberty." We are face to face with the fact that this nation must accept this League as it is, or assume the responsibility for defeating it as a whole. We are dealing now with a world problem—a problem that touches all the great peoples of the world—and it is not to be expected that it will exactly suit all the would-be critics who have seen the situation only from one little angle. It is rather to be assumed that the greatest statesmen of the world have been engaged in the formation of this League, and it will become us at least to approach its consideration in the spirit of concession and with the sincerest purpose. We should adopt it as the best political means at hand to maintain the peace of the world.

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A Kind Word Appreciated. Under the caption "A Good Neighbor Gone," our esteemed confrere, the Biblical Recorder, last week had the following to say about us: "For two decades the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the Biblical Recorder have had their offices in the same building, and have been printed on the same presses. Dr. T. N. Ivey was the editor during the greater part of the first decade, and after his retirement, Rev. L. S. Massey was appointed editor. By an arrangement which was entered into at the last two conferences in the state, the two Advocates will be consolidated, and will be issued from Greensboro. This will take from the Recorder building and from Raleigh, Rev. L. S. Massey, who has occupied offices just across the hall from the editorial rooms of the Recorder. Brother Massey has made a fine neighbor. He is a cultured, consecrated Christian gentleman, and has made a most excellent paper. Our relations have been very pleasant, and we regret to see him go." These kindly words are genuinely appreciated, and we are glad that we can most heartily reciprocate with reference to Brother Johnson and his co-workers in the building the sentiment which he so kindly expresses. Our relations have been most cordial.

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The World-Wide Movement for the Prohibition of the beverage liquor traffic has been definitely launched. While the liquor forces are doing their level best to buck the eighteenth ammendment to the Federal Constitution, and especially to avert the enforcement of war-time prohibition, this great reform movement is going straight ahead with its plans to combat this monster evil of the race in every land. This is the more necessary now that all the world is being pressed into one neighborhood. When a man can leave the United States and be in England by the setting of the sun, there is no need to talk of one being indifferent to the conditions that prevail in the other. Booze can fly across the Atlantic now in less than twenty-four hours if you can keep the booze out of the flyer. Then the liquor interests are definitely laying their plans to invade China and India and Africa and the other belated nations with their infamous business. There are those who say that the prohibitionists are trying to force their personal habits on the rest of mankind, but they seem to forget that the whiskey interests are trying to force the immoral habit of drink upon every person whom they can lure into its toils. We are perfectly aware that we cannot legislate men into a religious life. We cannot force men to be moral. No prohibitionist claims anything of the kind. But we do contend that it is no proper function of the State to throw the strong arm of the law around any business that is wholly pernicious to the best interest of men, and we do contend further that society is entitled to be protected from the debauchery and crime that are the inevitable attendants of the liquor business in any form in which it can be carried on. Its very success demands these things as its concomitant. It cannot succeed without it.

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The Signing of the Peace Treaty at Paris marks an epoch in the life of the world. There have been wars before, and they have been costly in blood and money; but never has there been one before on such a scale, whether you consider the number of great nations involved, the number of men in battle line, or the methods and instruments of warfare employed. It is safe to say that never had there been such a thrust at the very heart of civilization as that which the German Imperial Government conceived and backed with all the military skill and power acquired by a half century of definite planning and training. It was launched in the full light of what was considered a high state of civilization. In science and philosophy they were leading the world—and as has been demonstrated in a fearfully ruinous direction. All this was done for the purpose of enabling Germany to dominate the world, and it has required the combined effort of practically the rest of the world to frustrate their infamous design. Now that design has been frustrated. Germany has been forced to sign the treaty of peace that wrests from her any place of leadership among the nations of the earth. To preserve what has been gained a League of Nations has been formed and will now be submitted to the governments involved along with the peace treaty for ratification. There are indications that certain members of the United States Senate will attack his arrangement. There are some recalcitrants on both sides of the Senate chamber that seem disposed to give trouble. We regret that this is so. An amendment offered by our government from our viewpoint would have to be submitted to the other governments involved and they would necessarily look at it from their viewpoint. They could claim the same privilege of offering amendments, and thus the door would be opened for endless wrangling. It is a Pandora's Box; let it not be opened. Let us have peace.

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War-Time Prohibition went into effect July 1st. The liquor element had clung to the forlorn hope that the President would interpose at the last moment and set aside this measure, thus giving to this business another lease on life for six months or more. While he has given them comfort on more than one occasion, he did not go this length, and the United States will be legally dry till the completion of demobilization. This is being variously estimated, according to the predilection of the one predicting how soon it can be done. We notice that Mr. Randall, the one party prohibitionist in Congress, says that it cannot be done before October 1st at the earliest, while some one else has estimated that it may be completed by August 10. The President has made it clear that he will not delay the announcement of the completion of demobilization in order to save the country from the debauchery of another lease of a few months' life of the legalized traffic. Unless some other measure can be provided to prevent it, the country will have to suffer this ordeal.

PERSONAL MENTION

—Rev. Euclid McWhorter, Chapel Hill, has been visiting recently at Morehead City, where he was formerly pastor.

—Rev. B. H. Black, pastor of Granville circuit, has been spending his vacation on a visit to his wife's people in Hyde county.

—Rev. Raymond Browning will conduct a three week's revival at Ayden, N. C., beginning July 13. Rev. E. W. Glass is the pastor.

—Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of our church at Dunn, preached the opening sermon at the Fayetteville District Conference, which was held at Roseboro last week.

—Rev. J. M. Ormond, of Elizabeth City, and Rev. A. L. Ormond, of Rockingham, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Laura E. Turnage, Ayden, recently.

—The membership of Nashville Methodist church provided the means for their pastor, Rev. L. B. Jones, to attend the great Centenary Exposition now being held at Columbus, Ohio.

—Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., has been appointed to supply St. Pauls church, Maxton, to relieve Rev. C. C. Alexander who prior to his appointment there had an engagement for the summer which it is necessary for him to keep.

—Rev. C. R. Ross and family left Jonesboro on the morning of June 16 for Lake Junaluska, where Brother Ross' family will spend the summer at their cottage at that place. Brother Ross expects to return shortly to his work.

—Rev. F. S. Love, president of Louisburg College, preached at Creedmoor June 22nd. The Times-News of that place says: "He preached an able sermon. Our people were glad to have Mr. Love with them and wish a return visit."

—We acknowledge receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Miss Daisy Darel Fuqua to Rev. John Bascom Hurley on the twelth of June. They will be at home at Elm City after June 26. We extend to the happy couple our congratulations and best wishes.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Gibson, N. C., accompanied by Mrs. Berta Adams, of that place, have gone to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the great Centenary exposition now being held at that place. They left on the 18th inst., and expect to take in the entire celebration.

—A note from Rev. R. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district, brings us the sad information of the death of Mr. W. S. Blanchard, of Hertford, N. C. He passed away at his home in that place on Tuesday night, June 24, and his funeral service was conducted on Thursday afternoon by his pastor, Dr. W. B. North, assisted by Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor of First Church, Elizabeth City. We regret that we have none of the particulars of his last illness. Brother Blanchard was one ef the leading citizens of Hertford, and a loyal member of the Methodist Church. Rev. R. H. Willis married his daughter. A good man has gone. Our sincere sympathies are extended to the sorrowing loved ones.

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AFTER THE CENTENARY "DRIVE"

The Methodists of America, by the success of the Centenary Movement, have demonstrated anew their vigor, their capability, and their efficiency. Their own self-respect has been increased. The esteem of their fellow Christians has been enlarged. And the admiration and applause of the people generally, to a degree hitherto unknown, has been won.

This movement has called into action the unused powers of many strong men and women in our churches and has quickened their consciousness of personal responsibility for the effectiveness of the church. This new sense of personal obligation, this new consciousness of matters religious, is a tremendous asset which makes possible a greatly enlarged service in the interest of a lost world.

America was never more conscious than today of the need of a nation-wide reviving of genuine Christianity and personal religion. With our immense wealth has come luxury, softness and selfish worldliness, which can result only in pitiable weakness and woeful wickedness. This is now glaringly evident in our great centers and becoming so in all sections. Our national bigness, our vast resources, and the recent exhibition of our mightiness as a world power will develop a sense of superiority and a spirit of haughtiness that will make us despised of men and nations, unless these powers be directed to some high, moral, human purpose. There is danger here which only devotion to noble and holy aim can avert. Nations come to greatness by their virtues; they enter upon their decline by their vices. Religion is essential to keeping pure the current of our national life.

The condition of the world mind today seems to make the present time especially propitious for a great religious awakening. Old systems of thought, worship and life have been shattered. Old beliefs have been subjected to profound questionings. The sense of human deficiency has become depressing. There is a heart cry for spiritual realities. New alignments are being formed. New powers are being sought. New expectations have been awakened. The world seems ready for the great outstanding truths of religion, and the heart of mankind yearns for a new sense of personal relationship to a Heavenly Father and a redeeming Saviour.

To whom should the world look at this time of its spiritual need more than to the sons and daughters of Wesley. Their message is—and has been—that of the New Testament—God in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The spring of their evangelistic effort and fervor is a sense of an indefinite debt to Jesus Christ, which has characterized them through all their history. And wherever modern Methodism retains, to any degree, its primal impulse, it is seeking the lost. The life and vigor of Methodism is bound up with the spirit of evangelism. For her to become unfaithful to this task, is for her to perish. The Methodist church has no foe so deadly as self-satisfaction. Its chief concern today, therefore, should not be doctrinal system, or an eclesiastical policy—these have stood their test—but with the one task of reaching the lost sinners of this broken and bleeding world with the gospel of power and salvation. This is the primary task of the Christian church in every age and the spiritual vigor of every congregation of Christians depends upon the fidelity with which the task is pursued. Every congregation should be an evangelistic center and force and every saved man a seeker after his brother's good.

A revival of religion, church-wide, nation-wide and world-wide, has already begun with the Methodists of America. The nine months, and more, given to a campaign in which the emphasis was placed constantly upon intercession, stewardship of property, stewardship of life and service and the claims of the unsaved world, created a new sense of personal responsibility in religious matters in the entire membership of the church. Many are the testimonies of the spiritual uplift which has come to individuals and congregations in the development of the Centenary program. There is, in a word, abundant evidence of the divine approval of this movement, and from every quarter comes the suggestions and appeals that this is "the accepted time" for an intense evangelism, in which the whole world shall be enlisted.

What is now needed is not so much the revival effort as the revival attitude and state. The genuine revival is not something to be had and done with. Time is an essential element in a great awakening—and a half year, or a whole year, is not too much to devote, all but exclusively, to this one thing in each church. The Wesleyan revival, which brought Methodism into being, was a movement, and it penetrated into the depths of the moral life of the people, purged human hearts of vileness, healed social disorders, and restored national life to the ways of virtue and integrity. A profound revival of religion in America can come only from the honest, vital, interpretative preaching of the New Testament gospel of Jesus Christ and the serious call to holy living and to the profound experience of salvation in Him. The pulpit must be marked by sanity, seriousness and competency, and be the herald of consuming passion for the salvation of the people. The pew must awaken to its evangelistic mission and responsibility in every community.

A genuine religious awakening is of God. God is the source, the strength and support of such a holy work. A church may be ever so well equipped, and its organization may be well nigh perfect, and yet all but dead spiritually. It is wanting in the life that God alone can give. The fathers had poor facilities for church work, but they knew the way of God, were able to interpret the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and gracious revivals followed their labors. By its evangelistic activities Methodism has come to its great strength.

We, therefore, call upon our people, who have made such a noble offering of their material wealth for the evangelization of the world, to make a genuine revival of religion the subject of constant prayer at the family altar and in their private devotions. Let all their powers be consecrated to the supreme work of soul winning.

Great prayer and devout and diligent reading and study of the Holy Scriptures in search for the will of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit have characterized every great religious awakening. Deepening of the spiritual life in the ministry and membership of the church cannot be less than primary and essential. Means for the accomplishment of this end should be diligently employed. Enduements with power follow the baptisms of the Holy Spirit. The mind of the church must be set and held upon these things. The great and essential doctrines of Christianity should be faithfully unfolded anew and proclaimed with power. When the gospel in its sweep and fullness is faithfully and powerfully presented and the people are really made to see Jesus the Saviour, then worldliness will be abhorred and be straightway put off. The sins of modern life, personal and social, economic and political, will come to judgment before the uplifted Christ. The one thing needed today is that Christ be preached.

The church has created a Commission on Evangelism and charged it with the responsibility of promoting revivals throughout the churches, inspiring the ministry to earnest pastoral and personal evangelism, and developing the evangelistic spirit and method among church members. This Commission is now, we are informed, giving serious thought to this vital work. In each Annual Conference there is a Commission on Evangelism that is auxiliary to the general commission. The day upon which we are entering furnishes the opportunity for these agencies to justify their existence in providing a leadership in this campaign for souls. The superb organization which brought such generous success to the Centenary might well be put at the command of the Commission on Evangelism, for such service as a church-wide revival movement may require, and this organization may be able to render.

We strongly recommend that the Annual Conferences at their coming sessions, set apart a season for self-examination, reconsecration, special prayer and earnest consideration of this supreme subject of winning souls, with the end in view that the members of the Annual Conferences, preachers and laymen, may go forth from the annual gatherings with the revival fires burning in their souls. All the exercises of the Annual Conference, including the preaching, addresses, social intercourse, work of committees and boards, and reports of preachers, should be so directed as to emphasize the importance of making the ensuing Conference a time of great revival power. Here is an opportunity for the Conference Commission on Evangelism, the committee on public worship, the president of the Conference, the presiding elders and others to lead in the return to the spirit and method of New Testament Evangelism, which preaches to the changeless need of the world, with a conviction too deep for hysteria, too holy and reverent for sensationalism, Jesus Christ and Him crucified. No other message is the power of God unto salvation.

Let the evangelistic note be made prominent in all assemblies, institutes, conventions, summer conferences and district conferences. The problem of a popular and profitable program will be solved if the revival fires from heaven begin to fall on these gatherings. The Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, missionary societies, and other organized agencies among our people, should be made the occasion for study of God's word and for prayer, looking to a great religious awakening. Let the main feature of one round of quarterly conferences—six thousand, five hundred and four of them—be the necessary preparation on the part of the official members of the church to meet their obligation to God and to their community in this greatest business of winning men to Christ. These should be occasions of heart searching and honest dealing in the presence of God.

Our Methodism is a mighty force with great numbers and large wealth. It has recently shown commendable liberality and a genuine effectiveness in its organized activities. Its supreme need at this hour is a baptism of divine power, a Pentacost of Heavenly love, and enduement with the Holy Spirit for bringing salvation to a lost world. For this let all the people make humble, earnest and continued supplication. Tarry—tarry until you be endued with power from on high.

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Wm. F. McMurray,
John M. Moore,
Wm. B. Murrah,
U. V. W. Darlington,
Committee.

A GREAT REVIVAL NEXT

H. A. Boaz, D. D.

The Centenary financial drive is over. It's results will abide forever. Our highest expectations were surpassed. A new day has dawned for the Kingdom of God. A new era for American Methodism is on. Our church has been greatly quickened and other denominations inspired to undertake similar campaigns.

The great Inter-Church World Movement received its inspiration from the Centenary program.

The only disappointing feature was the failure on the part of many of our rich men to respond with large gifts. Where many large gifts were expected, only a few came in. It may be they are waiting to endow our schools a little later. Let us hope that they will catch the vision of a greater day and rally to the call of our schools in the near future.

The securing of this large sum of money was a great achievement. Dr. Beauchamp and all his coadjutors deserve much credit for the splendid work done and the brilliant results achieved. The whole church was thoroughly organized and, with telling effect, delivered itself on this objective. No military expedition has ever been better organized than General Beauchamp's army of Methodists. Greater honor awaits the genius of the commanding spirit.

The greatest results have not yet been achieved. Larger things are in the future. A great revival of religion must result from this campaign. In fact, it is already apparent. "The leaves are rustling in the Mulberry Trees," and a great spiritual awakening is at hand. The great fund that has been pledged is a sure token of a greater interest in spreading the gospel throughout the earth. The church has been awakened to a realization of its own strength.

The Centenary organization should be maintained and its attention now turned to the great work of winning men and women to a deeper consecra-

tion of life, and a nobler order of living. The one great need of the day is a deeper spiritual life on the part of preachers and laymen, and a greater passion for the salvation of lost souls. No more week of emotional excitement and religious fervor will prove sufficient. We need to preach the great fundamental doctrines in the light of this new day and look for an abiding spiritual power that will bring men in closer communion with God and lead them into the life of consecrated service. The day of regeneration is at hand. A great program must be planned and executied.

This age will not measure men's piety by loud professions, shouting or singing, but by their deeds of loving service. The need of the day is a revival that will bring better physical, intellectual and spiritual conditions for all men.

The Centenary campaign has revealed some of the latent forces of the church, and great things will be dared by many congregations. At the Memphis meeting of Conference secretaries and directors, a very successful manufacturer and layman in our church, Mr. W. E. Brock, from Chattanooga, made a memorable statement which shows the new trend of things. He had talked privately with me in the hotel lobby and so impressed me that I asked him to say the same things to the secretaries and directors. When called on by Dr. Beauchamp, he said something like the following:

"I am sorry that I was not called to preach, but as I was not, I desire to do the best I can as a layman. After the world war was in full swing, and the Government and Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. were all doing business on a new and much larger scale, I was ashamed that our church was doing so little and remained so long on a pre-war basis. But, when the Centenary campaign got under way the church seemed to be on the new big basis, and I was delighted. The subscription of more than thirty-five million dollars seems a big thing and it is, but greater things are in the future. This is but the beginning of what will follow.

"I have already called our Chattanooga district officers to meet me at the Patton Hotel next Tuesday night. We are to put on a campaign to fill all the Methodist churches in the district. There is no inspiration in an empty pew. We expect to fill them. We want to give our preachers somebody to preach to, and will expect the preachers to have something to tell us when we come.

"While this program is on I expect to begin another campaign to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to build, out of one treasury, seven new churches in and arund Chattanooga. Some of our churches would not make a good garage, and yet our children are expected to attend Sunday school in these places and worship God under such uninspiring surroundings. We must build suitable places of worship."

The statement was received with much enthusiasm. It indicates what an awakening there is, at least, in some parts of the church. Let us hope that many other strong laymen will catch the same vision and dare to undertake big things for the church.

The day for the general awakening is dawning. Let every faithful soul watch and pray for the speedy coming of the Kingdom of God in new power.

OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

The Anti-Saloon League of America closed its twenty-sixth year with a great convention at Washington, June 3-6. The convention was a jubilee for the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment, and a call to battle for law enforcement in the United States, and for world-wide prohibition.

The national officers elected are as follows:

President, Dr. Luther B. Wilson; General Superintendent, Dr. P. A. Baker; Associate Superintendent, Dr. Howard H. Russell; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. E. J. Moore; General Secretary and Manager of Publishing Interests, Ernest H. Cherrington; National Attorney, Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler; Legislative Superintendent, Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie; Treasurer, Foster Copeland.

Legislative Committee:—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Chairman; Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler, Secretary; Dr. A. J. Barton, E. H. Cherrington, W. H. Anderson.

National Executive Committee:—Fillmore Condit, Chairman; Frederick Fosdick, Massachusetts; Wm. H. Anderson, New York; Allen Sutherland, Pensylvania; James Cannon, Jr., Virginia; J. A. White, Ohio; S. S. Kresge, Michigan; A. J. Scrogin, Illinois; H. B. Carre, Tennessee; L. B. Musgrove, Alabama; A. J. Barton, Louisiana; Claudius Spencer, Missouri; F. J. Stoughton, Wisconsin; S. K. Warwick, Nebraska; D. M. Gandier, California; J. S. Hoagland, South Dakota; Wm. F. Cochran, Maryland; P. E. Selby, Ohio; W. J. Milburn, Texas.

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World League Against Alcoholism

The most important action taken by the Anti-Saloon League Convention was the ratification by the Board of Directors of the constitution of the World League Against Alcoholism. This League was organized by the adoption of a constitution which was signed by the representatives of the Anti-Saloon League and by the representatives of the leading temperance organizations of Canada, Mexico, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, England, Ireland Scotland, France, Switzerland and Denmark. It is practically assured that the constitution will also be adopted by the temperance organizations of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Bohemia, Holland and Belgium. The constitution of the World League was formally signed by the delegates at noon on Saturday, June 7th, after which a picture was taken of the signers.

The officers of the World League for four Joint-President, namely, Dr. R. Herod, Switzerland; Rt. Hon. Lief Jones, England; Dr. Howard H. Russell, United States; M. Emile Vandevelde, Belgium. A Vice-President was elected from each country, Dr. P. A. Parker representing the United States. Mr. Miles Vokes, Canada, was elected Teasurer and Ernest H. Cherrington, General Secretary. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of fifteen is Bishop James Cannon, Jr. Other members of the Executive Committee from the United States are, Wayne B. Wheeler, L. B. Musgrove, W. H. Anderson, A. J. Davis, Howard H. Russell, E. H. Cherrington.

It was decided to hold the first World Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the year 1920, probaly in March or September.

NEARLY AS OLD AS THE CENTENARY

The publication of the Christian Advocate really began in 1834 when it was established at Nashville and was called the Western Methodist. Revs. Lewis Garrett and John Newland Moffitt were the editors. In 1836 The Western Methodist was merged into the Southern Advocate. Rev. Thomas Stringfield was elected editor by the General Conference. In 1840 Rev. Jno. B. McFerrin, D. D., became editor. In 1846 the name of the paper was changed to Nashville Christian Advocate. The word "Nashville" was dropped in 1858 when Rev. H. N. McTyeire, D. D., became editor. Rev. Thos. O. Summers was elected editor in 1866 and served until 1878, when Rev. O. P. Fitgezrald, D. D., became editor. In 1886, Rev. Warren Candler, D. D., was elected assistant editor and after two years Rev. Jno. W. Boswell, D. D., was elected to succeed Dr. Candler. The General Conference of 1890 elected Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., editor, and Rev. E. M. Bounds, D. D., assistant editor. The latter served four years and was succeeded by Dr. Jno. W. Boswell. In 1902 Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D., was elected editor and served until 1910. During this time, Rev. S. M. Godbey was assistant editor. In 1910, Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., was elected editor. Rev. Jno. S. Chadwick, D. D., became assistant editor and served until the summer of 1918 when he was succeeded by Rev. R. S. Satterfield.

During all these years the circulation of the Advocate did not vary largely. The number on the mailing list ranged from 12,000 to 22,000. The Tennessee Conference for obvious reasons has always furnished the largest number of subscribers. It heads the list at present. The name of the oldest living subscriber is not known. It is nothing unusual for the editors to receive letters from those who speak of their having read the Christian Advocate for sixty years and more.

The present weekly circulation of the Christian Advocate is about 38,000. During the recent campaign for new subscribers 23,000 names were added to the list. This means that the paper is now reaching a constituency of nearly 150,000. The Christian Advocate threw all of its resources into the work of helping to make the Centenary of Missions a success. It began to push this enterprise with all its strength from the very first and week after week continued its efforts. During the Centenary campaign the Centenary matter contained in the Advocate, advertising, editorials and contributions, amounted to more than 4,700 narrow column inches representing nearly 200,000 words, or more than four solid issues of the Advocate, or three volumes of good size of 200 pages each. The commercial value of all the space, according to reasonable advertising rates would be worth more than $6,000. This was part of the Christian Advocate's contribution to the Centenary.

The Christian Advocate's relations with the Conference organs have been most brotherly. It has been realized that there is no reason why there should be any competition between the connectional organ and the Conference organ. Each supplies a need which the other cannot supply. Every member of the church needs his Conference organ and also an outside general paper like the Christian Advocate.

The Christian Advocate is prepared to adapt itself to the fact that a new era has dawned for Christian journalism in Methodism. The war and the Centenary have wrought conditions under which the church must suffer unless she be a reading church in a sense never known before.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. A. D. BETTS

"Doctor Betts was a remarkable man. I have known no other man so completely absorbed in the one work for which he had a passion, the great work of saving souls.

In this respect he reminded me of Saint Paul. He had Wesley's genius for personal work. No opportunity escaped him. In this way he won many souls to Christ. I doubt whether any other man has lived among us who has accomplished so great a work in this field—the neglected field.

Everybody was his friend, and they loved him. As a rule all men have enemies, but he was an exception. When he made his appeal for souls people would listen. They had confidence in his message because they had confidence in him.

When he was superannuated he accepted it as an opportunity for a larger field and everywhere he went he let no opportunity escape to press Christ and him crucified upon all whom he met. He was never happier than when his brother ministers invited him to preach for them. I never regarded him as in reality a supeannuated man. He was full of good works almost to the last day of his life. Verily he has many stars in his crown."—President J. M. Rhodes, at the burial of Rev. A. D. Betts, in Greensboro, N. C.

RELIGIOUS PRESS POINTERS

W. W. Pinson

This involves editors. They must get their quills busy. Get the stride of the big hour and then hold it. Set your best wits to work on the best plan then work it out. Call to your aid your highest advertising skill. Talk your goods. Get in the game strong enough to make other folks play it with you.

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This means Presiding Elders. How can anything be done in Methodism without these nerve centers of the Kingdom? Set every district humming with a story for subscribers. Make a Captain's call for a crack corps of workers. Set a high standard for your district and go to it.

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This means laymen and women who love the Kingdom. It cannot be done without them. They alone can make the slackers blush. They create the kind of public opinion that goes to the quick. They must get busy if the thing is done.

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This means pastors. The editor is the ally of the pastor. Push the paper and it will boost you and your work. Talk it to the pulpit and to the folks. It will kindle new fires of loyalty in the homes of your people.

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The conservation program of the Centenary demands no less than what we have been saying. The great revival for which we are praying and planning cannot reach its highest without it. There are other reasons, but these are enough to compel us to our best endeavors, so, "let's go."

Notes and Correspondence

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Winston district, Lexington, July 2-4.
Charlotte district, Marshville, July 2-3.
Marion district, Marion, July 24.
Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25.
Shelby district. Fallston, July 28-30.
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10.
Elizabeth City district, Pantego, July 9-11.
Wilmington district, Rocky Point, July 8-10.
Raleigh, district, Cary, July 22-24.
Warrenton district, Conway July 15-17.
Statesville district, Lenoir, July 14-16.
Salisbury, Kannapolis, July 23-24.

PERSONAL AND NEWS NOTES

—The World's Sunday School Convention is to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in October, 1920.

—Bishop James Cannon is now at Lake Junaluska where he expects to remain till September.

—Rev. O. I. Hinson, of Clayton, is assisting Rev. S. A. Cotton, of Smithfield in revival services. The meeting began last Sunday.

—Rev. J. A. B. Fry, formerly a member of the Western North Carolina conference, is now pastor of our church in Corvallis, Oregon.

—It is announced that the Episcopal church in the United States will launch a campaign for $20,000,000 for a progressive fund this fall.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street church, this city, left for Columbus on Monday morning. He will be gone for a week or ten days.

—The revival meeting will begin at Nebo, McDowell circuit, on July 3rd. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Fry, will be assisted by Rev. W. L. Dawson, of Forest City.

—Rev. R. E. Hunt, of the Clyde circuit, is one of the fortunate ones. He is at Columbus this week by the good grace of the people of Clyde and Lake Junaluska churches.

—Rev. F. S. Love, president of Louisburg College, filled the pulpit at Creedmore on Sunday, June 22. The pastor was absent on a visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

—Rev. M. F. Moores, pastor of our church in Hendersonville, is off this week to the great exposition. His people, of whom he says there are none finer, are sending him with purse for expenses.

—The Seashore hotal at Wrightsville beach was destroyed by fire on last Thursday night. There were more than three hundred guests in the building, many of them making narrow escape.

—Rev. A. B. Crumpler, evangelist, announces that he has open dates from July16-24. These dates he will be glad to give to any brother needing his services in revival work. His address is Clinton, N. C.

—Prof. D. M. Weatherly, who for many years was a teacher at Franklinville, and who was last year in charge of the school at Ruffin has been elected superintendent of the Randleman schools. Prof. Weatherly is a good Methodist layman.

—The Wesleyan Christian Advocate says that the Baptists have bought a site in Atlanta and the announcement has gone forth that on it will be erected a million dollar hospital. Work, it is said, on the building, will begin about the first of November.

—Rev. L. B. Jones, our pastor at Nashville, writes: I leave for the Centenary celebration Tuesday, 24th. My good people anticipated my needs and furnished me with a g od fat purse to pay expenses. This is one time in my travels that "Jones" doesn't pay the freight.

—Our congregation at Mt. Holly is showing genuine appreciation of the work of Rev. C. M. Short. He left monday for Columbus with a purse sufficient to finance his trip and a vacation of one month. He writes the Advocate a note expressing great appreciation of the people of Mount Holly.

—Rev. I. F. Shaver, of Richfield, requests us to announce that he is in position to render service in protracted meetings during the greater part of July and August. He and Mrs. Shaver will return from Columbus about the 8th of July and will sail for Japan in September. Address him at Richfield, N. C.

—The Culpeper meeting at Salisbury, now in the third week is reported to be taking a wide range and many are being converted. The great tabernacle has been enlarged and still the crowds are too large for its capacity.

—Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, closed a gracious revival at Walnut Street on Sunday night. No such crowds and widespread interest have been seen at that place in recent years. The meeting continued two weeks and more than fifty persons professed conversion and there were thirty additions to the church. Brother Gibbs left Tuesday for Columbus with a purse of $75 contributed by the congregation to defray expenses.

—Rev. W. T. Phipps recently closed a good meeting at Freemont. There was increasing interest till the last service on Sunday night, June 15th. Mr. W. R. Dosher, a business man, of Wilmington, led the singing and delighted the people with his tenor solos. On Sunday evening, June 22nd, a welcome service for all the returned soldiers was held. Brother Phipps and wife left last week for a three weeks' visit to their old home in Maryland.

—We have learned with deep regret that Mrs. Ball, wife of Rev. J. H. Ball, presiding elder of the Shawnee district, East Oklahoma conference, passed away on Monday, June 26. She had never fully recovered from an attack of influenza she suffered last fall. Brother Ball is the son of Mrs. M. J. Ball, of this city and has been in the west since the beginning of his ministerial career. He will have the sympathy of many friends among Advocate readers.

Warrenton District Conference

The Warrenton District Conference will convene at Conway, N. C., Tuesday evening, July 15, with the opening sermon by Rev. G. B. Starling, and will close Thursday evening, July 17.

The pastors are requested to prepare written reports on all subjects required by the discipline and to see that their quarterly conference records are on hand for examination.

Revs. H. M. Eure, W. C. Merritt and J. M. Wright are appointed a committee on all examinations.

All visitors should notify the host of the conference, Rev. J. J. Boone, Conway, N. C. E. M. Snipes.

Prospects Bright

In the Advocate of June 19, I stated that Rutherford College needed an endowment of $200,000. The prospect now is brighter that in a few years Rutherford will have an endowment of $200,000, and an equipment worth $200,000 than the prospect was a few years ago that it would have what it has today.

Separately from other funds let us speedily finish our campaign for $35,000 for Weaver Hall and water and lights. Thirty-five thousand at Rutherford with its special advantages in economy, in building, will go farther than fifty-thousand at almost any other place.

J. R. Walker.

Vanceboro Circuit

Rev. R. L. Carraway, having with my consent, surrendered the Vanceboro circuit. Rev. R. N. Fitts has been employed to supply the charge and will enter on this work at once.

N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder.

Elizabeth City District Conference

I will appreciate it if the connectional brethren who expect to attend the Elizabeth City district conference at Pantego July 9, to the eleventh, will notify me at once so that we can provide entertainment for them.

Belhaven, N. C. J. C. Whedbee.

Elizabeth Circuit

I notice in the Centenary report of the Rockingham District that two of the Elizabeth Circuit churches are entirely missing.

The report of these as given along with the other five was as follows:

Bladen Springs, No. pledges 36; allotment, $399.75; pledged, $453.00; credits $150.00.

Purdies, No. pledges 39; allotment $584.25; pledged $807.50; credits $160; total $967.50.

I hope you can make this correction for these two churches were among the most zealous workers on the charge.

Sincerely,
W. B. Humble.

Washington

In this week's Advocate you do my charge hurt through somebody's error. Our quota of Centenary offerings was $17,000. We raised $17,009; adding credits of $4,376 and the total $21,385 is correct. Your published figures said we were $892 short on our quota and had to pull out on futures in credits. No, sir, I cannot spoil my record after that manner. To the credit of First Church, Washington, it needs to be said that in the first two weeks of May she raised more than $11,000, cash and subscriptions, for debt on the new Sunday school building that had cost $22,000, just finished.

D. H. Tuttle.

To Dr. S. A. Weber

A few weeks ago the South Carolina correspondent of the North Carolina Christian Advocate had a kind word to say about me. I cannot express my appreciation of Dr. Weber's kind words or of his many kindnesses from the day I, as a boy preacher, met him up to this day. I do not know of a better example of what an older preacher ought to be to younger preachers than is found in Dr. Weber's life. He loves and helps the younger men and they love and reverence him. May God bless you more and more, Dr. Weber.

J. R. Walker.
Rutherford College.

Matthews Charge

Matthews charge is moving on fine. Our special meeting at the Matthews church which has been in progress for two-weeks came to a successful "wind up" last week. Brother L. T. Cordell, of Brevard Street, was with us in the meeting and did the preaching. His deep, soul stirring sermons found their way through to the very heart of the church, and it is plainly seen that the church has taken on new life and all who heard these great gospel truths are strengthened.

Our third quarterly conference convened at Bethel last Saturday, June 21-22. Dr. Boyer, our presiding elder, was on the spot and took his place. He gave us two great sermons that I wish could have been heard by all who call themselves Methodists. I suggest that the pastors of Charlotte district ask him to repeat the sermons he preached at Bethel.

We are arranging for a charge Sunday school rally day to be held at Indian Trail the second Sunday in this month. Our special meeting at that church will begin on the night of the same date, and we are expecting Dr. J. H. Brendall, of Advance, to be with us and do the preaching.

We are planning, praying and expecting a gracious revival.

T. E. McSwain,

Waynesville District Conference

The Waynesville district conference will convene at Murphy July 9-10, Wednesday and Thursday. Rev. J. H. Bradly, of Canton, will preach the opening sermon Tuesday night.

Let every pastor and delegate be present at the opening session, Wednesday morning, as we are only scheduled for two days. All local preachers in the district are members of this body and should be present to report work done, and to make request for renewal of license bringing license with them. A failure to send in report or make request for renewal of license on the part of those who do not attend will create prejudice on the part of the conference toward those who are manifestly indifferent concerning a matter so important.

The pastors are exhorted to urge full delegations, as they are empowered by the quarterly conference to fill all vancancies.

The editors of the Advocate, the representatives of our schools, and other interests of our church are cordially invited to be with us. All visiting brethren should write at once to Rev. J. W. Ingle, host of the conference, Murphy, N. C., indicating day of arrival, so that homes may be secured. Murphy will furnish whole-hearted entertainment for all delegates and visitors.

The following constitute the committee for license, orders, admission and readmission: Rev. J. A. Cook, Rev. L. P. Bogle and Prof. A. C. Reynolds.

J. H. West.

From Morven Charge

Please let me tell through the Advocate some of the good things about my work. In the first place we are getting on splendidly an the work is moving up all along. Improvement is se n almost verywhere. Our congregations, Sunday schools, and prayer meetings are growing all the time.

We were allotted $9,117 in the Centenary and we raised in pledges, including the Sunday school pledges, which are all new $11,130 or nearly 125 per cent in pledges for the entire circuit. Including credits we raised $13,415 which is forty-seven per cent over. Morven church went 63 per cent over; Pleasant Hill 60 per cent; New Hope 45 per cent; and Bethel 44 per cent, over. These churches get three stars, while Union gets two, and Sandy Plain and Long Pine came out including credits.

But the thing I want to tell just now is how good the people have been to me as their pastor this year. They have been exceedingly kind and good ever since I came to them. They keep always ahead in paying my salary and it has been a great pleasure to me to see how ready they have been to help me in every way. This year they started out by making me a donation of a purse of five hundred and forty-five dollars towards the price of an automobile and there has hardly been a week but that some good things have been sent to me. Then last week the crowning thing came. I have been as anxious as could be to go to Columbus to the great Centenary celebration. I have never wanted to go anywhere more than to Columbus, but I did not have the means. These good folks just made me the gladdest man anywhere by presenting me a purse to go and stay as long as I desired and pay all my expenses.

I wonder if any other preacher in the church has been treated better by his flock.

May God greatly bless them for their kindness to me. And may I bring them a blessing from Columbus.

S. T. Barber.

Collection of Centenary Pledges

There seems to be some confusion with reference to the method of handling the Centenary Pledge Cards and Centenary funds. I am, therefore, giving in detail the method that should be followed.

Dr. J. J. Stowe, of Nashville, Tenn., is the general Centenary Treasurer. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, N. C., is the Centenary Treasurer for the North Carolina Conference. All pledge cards should be turned over to the Centenary Treasurer of the local church, together with all cash subscriptions. He should make out a complete statement of all pledges and all cash subscriptions, and send a copy of this statement to Mr. J. G. Brown. At the end of each month he should make out statement showing all cash collected on subscriptions, and the amount of subscriptions remaining uncollected, sending copy of this statement to Mr. Brown. The funds in the hands of the local church Centenary treasurer will always be subject to the draft of Mr. Brown, Conference Treasurer. In every case we endeavored to keep the offices of local church treasurer and local church Centenary treasurer separate and distinct, to avoid confusion of accounts.

In making out checks or money orders in payment of subscriptions, subscribers should make their checks payable to J. J. Stowe, Treasurer. Local church treasurers should open their Centenary accounts at the banks or depositories in the name of J. J. Stowe, Treasurer. Each local church Centenary treasurer is supposed to have been furnished with a rubber stamp by Dr. Stowe, so that these checks can be stamped on the back, "For Deposit to the credit of J. J. Stowe, Treasurer, by ————, Local Church Centenary Treasurer." All payments in the local church should be made to the local church Centenary treasurer, and he should give every subscriber proper credit on his records for each payment.

In the case of a Centenary treasurer for the charge, the local church Centenary treasurers should make their reports to the charge Centenary treasurer and turn over all cash to him, and he in turn makes out his reports and sends in his cash to Mr. Brown.

Where Government Bonds are taken in payment of subscriptions, they should be accepted at par value and sent to Mr. Brown as so much cash. They, of course, cannot be deposited in the banks as cash, as the banks are not yet paying par value for them.

If there is a local church that has no Centenary treasurer, the pastor should see that such appointment is made at once, and that he is supplied with all necessary instructions.

D. W. Newsom.

Just a Word to O. E. Goddard

In the Advocate of this week this brother makes the most startling announcement I have seen, on the findings of the ad interim commission of the Centenary, on what he calls disciplinary evangelistic agencies.

I would ask first, do we believe in a divine call to the ministry? If you say not, then I have nothing more to say, but should you answer yes, do we believe the Lord was right when he said no man can serve two masters? If you do not agree with Him there I stop, have nothing more to say. But should you think he is right, then I ask how can a man called of God to preach obey twenty-four masters and five commissions in holding a meeting for the salvation of the people?

Then I would ask, what do you all think constitutes a revival? What s it? If it is to get the children and others into the church without conviction, not to say conversion, then let the preacher look to organization and manipulation but if it is the out pouring of the Holy Spirit to the awakening and salvation of the community, let the man called of God look to the Holy Spirit and live close to Him.

But he says the commission shall in addition to doing all it can in its power to promote revival in the local church, carry out the standard plan for a revival, which will come down to it later from the general commission on evangelism.

I wish I knew what Paul would have thought of this. I think just this way, I have given more than forty-six years of my life to the church as a Methodist preacher, and no commission has the right to dictate to me with regard to holding a meeting in my congregation for the conversion of the people.

I thank God that He called me by His grace and put me into the ministry, and by His grace, I must finish this ministry, only leaning on Him; trusting His very word.

R. M. Hoyle.

Cool Springs Charge

Our third quarterly conference met at Clarksbury church, Saturday, June 21, with all of the churches of the charge represented, except Providence, though some of the other churches had a very small representation.

Our reports as a whole were very good, showing, we think, an increased interest in the church. Our Sunday school reports show that not much over half of our members are attending, and the strange thing about it is that those who do not attend are grown people. But probably they know the Bible perfectly. But if so, our superintendents might use them for teachers.

Seven months of our conference year has passed, and our financial reports show that we have paid to pastor's salary and presiding elder, $802.-63 out of $1,665. All of the churches are a little behind, except Cool Springs church, and Providence church is badly behind, but at the present rate it seems that we can easily be ready for the annual conference on October the 22nd.

Providence church had Children's Day services last Sunday, and I think that the exercises were considered a success by every one of the large number of people present. Our superintendent and his wife, as well as others, deserve great credit for the faithful work done to make it possible.

During the next quarter, our revival meetings will be held, and we are trying to lay our plans well. We have ordered 100 song books that will be used in all of our revivals this year, and we are intending to have good singing. We have engaged splendid pulpit help. We are endeavoring to get every unsaved person within the bounds of our charge on our prayer list, and many prayers are being offered for the unsaved, and we are expecting great results.

On Monday, June 23, Brother David Fox, who had been sick for a long time, went to heaven, and the body was laid to rest at New Salem the following day. During the seven months that I have known him, I tried to visit him at least every two or three weeks, and I found him trusting God and anxious for the time to come when he would be relieved of pain by going home. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his departure, and his greatest concern during his last days was for them, and he prayed earnestly that all of them might be saved. God grant that it may be so.

When the neighbors and relatives went home from Brother Fox's burial service, they were greatly shocked to learn that Sister Jane Beaver had gone to rest. She had taken ill Sunday morning and was real sick for several hours, but she was much better on Monday and Tuesday morning, so it was a great shock when she died very suddenly Tuesday morning, and her sons, Brothers Arthur and "Newt" Beaver, their wives and children were almost overcom with grief over their great and sudden loss. She was a dear good mother and grandmother, and probably as near a saint as we could find on earth. Brother Fox was 57 years of age and Sister Beaver was 70. The friends and relatives of both families nave our sympathy and prayers.

R. A. Swaringen, Pastor.

A Day For Prayer and Fasting

The Centenary Commission and the Home Department of the Board of Missions have agreed upon Friday, August 29, as a day for prayer and fasting for a great church-wide revival. The additions on professions of faith to our church nave not been what we should expect. Though we succeeded in raising great sums of money, though we put over mighty programs, though we do wonderful things, and do not bring trembling sinners home to God, our work is a failure. The Methodist Church was born in a revival. It was the distinctively revival church in its incipiency. It made revivals respected. It gained thousands of recruits by fervent revivals. To be true to our history we must now be the most distinctively revival church on the continent. To fulfill our unfulfilled mission we must be a revival church. The time for revival campaigns for adult conversions has not passed. There are perhaps fifty millions of unsaved adult people on the American Continent at this hour. More than four millions of these, if they are ever reached, will likely be reached in a Methodist revival. The Spirit of God is moving upon our church to put on an aggressive revival campaign. On Friday, August 29, let every Southern Methodist go down upon his or her knees in humble supplication for the greatest revival in our history. The Minute Men of the Centenary will call attention to this for some Sundays before the date. Wherever practicable, let the congregation assemble for a sunrise prayer meeting. Suggestive Scripture lessons will be given later. Wherever it is impracticable for the congregation to assemble in the church let it be done by families. Instead of assembling at the table for breakfast, let the family assemble at the table and read God's word, and all the family who will join in this prayer for a great revival. The old custom of fasting on Friday before quarterly conference is almost obsolete, certainly obsolescent, but once more let all our people have a day of fasting and prayer. Some reasons for fasting will appear in later articles concerning this very matter. Fix the date on the calendar now, August 29.

O. E. Goddard.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate

By Evangelist J. V. Williams

The first issue of your most excellent paper is before me, and is a real honor to the family of Advocates, and bids fair to be among the very first of all the religious papers in the country. The consolidation of the two papers for the two Conferences in North Carolina is a thing I have longed to see, and now since it is accomplished, my heart is ready to sing with Judge Gaston:

"The Old North State Forever."

Am sure that the progressive Methodists, from the mountains to the seashore in good old North Carolina, will rejoice in this evidence of growth, not only in numerical strength but in spiritual growth, and growth in broad business-like religious life.

Many of the older brethren in the ministry, who once labored in the Old North Carolina Conference, will rejoice to be in such close touch with the brethren whom they have known and loved so long, and keep up with all the movements of their labors, while the preachers in the eastern part of the state will also rejoice in reading from the weekly reports of the western preachers.

May God greatly bless the consolidation of the two Advocates and may there be an enthusiastic activity for the paper's circulation, until every Methodist family in North Carolina subscribes for their own paper.

I read with much interest what both of the editors say for the public in the first paper. Brother Massey is against "German Theology"—Good! That dry rot ruined the religious life of Germany, if they ever had any, and has hurt Methodism in the United States more than is generally known. "Higher Criticism" means a lower life. Think of a church holding a beautiful service in the morning and then gathering in the beer garden in the Sunday evening and drinking beer and dancing. All this in the name of the church.

Now the adherents of this teaching —this stuff—are writing about the "new evangelism" that we will soon see. They don't tell us what it is. But spiritual people are not deceived. We know that an evangelism not backed by spiritual life and holy living will always be a failure. Thank you, Brother Massey, you ring true.

Brother Blair must be a very successful business man as well as a strong preacher. The wonderful manner in which he has built up the North Carolina Christian Advocate is evidence that he will continue to steer the financial interest of the paper clear of the rocks of adversity.

God bless North Carolina Methodism and keep the old-time revival fires burning from Currituck to Cherokee.

East Meadow, Long Island, N. Y.

Greensboro District Notice

The Greensboro District Conference will convene in Randleman, N. C. at 3 p. m., July 23, and continue through the 25th. Local preachers are requested to be present at the first session, or have their written reports before the conference.

Let pastors make a personal effort to secure the attendance of all lay delegates. Preachers and delegates are urged to be at the opening and remain throughout. Visitors will be welcomed and their several interests given ample consideration.

Bishop Darlington is expected to arrive Thursday morning the 24th. Rev. J. E. Woosley will preach on Wednesday night, the 23rd.

The brethren named are asked to serve on committees as follows:

License—H. H. Robbins, W. M. Smith and T. B. Johnson.

Admission—H. C. Sprinkle, A. W. Plyler, A. P. Ratledge.

Orders—E. L. Bain, W. A. Lambeth and C. F. Sherrill.

J. H. Barnhardt.

Trinity College Notes

President W. P. Few is in New York attending a meeting of the board of directors of the Jeanes Foundation, of which he is a member.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, '94, superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered an address to the Summer School last week.

Hoy Taylor, '06, recently elected superintendent of the graded schools of Franklinton, and Chesley M. Hutchings, A. B. '11, A. M. '14, and last vear a graduate student in Romance Languages at Harvard University, are teaching in the Summer School.

Mr. D. W. Newsom, treasurer of the college, who has for some weeks devoted his time to his work as campaign director of the Centenary campaign for the North Carolina conference has about completed his report and has resumed his duties at the college.

Professor H. E. Spence, of the Department of Biblical Literature, is spending the summer at the University of Chicago.

Captain Garland F. Mayes and Captain Lee Hayes, of the class of 1917, who have recently returned from France and are now on furlough, have been visiting friends at the college. Both expect to be discharged from the serivce.

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Commtitee on Finance, recommend:

1. That the Conference Expense Fund of 50 cents per member for Adults, 25 cents per member for Young People and 10 cents per member for Relief and Retirement fund, be collected the first meeting.

2. That the auxiliary president urge the quarterly payment of all dues and funds. Failure to do this forces the Council to borrow money, on which interest must be paid.

3. That December 1st, or as near as practicable, be observed as Harvest Day by each auxiliary.

4. That the treasurer of each auxiliary shall send all money and reports to district secretary of her district, and the money and reports of Young People be sent to superintendent of Young People, and money and reports of Junior and Baby Divisions be sent to superintendent of Children's Work the first day of the month each quarter.

5. That each district secretary, superintendent of Young People and superintendent of Children's Work shall send all money and reports to Conference Treasurer by the 10th of the month each quarter.

6. That we pay a pledge of $20,000 above our dues, and endeavor to reach the 15 per cent. increase recommended by Council.

7. That each auxiliary pay a minimum of $4.00 annually for support of our Scarritt Bible and Training School.

8. That a scholarship of $300.00 be established at Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Mrs. F. B. McKinne,
Mrs. H. J. Faison, Sec.

THE BRIGHT JEWELS OF BETHEL CHURCH

The Bright Jewels of Bethel church recently held an interesting meeting and have sent us this report of it. We are always glad to hear from the Young People and Bright Jewels, glad to welcome this new organization from Benson.

Mite Box Opening

The Bright Jewels of Bethel church, Yanceyville circuit, had their mite box opening on June 1, 1919. We began our meeting by singing "Publish Glad Tidings." We then had our Bible lesson about Jesus, the Great Physician," after which we were led in prayer by Mr. Wilber Zimmerman.

A special program had been arranged for the day and after our regular business meeting the society was turned into the hands of our president, Lucille Daniel.

The Wesley Houses were our chief study for the month and Lissa Blackwell told us about the great work that was being done by these houses.

Then we had a song, "Send the Light," by Lillian Moore, followed by a recitation, "God So Loved the World," by Cecil Robertson.

Just before we opened our mite boxes Lilly King and Wilson Gatewood sang an appropriate song. When we opened our mite boxes we found that all members had good collections, but Mabel Crumpton headed the list with two dollars and sixty-five cents. The total amount for the quarter amounted to $7.23.

On June 6th a Young People's Missionary Society was organized at Benson, N. C., by Mrs. Edgar M. Hall and Miss Vallie Hill, with eleven members. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Lucille Lee; vice-president, Miss Mary Jackson; corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Cox; recording secretary, Miss Nellie Hudson; treasurer, Miss Maude Johnson; superintendent of publicity, Miss Evelyn Boone; superintendent of social service, Mrs. Elton Hudson; superintendent of supplies, Miss Maude Benson.

All the girls showed much interest and seemed anxious to begin work. We are looking forward to a successful society.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT MEETING

The annual district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Washington district was held in Gibson Memorial Methodist church, in Spring Hope, June 5th and 6th. The meeting was opened with a sermon by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

The business session of the conference was opened Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with Mrs. Wiley Brown, presiding. Mrs. Brown brought us a most inspiring message, and urged us to go forward in our work with renewed interest and enthusiasm. The following program for the morning was carried out:

10:00—Devotional, Mrs. T. A. Person.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Roy Wilder.

Response—Miss Leyta Carter.

Roll Call.

District Secretary's Message—Mrs. Wiley Brown.

Study and Publicity—Mrs. T. A. Person.

Auxiliary Reports.

Devotional—Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

Delegates from Greenville, Fremont, Bethel, Wilson, Beaman's Chapel, Stantonsburg, Nashville and Spring Hope, answered the roll call and gave most encouraging reports from their respective societies.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. W. T. Phipps after which Mrs. Person read a letter from Mrs. Gates.

The minutes of the morning session were read, and "Auxiliary Problems" were informally discussed.

Our Periodicals were presented by Mrs. S. M. Wood, and Stewardship by Mrs. W. T. Phipps and Mrs. W. E. Trotman.

The Bright Jewels gave a short impromptu program, after which the following Bright Jewel bands reported: Fremont, Greenville, Nashville, Bethel, Spring Hope.

As Mrs. Wilson could not be present, Mr. Wilson gave us a very interesting and helpful talk on Bright Jewel work.

Much stress was laid on the work of the Bright Jewel Bands and Young People's Societies, and many helpful suggestions were offered.

After a short song program by the young people, Miss Lillie Duke gave us a talk on "Young People's Work—a Call to Life Investment." She brought us new inspiration, and urged us to see the importance of this work.

An invitation was extended from Fremont and Bethel for the meeting next year, and a motion was made that the meeting go to Bethel.

After the Committee on Resolutions reported and the minutes for the afternoon sesssion were read, Rev. Mr. Constable closed the session with devotional services.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. John and Miss Smith, the evening program was dispensed with.

PROGRAM LITERATURE FOR THIRD QUARTER

The following leaflets have been prepared and issued through the regular conference channels for use in preparing programs for the three monthly meetings of the third quarter. If your society has not received them, notify the Conference officer in charge of literature.

All of these leaflets are helpful and attractive and your society cannot afford to be without them in preparing the programs.

For Adults

Information for Leaders for July—"Americanization of the Foreigner" and "The Gulf Coast."

Information for Leaders for August—"Japan and Korea."

Information for Leaders for September—the Social Service Study—"Making America Safe Industrially. (In most of the conferences, this leaflet is sent out by the Conference Social Service Superintendent. If an auxiliary has no social service superintendent, or has failed to send the name of this officer to the Conference Superintendent, no leaflet will be received.) Attend to this in time to get the literature for the September meeting.

For Young People

July—"A Friendship Crusade." (Information and stories about the immigrant.)

August—"A Japanese Garden Party." (A personally conducted tour of the cities about the Inland sea.)

September—"The Liberty of the New Democracy." A demonstration. (Social Service.)

For the Children

Leader's Supplement to the Yearbook, containing helpful plans and suggestions for each meeting of the quarter. The supply of yearbooks for the year is exhausted, but this supplement, the Young Christian oorker and the following leaflets are all that is needed in order to make full and attractive programs.

July—"A Story About a Day School Girl."

August—"Jack and the Japs."

September—No leaflet—material for program, see Young Christian Worker.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fayetteville District Conference was held in Steele Street church, Sanford, June 11-12, Mrs. Emma Hunter, District Secretary, presiding.

Rev. H. M. North preached for us Wednesday evening from Luke 2:10. It was a clear, convincing arraignment of all who accept the "Good tidings of great joy" and ignore "which shall be to all people." God grant that the vision of duty neglected and the call to deeper consecration, given us through His servant, may be heeded.

Thursday morning, Rev. W. R. Royall administered the Lord's Supper. His earnest prayer that we might forget our weakness and remember God's power, helped many. We rejoice with Mr. Royall and Steele Street congregation. They have finished paying for their beautiful new church and gave $20,000. on a $12,500. quota, besides installing a fine pipe organ.

Mrs. Hunter reported two new auxiliaries, one at St. Andrew and one at Lillington. Our pledge was over paid last year, and this year it was increased sufficiently to bear our part of the Conference pledge of $20,000. Each auxiliary was requested to pay the $4.00 for Scarritt Bible and Training School at once, and then to send to Mrs. Hunter the amount asked for, for our North Carolina scholarship at Scarritt, established at Rockingham. It will be used by Miss Mary Ella McCall this year, and it is a rare privilege to have a part in preparing such a life for special service. Siler City was the only auxiliary that failed to send a representative. We regret, as they did, this fact, and hope that the delegate from some other auxiliary may be able to report for them the worth while program, prepared so carefully by Mrs. Hunter.

As we watched the Young People and Bright Jewels, and rejoiced over new bands, we realized that the women who work and pray with them are building for the future. They are splendid material and their willingness to serve puts many an adult to shame. A band of Bright Jewels in every church on our district would mean wonderful things for the next generation.

It was our privilege to have Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Boney with us. Their inspiring appeals and helpful explanations added much to the success of what was said by many to be an enjoyable and helpful conference.

Elizabeth Lamb, Sec.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE GREENSBORO DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. R. R. Alley

The fact that three Conference officers were to take part on the program of the Greensboro district meeting scheduled for Centenary church, June 12-13, insured in advance its success.

The opening session was held at three-thirty on the afternoon of the 12th, with Mrs. J. V. Wilson, District Secretary, as presiding officer, and Mrs. R. R. Alley, as secretary. The opening devotional, conducted by Mrs. M. P. Vail, of High Point, was followed by an address by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. Mr. Lambeth spoke of the wonderful privilege of working together with Christ in this great missionary work and of the tender and blessed associations formed between those who are engaged in the same work for the same object. His words went to the hearts of his hearers, carrying encouragement and inspiration.

A solo by Miss Mitchell, of Centenary church, was greatly enjoyed. In the absence of Miss Genevieve Moore, of High Point, her forceful paper on Mission Study was read by the Secretary, after which the meeting adjourned that the visitors might enjoy the delightful ride over the city, tendered by their hostesses.

The evening session was opened with a devotional service by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. W. Plyler. Then followed a most interesting program by the Centenary Junior Missionary Society, conducted by the young president, little Miss Glasscock. It was all fine, but the "Missionary Sunbonnet Babies" and the Chinese baby girl quite captured the audience. An anthem by Centenary choir added much enjoyment.

The feature of the evening was the comprehensive and splendid address by Mrs. W. A. Newell of Statesville, Conference Superintendent of Social Service. A trio by members of the choir concluded by the evening program.

Friday held the gift of a beautiful, fresh day. The session opened at 9:30 with devotional service, led by Mrs. E. D. Grubb of the Walnut Street church auxiliary. The report of the district secretary was heard with great interest and deep satisfaction. She congratulated us that we had reached our financial goal, pleaded with us for prompt reports and continued progress. She reported for Greensboro District 19 adult societies, 8 young people's 12 juniors and 1 baby division.

Mrs. Ira Erwin could not be present and her topic "Our Literature" was given over for discussion from the floor, evoking lively interest. The subject, "An Auxiliary President," was handled by Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, Conference Recording Secretary, in an original and convincing style. She held up for emulation the perfect president.

In her report of the Council meeting, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President, was at her best, giving vividly the personnel, plans and proceedings of that great body. Then came a reading by Mrs. Willis Slane, of High Point, "The House by the Side of the Road."

The Institute on Social Service, conducted by Mrs. Newell in masterly manner, proved of great value to all. One o'clock brought the hour of adjournment and a most tempting

luncheon was served to the delegates and guests by the ladies of Centenary church.

The afternoon session opened with a deeply spiritual devotional service, led by Mrs. A. J. Hughes, who made a plea for the life consecration of our young people. The "Hymn of Youth," written by Mrs. Frank Siler and dedicated to the young women of Greensboro College for Women, was effectively sung by Mrs. J. F. Hayden, of High Point. The institutes on Young People's and Children's Work were conducted simultaneously by Mrs. E. L. Bain, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Jim Kearns, of High Point.

The need of service was stressed in a paper by Mrs. H. W. McCain, on "Our Young People's Work." This was so fine that we hope to have it reproduced on our Woman's Page and will therefore give no excerpts.

Mrs. Richard Wills said a word on behalf of the treasurer, in "That Lost Five Dollars." Stewardship was presented in a very strong paper by Mrs. Will Ballard, of Reidsville, followed by the taking of pledges.

Copies of the minutes of the annual meeting were distributed and Mrs. Wilson, taking a marked copy went swiftly through it, indicating items of special interest, intriguing us into reading the portions between.

An invitation from Jamestown for the next meeting was unanimously accepted. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Hughes.

The fact that so many young people were in attendance gave profound pleasure, for the district meeting is distinctively theirs. Prayer was the key-note of the meeting, and a spirit of prayer pervaded the sessions. Great credit is due Mrs. Wilson for the splendid service she has given the district and to her we offer heartfelt thanks.

MARION DISTRICT MEETING

With a gratifying attendance of delegates and visitors, among whom were a majority of the pastors of the Marion District, and a program replete with interest, the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Marion district was distinctively successful and profitable.

The opening service on Wednesday afternoon, June 18th, was devoted entirely to the work of the children's department and was greatly enjoyed. Miss Amy Hackney, conference second Vice-president, after conducting the opening devotional service, held an institute on Children's Work, which proved, not only of special interest, but in bringing out many questions relative to this work, was both profitable and helpful.

A children's program, directed by Mrs. Parker Holmes, of Marion, was well given and showed the splendid training of the little folks who are always a delight to the older members of the congregation, Mrs M. B. Goodwin told effectively a story to the children, bearing upon their work.

The Wednesday evening service opened with a most impressive devotional, conducted by Rev. Parker Holmes, presiding elder of the Marion District, following which Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President, gave a splendid message from the Council meeting. We were very sorry to have missed this talk but heard glowing reports of the splendid manner in which Mrs. Robertson handled her subject.

A feature of the program was a Young People's pageant by the young people of the Marion Society, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Hutchins, and proved most attractive and effective.

Special music was rendered and added to the program. Thursday morning with Rev. W. L. Hutchins conducting the devotional, the second day's session began. On behalf of the women of Marion, Mrs. J. F. Jonas, president of the Marion auxiliary, gave appropriate words of welcome to delegates and visitors, and Mrs. M. E. Hoffman voiced the appreciation of the entire congregation in her well chosen words of response.

The report of the District Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Goodwin was full and comprehensive. She showed that there had been advancement made along many lines of the work, especially in the number of new organizations, and urged to greater effort during this year, and stressed, as she reviewed the work of each department, the importance of each.

A beautiful sol, "Not Half Has Ever Been Told," was sweetly sung by Mrs. W. L. Hutchins. Rev. J. P. Morris, pastor of Spruce Pine church, made a most earnest talk on "Christian Stewardship," and was followed by a splendid paper on "The Need of Social Service Work in a Community," by Mrs. M. B. Kibler, of Morganton. (We hope to be able to give this paper on our Woman's Page at an early date.—Ed.) Reports from delegates showed an interest in the work at all points, and we believe this will be the greatest year ever on this district, basing our judgment on the spirit of those in attendance.

Lunch was served at the district parsonage by the ladies of the Marion society and was thoroughly enjoyed. A feature of this hour was the cutting of the birthday cake of Master John Jonas, the young son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Jonas, who on that day celebrated his second birthday and shared with each visitor this splendid cake which had been so beautifully decorated for him. Later Master John was presented to the Conference and the best wishes of all go with him through life.

The opening devotional of Thursday afternoon was conducted by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson and was followed by an institute on Young People's Work conducted by Mrs. W. R. Harris, Conference First Vice-President, who with the aid of many present, brought out every department of the work and endeavored to impress its great and vital importance.

A talk on the "Work of the Young People" was also given by Mrs. Harris. During the afternoon several songs and recitations were given by young people, representatives from various parts of the district.

Following a brief presentation of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, by Mrs. Robertson, the pledges were taken and the result was highly gratifying. The meeting closed with a consecration service, led by Mrs. Robertson.

It is interesting to note that the Marion District supports Miss Kate Hackney, one of our missionaries in China. And while not connected with our woman's work, it was gratifying to hear, through Mrs. M. B. Goodwin, that the pupils of the Institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, of Morganton, support two missionaries in China. One young lady, Miss McRory, of Rutherfordton, volunteered for service, making seven student volunteers from this district this year.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

By Mrs. George M. Foard

The Statesville district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, convened in Maiden on June 11th and 12th, with about fifty delegates in attendance. Mrs. G. A. Warlick, District Secretary, made the opening address and reviewed the work of the past year.

We were fortunate in having with us two conference officers, Mrs. W. A. Newell, of Statesville, Superintendent of Social Service, and Miss Amy Hackney, of Asheville, Conference Vice-President.

After the exercises Wednesday afternoon, the ladies of Maiden gave a delightful reception, which was followed by an automobile ride.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. W. A. Newell, in her usual pleasing manner, gave a talk on "Social Service Work That Should Be Done By a Missionary Society." Thursday morning, Miss Hackney conducted an Institute on Children's and Young People's Work, and the children gave an interesting program. Dinner was served in picnic style and was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon the reports of the auxiliaries of the district were heard and were very gratifying. Notwithstanding the many hindrances of the past year, the financial reports were better than those of the previous year. The people of Maiden were exceedingly kind and made every effort to make our stay pleasant. Each delegate went away with a warm feeling in her heart for these good people. Our District Secretary is wide awake and interested in her work. Mooresville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING OF CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

The district meeting of the upper end of the Charlotte District will be held at Harrison church, Wednesday, July 23rd. Every Adult, Young People and Junior society living on that part of the district is requested to elect delegates and send names of same to Mrs. T. H. Barber, Route 2, Fort Mill, S. C. All churches not having organizations are invited to send representatives. The meeting will be in the form of an all-day service, beginning at 10 a. m., and closing in the afternoon as soon as business is finished.

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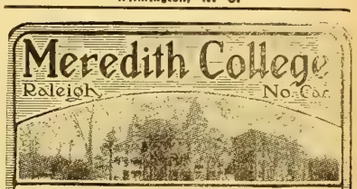
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Below will be found a part of the report which I submitted to the board of trustees at their annual meeting.

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In giving an account of the meeting of the board of trustees the daily papers got figures mixed up considerably. It was stated that we had seventy-three thousand dollars to our credit. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, treasurer of our board, reported seventy-three thousand dollars raised for all purposes during the fiscal year ending May the 30. A large part of this amount was for endowment, building, repairs, furnishings and the Bettie Henly Vann Educational Loan Fund. I hope our friends will bear in mind that our needs are great and that they will continue their gifts to us.

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We have met today to review the work of another year. As we look back over the record the thing that impresses us most profoundly is the unfailing goodness of God toward our beloved Orphanage. There has not been a day in its history when we did not have visible tokens of His favor and unmistakable evidence of His tender love. The consciousness of such an experience has given us confidence for today and hope for tomorrow. If we are true to the ideals that were in the hearts of those who founded the institution, and if we follow in the steps of Him who went about doing good, we may with perfect assurance look forward to the fruition of our fondest dreams—to the time when we shall see scores of buildings on the campus and when we shall hear the merry laughter of a thousand bright, happy children on these sun-kissed hills. The remarkable growth of our Orphan's Home during the short period it has been in operation is a prophecy of the big things that lie just ahead of us. The fact that the rich and the poor alike share their gifts with us speaks volumns to those who understand and appreciate the real significance of things. The Methodist Orphanage is the great channel through which the small gifts of the poor and the large gifts of the rich may find their way of tender ministry to that large class among us bereft of home and loved ones. This class will continue to make its appeal in increasing measure to the love and philanthropic impulse of every person of broad, human sympathy. Those who have made sacrifices for our home have experienced in their own lives a large measure of joy and real satisfaction. With those two powerful incentives at work in the human soul, to give and to receive, we feel that our cause will continue to make its own powerful and almost irresistable appeal to the sympathy and generosity of multitudes of our people. If there were no orphanage, widows and destitute people in the world we would never be permitted to witness the finest and most beautiful traits of Christian character. Our orphanage is a challenge to the noblest and divinest impulses that slumber in the bosom of thousands of our people throughout the bounds of the North Carolina conference. To enlist these sympathies and harness these mighty forces to a larger extent is the big task of the immediate future. That we will succeed in the undertaking, with the North Carolina conference and this board giving us their unqualified support, is not a matter of conjecture but a thing of absolute certainty. With such a faith as this to allure us on the future is radiant with promise and achievement.

Following last year's plan, which was so fruitful of good, we held evangelistic meetings in the orphanage chapel in the early spring. The whole life of the orphange felt the uplifting and gracious influence of the revival. Having lived with the children in the spirit of comradeship, I coveted the exalted privilege of receiving them into the church. On Sunday night after the close of the revival I baptized and receievd twenty-seven into our church. It is our greatest desire to train in Christian discipleship those committed to our care. We feel that failure at this point can not be atoned for however well they may be trained otherwise. Not to send out from this Christian institution young lives inbued with the spirit and life of Christ would be a betrayal of the most sacred trust that the church has committed to our hands. When they go from us into the big world nothing gives us more genuine joy than to see them strong in body, educated in mind and trained in Christian service and experience. I am happy to report that in most cases our hopes are realized by the character of those who go from us to take their place in the world's work. May we never lose this vision and this divine passion.

THE CENTENARY, WHAT OF IT?

It is wonderful, stupendous, great. It is a world in miniature. It is the history of the church written in deeds. It is the answer of the church to an unbelieving world. It is a panarama of the world in living, moving, realistic objects and men and women in flesh and blood. It is more than an exposition. It is a fulfillment. Words just fail me to describe it. Of one thing I am sure, no preacher of the gospel can afford to miss it. No layman who is concerned for the race can afford at any cost to neglect to attend it, and for a Methodist minister to fail to attend it is nothing but a calamity, and every church, station or circuit should send its preacher here, and as many of our laymen as can by any means attend, should accompany them. This affair, while Methodistic in its inception, has gone beyond denominational lines. It is a compendium of Christian achievements, and the augury of the big things to be done in the future. I know now that when it is all over there will be thousands who will regret to their dying day their failure to attend it. Preachers, go in debt to come. Congregations, make a supreme sacrifice to see that your preacher goes. Stewards, you will be a thousand fold more efficient for your work if you come. Sunday school superintendents and teachers, make any sacrifice to get here. It is a university that no Christian worker should fail to attend. May I plead again with all of North Carolina Methodism, stop everything, and attend the Centenary of Methodist Missions. I thought I was a Methodist when I came. I am praying for the Lord to keep me humble. But of one thing I am sure, the sons and daughters of Wesley are and have been taking his utterance of an hundred years ago and carrying it to a literal fulfillment—"The world is my parish." But the best of all is the fulfillment of the promise of him who was Wesley's Master, and "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world."

Charles H. Ireland.

Granite Falls

We have just closed our revival meeting here. Rev. E. L. Hillman, of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., did the preaching, and the pastor conducted the singing. The people here declare that never before in the history of this town has there been such a meeting of power held in this place. The entire community was affected. Many old men were converted to Christianity and joined the church. Every church in the community profited by this meeting. There were 78 conversions to Christianity, many of whom were church members. At this writing 25 have joined our church. When God put tithing into the hearts of our people he put there the desire for a great revival.

Our ten departmental Sunday school rooms are completed and paid for. The contract for our heating plant has been let and we have the money in the bank for that purpose. Our Sunday school has almost doubled in enrollment. The Baraca class has grown to such an extent that they are now considering the erection of a separate building for their work. The pastor works with the Boy Scouts during the week and on Sunday teaches the Scout class. It is an inspiration to work with the boys.

Our people work together in almost perfect harmony. This is a great place to work and don't you forget it!

H. G. Allen.

SMILES

Teacher. "Jonny, name three words ending with 'ous' and give the meaning."

Johnny. "Dangerous—full of danger;" famous—full of fame; pious—full of pie."—Boys Life.

Dolly. "You'll never catch me again going out to dinner with an editor."

Her friend. "Was he broke?"

Dolly. "I don't know whether he was broke or not, but he ran a blue pencil through about half my order."—Examiner.

A naval officer fell overboard. He was rescued by a deck hand. The officer asked his presever how he could reward him. "The best way, sir," said Jack, " is to say nothing about it. If the other fellows knew I'd pull you out they'd chuck me in."—Boy's Magazine.

Teacher: "Don't you know that punctuation means that you must pause?"

Willie: "Course I do. An auto driver punctuated his tire in front of our house Sunday and he paused for half an hour."—Boston Transcript.

Military Commander. "Forward, march! Company, halt! Forward, march! Squads left! Squads right! On left into the line! By the right flank! Halt! Rest! Attention!"

Irish Recruit. "I'll not work for a man who changes his mind so often!"—Exchange.

The mayor of a far inland town was about to engage a preacher for the new churrh.

"Parson, ye aren't by any chance a Baptist, be ye?"

"No, not necessarily. Why?"

"Wal, I was just a-going to say we have to haul our water twelve miles."—Exchange.

Tramp—"Some men have no hearts. I just told a feller I'se so dead broke I have to sleep outdoors."

Pedestrian—"Didn't that appeal to him?"

Tramp—"Naw. He told me he was adoin' the same thing, and had ter pay the doctor fer telling him ter do it."

He suffered from a stomach ailment. The doctor was called in, and on his second visit questioned his patient.

"Have you been drinking hot water an hour before each meal, as I directed? If so, how do you feel now?"

"Doc," said the patient, "I tried hard to do it, but I had to quit. I drank for 35 minutes and it made me feel like a balloon."

New York.—"Don't sleep out loud during the sermon," is the printed admonition distributed to worshipers of the First Washington Presbyterian church.

"I paint what I see" an art student once said to his master, complacently.

"Well, the shock will come when you really see what you've painted," said the artist.—Boston Transcript.

Tommy (at Red Cross concert)—"What's that man got his eyes shut for while he's singing?"

Friend—"Because he can't bear to see us suffer."—London Opinion.

Reporter—"Just where were you born, Professor Psycoff?"

Professor (learnedly)—"Unless my recollection fails me, young man—in the state of ignorance."

Reporter (scribbling)—"Ah, yes, to be sure—and how long have you lived there, professor?"—Exchange.

Parson—"Jonson, you hadn't oughter swiped dat chicken, 'cause de debbil sent it just to tempt you, he did."

Jonson—"Well, suh, den de debbil sho' los' his chicken."—Boys' Life.

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Exposition by the Editor

Pentecost was not the beginning of the church, but it certainly was an epochal day in its history. It was more than that. The church never had been before what it has been since. It was the day of the Spirit's coming in power. The Holy Spirit had been in the world from the beginning, but on that day He assumed in a new sense the administrative function of the church militant. This can never be done again, because it has been continuous ever since. It is only in a modified sense, therefore, that we can speak of another pentecost, as we sometiems do when there is an unusual manifestation of the Spirit's presence in power. Without this presence there may be organization. There may be a church roll, a building for worship and the administration of the ordinances, and preaching services; but without the presence of the Spirit there can be no true church.

The Church a Body of Believers.

Our Baptist brethren make much of this in connection with their views of Baptism, and insist that, as an ordinance of the church, it should be administered only to personal believers; but Methodists believe in a converted membership no less than they. Pentecost was a great day for conversions, and only such as "were being saved" were added to the church—three thousand of them on that day. These all professed conversion. Whether or not they were all genuinely converted we would not undertake to say. This does not mean that all must come at once to a state of perfection. While we must emphasize the necessity of conversion, we must avoid driving from the church many who feel themselves very unworthy. The church is to help those who are sincerely striving to live the Christian life. The apostle Peter, who was the preacher on the day of Pentecost, made many blunders: but it was upon such as he that Christ promised to build His Church with the assurance that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Church and Doctrine.

The tendency today is to minify doctrine—a tendency easily explained, but as liable to abuse as has been the emphasis upon minor questions of doctrine that has been largely responsible for the tendency. The apostles were strictly doctrinal preachers, but they stuck closely to the great doctrines. And those early Christians "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." They believed something; they believed it with unaltering conviction, and this conviction was the stay of their lives. They were steadfast. They were "not carried about by every wind of doctrine." Their souls were anchored in the truth, and this was the safeguard of their conduct. The church must stand for the fundamental doctrines of revealed truth; and to depart from them is to forfeit its character as the church.

The Church and Christian Fellowship.

One of the great sources of strength has ever been the association of the saints. The early Christians were "steadfast" in this "fellowship." While the stress was so great during the persecutions that raged soon after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, the disciples met daily for this fellowship. Frequently they had to hold their meetings secretly and under cover of night, but they met. They found great strength in these frequent associations. The time of these meetings was spent mainly in prayer, in testimony, and "in the breaking of bread," which we have come to designate as the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This means of grace cannot be safely neglected. To neglect the ordinances and the means of grace is certain to result in coldness of spiritual life and gradual drifting back to the world.

The Church and Christian Unity.

There is a vast difference between unity and uniformity. The latter may be a dead and mechanical thing, devoid of the life of Christ; the former pertains to the "single eye," the singleness of Christian purpose, which is essential to the highest good. The apostle thus exhorts: "I . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." And then he proceeds to enumerate the qualities of this walking: "With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is the type of unity that Paul desired and for which Christ prayed on that memorable night before the crucifixion. The basis of this unity the apostle gives at some length. "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, our baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all." The "one body" is the church, but it is the invisible church, composed of all genuine believers in the Lord Jesus Christ without regard to the organized branch of that church to which they may belong. The "one Spirit" is the Holy Spirit, and the "one Hope of our calling" is eternal life. The "one Lord" is Jesus Christ, the" one faith" is the content of gospel truth, the "one baptism" is the outward symbol of that faith in whatever form administered, and the "one God" is the Father of us all. Here are the great elemental truths to which all Christians must adhere and which constitute a very essential unity of all believers.

The Church and Diversity.

But the unity described does not demand a dead conformity. It rather inspires diversity. It is not too much to say that it demands it. The apostle recognizes this truth and proceeds to say: "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Here is a manifest variety. He illustrates the same truth elsewhere by the different members of the body. The church is the "body of Christ;" but, if the whole body were a hand, it could not travel very well; and, if it were all feet, it could not do very much wherever it traveled. The various members of the body perform various functions, all of which are necessary for the body to fulfill its mission. So with the church. It is true of the membership of the individual church. In a larger sense denominationalism has its basis here. A concert of purpose is essential, but a dead conformity of action and method would be fatal.

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The new League editor for the Western Conference makes his best bow, thanks the Conference for the honor bestowed, and promises to do his dead level best for the work.

His election to this work came as a complete surprise. He was not able, on account of his revival meeting, to attend the Conference in Charlotte, and first learned of his election through the daily paper. His first feeling was not one if elation but dread. Could he do the job? This question remains to be answered, but he promises to at least make an honest effort.

He was told frankly at the beginning that nobody wanted the job. Well, there is bound to be something interesting about a job that nobody wants. On the other hand, the privilege to address the Methodist young people of our great state occasionally is no mean privilege. The paper will be going into nearly 20,000 homes. Suppose 50,000 people read the Advocate and that only half the number read the League page. You are still helping to minister to 25,000 people. Does any one imagine that to be a small matter? The power of printer's ink is something tremendous, and this editor hopes sincerely to be able to redeem the time of his term of office. He earnestly invites the young people of our church, whether League members or not, to do two things:

1. Read the League page.
2. Contribute to it.

We want to know what our young people are doing in their churches. Brief, breezy news letters about our young people's work will be given a place on the League page. When a new League is organized, send in a report. When you enterprise some new work, let us know. Conference officers, use this page to convey any message you may have for our Leaguers.

My street address is 316, Tate St., but anything sent to me at Greensboro will reach me.

ECHOES FROM THE CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE

On the last night of the Conference Bishop Kilgo delivered a great lecture to our young people, using as his subject "Bubbles."

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For the first time in years, every district in the Conference had accredited delegates at the League Conference.

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Miss Grace Bradley was made Field Secretary for the Leagues of this Conference. She is a cultured young Christian woman, the product of a Methodist parsonage and the daughter of our pastor at Canton, Rev. J. H. Bradley.

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In addition to other courtesies shown the Leaguers while in Charlotte, an outing was arranged for their enjoyment.

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Both mornings the sunrise prayer meetings were well attended.

SPRING GARDEN LEAGUE

On a recent week night, under their open air tabernacle, the Spring Garden League conducted a welcome service in honor of 73 new church members who had joined at the close of the revival meeting. Miss Gertrude Wheeler recited and Mrs. Browning reported the Charlotte Conference. Small blank books were then furnished each one present, and they were asked to secure the names and addresses of as many people present as possible. A general social time followed, with refreshments at the close.

Spring Garden church has presented its pastor with a handsome purse to be used for a trip to the Columbus celebration at Columbus, Ohio. Some account of the trip may find its way into the columns of the League page later.

The Spring Garden League has just elected officers as follows: President, T. L. Matlock; vice-president, E. C. Lyndon; secretary, Miss Mary Lewis Jackson; treasurer, John Lambert; Era agent, Miss Mary Lee Watson; press reporter, Miss Gertrude Wheeler; organist, Miss Lalah Lambert; Supt. first department, Carl Lewis; Supt. second department, Mrs. T. O. Ralls; Supt. 3rd department, Mrs. T. L. Matlock; Supt. fourth department, Miss Bessie Parrish.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICY FOR COMIGN YEAR

1. Realizing the necessity of sympathetic co-operation of the pastors, we make an earnest request that the pastors acquaint themselves with the workings of the League if not already so acquainted, and help to have a live League in every congregation.

2. We suggest that this year the work of the District Secretary be magnified, knowing that the efficient District Secretary can be of utmost benefit in organizing new Leagues and helping to make more efficient the existing League.

3. We recommend that an institute for District Secretaries be held, suggesting that this might profitably be held at Lake Junaluska in connection with the General League Conference.

4. We recommend that our Conference follow the standard of efficiency, and bring the secretary and treasurer books of chapters to the next League Annual Conference.

5. We recommend that a District Institute be held in each district.

6. We wish to emphasize the work of the Junior Leagues, advising a Junior League in each congregation.

7. We request that arrangements be made to present the League work at the approaching Annual Conference at Greensboro by having a special sample programme carried out by our young people, in order to let the Conference see what is being done by the League.

8. We recommend that special mention be made at our next League Conference of the district that makes the best showing during the coming year.

9. We strongly recommend that a Field Secretary be employed at once to build up and conserve our League work in the Conference.

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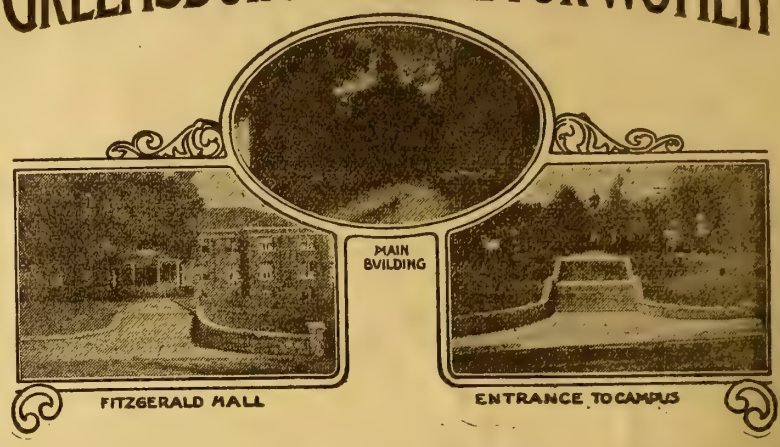
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JIMMIE'S OUTING

On a Saturday morning in July Jimmie Mulvany trudged happily along Charles Street on his way to the Public Garden. His patched shoes were so shiny that Jimmy smiled every time he looked down "They are like pieces of looking glass," thought Jimmie proudly. "Tim is a good polisher."

Tim was Jimmie's brother. He was ten years old and blacking boots was the way that he earned money with which to buy his own shoes. Jimmie's blouse was very white; his collar and cuffs were nearly as shiny as his shoes, for Mary, who was Jimmie's grown-up sister, had ironed them in the early morning before she went to work. It was Mary, too, who had bought the fine white sailor hat that Jimmie was wearing.

For weeks Jimmie had been looking forward to his visit to the Public Garden, and he was quite sure that no other small boy in Boston had so many reasons for being happy. In his pocket, safely tied in the corner of a clean hankerchief, there was a bright new nickle that his father had given him that morning.

"Take a ride on the pond in the swan boat," he had said.

That was what Jimmie had planned to do; he knew that the big white birds on the boat did not push the boats; but they sailed through the water like the live swans.

When Jimmie reached the crossing near the Garden, he stopped to speak to the crossing policeman, who was a friend of his.

"I'm going to sail in a swan boat," said Jimmie, as the officer walked with him across the street.

"I'd like nothing better myself than to go with you," said the officer.

"Some day, when I get two nickels, I'll take you," said Jimmie.

"You won't forget it?" said the officer anxiously.

Jimmie promised that he would remember and he touched his hat; the policeman raised a hand to his own hat just as he often did to the mayor, and Jimmie entered the Garden.

Near the lake Jimmie saw a small girl. She was bareheaded and barefooted; her black hair was braided tight and tied with a red string. She was watching the swan boats, and she looked so lonely and unhappy that Jimmie felt sorry for her.

"Hullo!" she said suddenly.

"Hullo!" replied Jimmie.

The little girl sat down and paddled her bare foot in the water.

"Are you rich?" she asked.

Jimmie nodded.

The little girl sighed. "I know what I'd do if I were rich," she said. "I'd go sailing in one of the swan boats."

"It only costs five cents," said Jimmy.

"How should I ever get five cents?" she answered scornfully.

Then Jimmy made a sudden resolve. There would be other nickels coming to him—perhaps as soon s the next Saturday. Anyway, how could he, with money in his pocket, fail to give this little girl a sail?

"Take your feet out of the water and come along," he commanded, and the little girl promptly obeyed.

Jimmie untied his handkerchief and held the nickel tight in his hand. When they reached the boat landing, he gave his nickel to the man in charge of the boats.

"She will take a sail," he said.

The swan boat sailed away, and away ran Jimmie, following along the shore and waving his hat to the little girl on the boat; the little girl waved back.

"What a fine time she is having!" thought Jimmie delightfully, great to be rich and give other people a fine time."

He was back at the landing when the swan boat came sailing in.

The little girl jumped ashore, her eyes were shining with pleasure. "'Twas grand!" she said. "I hope you'll be a great man some day!"

"Sure I will. The same to yourself," responded Jimmie politely.

But the little girl was runing across the Garden toward the hill.

"Maybe she's too long a way from her home," thought Jimmie, as he watched her.

"I guess I'll be going home myself now," he decided soberly.

"Don't forget your promise to give me a trip on the swan boat," said the policeman, as Jimmie crossed the street.

"I shall not forget it," answered Jimmie.

"It is time that I was earning money myself—like Timmie," he thought. "It is high time, for I am six years old." He looked down at his shining shoes and smiled happily. "It was a pleasant sail she sad, sure enough!" —Alice Turner Curtis.

"PHOEBE"

Little Phoebe Gray had come to spend a week on Uncle Daniel's farm. She had always lived in the city, and to her the farm seemed wonderful.

One morning her Aunt Alice gave her two big cookies, and told her to play outdoors until dinner time. As the little girl walked down through the orchard she heard a clear voice call, "Phoebe! Phoebe!"

She stood quite still and listened. "I guess some little girl wants to play with me," she thought. So she answered, "Where are you?"

"Phoebe! Phoebe!" called the sweet voice.

"I guess she's playing hide and seek with me. I must try to find her." For a while the little girl looked about happily; but when she found no one, she grew tired, and called, "Come here and I will give you a cooky!"

No little girl came, but the sweet voice still called, "Phoebe! Phoebe!"

Aunt Alice was writing a letter when Phoebe hurried into her room, and said, "O Aunt Alice, there's a little girl out in the orchard calling me! I can't find her. She just calls and calls, but she won't come to me. I told her I would give her a cooky if she'd stop hiding and come and play with me. Please come out and help me find her."

"There is no little girl who lives near enough to come here all alone. What made you think there is a little girl if you could not see her?"

Aunt Alice laughed, and said, "I think that I know your little friend; I will help you find her. You will have to be quite still and look carefully, for it is not a girl, but a bird. She calls 'Phoebe' so much of the time that I think she has a nest near, for I hear her every day."

"A bird! Why, Aunt Alice, I didn't know birds could talk! She called my name just as plain as could be! It did not sound like a bird, at all."

When they reached the orchard no little bird could they see. They walked cautiously about and peeped under the leaves and shrubs.

"We shall have to wait until another day," Aunt Alice said.

They started back toward the house. As they came near the barn a bird flew out from the shed, perched in a tree near by, and sang, "Phoebe! Phoebe! Phoebe!"

The little girl laughed. "O Aunt Alice, we did find her, after all! What do you suppose she wanted in the shed?"

"We will look and see if she has a nest there, but she may have been after flies. This Phoebe would rather have flies than cookies. There is the nest and she is back in it." Aunt Alice said, and pointed to a rafter.

They saw the head of the mother bird looking down over the edge of the nest. She did not appear to be frightened.

"Why, how did you find it?" asked the little girl.

"I thought it might be there. The phoebe bird often builds her nest year after yter year in the same place. See, on the next rafter are two old nests."

When Phoebe went back to the city her father said, "Well, little girl, what was the best thing on the farm?"

Phoebe laughed, and said, "I like best the little bird that knew my name."——Harriet G. Brown.

A VACATION BOX

"What can it be?" cried Lois, as she looked at a box that the expressman had left.

"What can it be?" echoed Robert, as he drew the nails with his hammer.

It could not be a birthday box, for no one in the family had a birthday in midsummer.

With a splintering sound the top of the box at last yielded to Robert's tugging, and they saw underneath it a letter addressed to Lois.

"It's godmother's writing!" she cried, as she opened it. She read it aloud:

"Dear Lois and Robert. Perhaps you think that boxes are busy only at Christmas time, and that the expressman takes a vacation during the rest of the year. That is not so. Perhaps you will laugh when I explain that I am a vacation box.

"With best wishes for a hhpy summer, I am,

"Yours busily, A. V. Box."

The children lifted the soft paper wrappings and peeped curiously into enchanting packages.

"My first is a bird book!" cried Robert.

"I don't see any bird in it," said Lois, looking over his shoulder.

"That's the fun of it," answered Robert. "I'm to look for the birds, and to keep a record of all that I s e in this neighborhood."

"I'll help," said Lois. "And I have a flower-record book with pages to hold pressed flowers; and there's an insect book, too, and a specimen box, and an insect net."

"And a folding camera!" cried Robert.

"And I've found a whole book on gardening." Lois was laughing with delight. "And isn't it rather funny that we thought that vacation was going to be dull when there were really so many delightful things to do?" said Lois.

"We ought to have thought of them ourselves," said Robert, "but I'm glad grandmother sent us such a fine vacation box."—Frances Kirkland.

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WOLFE—Mrs. Carrie Leslie Todd Wolfe was born November 9, 1864, and departed this life at Jonesville, N. C., June 1, 1919, aged 54 years, 6 months and 22 days. She joined the Methodist church at Rockford, N. C., at the tender age of nine years and lived a faithful, consistent member until the end came. She was baptized into the church by the Rev. Walter Creasy, that great and good man whose itinerancy led him her way forty-five years ago.

On December 25, 1881, she was united in marriage to Mr. J. H. Wolfe, and to this union were born four sons. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Hubert K., of Jonesville, N. C.; W. A., of New Castle, Ind., and Charley Lee, of Jonesville, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Florence Dunnagan, of Winston-Salem, N. C. The third son, John Thomas, preceded her a few years ago at the age of fourteen years.

Besides the members of her immediate family she leaves a host of friends to mourn their loss, and not the least among them to be considered are the little children who knew her best and whom she dearly loved. It was a touching scene to see them bringing their little floral tributes into the home of their departed friend.

The family has lost its guiding star, the community a faithful friend, and the church a loyal member, but none outside of the home will feel their loss more than the occupants of the parsonage, hard by.

But we weep not as those who have no hope, for the promise to those who are "faithful unto death" was surely made for such as she.

J. H. Robertson, Pastor.

ALUMNAE MEMORIAL

In this life there are no joys without a tinge of sadness. This minor chord is recognized by us all as we meet from year to year. As we greet the friends who are with us, our thoughts go out to those, who since we last met, have been called to the Great Beyond. Some have been taken ere the spring of life had given way to full glorious summer. To others the summer had almost passed and they were as the ripened sheaves of grain, ready for the sickle.

Today we mourn the loss of Mrs. Lina Coltrane Ridenhour, Mt. Gilead; Mrs. Emma Renn Jones, Charlotte; Mrs. Fannie Barringer Waldrop, Greensboro; Mrs. Lila Griffin Flemming, Greensboro; Miss Louise Franklin, Winston-Salem; Miss Laura Elizabeth Ledbetter, Wadesboro; Miss Lucy Curtis, Greensboro; Miss Velma Maddox, Greensboro; Miss Glennie Yelverton, Goldsboro; Mrs. Eugenia Mann Ormand, Kinston; Mrs. Mattie Johnson Gasque, Rockingham; Mrs Nellie Hill Miller, Greensboro; Mrs. Lucy Makepeace Curtis, Greensboro; Mrs. Susan Duty Doub, Greensboro; Mrs. J. A. Odell, Greensboro; Mrs. Julia Green Thomas, Greensboro.

Here we find the young mother, our girls, who yielded up their lives during the great pestilence, women of mature age, and those who could truly say: "Life, we've been long together, Through pleasant and through cloudy weather."

Whereas, an All Wise Providence, in infinite wisdom and love, has removed these dear ones from our midst, therefore, be it resolved by the Alumnae association of Greensboro College for Women:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Second, that although saddened that the earthly vessel is broken, we cherish the memory of their Christian lives.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved families, assuring them of our tenderest sympathy; that a copy be spread on our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, also to the daily papers of Greensboro.

"There is no death,
What seems so is transition,
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

Mrs. J. Ed Albright,
Mrs. John Peacock,
Mrs. E. H. Wrenn.

McCum—Aunt Martha McCum, of Walkertown, N. C., died May 18, 1919, in her 96th year. She was the oldest living member of Love's church.

Early in life Aunt Martha was converted and joined the church. She was a splendid woman and it was her delight and joy to attend the public services of the church as long as she was able to go.

In visiting her the pastor received help and inspiration for his work. She loved to read God's word and sing the Methodist hymns. In her home alone for many years she said God's word and the hymns kept her from becoming despondent. A Christian woman has gone from our midst, and yet she is not gone, for her influence will continue to live. J. C. Harmon.

JOINER—Benjamin Joiner was born January 6, 1834, died June 1, 1919, aged 85 years, 4 months and 26 days. Brother Joyner was married to Lydia Parrish January 8, 1855. Their union was blessed with twelve children, five of whom, together with his wife, preceded him to the great beyond, leaving to mourn their loss seven children and a number of grandchildren.

Brother Joiner joined the Methodist church early in life. For many years he had been a member of Love's church, Walkertown, N. C. When he was able he loved to attend church. He was a good man and his daily conversation revealed the fact that he lived with Jesus. He was always glad to have God's word read when the pastor called to see him.

June 2nd Brother Joiner was buried at Love's cemetery in the presence of a large number of loved ones and friends. The beautiful flowers showed the esteem with which he was held in his community.

J. C. Harmon.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The following resolutions were passed by the Ladies Local Workers of the Brevard Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in memory of Mrs. J. C. Glenn, Charlotte, N. C.:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst a beloved friend and a consecrated member, we record the memories of her gentle, dignified and lovable character. Therefore, be it resolved,

First, that her life was worthy of emulation, being marked by the un-numbered deeds of thoughtful attention for others, that radiated the blessed influence in home, community and church. Her gentleness, devotion to duty and to church, with implicit faith in her Saviour.

Second, that we bow in humble submission to His will and that we do extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives and affections, and pray that heaven's richest blessings and consolations be given to them.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, also a copy recorded on the minutes of our Local Workers and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. J. E. Sing,
Mrs. P. T. Freeland,
Mrs. Lon G Cruse,
Committee.

KALE—Lock Kale closed a useful life at his home in Newton, May 8, 1919. He lived 65 years, a member of the M. E. Church, South, from his youth. He supported it with his means and honored it with his life. He leaves a wife to mourn her loss, but she is happy amid the gloom. He raised six strong boys and four good girls. These are all living and are members of the church he loved so much and served so long and well. Kind and obliging to his neighbors, they were grieved at his passing, and love to speak in kindest terms of him. We are sorry that Brother Kale is gone from us but we feel that all is well.

Brother E. W. Fox, a former pastor, conducted the funeral services, and we laid him to rest. R. M. Hoyle.

MORRIS—Laura May Cline was born December 4, 1889, died May 31, 1919, aged 29 years, 5 months and 27 days. She was married to John V. Morris January 25, 1914. She leaves a husband, one child, two step-children to mourn her going.

Sister Morris joined the church at the age of fifteen and lived a consistent life. She was loved by all who knew her. As a teacher in Sunday school she left the impress of her life upon the children. She was a true wife and mother, and more, she was a mother to the motherless. All honor to the woman who takes the broken threads of the bereft home and causes, by her love, the dove of peace and happiness to again build there. We shall miss her here, but we may meet her there.

May the angel of comfort abide in this bereaved home. Amid a large group of friends she was laid to rest at Lane's Chapel by her pastor, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, and the writer.

E. M. Avett.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Burkhead M. E. church the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, that in the death of Mrs. Addie Boyd Morris, which occurred at the City Hospital on the morning of June 2, our society keenly feels the loss of a loyal and valued member, one whose friendship was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by her associates. May it not also be truly said that in all lines of church activity her sweet Christian disposition was ever in evidence? As a neighbor and co-worker in the Master's vineyard Sister Morris' beautiful and lovable character was perhaps best exemplified.

Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the one who doeth all things well, yet may we not give expression to the love and high esteem in which Sister Morris was held, not only by the members of our Society, but by all with whom she came in contact.

Resolved, that to the husband and five children who are bereft of a loving wife and mother and to all of the other sorrowing relatives we extend heartfelt sympathy and condolence, with the added assurance that the members of Burkhead missionary society, individually, share in the loss sustained by the removal from earth to heaven of a noble woman, whose Christian life was worthy of emulation.

May God's hand direct and His blessings ever abide with all the sorrowing ones.

Mrs. R. E. Carmichael,
Mrs. J. O. White,
Mrs. T. G. Foy.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

The inevitable hand of death has again been cast amongst us and has taken from this earthly pilgrimage out into God's grander and all perfect universe our devoted friend and faithful brother, Joel Houston Fisher, who died at his home five miles from Catawba, N. C., on the 28th day of May, 1919. He was born June 11, 1841, being 77 years, 11 months and 16 days of age.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Willie Saunders, from which happy union were born four sons and three daughters, of which number four sons and two daughters survive.

At the beginning of the Civil War he volunteered his services to the cause of his beloved Southland and served with valor throughout the entire period. But a greater service than all this did he render to the cause of Christ, for in early manhood he haerd and hearkened unto the call of his Lord, and with his face always to the enemy he fought the good fight with faith and fortitude, so that when death came he silently and composedly lay down to sleep, sustained in the last hour by the hand that he relied upon to lead him, and went out unafraid, realizing that he had finished the race and had won his crown.

He served in some official capacity in the M. E. Church, South, almost all his life, being Sunday school superintendent, trustee and steward.

Truly can we say that one of the sweetest characters we have ever known has gone out from us, and that the world is a far better place for his having lived and cast his influence for good over those with whom he associated.

And since it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove this brother who wrought so well, therefore, be it resolved:

First, that the M. E. Church, South, has lost one of its best men and most devoted members, one who was diligent in service and patient in undertaking.

Second, that Catawba circuit will for years to come feel the loss in his absence, but shall be strengthened from the effects of his beneficent affiliation and fellowship.

Third, that we extend to his bereaved children and loved ones a heart full of sympathy and love in this hour of their grief, and rejoice that we can point to his exemplary life and say to them that to follow in his footsteps is sufficient.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, The Catawba County News, that a copy be spread upon the church minutes and that a copy be given to the fmaily.

Oscar Sherrill,
J. T. Ratledge,
Samuel Turner,
Committee.

CARR—On Mother's Day of this year, May 11th, at least one young mother's heart was made sad. Brother and Sister C. C. Carr, of Goldsboro, had to follow the remains of their little infant, William Richard, to the cemetery that day; but their hearts were made glad to know that their own darling was "safe in the arms of Jesus."

William Richard Carr was born February 22, 1919, and died, after a very few weeks of struggle to live, with a defective heart, May 10, 1919.

This little life was not lived in vain. As loved ones watched the little sufferer through the days and nights, eyes and hearts were lifted to behold afresh the Supreme Sufferer, who, after having ministered unto children and men, died to save the world.

Just a little while longer and we shall go to our departed loved ones, and there we shall live with them forever. God will keep our jewels there until we come. "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." E. C. Durham.

ALLISON—William Lee Allison was born October 30th, 1869, died June 5th, 1919, aged 49 years, 7 months and 5 days. The writer had the pleasure of receiving him into the church three years ago and he was always interested in all the moral issues and everything for the betterment of the town and community in which he lived. He was devoted to his family and thoughtful about their needs. He was evidently the center of the home in every respect. Unselfish, his friends and loved ones were first in his thoughts. He was held in high esteem in the lodges of which he was a member here in the town, and a large company of friends attended his funeral, which was conducted in the Methodist church in Old Fort, and his remains were carried to his old home in the country and laid to rest in the family cemetery.

He leaves a wife, mother, three brothers, two sisters and three children and a great number of friends to mourn his departure. May God's spirit comfort all.

R. F. Mocks, P. C.

JORDAN—Margaret Elizabeth Jordan was born Sept. 17, 1837 and died June 10, 1919, aged 81 years, 8 months and 23 days. She was the mother of six children, nine living and one dead. She professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist church at the age of fourteen and was a faithful and consecrated member when the end came. Her highest ambition was to be a true Christian and to see her family saved. She was a Christian light in the home, community and church, that shone brighter day by day until the last moment of life was gone. Possibly no one life meant more to the community and church in which she lived than hers. Her faith in God and her friendly disposition won for her many friends and she will be missed, but she had finished her work and is now reaping her glorious reward with the Father above.

She leaves five children, thirty-two grand children, fifteen great grand-children and a host of friends to mourn her departure. May God comfort her loved ones. R. F. Mock.

REYNOLDS—Edward Baxter Reynolds was born April 26, 1867, and died May 7, 1919. He professed religion in his teens and lived a true and faithful Christian life. He was a good neighbor, loved by all who knew him. His sickness continued for months. He was ready and willing to go. He is resting peacefully in the bosom of his Lord. We have all faith in meeting him in that bright world where there is no more sickness. B. F. Watson.

MARRIED

At Warren church, N. C., Wednesday, June 4th, at 9 a. m., Miss Grace Warren, to Mr. George Diamond, Rev. Eugene B. Troy, P. C., officiating.

At the home of the bride, Mrs. Mary Nance, Evergreen, N. C., her youngest daughter, Miss Lelabel Nance and Mr. Grover L. Richardson, of Bolton, N. C., were happily united in holy matrimony May 20, 1919, at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. B. E. Stanfield, officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, near Alexander, N. C., on the afternoon of June 16th, Rev. E. Maurice Jones, pastor of the Walnut circuit, and Miss Zennie Rodgers, Rev. W. H. Willis, officiating. After some days at Blue Ridge they will be at home at Walnut, N. C.

At the residence of the bride's father, Morgan G. Williams, Sladesville, N. C., on June 18, 1919, Mr. Ruffin Staples, of Portsmouth, Va., and Miss Della Williams, Rev. L. T. Singleton officiating.

At the Methodist parsonage, Rowland, N. C. On Wednesday, June 18, 1919, Mr. Graham McL. Reedy to Miss Sallie McLeod, A. J. Groves, officiating.

In the college auditorium, Rutherford College, N. C., on the afternoon of Wednesday, June the 18, Miss Genevieve Rutherford, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parris M. Rutherford, to Mr. John Allen Robins, formerly of Greensboro, N. C., Rev. M. B. Clegg, officiating. The bride is the grand-daughter of the late Dr. R. L. Abernethy.

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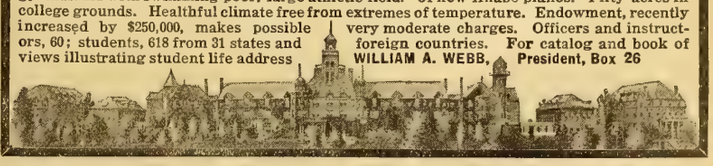
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North Carolina Conference

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Kenly, Lucama	16
Selma, Sanders	12-13
Smithfield	13
Mill Brook, Pleasant Grove	19-20
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial	20
Granville, Roberts Chapel	26-27
August	
Oxford	1-2
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	1-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
September	
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Third Round	July
Enfield and Halifax Pierce's	4
Battleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross	5-6
Weldon, night	6
Northampton, Pleasant Grove	11
Garyburg, Seaboard	12-13
Conway, Conway	17
Rich Squart, Roxabel	18
Murfreesboro and Winton, Winton	19-20
Ridgeway, Tabernacle	26
Henderson	27-28
N. and S. Henderson, S. Henderson	27
August	
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-11

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Beaufort, 11 a. m.	6
Morehead City (night)	6
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove	12-13
Straits and Atlantic	19-20
Dover, Lane's Chapel	25
LaGrange, Hickory Grove	26-27
August	
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9 10
New Bern, Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circuit, Epworth	16
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

Third Round	July
Mount Gilead, Sardis	5-6
Mount Gilead	6-7
Laurel Hill, Old Hundred (A. M.)	13
Roberdel, Green Lake (3 P. M.)	13
Lumberton Circuit, Pine Grove (A. M.)	20
Laurinburg (night)	20
Laurinburg (A. M.)	21
Lumberton (night)	23
Maxton (night)	24
Robeson, Olivet	26-27
Rowland, Asbury (afternoon)	27
August	
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferenme (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
September	
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Dunn, Black's Chapel	13-14
Fayetteville, Camp Ground, 11 a. m.	18
Newton Grove, Ebenezer	19-20
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill	26-27
Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, 11 a. m.	28
Haw River, Merritt's Chapel, 11 a. m.	29
August	
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs, 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9-10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
September	
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Bath, Bethany	5-6

WILMINGTON DISTICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Jacksonville-Richlands, Haw Branch	5-6
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	10
Burgaw, Watha	11
Kenansville, Wesley	12
Faison-Warsaw, Goshen	13-14
Chadbourn, Evergreen	18
Tabor, Bethesda	19-20
Wallace-Rose Hill, Providence	25
Magnolia, Carlton's	26-27
Carver's Creek, Shiloh	1
August	
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round	July
Chowan, Bethany	5-6
Hertford	16
Perquimans, New Hope	17
City Road, Epworth	18
Pasquotank, Mt. Hermon	19
Edenton	20
Gates, Philadelphia	26-27
North Gates, Hebron	27-28
August	
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet	18
Dare	19
Hatteras	21
Mivock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

District conference at Pantego, beginning on Wednesday night, July 9, and closing on Friday night or Saturday morning. Bishop Darlington will be present and preside after Thursday.

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Graham and Haw River, 8 p. m.	6
Mt. Tirzah, Hurdle's Mill, 11 a. m.	12-13
Rougemont, Ellis Chapel, 4 p. m.	13
Mebane, Prospect, 11 a. m.	19-20
Milton, New Hope, 11 a. m.	26-27
August	
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Sulphur Springs, Pisgah	5-6
Haywood Street	6
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnuct, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
August	
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River Circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Third Round	July
Marshville, Marshville	3
Unionville, Oak Grove	5-6
North Monroe, Grace, 3 p. m.	6
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
August	
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Grensboro, N. C.

Third Round	July
Greensboro ciruit, Bethel	5-6
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, 11 o'clock	6
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circuit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
August	
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ezenezer	23

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round	July
Woodleaf, South River	5-6
South Main, night	6
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m.	13
Badin, night	13
Cottonville, Rehobeth	19-20
Norwood, Randall	20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richefild	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
August	
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circucit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmony, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.

Third Round	July
Danbury, Snow Hill	5-6
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20, 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-20
Leaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Table Rock circuit, Fair View	5-6
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. m.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday, 3 p. m.	30
Bakersville circucit, Penland, night	20-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
August	
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
Mill Spring, New Hope	16-17
Rutherfordton circuit, Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion circuit, Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.

Third Roucnd	July
Elkland circuit, Cranberry	5-6
North Wilkes	5-6
Sparta, Piney Creek	12-13
Watauga, Mabel	12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview	19-20
Elk Parfk, Banner Elk	19-20
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
August	
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Andrews	5-6
Murphy	6-7
Murphy circuit, Salem	7
Ranger, Belview	8
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
August	
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

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Thomasville circuit, Shady Grove, July 5-6.
Thomasville, Main Street, July 6, 4 p. m. and night.
Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District Conference at Lexington, July 4. Opening sermon, July 2, night.

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Third Round	July
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	11
Lincolnton circuit, Marvin, 11 a. m.	12
Stanley, Trinity, 11 a. m.	13
King's Mountain, King's Mountan, 8:30 p. m.	16
Shelby circuit, Layfayette Street, 3 p. m.	17
Shelby Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Polkville, Rehoboth, 3 p. m.	18
South Fork, Zion, 11 a. m.	19
Rock Spring, Bethany, 11 a. m.	20
Lowesville, New Hope, 5 p. m.	20
Dallas, High Shoals, 8:30 p. m.	21
East End, East End, 8:30 p. m.	22
McAdenville, 8:30 p. m.	24
Mayworth, Mayworth, 11 a. m.	27
Belmont, 5 p. m.	27

District conference, Fallston, Belwood circuit, July 28-30.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Mooresville, Mooresville, 11 a. m.	5-6
Mooresville circuit, Williamsons, 3 p. m.	5-6
District conference, Lenoir	14-16

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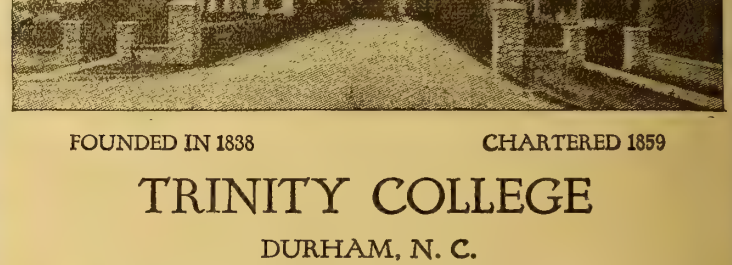
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A HOMESICK LAMENT

By Margaret Scott Hall

My heart turns back to the piney woods
And the scenes of long ago,
Homesick in the midst of city life,
With its restless glare and show;
There's a singing rill and clear, cool spring,
Where the shining pebbles lie—
If I could exchange a hydrant now,
I'd drink that old spring dry!

In dreams I escape the hurrying throng
And noise of the busy street,
To fragrant aisles of the piney woods
And the pure air, fresh and sweet,
Where I catch the smell of new mown hay
And the sound of droning bees,
And the lonesome sigh of the long-leaf pine,
As I stroll beneath the trees.

The soda fount that I patronize,
Where the sparkling ices clink,
Cannot compare with the spring at home,
For there is my favorite drink;
I'd give the best of vanilla cream
That the city can afford,
To slake my thirst at the dear old spring,
And drink from a country gourd!

I live and toil in the busy marts
Of the city's rushing ways,
Yet my heart still yearns for the piney woods
And the home of other days;
Still I feel, in dreams, the holy hush
Of those blessed solitudes,
At peace with Nature, so near to God,
Far off in the piney woods.

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Editorial

SHALL WE MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

In a recent issue of the Advocate we carried a communication from Dr. Stonewall Anderson, reporting the last annual meeting of the Board of Education and giving brief outlines of the plans of the Board for carrying out the plans by the last General Conference for enlarging and strengthening the educational work of our Church. These are just beginning to take shape, and the Church may expect to hear more and more of them during the coming months. The time is opportune, therefore, for a discussion of this vital question. It is to be sincerely hoped that the movement to raise $23,000,000.00 for educational work will serve to fix in the minds of our people the supreme importance of Christian education.

Why Should the Church Educate?

We could easily parry this question by the counter inquiry, Why should not the Church educate? Certainly the burden of proof should rest on those who question the right or the obligation of the Church to educate. She has been in the field longer than any other agency that is now proposing to educate. She has done more than any or all of them to stimulate the desire for an education, to create educational aspirations, and to determine correct educational ideals. She has been the promoter of educational enterprises from the day that Abraham took his journey into a country that God proposed to show him, and from the time that Moses made every Jewish home an educational institution. Where is the nation whose people are educated that has not been quickened by the religion of the Bible, or else awakened by contact with some nation that has? For intellectual culture or any sort to challenge the right of the Church to educate is for the child to challenge the right of the mother to train it.

Christian Education an Imperatitve Obligation.

But there is more here than a question of right The Church cannot dare to abdicate her right to educate; the imperative obligation is upon her to do this work. Teaching is a part of the great commission which the ascending Christ laid upon His disciples. They were commanded to "teach" as well as "preach." It is true that this teaching had a distinctively religious purpose, and the Church must not lose sight of this fact in her educational work; but this fact does not confine her curriculum to what are recognized as religious subjects. The whole field of intellectual culture bears a close relation to character, and nothing that makes its contribution to the molding of character can be indifferent to religion. The demonstration of a problem in mathematics, or the classification of vegetable growths, or the orderly arrangements of the crystallization of stones, may seem wholly foreign to religious purpose. Suppose we grant it; they are likewise only incidental in the work of education. The essentail things are the formation of character and mental discipline. We deliberately put the formation of character first, because it is much more fundamental to the well-being of the man, whether considered from the standpoint of his efficiency or as a moral creature. The effort of the Church to impress religious truth has ever been hampered by the limitations of the undeveloped mind to receive truth, but even the undeveloped mind is a better receptacle for truth than one that has been perverted by false training. All this and more make it imperative that the Church prosecute her God-given task of education.

The World Needs Christian Education.

This is a necessary corollary to the fact that the world needs Christ. If the Christian religion is the true religion (and we are not writing particularly now for those who question this truth,) then Christian education is the highest possible type of education. Those who think that the intellectual apprehension of truth is independent of the attitude of the heart and life toward truth have studied psychology to little purpose. They have read history with a blinded eye. If the last five years have not cured that distemper, they are hopelessly blind. What we can know depends largely upon what we are. Christ said to Pilate: "I am the truth;" but Pilate knew but little more of the truth after that statement than he did before. What he was, so long as he remained what he was, made it impossible for him to know the truth. Thousands since have lived and died under the same condemnation. It is equally true that the mental training to which men have been subjected has often closed forever the door to the knowledge of the highest truth. Men who sit in the seat of the educator need to be deeply conscious of this fact; and, when Christ said: "I am the truth"', He put Himself at the centre of all truth. How can a true education ignore Him? How can an education that ignores or disputes Him meet the world's need? If Christ is the Healer of the ache of the world's heart, any educational policy any educational ideals that antagonize Him, or that seek to ignore Him, must fall deplorably short of making the highest contribution to the world's need.

What is Southern Methodism Doing to Meet this Need.

We would not belittle the educational work that our Church is doing. It is a tremendously important arm of our Church, and in it are engaged a goodly number of our best and most deeply consecrated men and women. We have a total of 86 institutions with grounds and buildings valued at $13,360,639.00. They have a total endowment of $9,301,054.00, of which $7,547,915.00 is classified as productive endowment. Their total income for 1917-1918 was $2,459,614, and their total enrollment of students was 18,240. These figures in the total sound very respectable, but, when you divide eighteen thousand students into two million members, it is seen that we are putting less than one student into all our schools for one hundred members; and, when you further reflect that this membership stands for a total population of near ten millions, it is seen that we are not getting into our schools one in five hundred of the population that we represent. We have not the figures upon which to base a calculation of the per cent of our people of school age that we are educating.

The Need For Better Equipment.

But at least of equal importance is the better equipment for training properly those we are getting into our schools. In all of our 86 institutions there is not one that is not in need of enlargement and better equipment. Our own Trinity College is far ahead of any other college in Southern Methodism in the value of its buildings, grounds and equipment and also in the matter of endowment; but it is using all to the limit, and is hindered from extending its service to the Church still further only by the need of still further investments there.

We have not the space here to enter the discussion of these needs in detail. They will be laid before our readers from time to time in the months that are coming. Suffice it to say that these needs have been thoroughly canvassed by those who have the work in hand, and an intensive campaign will be launched in the near future to secure a minimum of $23,000,000 to meet the pressing needs of these institutions. We bespeak for this cause the open ear and heart and purse of the whole Church to the challenge of this age big with opportunity.

DEATH OF REV. C. R. CANIPE

For the first time this year the ranks of the Western North Carolina Conference were invaded by death last week. On Tuesday the wires brought from Columbus, Ohio, the sad news that Rev. Clarence R. Canipe had passed away in that city, having succumbed to an attack of Spanish influenza. He had gone to Columbus the week before in company with several friends to attend the great Centenary celebration, and was taken violently ill soon after reaching the city.

Brother Canipe was a native of Cleveland county, and was serving as pastor of the Polkville circuit. He was educated at the High School at Lawndale and at Trinity College. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference at Charlotte in 1904 and was appointed to Stoneville and Mayodan, serving this charge one year. In 1905 he was appointed a student at Trinity College and in 1907 he was transferred to the North Carolina Conference and has labored there since that time till the year 1917 when he was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and appointed to the Polkville circuit where he was serving his second year.

We regret that we have not the data for a fuller account, but we feel assured that his presiding elder will see that a proper memoir is prepared

The Advocate extends the profoundest sympathy to the stricken family.

FLASHES FROM THE ANVIL

It is easy enough to throw off on orthodoxy, as the wandering stars in theology are wont to do, because of the incorrect life of those who profess a correct faith; but the heterodox in faith have nothing to boast of in the type of their life. Infidelity has not the credit for producing the saints that have appeared in the earth.

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Organization is a fine thing so long as it is the product of life and simply furnishes a channel for its activities; but, when it is attempted to generate life by organization, then it is a dead failure. Life everywhere organizes itself and uses the organization so long as it serves its purpose; but, when the organization becomes a mere shell that hampers and confines life, it is inevitably cast aside.

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Recreation, we are told, has its place in life. No doubt this is true; but when it becomes a business it has gotten out of its place and begins to undermine the foundations of character. Whenever one becomes more genuinely concerned about his pleasures than he is about accomplishing something worth while in life, he not only introduces a deadly poison into his moral life, but he likewise misses the road to happiness.

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There is just now a stir over the question of reforming the dance. We are glad that there is a reaction against the depths of indecency into which the dance seems to have plunged—judging from the reports which dancers themselves make. Let them by all means keep it as near to the line of decency as they will. But, when all their reformation is over and the stream of its giddy whirl moves on, it will still be downward. It is of the essence of sensuousness, and cannot be made to move toward any other goal.

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Paul had before him the ideal of a perfect man, but it was a perfection that was ever seeking larger attainment. With one breath he said: "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect;" but he was reaching up for that lofty goal. Then in the next he seems to say: "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." The perfect tree may be young and small. There are greater things ahead for it, and it is in the best possible condition for growth and development. So with man. The perfect man is in the best possible condition for growth and development to larger attainments.

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The military figure of the religious life has again been made very prominent by the great war, and Foch's unified army driving back the Germans has given a certain class a great argument for the blotting out of denominational lines and all Christians coming into one great ecclesiastical organization. The analogy does not hold. The world will never be converted by a great mass formation and a drive. Jesus was in an upper room in Jerusalem with a little company of unarmed disciples with all the great powers of earth against Him when He quietly assured the despondent group: "I have overcome the world." No, it was not by a mass movement that He had done it.

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It seems to us that we have too much theory and too little practice in some directions today. We are spending a lot of time and talk in planning how to make the Church triumphant. How shall we reach and hold the masses? For two or three decades the Church and the laboring classes has been a standing subject of debate. Is it not true that whenever the Church tries to deal with any man as a member of a special class, it is at work upon a false basis? The Church must deal with men as men and upon a common level. There is neither Jew nor Greek,

bond nor free, rich or poor, laborer or employee; but all are sinners needing the saving grace of Christ. If we would simply get busier trying to save every man where we find him, many of our problems would disappear.

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There are those among us today whose highest ideal of religion seems to be to make life in this world comfortable. They quote with great satisfaction St. Jame's touchstone of faith: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction;" but they rarely quote the rest of the sentence: "And to keep himself unspotted from the world." The truth is Christ never promised His disciples a comfortable time in this world. On the contrary, He plainly told them: "In the world ye shall have tribulation." The apostle assures us that the deeds of the flesh must be mortified, and Christ says: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." A religion that has no higher motive than to make men comfortable in the flesh is not the religion of the New Testament.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Shall the Church Enter the Scramble of Factional Politics? There seems to be little that is not bobbing up under one guise or another at the great Centenary Exposition that is now drawing to its close at Columbus, Ohio. A communication has reached our office with no signature except the National Woman's Party, reporting a speech by Miss Alice Paul, a prominent suffragist leader, in which it is stated that she "took the assemblage into the realm of feminist politics." She sketched the history of the suffrage movement the purport of which would seem to be to put the Church back of her cause. It is only with this purpose that we are concerned, and this is only one illustration of a tendency that has its immense peril to the Church. We should never lose sight of the fact that the Church maintain a position to minister to the spiritual needs of men and women of all shades of political faith and who endorse multitform theories about many things. If she is to take a position on every question of a political or social nature that may come to the surface in these disturbed times, or in any other times for that matter, she will soon cut herself off from spiritual ministration to large elements of human life.

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The Enforcement of War-Time Prohibition is being largely discussed in the secular press, and there seems to be much confusion about it. Mr. Wayne B. Wheeler, General Counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America—perhaps the best informed man on the liquor laws of this country of any man in it—says: "It is true that the present power to enforce the War Prohibititon Act is not adequate, but it is nevertheless fairly effective. Liquor dealers who violate the War Prohibition Act will face not only the criminal penalty of war prohibition, but the penalty under the liquor tax laws. The penalty for violating war prohibition is imprisonment not exceeding one year, or a fine not exceeding $1,000, or both." It appears to us that if the courts will get behind with enforcement and start a few violators off to the federal prison for a year each, the bootleggers will soon thin out.

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Denominational Co-operation on Indian Affairs is to get a new impetus at a conference to be held at Miles City, beginning July 8th. The Home Missions Council, composed of representatives of thirty-nine denominational boards in the United States, will meet with local representatives of churches now existing in Montana and will lay out a plan whereby the Church may render larger service to the State than it is now doing. Our Church will be represented by Bishop H. M. DuBose, Berkeley, Cal. After two days Conference the Committee will visit together a large number of typical fields to acquaint themselves with the local situation and will take the knowledge thus acquired back to their several headquarters. It is expected that this will lead to a more intelligent co-operation in this work.

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The Eighth Convention of the World's Sunday Sschool Association will be held in Tokio, Japan, in October 1920, and plans are already being formulated to make it the greatest convention of the Association ever held. Japanese interest is indicated in a letter written to the late H. J. Heinz, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, by Marquis Shigenobu Okuma, of Tokio. Among other things he said: "Under your leadership plans were made to hold the next World's Sunday School Convention in Tokio, but on account of the war this was postponed. Now that peace is in sight I am very glad that the prospect which you desire will be fulfilled next year * * * * I have always admired the United States because without restraint she has worked for the cause of righteousness and the higher ideals. I have also observed that at times of great calamity in the world you have exerted yourself in different ways to give succor to the people * * * * I have organized the (Koen Kai) Patros Association among the influential men of my country for entertaining the Cenvention. Needless to say true peace depends upon the understanding of the spiritual ideals of the different countries. Individually I do not doubt that the Great Convention will not only be of great benefit to Japan, but that it will give a large stimulus to the sympathy and brotherhood feeling of the humanity of the world, and that it will lead to peace and better international understandings."

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Imigration Legislation is always important, but it is evidently more so at this time than ever before. The stress of the great war through which we have passed revealed the fact that one of our most serious dangers was a mass of foreign population that has not been assimilated and brought into sympathy with the American people. Of course there are many complex problems involved in the framing of laws that will bear with equal justice upon every individual case. We know of no man who has given the subject more thorough consideration, or better qualified to speak, than Sydney L. Gulick, Secretary of the National Committee for Constructitve Imigration Legislation. He lays down the following guiding principles which appeal to us as eminently just and wise: (1) Regulate all Immigraton; (2) Admit no more than we can assimilate; (3) Admit no more than we can steadily employ; (4) Give equal treatment to every people. These principles are really axiomatic. The first principle is the only wise course to pursue; the second and third are eminently wise, and the fourth is in accord with Christian principles. Our national law makers will do well to build our imigration legislation upon these fundamental principles.

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The New Goal the Methodist Episcopal Church has set for itself is ,1,000,000 converts by June 1st, 1920. This is a part of the conservation program following the big Centenary drive which in that Church had reached about $112,100,000.00 the last report we saw of it. It will be to attain this goal that the evangelistic campaign soon to be put on will strive. One million souls! Heaven rejoices over one sinner that repents, and there will be much rejoicing over a million of them. We do not know what number our Church will fix, or whether it will proceed on that principle; but there are just two things we would like for Christian workers in Southern Methodism to remember. The first is that there should be no cessation of effort so long as there is an unsaved soul on the earth, and the second is that the object should be to bring these souls into the real experience of salvation and not simply to get them sign cards and count noses to fill up a quota. The object of a revival service is not to report a successful meeting, though we believe heartily in reporting them. We connot avoid being anxious about evangelistic effort of the band-wagon type. Sinners are not saved by hurrahing them to a "decision for Christ." They go out the next day and get drunk and dance and play cards and cheat their neighbors very much as they had always done. A religion that does not involve 'mortifying the deeds of the flesh" is not the religion of the New Testament. If it means anything, it means a changed life; and the revival should always keep this objective in view—even if it reports fewer converts.

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The War Department is again making changes in its methods of providing for the religious oversight of our soldiers. We are not sure that we understand all that it will involve, but it appears that a definite Welfare Division will be created to look after matters of recreation, athletics and general welfare work, while the chaplains will be put in complete charge of the strictly religious work. So far as we can see the significance of this, it seems good to us. We are certain that the chaplain should have his hands untied from all entanglements to deliver the full force of his personality upon the definitely religious work of the army. One of the reasons, perhaps the chief reason, that such adverse criticism fell upon the work of the Y. M. C. A. overseas was because it had to look after so much mere welfare work. So far so good. But there is one statement credited to Raymond Fosdick in his report to the Secretary of War that a little confuses us as to the purpose of the new order. It is this," Sectarian stratitfication is the worst possible basis for social work in the army. As a matter of fact there is no reason for its continuance. The religious interests of the army are wisely entrusted to the chaplains, and with an ample number of chaplains, no need appears for further emphasis along this line." It seems to have gotten into the minds of a certain class that the work done through denominational agencies is necessarily narrow and sectarian in a bad sense; but, if the order simply means to separate the so-called social work in the army from the distinctly religious work, then we are in full accord.

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Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the most prominent leader of the woman sugrage movement in this country, died at her home in Moylan, Pa., on the evening of July 2nd. She was 71 years old, but had continued vigorous and in active work until near the end. For eleven years prior to 1915 she had been president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, but declined that year to accept re-election. She has been honorary president since that time, and continued to travel and lecture principally upon that subject. About a month ago, while traveling with former President Taft and President Lowell, of Harvard University, in the interest of the League of Nations, she was stricken with pneumonia, and was confined to her room in a hospital in Springfield for two weeks. She apparently recovered and returned to her home about the middel of June, but she was taken suddenly ill again with the same disease on July 1st and grew rapidly worse till the end came. She put her life so thoroughly and with such efficiency into the cause of woman suffrage that history will permanently connect her name with that movement, and in this will be found her chief fame.

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The Dempsey-Willard Fight, with all its disgusting brutality and reports of large patronage, is rather depressing coming so soon after the terrible war experience through which the country has passed. It is evident that there are many people in our country that have not yet felt the chastening effect of the terrible tragedy which has swept over the world. Nevertheless, there is comfort in the thought that on the same day that this brutal fight was pulled off in Toledo, more than twice as many people passed through the gates at Columbus to see the great Methodist Centenary Exhibit as passed through the gates at Toledo to witness the degrading combat between two brutes in the shape of men. We are more than glad to see that the Ohio Board of moving picture censors have completely rejected the proposition to have the films of this fight put on exhibition in that state.

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Great Britian's Super-Dirigible landed safely at Roosevelt field at 9:45 a. m. July 6th after a voyage of 108 hours and 12 minutes. The year 1919 is sure to go down in history as one of remarkable achievement in aerial navigation. Only recently the first successful attempt to cross the Atlantic in an airship was recorded as having required but sixteen hours, but this one was in a ship of the heavier-than-air type while the one successfully ended on Sunday was in a machine of the balloon or lighter than air type.

Two heads are better than one, and two hearts are better still. Do not leave your tired, anxious, puzzled friend to find his own way out of his perplexities. Help him plan. Take up his problems with him. Yet intellectual help is worth very little unless the heart helps too. Give your sympathy as well as your judgment. Encourage him while you advise him. Two heads can solve the problems which would be too much for either alone. Two hearts can bear the burden which would crush either unaided.—Exchange.

A Bird's-Eye Review of the Centenary Exposition

By Kathleen Teer of the Detroit Journal Staff

Columbus, O.—The Hallelujah chorus sung by a thousand exultant voices pours out of the coliseum nightly, symbolizing the Kingdom of Christ triumphing through the centuries.

At the same time, from across the lawn sounds the low chanted prayers of Hindu worshippers, bowing low over their funeral pyres, the wailing note of Hawaiian instruments, the measured beat of the tom-tom, the soft voices of a negro quartet in plaintive plantation hymns, the droning sermon of a Chinese preacher, a burst of Martial music from the Rainbow Division band, a Korean wedding march, and a blatant measure of American jazz, symbolizing the brotherhood of man in the 20th century.

The night saunds alone are symbolical of the remarkable element of internationalsim found in the Centenary celebration of American Methodist missions being staged here. With the coming of evening, and its blaze of lights, the exposition grounds lose their identity entitrely, and reveal a magnificent ponorama representing the sights and sounds and people of the whole world.

The most vivid impression of the exposition as a whole is its immensity, while the life and color of the constantly shifting scenes are almost as compelling to the spectator. The picturesque element is everywhere, in the crowds thronging the grounds and in the pageants which are being given at all times of the day and night.

In the mass of humanity which surges over the grounds are dark skinned groups in the colorful costumes of their native lands, chattering in strange tongues and observing many native customs on this, their first visit to America. One little group of Indian holy men stop just outside of the American building to join the crowd of bishops, the preacher and his family from some place out in Kansas, and the negro preacher from the mountains of Tennessee. Before a soft-drink stand an imposing Moorish gentleman in red head dress, a blinking, beaded Indian baby in his mother's arms, a deaconess in black with a crisp lawn bonnet, a group of Sunday school superintendents, and a dark skinned Hawaiian beauty, stand elbow to elbow, drinking ginger ale and cherry pop. Such an assemblage may be seen at any time about this international canteen and is only one of the representative details in this program to promote world brotherhood.

Seven nationalities were represented in the nursery where mothers check their babies while they attend the meetings. Little delegates from Alaska, India, Japan and other remote parts of the world eyed each other dubiously at first, then growing more friendly, jabbered a medley of foreign baby talk and play together in the closest bond of juvenile fellowship. The younger ones slept in rows of little beds, a tiny miss from Japan looking more like a Jap pincushion than a flesh and blood baby, and next to her was a young Eskimo who required more attention from the nurse, as she felt the heat more than the other babies. Two Chinese babies wore elaborate costumes of silk. They had come to the nursery from an hour's nap before it was time for them to sing in the Chinese play.

And as the foreign mothers called for their children, they stopped and nodded, each smiling her admiration of the other's baby, when no common medium of language offered itself.

The participants in the pageants have been brought from all parts of the world, and it has required months of training to produce the tremendous spectacle.

The outstanding feture of the entire exposition is the drastic pageant, "The Wayfarer", presented every evening by 350 actors in costume, a cast of profssionals and chorus of 1000 voices. The scenic and lighting effects are indescribably beautiful and the music and action move in perfect accord. The production takes Wayfarer on a journey through the ages to show him that every age has its problems and that God has emerged triumphant in the face of all combinations of circumstances. One exquisite setting follows another until the superb climax where the spirit of the Wanderer is changed from despair to faith. With the angel chorus in the background, looking more like the ethereal figures of mural paintings of one of the oldmasters than human beings, the old messengers of the cross, from the time of Paul to our own days pass in review, showing the gradual extension of the Kingdom of Christ through the ages.

Perhaps the most beautiful setting is the garden of Joseph of Aramathea. The midnight blue sky forms a perfect background for the old stone buildings, the juniper trees and the tomb of Jesus. The Roman Centurions are sleeping beside the tomb as Mary the mother and Mary Magdalene enter the garden. When the angel appeaers and the stone is rolled away, a flood of light, so celestial that it is difficult to believe that it is the work of stage technicians, pours from the tomb and the resurrection of Jesus is announced by the Angel. Those who have seen the pageant time and time again never fail to be impressed by the spectacle as the disciples and the multitudes pour into the garden to the accompainment of the orchestral music—Christ the Lord is Risen Today and morning breaks over the garden. The lighting effect, showing the fading of night, the first light of the dawn and the full glory of the sunrise has been worked out by master minds and the whole production is marked by the most minute attention to detail. This with the splendid ability of the principals, the superb costuming and the high musical quality of the production, combines to make the pageant the most perfect of its kind ever presented.

Throughout the day, pageants are being presented at various points on the grounds by natives of different countries and there are continuous plays and exhibits in the buildings of Africa, India, America, China, Korea, Japan Philippines, Malaysia and other countries.

Ethiopians give more than a hundred dramattizations just as they are represented in their native country, and during the day their caravan, headed by a chief with headsmen bearing Zulu shields and followed by their numerous wives pass through the exposition grounds. In the African building is shown the tent life of the Arab, and here also are the Barbers with their homes, their village scenes and their mosques.

An entitre Chinese city, with its grey walls, its tall pagodas and its idols forms the setting for a street scene in Peking road, a life play, a Chinese home and a program of Chinese music.

India has an educational highway showing the progress of education through all the schools while Malaysia presents some of the customs of the people showing the value of a Christian education. Throughout the exhibits, the displays and portrayals in general have this as their motive.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By T. A. Wigginton, D. D.

The recent experiences through which we have passed have served to emphasize anew the importance of making any social service at least community-wide. In the great military camps it was deemed impracticable to attempt as many programs as there were different types of men and shades of thought. The camp was considered as one great community, and the effort was made to put on a program of instruction and recreation was comprehensive enough to meet the needs of the entire camp. In the communitites adjacent to these camps organizations were effected which sought to bring the resources of the community to bear at the points of greatest need, and in the various great drives for funds, the community was made the unit of organization.

All these things have naturally served to quicken the interest in community service. Before the war there were numerous individuals who had caught a vision of social service the program of which would seek to embrace the needs of the entire community, thus securing united community action; and there were cases here and there in which such programs had been put on, with varying degrees of success. The experiences of the past few years have quickened the interest and enlisted the sympathies of a greatly increased number of pople in this form of service and various organization are seeking to capitalize this quickened interest for the perpetuation and improvement of the plan and methods which served us so admirably in the days of crisis.

This is as it should be. It would be a tragedy for us to ignore, or forget, any of the great lessons of the war, especially any of those which have to do with social efficiency. It should be said, however, that there will have to be painstaking investigation and careful instruction bofore we shall be able to realize all that we have dreamed of community service. It is not impossible that some costly mistakes may be made before we have brought this form of social service to the highest efficiency. Even so, it is better to make mistakes in the effort at worthy accomplishment than to make no effort at all.

Of the things which seem already to be quite clear one of the first is, that true community service must seek to serve the community. To do this it must seek to understand, in order that it may meet the real needs of the community. There are not lacking evidences that there are some persons and organizations whose idea of community service is to give a community what it wants rather than to awaken it to a sense of its need and to assist in meeting the same. Communities need wholesome recreation, but they need much more to be brought to an undrstanding of the real needs of the community and to a knowledge of the ways in which those needs are to be met. They do not need a sedatitve to make them content to let well-enough alone, but a stimulus which will fill them with a noble discontent.

Another thing which would appear to be quite clear is that any adequate program of community service must secure the cooperation of all those agencies which seek the welfare of the community. This will rquire great skill and patience in making nice adjustments, but it is a price which will have to be paid. It has been more than hinted that some organizaions would avoid these difficulties by ignoring them, but to proceed in that way would be to invite failure, or a form of success which would be worse than failure. No successful service can ignore the industrial, social or religious interests of a community, or the agencies through which it is sought to advance these interests.

It is very gratifying that the churches are showing a commendable interest in this form of social service and readiness to be instructed more perfectly in the ways thereof. That this interest shall be increased, and that they shall consider with open mind any proposition looking to the increased efficiency of such service is greatly to be desired. They should be warned, however, that there is need for them to give careful consideration to the program of any movement, or organization, seeking their cooperation; that they should beware of those which have no program; that they should reject, as inadequate any program which offers nothing more than recreation or amusement; and that they should shun any organization proposing to supersede; rather than cooperate with existing agencies for social welfare. The difficulties in the way of uniting the churches in community service should not tempt them to withhold their coopeation, thus permitting the establishment of a service which is essentially godless.

WAYSIDE NOTES

Good manners are good. But sometimes they are good only in form. The best manners come out of a heart of love. Hence some who are not well posted on formal etiquette may be among the best mannered people in the world.—Baptist Boys and Girls.

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Be patitent with every one, but above all with yourself. I mean, do not be disturbed because of your imperfections and always rise up bravely from a fall. I am glad that you make a daily new beginning; there is no better meaens of progress in the spiritual life than to be continually beginning a fresh and never to think we have done enough.—Francis de Sales.

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My spiritual ends have no independent existence as "mine;" in fact, I only attain in so far as God is sustaining His ends at the same time.—E. A. Burroughs.

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Don't try to be better than others—just be better than yourself.

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Do you know what I admire in the world? It is the powerlessness of material force. Sooner or later the sword is conquered by the idea.— Napoleon Bonaparte.

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In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

CENTENARY REPORT

North Carolina Conference

Below is given tabulated statement of the local church reports that have come to my hands since the previous statement was given to the Advocate. A summary is also given, showing district and grand totals. There will be only one more statement published. Some of the districts have cleaned up the field and sent in every report, while others still lack several reports. The pastor of every local church is requested to see that the final report for his church is sent in immediately, if it has not already been attended to. These reports should go from the pastor to the district director, from the district diector to the conference director, from the conference director to Dr. Beauchamp, the director general. In each of these offices proper records and tabulations have to be made. So it takes time to get a report through these channels, and each day of delay holds up the work all along the line.

An honor flag was to be awarded by the conference director to the first church in the conference that reached its quota after the opening of the drive, noon, Sunday, May 18, and got notification of same into the hands of the district director. From the reports received from the district directors, Bethany church, Durham circuit,, Durham district, Rev. J. C. Humble, pastor, D. H. Parker, local church director, was the first church in the conference to meet these conditions, and hence is entitled to the conference honor flag. At 12:05 p. m. they had reached their quota and gotten their reports to the district director, Mr. M. E. Newsom, Jr.

Littleton church, Warrenton district, Rev. G. B. Startling, pastor, M. Nelson, local church director, was the second church in the conference to meet these conditions, going over the top and getting their report to the district director at 12:09 p. m. Mr. W. L. Knight was director for this district.

D.W.Newsom, Conference Campaign Director.

DURHAM DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Carolina	2	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Carr	25	100.00	675.00	140.00	815.00
Connally's	42	700.00	468.00	262.05	730.05
Front Street	220	17,500.00	15,640.00	4,860.00	20,500.00
Glencoe	10	.....	75.00	.....	75.00
Lebanon	36	100.00	510.00	140.00	650.00
Mebane	96	500.00	2,739.00	1,205.00	3,944.00
Milton	28	550.00	1,483.25	398.00	1,881.25
New Hope	77	1,200.00	2,890.00	583.70	3,473.70
Prospect	15	100.00	500.00	140.00	640.00
Providence	11	150.00	325.00	56.85	381.85
Purley	53	400.00	699.50	284.40	983.90
Webb Avenue	153	2,250.00	2,373.61	720.00	3,093.61
Previously reported	3,870	143,250.00	171,115.84	168,499.45	339,615.29
Totals	4,638	$166,800.00	$199,499.20	$177,289.45	$376,788.65

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Bethlehem	45	630.00	532.00	136.50	668.50
City Road (Additional)	.....	.....	1,335.00	.....	1,335.00
East Lake	.....	1,000.00	525.00	.....	525.00
Hall's Creek	44	1,150.00	328.00	320.00	648.00
Holly Grove	40	600.00	186.55	130.00	316.55
Nash's	41	800.00	862.18	275.00	1,137.18
Newbegun	84	2,790.00	1,188.00	655.00	1,843.00
Oak Grove	101	1,624.05	2,035.50	532.50	2,568.00
Perkin's Chapel	.....	1,400.00	.....	480.00	480.00
Roanoke Island (Ad.)	13	.....	310.00	.....	310.00
Savage	60	.....	405.00	.....	405.00
Scuppernong	2	1,140.00	105.00	247.00	352.00
Union	107	2,380.00	2,397.50	500.00	2,897.50
Wesley	105	2,850.00	2,906.00	1,150.00	4,056.00
Wesley's Chapel	16	840.00	33.00	182.00	215.00
Whitfield	20	660.00	52.00	143.00	195.00
Previously reported	3,455	111,448.37	110,266.72	39,233.15	149,499.87
Totals	4,133	$129,312.42	$123,467.45	$43,984.15	$167,451.60

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Bethabara	26	470.00	323.75	65.00	388.75
Bethany	67	708.75	829.75	106.25	936.00
Brown's Chapel	143	2,040.50	1,879.75	695.00	2,574.75
Buckhorn	96	1,908.00	855.90	436.83	1,292.73
Chatham	66	654.50	1,161.00	235.00	1,396.00
Cokesbury (Buckhorn Ct.)	103	1,716.00	1,303.25	414.00	1,717.25
Cokesbury (Stedman Ct.)	113	1,950.00	2,317.50	280.00	2,597.50
Grey's Chapel	9	175.00	187.50	40.00	227.50
Merry Oaks	22	439.00	439.00	100.57	539.57
Mount Carmel	45	390.00	461.50	185.00	646.50
Olive Branch	68	1,508.00	1,117.44	404.65	1,522.09
Pleasant Hill	46	700.00	344.00	262.50	606.50
Smyrna	104	1,090.00	728.75	331.25	1,060.00
Tabernacle	125	1,260.00	1,500.00	663.75	2,163.75
Tabor	71	1,187.50	1,254.15	185.25	1,439.40
Tyra	16	200.00	165.00	97.50	262.50
Union Grove	13	210.00	215.00	35.00	250.00
Previously reported	2463	75,652.00	89,583.20	26,906.60	116,489.80
Totals	3,596	$92,259.25	$104,666.44	$31,444.15	$136,110.59

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Bethel	20	.....	210.00	.....	210.00
Bethesda	147	1,433.00	1,445.75	335.00	1,780.75
Bowmore	84	2,015.00	2,093.50	1,890.00	3,983.50
Concord	70	900.00	812.00	.....	812.00
Jones Springs	51	500.00	510.00	.....	510.00
McKendree	38	735.00	851.11	170.00	1,021.11
Mt. Pleasant	36	600.00	1,294.75	185.00	1,479.75
New Hope	5	.....	45.00	.....	45.00
Olivet	75	1,610.00	1,765.81	320.00	2,085.81
Raeford	124	.....	6,573.80	1,925.75	8,499.55
Troy & Wadeville	146	8,000.00	8,220.00	1,670.00	9,890.00
Previously reported	3,514	106,361,75	136,446.83	40,535.57	176,982.40
Totals	4,310	$122,156.75	$160,268.55	$47,031.32	$207,299.87

NEW BERN DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Bethel	13	445.50	365.00	80.85	445.85
Jerusalm	31	850.50	797.50	154.35	951.85
Mount Hermon	52	1,458.00	1,942.00	264.50	2,206.60
Pikeville	9	1,250.00	475.00	245.00	720.00
Queen Street	249	26,000.00	28,422.00	10,010.00	38,432.00
Snow Hill	85	4,050.00	5,675.00	735.00	6,410.00
Stonewall	30	2,000.00	1,550.00	500.00	2,050.00
Tabernacle	5	1,296.00	1,300.00	230.20	1,530.20
Previously reported	4,456	167,163.50	191,063.38	59,618.60	250,681.98
Totals	4,930	$204,513.50	$231,589.88	$71,838.60	$303,428.48

RALEIGH DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Andrew's Chapel	34	400.00	400.00	135.50	535.50
Bethel	91	700.00	784.00	200.00	984.00
Dunn	.....	300.00	.....	130.00	130.00
Central	275	10.500.00	11,270.00	4,627.60	15,897.60
Gray Rock	67	625.00	693.75	150.00	843.75
Hermon	66	900.00	900.00	200.00	1,100.00
Knightdale	23	150.00	178.00	75.00	253.00
Leah's	16	300.00	159.50	230.00	389.50
Marrow's Chapel	51	575.00	575.00	150.00	725.00
Millbrook	55	400.00	762.00	397.50	1,159.50
Oak Grove	24	400.00	494.25	142.50	636.75
Pleasant Grove	53	400.00	445.50	160.00	605.50
Prospect	19	300.00	160.00	125.00	285.00
Rock Springs	8	300.00	300.00	90.00	390.00
Rolesville	25	150.00	269.00	65.00	334.00
Salem	162	2,312.00	2,541.50	725.00	3,266.50
Sander's Chapel	50	3,000.00	1,325.00	1,050.00	2,375.00
Selma	90	7,000.00	4,185.00	2,225.00	6,410.00
Shady Grove	66	1,450.00	1,599.75	600.00	2,199.75
Shiloh	24	300.00	393.00	150.00	543.00
Soapstone	20	100.00	50.50	40.00	90.50
Stovall	31	450.00	450.00	110.00	560.00
Youngsville	16	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
Previously reported	3,363	135,500.00	144,447.25	47,568.80	192,016.05
Totals	4,629	$168,512.00	$174,883.00	$59,846.90	$234,729.90

WARRENTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Aulander	26	625.00	625.00	310.00	935.00
Cokesbury	5	.....	340.00	.....	340.00
Jerusalem	47	1,400.00	1,647.50	485.00	2,132.50
Middleburg	64	2,200.00	3,177.72	430.00	3,607.72
Mt. Gould	25	475.00	484.00	88.00	572.00
Norlina	147	3,500.00	7,335.11	1,434.75	8,769.86
Prospect	6	.....	193.00	.....	193.00
Shocco (Additional)	1	.....	50.00	.....	50.00
St. Francis (Ad.)	1	.....	25.00	.....	25.00
Tabernacle	77	2,300.00	3,482.25	685.00	4,167.25
Union	61	2,300.00	2,507.50	532.50	3,040.00
Vernon	22	740.00	337.50	50.00	387.50
White Oak	51	1,584.00	1,325.00	300.00	1,625.00
Windsor	89	3,489.00	3,363.05	885.00	4,248.05
Zion	80	1,265.00	1,380.06	343.00	1,723.06
Previously reported	4,971	164,269.62	179,159.11	56,108.48	235,267.59
Totals	5,673	$184,147.62	$205,431.80	$61,651.73	$267,083.53

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Aurora	100	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	3,750.00
Beamans	71	1,325.00	1,715.25	738.50	2,453.75
Bethany	19	48.00	42.75	187.50	230.25
Black Creek	.....	850.00	930.00	150.00	1,080.00
Bonnerton	30	1,200.00	1,400.00	500.00	1,900.00
Campbell Creek	78	800.00	964.00	575.00	1,539.00
Conetoe	19	500.00	500.00	300.00	800.00
Engelhardt	.....	1,327.00	1,008.75	320.95	1,423.70
Fremont	94	3,250.00	3,890.36	1,275.00	5,165.36
Grimesland	15	.....	295.00	110.00	405.00
Jarvis Memorial	306	17,000.00	20,999.50	8,545.00	29,544.50
Rocky Mount (First)	375	22,000.00	29,085.94	11,538.00	40,623.94
Saulston	2	.....	175.00	50.00	225.00
Shady Grove	13	600.00	624.50	41.70	666.20
Simpson	102	2,200.00	1,696.70	375.00	2,071.70
Small	20	300.00	300.00	80.00	380.00
Spring Hope (circuit)	....	6,000.00	5,079.57	1,195.00	6,274.57
Warren	50	1,200.00	1,200.00	675.00	1,875.00
Winterville	18	.....	250.00	75.00	325.00
Previously reported	2,860	104,930.63	120,039.38	35,437.30	155,476.68
Totals	4,172	$166,030.63	$192,696.70	$63,512.95	$256,209.65

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Adams	42	500.00	450.00	111.25	561.25
Goshen	73	1,150.00	772.50	227.50	1,000.00
Jordan's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lee's Chapel	24	425.00	200.00	60.00	260.00
Pink Hill	1	500.00	100.00	.....	100.00
Shallotte Camp	5	725.00	175.00	225.00	400.00
Smith's Chapel	24	450.00	500.00	.....	500.00
Wannanish	53	718.00	286.45	115.00	.....
Woodland	9	275.00	185.00	.....	185.00
Previously reported	5,185	153,121.60	161,657.82	50,477.48	212,135.30
Totals	5,416	$157,864.60	$164,326.77	$51,216.23	$215,543.00

SUMMARY OF REPORTS RECEIVED TO DATE, JUNE 28TH

District	Number Subscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Durham	4,638	166,800.00	199,499.20	177,289.45	376,788.65
Elizabeth City	4,133	129,312.42	123,467.45	43,984.15	167,451.60
Fayetteville	3,596	92,259.25	104,666.44	31,444.15	136,110.59
New Bern	4,930	204,513.50	231,589.88	71,838.60	303,428.48
Raleigh	4,629	168,512.00	174,883.00	59,846.90	234,729.90
Rockingham	4,310	122,156.75	160,268.55	47,031.32	207 299.87
Warrenton	5,673	184,147.62	205,431.80	61,651.73	267,085.53
Washington	4,172	166,030.63	192,696.70	63,512.95	256,209.65
Wilmington	5,416	157,864.60	164,326.77	51,216.23	215,543.00
Totals	41,497	$1,391,596.77	$1,556,829.79	$607,815.48	$2,164,645.27

Notes and Correspondence

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25.
Shelby district Fallston, July 28-30.
Waynesville district, Murphy, July 9-10.
Elizabeth City district, Pantego, July 9-11.
Wilmington district, Rocky Point, July 8-10.
Raleigh, district, Cary, July 22-24.
Warrenton district, Conway July 15-17.
Statesville district, Lenoir, July 14-16.
Salisbury, Kannapolis, July 23-24.

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Bishop W. R. Lambuth has been appointed fraternal delegate from our church to the Methodist Church of Japan.

—Cherryville is to have a new cotton mill with Dr. W. H. Houser as the chief promoter.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, writes from Columbus, "Having a great trip but for the hot weather. Too big to take it all in."

—Rev. W. B. Shinn and family, of Rock Springs circuit, have been visiting relatives at Georgeville, and other places in Cabarrus county.

—One thousand dollars was paid for the first bale of Texas cotton for 1919, placed on the market at Houston on the 30th of June. The bale weighed 471 pounds.

—Rev. A. C. Swofford, of Winston-Salem, recently assisted Rev. P. E. Parker in revival services at Erlanger, near Lexington. There were a goodly number of professions.

—Rev. R. A. Taylor is holding revival services at High Shoals assisted by Rev. G. W. Fink of Charlotte. There has been good attendance and splendid interest.

—The Reverend C. B. Culbreth, pastor of our church at Southport, will assist the Reverend M. D. Hix in a series of revival services at Wallace, N. C., beginning on Thursday night, July 10th.

—The Ireland Bible class of West Market street church this city enjoyed an outing on a farm near Ramseur, last week. About eighty members of the class and officers of the Sunday school were in the party.

—Colonel J. S. McElroy, a prominent citizen of the Ivey community, Madison county, and father of Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall passed away on June 3rd. He was a good citizen and a member of the Methodist church.

—Rev. Z. Paris, pastor of our Central church, Concord, is in the midst of revival services with Rev. Luther Bridges, evangelist, as preacher and Mr. Earl Stapleton as singer. The meeting began on Sunday, June 29, and still continues. We hope to hear good reports.

—Supt. Fred C. Odell, of West Market Street Sunday school, reports that his school will pay the expenses of six delegates, one from each of his school's departments, to the Standard Training School at Lake Junaluska which begins July 23. It is hoped that many of our Sunday schools will do likewise.

—A new morning daily is to be launched at High Point to be known as the High Point Morning Republican. Frank W. Prather is to be editor, and George W. Holloway will be assistant editor and business manager. Mr. Holloway is the son of Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, of the Western North Carolina Conference.

—The Granite Falls correspondent of the Lenoir Topic reporting the recent revival at that place says:

The Methodists are having a wonderful time in their revival services here. Many conversions are reported and the special service for men and bays Sunday afternoon has been called a day of Pentecost at Granite Falls.

—Rev. C. F. Sherrill, pastor of the Pleasant Garden charge, is in Columbus, attending the Centenary Exposition. Brother Sherrill is closing four years of very successful work on the charge and it is a fitting expression of the appreciation of his people that they have furnished him a generous purse for expenses.

—A meeting recently held in the Presbyterian church at Lenoir by Rev. William Black is reported as having taken wide range and resulted in eighty applications for membership as follows: Presbyterian 40; Methodist 12; Baptist 15; Reformed 4; Episcopal, 1; Lutheran, 1; no church preference expressed, 7.

—The Catawba County News referring to the services at the Methodist church in Newton on a recent Sunday morning, says: The sermon of Mr. Hoyle was a strong one. We take this occasion to remind the Methodist people that they have a fine preacher —fine in the sense of preaching the whole Gospel in its purity and holiness.

—Rev. I. T. Peck, a Babtist minister of Macon county, lost his life in a very peculiar way a few days ago. He was driving down a mountain road and some small boys playing on the mountain side let a rock roll down the mountain into the road below striking Mr. Peck on the head and knocking him out of his buggy. He was picked up unsonscious a little later and died in a short while.

—The Laurinburg Exchange says: Rev. E. H. Davis recently spent a few days in Baltimore at the University of Maryland, where his son, Dr. Charles W. Davis, was graduated in medicine. There was a class of forty, Dr. Davis ranking in third place as regards excellence in scholarship, which splendid record is a matter of pride for his kinsfolk and friends here and elsewhere.

—We have received the announce ment of the marriage of Miss Amy Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen Joseph, of Goldsboro, to Mr. Herndon Wescott Tuttle. The marriage occurred at the home of the bride's parents in Goldsboro, June the 30th. Mr. Tuttle is the son of Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Tuttle, of Washington, N. C., and has many relatives and friends among Advocate readers.

—The Georgeville correspondent of the Concord Times says: Children's Day at Center Grove church was greatly enjoyed by all, especially by this scribe. The children did well. The dinner was just as we all expected to find it at this place on such an occasion, and the address of pastor, Rev. B. Wilson, was greatly enjoyed. Also the address by Mr. Charlie Ritchie. Their presence was appreciated.

—Mrs. A. G. Rembert died at Spartanburg last week. She was the daughter of the late Bishop and Mrs. W. W. Duncan. During her entire life she was associated with Central church and her strong personality was felt in all of its actitvities. She inherited many of the fine qualities of her great parents. She was devoted to Wofford College and was identified with every good work in the city of Spartanburg.

—The Winstotn district conference held last week at Lexington was featured with a most able evangelistic service Friday morning, July 4, conducted by Rev. Burke Culpepper, who has for the past few weeks been holding union revival services at Salisbury. Brother Culpepper made a most profound impression on the Lexington congregation and will at a later date come to Lexington for a series of meetings.

—A note to the editor from Rev. Raymond Browning, evangelist, who is holding a revival meeting in Beaufort says: "We are in the third week of a great revival here under my tent. The services will continue through July 13th. Last night we had about thirty professions. Great congregations are attending and souls are being sav ed. Brother Bumpas and brother Day planned this revival and are in a very large measure responsible for its success."

—Mrs. Sarah Northey, one of the oldest and most worthy members of Calvary church, Charlotte, passed to her reward last week at the age of eghty-three. The funeral services which were largely attended were conducted by Rev. Jno. W. Moore, assisted by Revs. Geo. A Page and W. L. Sherrill, her pastor, Rev. A. R. Surratt, being away from the city on account of the illness of Mrs. Surratt.

—A news special from Nasheville of recent date says that Dr. E. H. Rawlings, secretary for foreign mission work of the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, Bishop W. R. Lambuth and Miss Mabel K. Howell, administration secretary for the Orient of the woman's missionary council, will sail for the Orient on August 1, for an extended investigating tour of China, Japan and Korea in the interest of centenary plans.

—The Hickory correspondent of the Daily News says: Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the First Methodist church, has returned from Columbus, Ohio, where he attended the Methodist centenary exposition and accompanied to Cleveland county the remains of Rev. Clarence Canipe, who was stricken with influenza on his way to Columbus and died there soon after arrival. Mr. Goode says it was the greatest convention he had ever attended and spoke enthusiastically of the reports made by delegates from many lands, all of whom told of what Christianity had done for their countries.

—An event of more than ordinary interest in the city of Greensboro and one which interests the traveling public generally was the formal opening of the O. Henry Hotel on Wednesday evening. Several distinguished guests representing various sections of the state were present by invitation and many citizens of the community turned out to inspect the great hostelery and to celebrate the occasion. The hotel will accomodate 200 guests and is up-to-date in every respect. We take it that the congestion which has been so accute recently will now be greatly relieved.

—Dr. J. P. Nicholson, for many years a practitcing physician in North Iredell, but more recently in Greensboro and Winston-Salem, has been visiting friends in this city for a few days. Notwithstanding he is now nearing his eighty-third birth day, he is hale and strong, having the appearence of a man of sixty-five, and has continued his practice up to this date. He is now considering the matter of retiring permanently from the practice of his profession. For many years he has been a faithful local preacher in the Methodist church and still preaches occasionally. He has many old friends among Advocate readers who will be glad to hear of his whereabouts and hale old age.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

(Condensed from Scottish Chief.)

The Rockingham District Conference began Wednesday morning, June 25, at ten o'clock, Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the district, conducting the opening service and speaking earnestly of the work to be considered by the Conference.

Rev. J. T. Jerome was elected secretary.

The morning session was occupied with reports from the pastors, and a short address by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., who represented Greensboro College for Women of which institution he is president.

The afternoon session Wednesday was occupied with the appointment of various committees, emphasis of the mission work by the presding elder, representation of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh by Rev. G. M. Daniel, Hon. R. N. Page and others. Superintendent Barnes was unable to be present on account of the closing exercises of the school at the Orphanage taking place at that time. Carolina College was represented by Rev. R. B. John, president, and later the following resolution concerning the institution was passed: "We believe in the usefulness of Carolina College. Being located within the bounds of the Rockingham District naturally brings the advantages of this institution nearer us. We believe for this reason that our people in the Rockingham District should manifest a deeper interest in her welfare, growth and permanency; especially so since this college reasonably looks to the district first for aid and support.

"We recommend, therefore, that Rev. H. M. North, Hon. R. N. Page and President R. B. John be appointed a committee to raise, during the remainder of the year and in the early part of 1920, the sum of $25,000,00 with which to clear off all indebtedness on the college."

Owing to the necessary return of Rev. J. T. Jerome to Raeford, Mr. J. C. Lentz, St. Paul, was elected secretary to take his place.

Trinity College was ably represented by Mr. D. W. Newsom. Resolutions of thanks for the entertainment of the conference were passed by a rising vote. Delegates to the Annual conference were elected as follows: A. J. McKinnon, L. S. Covington, J. C. Lentz, Hon. R. N. Page, G. M. Whitfield, A. Cameron and J. W. Cable. Alternates: Ira Stewart, K. M. Barnes, A. E. White, R. H. Ledbetter, R. T. Poole, D. C. Regan, E. L. Hamilton and J. S. Ledbetter.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Mount Airy district conference convened in thirty-second annual session in Walnut Cove, N. C., on Thursday, June 26, 1919.

The opening sermon was preached at 11 a. m., by Rev. G. A. Stamper, followed by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

The presiding Elder, Rev. W. F. Womble, formally organized the conference at 2 p. m., and presided through the session. All the pastors, except Revs. J. W. Combs and J. H. Robertson, were present. A small number of preachers and lay delegates was present.

In considering the subject of the call to the ministry it was noted that five young men are looking forward to entering the ministry. It was noted also that some young ladies are expected to enter into church work much more actively.

Early Spencer Gilley, of Spray, and Josephus Gentry, of Summerfield, were licensed to preach. Josephus Gentry was recommended to annual conference for admission on trial. Revs. G. D. Herman, T. P. Jimison, J. W. Combs, and layman, E. C. Fay, were elected a licensing committee.

Pilot Mountain was selected as the place for holding the next district conference.

J. J. Adkins, J. S. Bell, W. Y. Davenport, E. C. Foy, Rev. C. R. Hutcherson, Hon. A. D. Ivie, G. W. Martin and Mrs. Dr. J. L. Waltz were elected delegates to annual conference, with E. L. Brown and J. W. Lasley alternates.

Revs. J. E. Gay, T. P. Jimison, G. W. Williams, and laymen, E. H. Kochtitzky and G. W. Martin, were named as a committe to work with the presiding elder in formulating some plans for mission work in the district. Hon. A. D. Ivie, of Leaksville, was elected district lay leader.

The conference was favored with addresses rrom the following visitors: Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the N. C. Christian Advocate, Rev. W. M. Curtts, of Greensboro College for Women, Rev. J. P. Rodgers, agent for Supereannuate Endowment Fund, Dr. Cranford, of

Trinity College, Miss Bradley, Field secretary of Epworth League conference, Mrs. Dr. J. L. Woltz, district secretary of Woman's Missionary society. Revs. G. A. Stamper, T. F. Jimison and J. E. Gay did the preaching and their sermons were much enjoyed by all.

Brother Womble plans and directs the routine of business so as to make a district conference enjoyabble and helpful to all. And upon the whole the outlook for the district is encouraging.

The good people of Walnut Cove opened their herts and homes to the conference and gave royal entertainment.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Charlotte District Conference was held in Marshville, July 2-3. The presiding elder, Rev. H. K. Boyer was in the chair and Chas. S. Stone served as secretary.

Nearly every preacher in the district was present and a large body of laymen attended.

The only visitors representing conference interests were: Rev. J. P. Rodgers, the agent for the Superannuate Endowment Fund, and Rev. J. R. Walker of Rutherford College.

Dr. Boyer had tne plan of procedure so well ordered that the work was concluded in two days, every interest being given full consideration, without haste. The preaching feature was also given prominence and the four sermons delivered by Rev. L. T. Cordell, Rev. H. H. Jordan, Rev. E. R. Welch and Rev. J. W. Moore, respectively, were heard with both interest and profit by large and appreciative congregations.

Rev. A. R. Bell, of Ansonville, announced that Gen. W. A. Smith of the same place who is a prominent Episcopalian layman had authorized him to tender to the conference as a gift, a twenty-room house in Ansonville with five acres of ground, to be used as a home for superannuate preachers or for such other purposes as would best serve the church and the welfare of that community. This announcement was heard with entausiasm and the secretary was instructed to write Gen. Smith expressing appreciation and thanks for the tender. The conference appointed A. R. Bell, T. F. Marr, E. R. Welch, W. P. Parsons and Dr. J. M. Dunlap, a committee to confer with Gen. Smith and plan for the use of the property. It has been suggested that an industrial school be established there under the direction of our Woman's General Board.

Dr. T. F. Marr offered a resolution which was adopted, urging the next Annual Conference to authorize a campaign to raiase $150,000.00 for the better equipment and endowment of our Childrens' Home at Winston-Salem, which is hampered for lack of room and funds for enlargement.

There was a spirited debate over a resolution in criticism of the Church authorities for permitting Coca-Cola advertisements to appear in our Church publications, but finally the following comprimise was adopted: "Whereas, in the opinion of many of our people the use of Coca-Cola is injurious to the public health, because of which, the advertisement of the same in our Sunday School and other Church literature is deeply deplored by them, therefore, Resolved, that we respectfully but most earnestly petition our Book Agents at Nashville to cancel the said advertising contracts and that the secretary send a copy of this resolution to them.

An interesting feature of the Conference was a practical demonstration of Epworth League work by the Hawthorn Lane League, under the direction of Mr. J. B. Ivey, the president of that League.

Interesting reports of the Columbus meeting were made by Rev. W. F. Elliott and Rev. L. B. Abernethy, both of whom had just returned from it and were enthusiastic in their praise of the wonderful demonstrations heard and seen there. Brother Elliott spoke in high praise of Rev. Bob Jones, the great evangelist, who is conducting a great meeting in Columbus. He says he is a mighty preacher and that every one in easy reach should attend the great Union meeting of the Charlotte Methodists in September which will be conducted by this same great revivalist for a full month.

Miss Grace Bradley, the Conference secretary of the Epworth League, was at Marshville and made an interesting talk on the work of the League, offering her service anywhere to organize new chapters.

Mrs. L. N. Presson, a delegate from Monroe, also spoke with force and earnestness about the Mission work and the importance of well organized Woman Mission Societies in every charge.

Mr. J. T. Mangum, who was for a time director of religious activities at Camp Greene, but who is now a settled citizen of Charlotte, was elected District Lay Leader.

The District Conference will be held at Matthews next year.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: D. E. Henderson, Mrs. L. N. Presson, Mrs. J. G. Webber, L. E. Huggins, R. W. Allen, J. L. Little, W. B. Love and J. A. Stevens, with A. H. McLarty, Dr. L. C. Smith, E. C. Griggs and T. J. W. Broom as alternates. It will be noted that two of the above delegates are ladies, Mrs. Presson and Mrs. Webber being honored as delegates.

Rev. J. H. Armburst of the West Ohio Conference, and an army chaplain and active Y. M. C. A. worker, was an appreciated guest of the Conference who expects to apply for admission next fall. He is a splendid man and would be a valuable acquisition to our Conference.

Marshville gave the Conference wholehearted and splendid entertainment and Rev. Seymour Taylor, the Conference host, placed every delegate under lasting obligations because of his constant and thoughtful care of his guests. Brother Taylor has a strong grip on all the people of that section and they deplore the fact that under the time limit he will probably be removed at the next Conference.

In the absence of Rev. H. M. Blair the Advocate interests were represented by the writer. The Conference by resolution pledged loyal support to the paper and rejoiced at the enlarged circulation.

W. L. S.

WINSTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The twenty-ninth session of the Winston District Conference, M. E. church, South, convened at Lexington Thursday morning, July 3rd, with a love feast and experience meeting, after which an organization was perfected and the business sessions began with Presiding Elder Siler in the chair.

Reports from the various charges were made showing that splendid work was being done. Figures compiled by the Secretary, show that 285 additions have been made to the membership roll during the first half of the fiscal year.

Interesting and helpful sermons were preached during the conference by Rev. J. C. Harmon, Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, Rev. R. H. Daugherty and Rev. Burke Culpepper, a well-known evangelist.

Visitors who addressed the conference were as follows: Prof. R. L. Flowers, Trinity College; Dr. S. B. Turrentine, Greensboro College for Women; Prof. T. E. Whitaker, Oak Ridge; Rev. J. R. Walker, Rutherford College; Prof. O. V. Woosley, Conference Sunday school secretary; Prof. Walter Thompson, superintendent of the Children's Home; Miss Grace Bradley, Conference Epworth League secretary; Rev. R. M. Courtney, conference Missionary secretary.

Visiting ministers present were Rev. E. O. Smithdeal, Rev. J. P. Rodgers and Rev. M. H. Wellman.

Five men, as follows, were licensed to preach: Rev. Alfred Wade Thompson, Denton; Marshall Gilliam Ratledge, Callahan; William Madison Marshall, Winston-Salem; Philip Lewis Orlando Kinnaman, Winston-Salem, and Gideon LaFayette Jones, Winston-Salem.

The following were elected as delegates to the annual conference: Messrs. James A. Gray, Jr. G. L. Hackney, F. S. Lambeth, R. E. Carmichael, Jake Hanes, O. C. Wall, J. C. Ripple and Mrs. W. G. Penry. Alternates were: Messrs. J. F. Spruill, J. W. Zachary, C. W. Rothrock and J. C. Greene.

The 1920 conference will meet at Mt. Tabor Church, Forsyth circuit, about seven miles from Winston-Salem. This splendid brick church is located on the road leading from Winston to Vienna township, in one of the best farming sections in Forsyth county. It was at this church that Rev. Peter Doub, Rev. John Alspaugh and Rev. Edward Petree planted the seeds of Methodism in by gone days.

The conference gladly granted their faithful and hard working Presiding Elder, Dr. Frank Siler, a vacation of a month for a rest and recreation, which he will take in August.

This was a pleasant and profitable conference. Lexington gave the preachers and delegates a generous and royal entertainment for which thanks to them and Rev. J. P. Hipps were expressed in suitable resolutions.

J. S. HIATT, Secretary.

RALEIGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Raleigh District Conference will meet in the M. E. church, in Cary, on Tuesday, July 22nd, at 9:30, a. m. We are hoping to have Bishop Darlington with us. Brother Peel of Edonton St. church, Raleigh, will preach the opening sermon, on Monday night, July 21st. Revs. D. N. Caviness, G. F. Smith, and G. P. Perry will examine all applicants. The pastors and local preachers will please prepare brief written reports.

A full attendence is very much desired. Let us pray earnestly for the presence of the Holy Spirit, that He may be in all the work of the conference. Visiting brethren will notify Rev. V. A. Royall, Cary, N. C.

J. E. UNDERWOOD, P. E.
Raleigh, N. C., July 4th, 1919.

THOMAS BLAINE BANNER

At a recent meeting of the Alumni Association of Rutherford college the speaker paiad a tribute to the fine character and the noble deeds of Tom Banner of Banner's Elk, N. C. On the field of honor in a just and righteous war, he gave his life for the cause of his country and to Rutherford college he left most of his property. His sterling character was immortal long before his deeds proved it, and the quality of his sacrifice and the generosity of his nature will live in the grateful memory of unborn generations. History will keep the scroll of the noble dead, but the personal record of such a man will be the inspiring story told to children and chindren's children. While scores of poor boys "stirred with a noble discontent" trying to secure an education will be the beneficiaries of his gift.

On motion of Rev. H. H. Jordan, the Alumni Association voted to extend to his family and his friends, their thanks in the form of a resolution, but those of us who love him find it hard to speak formally about him.

Resolve: first, that Rutherford college is as proud to be the Alma Mater of such a man as Thomas Blaine Banner as he was ready to show his love and appreciation for the college and that in helping to shape the souls of such sons she finds and fulfills her only mission.

Second: that in answering the high, clear call of dty, as it beckoned him up to the altar and bade him lay down his young life when civilization weltered breast to breast against the cause of German Kulture, we accept with grateful hearts the heritaeg of a stainless flag and a loyal insttitution which he helped to preserve at the cost of his life.

Thirt: That we make every possible expression of our appreciation and thanks for his liberal legacy to our school, by which act he has so amply proved his fidelity and made us his debtors. And that his family and all who love him be assured that we, too, are inspired by his example which reveals both the heart of a hero and the faith of a christian. Who having kept watch about the camp of civilization is now "on fame's eternal camping ground" in thepresence of his Master whom he loved as the Captain of his soul.

B. T. Tunsford, President, association.
L. B. HAYES,
MRS, P. M. RUTHERFORD,
A. L. LeFEVRE, Committee.

THE WORKS OF GOD ARE MANIFEST

That others may be instructed and encouraged we are uniting in this statement to testify to the fine success that came to our united efforts in Wilmington Fifth Avenue, Trinity, Bladen St., and Grace united in a series of meetings held in Grace church. For three weeks the crowds came and the interest knew no abatement. Rev. Thurston B. Price, one of our general evangelist, now living in Asheville, did the preaching, and Mr. F. G. Rollins led the singing.

More than 125 have joined the several Methodist churches; but this does not begin to sum up the results of the meeting. A fine work was done among the young men and women who attended in large numbers because of the deep and general interest manifest. No high pressure methods were employed and no elaborate organization was built up. Good singing, effective preaching, and faithful cooperation on the part of good people won the results under the blessings of God.

We would shun the use of superlatives and all exagerated forms of speech in this statement. No good comes of loose and reckless statement. We certainly are free from such when we say that Thurston B. Price spoke with great effectiveness of utterance in rebuking sin and with fine clarity of statement ininstructing those seeking the better way and showed commendable tact in dealing with men and situations. Wilmington has had at one time and another all the leading evangelists, such as Moody, Jones, Torry, and Chapman; but none have pleased more than he. Many, other than Methodist, came with increasing interest to the meeting; and not a few would like for us to arrange another meeting like this at a future date.

J. H. SHORE,
M. T. PLYLER
J. H. McCRACKEN
E. C. SELL
V. P. SCOVELL

Rutherford College

The prospects are bright for getting Southern Power at Rutherford College. The construction of the power line will soon begin. It means much for the college in many ways.

Professor Walker is faithfully pushing our program to raise the extra ten thousand dollars to apply in the water and light plants. I want to commend his work and thank the people for their protracted interest in our work here, and to make a personal appeal for responses to the call for funds to complete our plans for water and lights.

M T. HINSHAW.

Opportunity also means importunity, as though God were beseeching us by every open door to open our hearts, our hands, and our purses, that we may worthily meet the crisis of missions which is upon us.—A. J. Gordon.

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

MRS. HUME R. STEELE

Mrs. Hume R. Steele Council Educational Secretary, of Nashville, Tenn. who with her mother and sister, has been spending several weeks at Mountain Meadow Inn, near Asheville, left last Monday evening for Columbus to attend the great Centenary Exposition.

OFF TO COLUMBUS

The Western North Carolina Conference editor of the Woman's page is in Columbus this week attending the Centenary Exposition where she went as a representative of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Church, Asheville, N. C. Mrs. Harris is accompained by Miss Alice Smith, of Asheville, a loyal missionary worker. We feel sure this will be a most enjoyable trip and our readers will read in an early issue of some of the happenings of this wonderfully, inspiring educational meeting, which meant so much to Methodism in the United States.

A PLEASANT OCCASION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ireland of Greensboro, formed the attractive setting a few evenings ago for a lawn party which was jointly participated in by the missionary societies of West Market street church.

A group of young people in the library sang one lilting song after another and while the music was enjoyed ices were served.

When the notes of the wedding march from Lohengrin were heard, every voice was hushed as a trio of tiny maids, Margaret Hood, in bridal costume, and Grace and Martha Martin, as attendants, appeared. The little bride carried a boquet of pink sweet peas with a shower of handkerchiefs pendant, which she presented to Miss Araminta Hester, whose approaching marriage to Vander Liles was announced in clever rhyme by Mrs. Richard Wills.

Again the wedding strains were heard and little Elizabeth Leak advanced with a single long-stemmed rose, followed by Misses Clara Gant and Elizabeth Smith bearing a hamper of linen, which was deposited at the feet of Miss Nina W. Troy.

The presentation of the linen, in behalf of the missionary societies, was made by Mrs. Wills in verse which brought both laughter and tears. Miss Troy will sail in September for China to resume her missionary work, after an interval of two years. The first of July she leaves for N. York, where she will enter Columbia university for a course of study duringthe summer.

THE NEED OF SOCIAL SERVICE WORK IN A COMMUNITY

Mrs. M. B. Kibler, Morganton, N. C.

Since man is pre-eminently a social being, the social service department of our work is of great importance in any community. It seems to me to be the branch of our work in which every one should be most interested; and in which all of us could take an active part, as social service work in many of its branches is right in our midst at all times, and touches us individually in many ways.

The forms of individual service are almost too numerous to mention; they range all the way from carrying fruit and flowers to the sick, and holding cottage prayer meetings to nursing a sick negro woman in a solitary cabin, educating a cripple boy and sending a Bible to the county home.

In view of this wide range of activities we may take courage that the scope of social service is beginning to root itself here and there.

Our state legislature has shown some signs of progress in social legislation. In one day six noteworthy bills were passed:—a bill to prevent infection of school children by teachers with tuberculosis, a bill to establish the physical inspection of public school children; a bill to restrict further the sale of drugs; cocaine especially; a bill to require a physician's certificate of a clear bill of health upon application for a license to marry; a bill to shut down our red light districts by making it a crime to rent houses or automobiles for immoral purposes.

There was an appropriation made by the Legislature of fifty thousand dollars for the medical instruction of public school children, to be drawn from amount allotted different counties at the rate of ten dollars for each 100 children. The latest bulletin of the Children's Bureau in Washington, is based chiefly on a study of children at work, at home, and in their social environment in two counties in North Carolina. It would not make you content with the Old North State to study it. First, however, it gives high praise to the juvenile court in Asheville, and the Buncombe county reform school, located near Asheville, which are pointed out as models of their kind. Next, the remote mountain country is surveyed, with its lack of social life, church or school advantages, its ignorance and lonliness. Then a survey of one of our more illiterate low counties is given, showing its needs of roads, schools, and contact with the outside world.

I was much surprised to learn that North Carolina is very near the bottom of the list of states in the amount spent per child per year in education. Do you know that the average teacher receives less per day than the average laborer? North Carolina spent as much in the purchase of Ford cars as on public schools last year? What can North Carolina women do to mend matters in respect to schools? We can each take an interest in our local school; visit it; make a social life for the teachers; and in every way regard it as a personal enterprise, to be forwarded in every possible way. We can work for better sanitation, for better literature, we can work in mill communities for children, for mother's meetings in the same. We can watch over the growing boys and girls and get them in Sunday schools; and make the Sunday schools so interesting that the boys and girls will not want to stay away. We can form circles for business women. We can each give an encouraging word to the person with whom we come in daily contact. We can search out the poor, help and encourage them.

We can close pool rooms to boys under twenty-one. We can secure a representative from the social service committee on the advisory board of city and county police. We can each study the needs of our particular community, and work together—co-operate—so that these needs can be remedied. We can each assign to ourselves the task:—To apply the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ to human needs—and each take unto ourselves the motto:—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

N. C. CONFERENCE

BROOKSDALE SOCIETIES

I want to tell our readers something of the work of the Brooksdale Missionary and Ladie's Aid societies and of the very pleasant surprise the pastor and his family had at parsonage a few weeks ago.

A little more than a year ago a Ladies' Aid society was organized for the special purpose of re-furnishing the parsonage. During the year a neat sum was spent for this purpose, and the membership more than doubled. In February 1919, our missionary siciety was organized. Both societies met at the same time, have practically the same members and at each monthly meeting a program is rendered which consists of devotional exercises, reading, and papers on some interesting subject.

We lost one of our much loved members, Mrs. G. A. Daniel, during the flu epidemic and had a service in memory of her in March, this year.

The pledges are small in the missionary society but a new sense of duty is dawning upon us and the spiritual condition is good. On a certain hour each Sunday afternoon our members will be in prayer for Mrs. Gates, Miss Pulliam and the great missionary cause everywhere.

The "Aid" has had about ninety-five dollars in the treasury this year, most of which has been spent for the parsonage.

On the tenth of June Mr. Russell and I returned from a visit to relatives and on arriving at the parsonage we found the front door open and the members of the "Aid", with a number of young people, in the front hall to receive us. Just what was happening was not fully known until we walked through the parsonage. We found something new for every room, floors all cleaned, walls calcimined and the men had done a neat job in placing cement steps at the back porch and cement porch around well. Our good neighbor, Mr. W. T. Carver had worked the garden.

In due time supper was announced. We found the dining room beautifully decorated and the large table loaded with good things to eat, which was served in courses. All of us enjoyed it. After supper was served and all dishes placed away, our friends left us with glad hearts. We are among some of the best people in our conference, and we are very thankful for the kind rememberances of the society and to the Heavenly Father for His many blessings. We hope and pray that both societies may receive great blessings and that much good may be accomplished through them.

MRS. J. A. RUSESLL,
President of Societies.

NEW BERNE DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. E. N. Ricks

The District meeting of the Woman's Missionary society, of the New Berne District, North Carolina Conference, convened in St. Johns church, Goldsboro, N. C., on the evening of April 18, 1919. There was a large delegation present, representing nearly every auxiliary in the district, and a large audience greeted the visiting delegates at their opening session.. A notable feature of the session being the fact that so many of the conference officers were present, among whom were: Mrs. A. M. Gales, conference president; Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, 1st vice-president; Miss Lily Duke, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Harvey Boney, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. C. Duncan, sperintendent of social service and Mrs. W. H. Speight, who for so long, had charge of our social service work.

The address of welcome, in behalf of the local Society, was made by Mrs. D. W. Cobb, of Goldsboro, and by Rev. J. W. Potter for the church. These were responded to by Mrs. F. R. Mintz, district secretary and presiding officer. Beautiful music was rendered by the choir, after which Mrs. A. M. Gates of Durham, addressed the conference. Very eloquently she brought a message of love and sacrifice and challenged the Christian women to grasp the present day opportunity for the renewal of the faith of our fathers, and to hasten the christianization of the world. Her address was a source of great inspiration to her hearers.

Following the adjournment for the evening a most delightful reception was held at the residence of Mrs. W. R. Thompson.

Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock the devotional was held by Mrs. A. M. Gates, after which the Lord's supper was administered by Rev. J. W. Potter, assisted by Rev. G. S. Adams of St. Paul.

Organization of the business session was taken up and Mrs. E. N. Ricks was made secretary.

A most splendid talk was made by Mrs. Harvey Boney, bringing to us ideas for creating new interests in the work of our societies, in the form of attractive invitations, after which she told us many interesting facts concerning our work in the foreign fields and at home. It was a great inspiration to listen to this deeply consecrated woman, as she told us of the work with which she is so thoroughly conversant.

Mrs. W. H. Speight came next on program and brought us a beautiful message about the work which has for many years been so near to her heart, that of social service, urging us to make this world a better place in which to live, and to remember the less fortunate of our sisters and brothers, knowing that in the words of Christ, "in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." One of the soul stirring talks of the morning was made by Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, who made a plea for our Bright Jewels and young people. In the most earnest manner she plead that we do not forget our young people for the future of our work and the strength of our foundation depends on them. The noon hour devotional was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Duncan of Raleigh, which was very up-lifting. Her admonition to us to look to the Higher Life, was an inspiration that will linger with us long. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. W. Potter, after which we adjourned to the parsonage, where, under the shade of beautiful trees, in the yard, a most delightful picnic dinner was spread and immensely enjoyed by the large delegation of visitors and friends. At 2:30 the devotional was conducted by Mrs. E. N. Ricks, after which a special prayer was made for two members of the society who were critically ill—Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Adams. Reports were read from each auxiliary, and were very enjoyable, showing progress along all lines. Mrs. Mintz expressed deep appreciation for the work the district had accomplished and the hearty co-operation which had been given her, by each auxiliary, urging them to continue this work, that our report might be even better another year.

The evening session was opened with a devotional by Mrs. Harvey Boney, who made an impressive talk upon living clean lives and consecrating ourselves to the tasks of life.

Miss Lily Duke of Durham, was given the prominent place on program and no one could doubt the wisdom of the conference in selecting this young woman as the leader for our young people, as her words of enthusiasm and consecration fell from her lips, which proved that she is thoroughly imbued with a love for the young people of our church and country. She closed her address by saying that "the young womanhood and manhood must be saved now, if it is ever to be saved, for the church needs them as leaders and teachers."

Miss Alice Casey, a graduate nurse who had just returned from France was introduced to the audience and made a very interesting talk about her experiences while across. Thus, came to a close, a district meeting which was pronounced by all in attendance to measure up to the ideal. Each delegate returned to her auxiliary, filled with a determination to do more for the Master, and grateful to the cordial people of St. John for the wonderful opportunity which they had given the district to meet with such a splendid auxiliary and to enjoy such unstinted hospitality.

The Sunday School Lesson

BAPTISM

Improved Uniform Lesson for July 13th, 1919. Scripture Passages Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 1: 1-11; Rom. 6: 1-11.

Exposition by the Editor

Most of the controversies that have disturbed the peace of the church have raged about non-essentials, or about non-essential features of church ordinances and doctrines. There has been no end of controversy on the subject of baptism, but mainly about the proper subjects for baptism and the mode by which it should be administered. Such controversies belong to the past age and will not be dwelt upon here; but even water baptism has its place in the life of the church and should be better understood by our membership.

Origin of Christian Baptism.

There was no such thing as christian baptisu prior to the final command of Christ to His disciples just before His ascension. It accompanied the command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There were forms of religious baptism before this. A number of them were known in the Jewish Church, but none of them even stood in the same relation to that church that Christian Baptism stands to the Christian Church today. Jesus never received what we understand as Christian Baptism today. No one of the original twelve apostles ever received it. Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, was converted to Christianity after baptism was ordered by our ascending Lord, and he was baptized in the house of one Simon on the street called Straight in the old city of Damascus. The act in the Jewish Church that corresponded to baptism in the Christian church was circumcision. It was administered in orthodox Jewish homes when the child was eight days of age; and, when adults were converted to Judaism, the rite was administered in their case. Our study of Christian baptism, except by analogy, must be subsequent to the giving of the great commission.

The Purpose of Baptism.

It is a most solemn form of profession of faith in Jesus Christ as a personal Savior on the part of adults. It is more than a mere declaration of words; it carries with it the force of a vow, a covenant, a pledge. It is a most solemn form of affirming fidelity to Christ and devotion to His service. In the case of infants it carries with it that sort of pledge on the part of parents to train the child for Christ —a claiming on their part of the covenant relationship for the child, and a commitment of themselves to the holy task of bringing up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And then it is not only the pledge on the human side; but it is the form by which God consents to pledge Himself anew to the terms of the covenant relationship. It is thus a sacred compact between the individual and God pertaining to the whole question of religious life.

The Proper Subjects for Baptism.

This enters the realm of controversy only with reference to the baptism of infants. The great majority of the christian world adhere to the baptism of infants. They are specifically included in the covenant relationship between God and His people. "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Baptism in the Christian dispensation takes the place of circumcision in the Jewish covenant, and in the latter the specific instruction was to circumcise them at eight days of age. The practice of the apostles as recorded in the book of Acts was to baptize whole families upon the conversion of the heads of the family. The assumption is that at least some of these families contained infant children. Furthermore it is in accord with the eternal fitness of things that pious parents should wish to claim for their children the blessings of the covenant relations into which they themselves have entered. The practice is further supported by the earliest history of the church of which we have any record. In the case of adults baptism is properly administered to all who accept Christ as their personal Savior.

The Mode of Baptism.

The time has been when this was a subject of bitter controversy. Happily this is dying out. Inherently there is no more reason for controversy concerning the mode of administering the sacrament of baptism than there is for controversy concerning the mode of administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The mode is no more essential to the thing itself in the one instance than in the other. No particular instructions are given in the Bible concerning the mode of administering either. If this needed proof, it is found in the fact that equally conscientious and equally intellivent men come to diverse conclusions upon the question. Much of the material used in the controversy is wholly irrelevant to the subject. The advocates of exclusive immersion as baptism emphasize more than aught else, perhaps, the account that is given of the baptism of Jesus by John. We have not the remotest idea that Jesus was immersed the reasons for which we have not the space to set forth here; but, if it were granted that He was, the baptism He received at the hands of John was certainly not the baptism practiced by the Christian church. There was no such thing at that time. The instruction of Christ at the time of instituting Christian baptism was to baptize in the "name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Jesus was not baptized in His own name, and the dispensation of the Holy Spirit had not been ushered in. That began on the day of Pentecost, and there is no record of any Christian baptism antedating that day.

Water Baptism has no Saving Efficacy.

No form of water baptism has any power to cleanse the soul of the guilt of sin. It is an outward symbol of an inward work of grace; but, whatever be the form of its administration or whoever may be the administrator, water baptism itself does not effect that work of grace in the heart. Infant baptism is not practiced —certainly not by Methodists—with any idea that it affects one way or another the salvation of those infants who die in infancy. We believe that any such notion is absolutely untrue. The same may be said of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and of every rite and ordinance of the Church. The virtue of salvation is not in them. They are a means of grace when properly used. They are commanded in scripture, and to neglect them is to suffere spiritual loss; but this is true only because they are aids to the soul in its approach to God who alone can change the heart from nature to grace.

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Below will be found letters written by some of our Orphanage children just a few days before they left the Home to go out into the big world and fight for themselves the battles of life. Running through these letters is seen a deep sense of gratitude for the things that have been done for them during their stay with us in this Christian Home. I am sure our friends will enjoy reading each of them.

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The attendance upon the board meeting of the Trustees was larger than usual this year. These men charged with the responsibility of carrying forward our Orphanage work have the highest and best interest of our children at heart. With painstaking effort they look carefully into every phase of our work and with great fidelity they give themselves to the building of a great Home for those bereft of home and loved ones. Under their constructive leadership, backed by the hundred thousand Methodists of our conference, the future is full of hope and promise.

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In my report to the Board of Trustees I recommended that when sufficient funds are available we erect an Industrial Building and a Baby Cottage. The daily papers left the impression on the mind of the public that the necessary funds are already in hand. This is far from being correct as we haven't a dollar in sight for this forward movement. I am hoping that these will be memorial buildings, put up by some of our staunch friends who wish to perpetuate the memory of dear friends whose lives were a benediction to the world. The need for such buildings is great. Whether they be memorials, given by friends, or the result of popular subscriptions they will serve a most worthy end.

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Our commencement sermon was an ideal one for the occasion. We were very fortunate in securing the services of Brother J. C. Wooten whose message was born out of a deep conviction and a broad experience learned in the great school of life. Unselfish service consecrated to noble ends was held out before the minds of the outgoing class as worthy of their best efforts. Unless they should prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, life can never be to them commonplace after hearing such a message. They have heard the bugle note calling them to the task of leadership in this new day that has dawned upon the world. That they will invest their lives in the service of their country and their God is confidently expected by the church and those who have trained them at the Methodist Orphanage.

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LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN

Dear Friends:

When a little boy of six years of age I was sent to this great Home, and I don't feel that I could leave here without expressing my appreciation for the great work and training that has been done for me.

Mr. Cole was just beginning his stay here when I came, and I learned to love him as a father, and was sorely grieved when he passed away. Mr. Barnes then took up the great responsibility and I feel as if there is no greater friend to us children than he. He has always been thoughtful and kind to us, always ready to sacrifice his time and pleasure to help us in anything. I know of no better friend than he.

I have completed the High school course and expect to take up the medical course at Trinity College next fall.

I wish to say in conclusion, may God bless our Home and the good people who are making it possible.

With a heart full of gratitude,
Willis J. Rowe.

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Before leaving the Orphanage as I shall do in a few days, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to my kind friends at the Orphanage and to tell them what the Orphanage has meant to me.

During my stay at the Orphanage I have grown to love it as my own home. I count myself very fortunate to have come to this beautiful Christian home and to be under the protection of these good Christian workers. There is no place that could have taken the place of home like the Orphanage. And Miss Mattie, as all the children call her, has taken the place of a mother and Mr. Barnes as a father as no one else could have done.

I especially want to thank my good friends for every attention during my stay at the Hospital.

I am going out from the Orphanage to become a trained nurse and I hope to meet with great success in everything I undertake. And I ask that the prayers of my friends still follow me. If I make a success I owe all to my Orphanage friends, who have done so much for me.

Again thanking my friends for their care over me during my stay at the Orphanage.
Annie Bagley.

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This is the saddest time of my life when I have to say good-bye to my many brothers and sisters and friends here at the Orphanage. The time has come when I shall have to go out into the world and fight the battles of life for myself. I can never forget the pure Christian training I have had while here and hope never to see the day when I shall have departed from this way of living.

All I am I owe to the Methodist Orphanage. I have not only had Christian training but have had a chance to begin my education. I have completed the eleventh grade and next fall I shall enter Greensboro College for Women. I am entirely indebted to the Wesley Bible Cass of Divine Street Sunday school, Dunn, for a chance to finish my education at this college. They have promised to defray all my school expenses. This fine class of men has been supporting me for the past four years. Words are inadequate to express my sinecere appreciation to the class for all it has done for me.

I also want to express to the Woman's Missionary society, Morehead City, my appreciation for the clothes they have sent me since I have been here. I feel that I have been the most fortunate person at all to have been cared for as I have. It is my prayer that I may prove myself worthy of all that has been done for me.

May richest blessings rest upon the Home and many more find shelter here!

Mary Scott Tucker.

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"I'se a-preachin' ob de gospel."

"What! You preaching?"

"Yassah, master, I'se a-preachin'."

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

A GREAT TIME PROMISED

Prospects are good for the greatest time at all when our Wesley Bible Class workers assemble at Lake Junaluska August 7, 8 and 9. From reports that come along a most satisfactory attendance is promised. It is earnestly hoped that all our Sunday schools will see to it that one or more live delegates attend this booster meeting of Bible class workers.

In order to get reduced rates we must have at least 250 delegates attending the Federation. Let's have them. It would be too bad to have a big program of big speakers for a small crowd. It is getting to be more and more the custom for Methodists to do big things in big ways and our Wesley Bible Class Federation must be no exception. Take a good look at our program as printed on this page and decide to take it in. Then, too, just think of the beautiful scenery and fine atmosphere that offer themselves to Lake Junaluska visitors.

All hotels and boarding houses at the Lake promise plenty of room for Wesley Bible Class guests. Rates can be obtained at from two dollars the day up. All hotels and boarding houses run on the American plan. If 250 delegates attend the Federation it will cost only one third going cost to return. We must have the two hundred and fifty happy souls present.

ADVOCATE FEDERATION EDITION

The editors of the Advocate have promised us a Federation booster edition of the Advocate in the near future It is desired that our progressive and enthusiastic Wesley classes, report themselves in this edition. Please have your secretary or reporter to write 150 words giving the facts about your live class. State particularly what your class is doing to make itself felt in the community. If you have a picture of the class let us have it. It will be a genuine pleasure to introduce to the Advocate readers a number of groups of our Wesley workers. Just sit right down and write up your class at once. A two cent stamp will bring us the good tidings.

TEEN AGE BOYS AND GIRLS

Mr. John L. Alexander tells us that of the twenty millions of teen age boys and girls in America only three millions are enrolled in the Sunday school, and that of these three millions enrolled 2,500,000 drop out. It is a matter of common observation that few teen age boys and girls are being held in our Sunday schools. They are not finding enough opportunity for action and service.

To hold and harness these young dynamics in the Southern Methodist church has come the Wesley Bible Class, a class with an organization and a definite program of service for the organization to put into practice. May we not give our teen age boys and girls a chance at this organization? When our leaders begin to give our erring and wayward boys and girls more direction and less criticism there will be more of them doing business for the Lord in our Sunday schools.

PROGRAM WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

Western North Carolina Conference Mehodist Episcopal Church, South Lake Junaluska, North Carolina August 7-8-9, 1919

Thursday Morning August 7

10:00 Devotional services.

10:20 Address: "The Movement." Rev. Chas. D. Bulla, Corresponding Secretary, general Sunday school board, Nashville, Tenn.

10:50 Address: "Wesley Bible Classes and the Pastor." Rev. W. A. Lambeth, chairman conference Sunday school board, pastor, High Point, N. C.

11:10 Address: "Making the Class Organization Effective." Dr. Wade Barclay, editor and author, Cincinnati.

11:40 "One Thing My Class Has Done." Reports from the Field, conducted by Mr. O. V. Woosley, Conference Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

12:00 Address: North Carolina's Young Manhood." Dr. W. P. Few, president Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

12:40 Business and Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon

Recreational Program.

Thursday Night

7:45 Vesper services led by Rev. W. O. Goode, Hickory, N. C.

8:15 Song service led by Mr. J. Dale Stentz, Lake Junaluska.

8:35 Address: Life Work Talk No. 1: The Christian Lawyer." Mr. D. E. Henderson, Charlote, N. C.

8:55 "The Organization and The Bible." Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., president Southwestern University Georgetown, Texas.

Friday Morning, August 8

9:00 Devotional Services.

9:20 Life Work Talk No. 2: "The Christian Merchant. " Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte, N. C.

9:40 Address: "North Carolina's Young Womanhood." Dr. S. B. Turrentine, President Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.

10:10 "One Thing My Class Has Done" Conduced by Mr. Woosley.

10:30 Address: "Literature and Lessons for Wesley Classes." Rev. E. Hightower, D. D. Suprintendent Young People's and Adult Work.

10:55 Address: "The Teen Age Girl and The Organized Class." Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, general Sunday school board, Nashville, Tenn.

11:25 Open conference discussions (two groups meeting at same time) "Methods for Young People and Adult Classes" led by M. W. Brabham, Nashville, Tenn.

"Methods for Intermediates and Seniors.' 'Led by Miss Kennedy and Dr. Bulla.

12:00 Address: Wesley Classes and Evangelism." Rev. E. L. Bain, D. D. Pastor, West Market Street, Greensboro, N. C.

12:40 Announcements and adjournment.

Friday Afternoon

Recreational Program.

Friday Night

7:45 Vesper services, led by Rev. J. O. Ervin, Asheville ,N. C.

8:15 Song service conducted by Mr. Stentz.

8:35 Life Work Talk No. 3: Missions, or the Centenary yet ahead. Rev. W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Ashe-Asheville district.

8:55 Address: "My Brother and I" Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.

Saturday Morning

9:00 Devotional services.

9:20 Life Work Talk No. 4: "The Christian Manufacturer." Mr. Geo. L. Hackney, Lexington, N. C.

9:40 "Relationships" Rev. W. C. Owen, Field Secretary, South Carolina Conference, Marion , S. C.

10:00 "Wesley Classes and The Community" Dr. J. H. Therrell, Field secretary, Florida Conference, Ocala, Fla.

10:20 Open Conference: "Publicity Plans That Win." Mr. A. L. Dietrich, General Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

10:40 "Wesley Classes and The Training of Leaders." Mr. J. M. Way, General Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

11:05 Business Session.

11:30 "One Thing I Am Taking Home." One Minute talks by members of the Federation.

11:50 Intermission.

12:00 Song Service led by Mr. Stentz.

12:10 Closing Address by Hon. Josephus Daniels. Secretary of the Navy.

The afternoons have been left entirely free for recreation; no one should be absent from a single meeting of the Federation. Hikes to Junaluska mountain, a boat ride around the lake in the moonlight, baseball, tennis, swimming and boating will be offered to all. Bring your kodaks, your books on birds, trees and wild flowers.

Various kinds of helps for making your class work more interesting and effective will be on hand; books and pennants, stick pins, fobs and other forms of novelties with the Wesley Class emblems will be for sale. Free literature will be available. The splendid exhibit arranged by the General Sunday School Board will be displayed.

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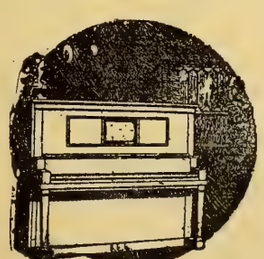
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OFF FOR COLUMBUS

When this scribe boarded the train in Greensboro for Columbus, he was more than glad to find on the train congenial company. Rev. W. A. Lambeth and Mrs. L. V. Wilson from High Point and Rev. C. M. Short of Mt. Holly and Rev. J .E. Thompson from Belmont were all headed in the same direction. At Lynchburg we were joined by Revs. O. W. Dowd, J. A. Daily and a company of their constituency from Roxboro.

Like Spring Garden, a good number of churches have done themselves proud in sending their pastors to Columbus. The laymen, of course may not say all that is in their minds in their sending us. One preacher in our party, but nameless here, preached on the night before departing for Columbus a sermon which had already seen some service. The prayer at the conclusion of the sermon and prayed by a layman contained the urgent request that the good Father might bless the pastor in his absence and especially that he might bring back many new ideas. By a funny coincidence this same preacher had prayed at the beginning of the year for his choir, especially that they might sing a new song this year. Early Monday morning the choir director ordered some new music.

A short stop-over in Liynchburg gave us an opportunity to see Randolph Macon college and Court Street church. In this church we studied the faces of Bishop A. Coke Smith and Dr. G. C. Kelley in a group of photographs of former pastors.

I find I lose no opportunity to see every church possible these days.

We all felt honored to travel in brother Thompson's company to Columbus, since he had the honor of being the first person to register for the celebration. I saw his card of registration on the back of which this fact is written. Dr. Dickson holds brother Thompson's check as a souvenir of the occasion.

Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock we rolled into Columbus on the minute, on a trip of more than 500 miles. These modern passenger trains are marvels if we had not ceased to marvel on account of familiarity. Here were enough people on one train to make a small village, while flying across the states, very much the life we would live at home—eating, sleeping, reading, writing, visiting, etc. One could not but contrast travel in our times with that of the days of Francis Asbury. We have conveniences, wealth, and numbers far beyond what was even dreamed of in those pioneer days. May we have as much zeal and consecration!

Prohibition to the Front

This being America's first dry day in all her history, the day's proceedings took on the form of a temperance celebration. Strong addresses were delivered by Anna Gorden, Dr. P. A. Baker, Dr. Clerence True Wilson, Bishops Cannon and McDowell, George R. Stewart, Congressman Rainy, W. J. Bryan and others. The array of talent which I have heard today makes it a red-letter day in my life, and of itself would have justified the trip.

Sparks From the Anvil

I wish so much I could report many of the interesting things which our temperance speakers brought us today. I will jot down a few.

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Sam Jones said "the man who sells liquor is an infernal scroundrel, and the man who drinks it is an infernal fool."

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"After I speak the colored chorus will sing and we will have a ham sandwich."—George Stewart.

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Don't cry little beer cart,
Don't you cry;
You'll be a milk wagon
By and by.

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"They are dead that sought the young child's life to destroy it. Whiskey doomed many a baby"—W. J. Bryan.

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To begin drinking at 21 costs four years of the expectancy of life, according to the insurance companies.

Lloyd George declared that alcohol was a greater menace to England than Germany was.

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Sad News

North Carolinians in Columbus were shocked at the announcement of the sudden death here of Rev. C. R. Canipe. Bro. Canipe for some time has been in frail health, but was well enough for the trip to the celebration.

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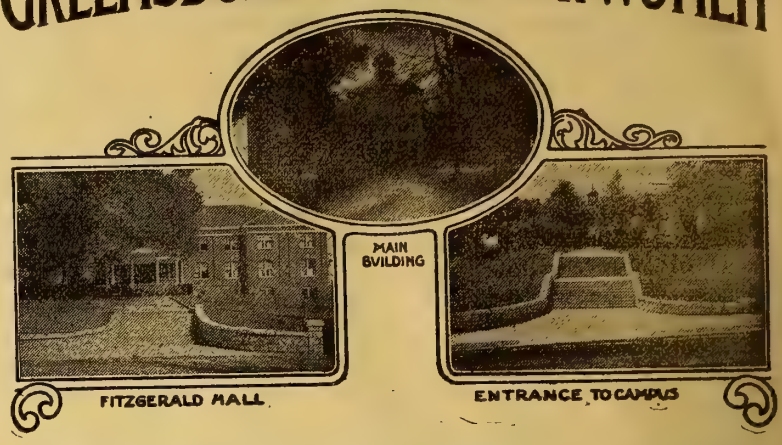
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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WHY THE MOON LOOKS SAD

I saw the Moon Mother, big and bright,
Bring out her baby stars one night
To play about the fields of sky;
She watched them with a careful eye.

And then, as plainly as could be,
One star looked down and winked at me!
It was a naughty star, I think,
Because it gave a wicked wink.

Just then a cloudy bit of lace
Was blown across Moon Mothers' face;
And while her eyes could not see through,
What did the bad star-baby do?

It passed its little brothers by,
And ran away across the sky!
Then with a merry little spark
Jumped out of the sky, right into the dark!

What happened to that baby star
Who ran so fast and jumped so far?
Perhaps he tumbled in the sea,
And now is sorry as can be.

The other stars come out to play,
But poor Moon Mother pines away,
And I can see her grow each night
More thin and faded, sad and white.

—Mother's Magazine.

A SILENT WITNESS

"Mother, why are you hanging a looking-glass there?" asked James, looking at it curiously. "Such a pretty one, too," he continued. "It seems to me I should want it where it would be seen oftener."

"I want it right here in the dining room where it can see.' 'answered his mother laughingly. "I am putting it here for a witness."

"A witness!" scoffed James. "It can't tell anything."

"We shall see. It will tell your faults to you as well as to others."

"I'd like to know how."

At supper James found that he and his brother Ned were to sit side by side, facing the glass.

"What's that for?" demanded both at once.

"Your father and I think best to have it so," explained their mother.

The boys sat down with scowls on their faces and an air of great injury. Ned happened to raise his eyes, when the ludicrousness of those frowning reflections struck him so forcibly that it provoked a shout of laughter.

"What is the matter with you?" growled James, looking up to make an ugly face, when his attention also was arrested by the truthful mirror. His startled stare added so much to Ned's glee that he began to thrust out his tongue at James. The silent reminder brought him to a sudden stop.

"I see you are caught also," remarked his father quietly.

The boys were silent. The day following, their experiences were repeated with such good results that their mother was beginning to congratulate herself on the success of her plan. In her absence from home of several weeks, while attending her mother in a serious illness the boys had acquired the habit of bickering at the table, greatly to the humiliation of their parents.

Their silent witness had been with them two days when their cousin, a bright, manly fellow, came to visit them.

At dinner Mrs. Lane said: "William, you sit between James and Ned, where you can enjoy yourselves."

But, O how two boys reddened as the mirror showed them how beautifully William's hair was combed and how their own tously locks looked in comparison! Their mother had remained discreetly silent and allowed them to see for themselves. Ned spoke first. "Mother, will you excuse me a minute?"

"Certainly," agreed his mother.

"And me too?" questioned James.

They returned with shining faces and well-brushed hair and smiled at each other over the changed reflection. If William noticed, he was too much of a gentleman to say anything; but three pairs of eyes returned often to the pleasing picture.

"It is nice, isn't it?" said Mr. Lane.

"What?" asked all three at once.

"Three good-looking boys in a row."

"O," answered William, "I believe auntie had a reason for putting the glass there."

After William's visit was over and he had returned home, James came to his mother. "Mother," he said, "your witness is all right. I couldn't understand before; but I do now, and I vote that we keep it there."

"Vote carried by a big majority," shouted Ned.

"Very well," promised mother; "it shall stay with you as long as you want it—a silent witness, but a good friend."—Baptist Boys and Girls.

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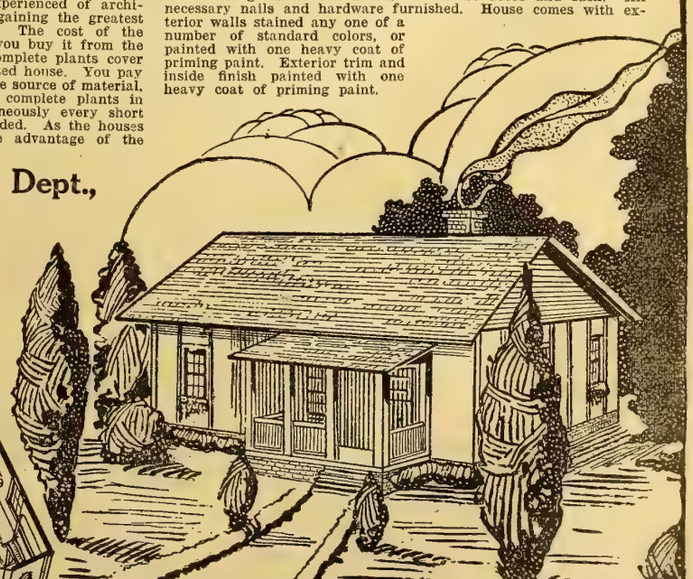
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May the Infinite sustain the loved ones and friends.

R. Earnest Atkinson.

HESTER.—Jake Hester was born June 1, 1895, and died June 9, 1919. He was converted about eight years ago during the administration of the Reverend C. P. Ross, and united with the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Leasburg circuit. Being an invalid from childhood, he was deprived of the means of grace and many blessing the church alone supplies. Jake's faith in Christ, and his conceptions of the Christian life was that of a child, but he was a real Christian. He died knowing in whom he believed. He is with the Lord. May the Lord bless and comfort the parents.

R. Earnest Atkinson.

SQUIRES.—It seems a pity that a really good and useful man, one who is a blessing to his generation; who loves his fellowmen, and seeks for opportunities to help live both spiritfully, intellectually and otherwise; one who has a clear conscience of what is right and who stands always unwaveringly, and fearlessly on the side of right, should have to depart the land of the living.

Julius A. Squires was such a man as above mentioned. He was born in Northhampton county, North Carolina, April 25, 1841, of one of the best and most influential families that ever lived in this part of the state. All through his life, even to the closing year, it seemed to be his purpose and pleasure to identify himself with the best interests of the commonwealth. Early in 1861, though but a boy, he volunteered for service in the Confederat army in General Matt. W. Ransom's command, and was among the first to go from his county to the front, where he served faithfully and fearlessly to the end of the bitter struggle, surrendering at Appomattox in 1865 with an unblemished record. Later on he was made second lieutenant of the Mat. W. Ronsam camp of Confederate Veterans of Northampton county. Brother Squires never lost his interest in the public welfare. At the time of his death he was a member of the committee of public schools for Gaston township.

April 15, 1875, he was married to Miss Laura L. Garner, daughter of Dr. P. K. Garner, of Garysburg, N. C. To this union was born one child, a son, Edwin Jacob, who with the mother passed into the beyond. May 27, 1879, he was married the second time to Miss Ellen C. Rooke, of Northampton county. To this union there was born one child, a daughter, Mrs. O. F. Bynum, of Boykin, Virginia, who, with the mother survives him.

Junius Squires was an old time southern country gentlemen. He was courteous in his bearings toward his fellowman, especially toward the ladies. No where was this more evident than in his own home with his wife and daughter. His bearing toward his wife was that of a lover. His home abounded in old time southern hospitality. His door stood wide open to his friends One could but feel an atmosphere of welcome, and a thrill of pleasure when underneath his roof.

For several years his health had been failing, and for a year we could see that the end was approaching. But he remained fearless to the very last and talked as calmly of his departure as though he was but making a visit to a friend.

On May 22, 1919, he quietly feel on sleep, and the next day was laid to rest in the family burying ground.

For nearly half a century Brother Squires had been an honored and faithful member of Oak Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South, most of this time serving in an official capacity. He was a true friend to his pastor, and the pastor will ever cherish his friendship.

R. W. Bailey.

SANDERLIN.—Bessie, the daughter of T. N. and Ella Sanderlin, was born April 13, 1896 and died at her home in Kitty Hawk June 1, 1919. Bessie joined the Methodist church July 6, 1905, and lived a sweet spirited Christian life until God took her to Himself. She loved her church and did all she could for its cause. Her last work was for the Centenary. Bessie made her report to God who crowned her with success. She taught a class of boys in Sunday school and was loved by her class. May God be with the bereaved ones. R. L. Beasley

CHRISTY.—Sister Mary L. Christy, superintendent of our Sunday school cradle roll at Mount Moriah, was born in Atlanta, Ga., January 28, 1884.

She Joined the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Athens, Ga., when quite a young girl, was ever afterwards a faithful laborer in both church and Sunday school work, was teacher in the Sunday schools of her home city for many years and until she left there and moved to Balsam, N. C., about twenty-five years ago.

Miss Mary was also a zealous worker in Evans Lodge No. 76, Independent Order of Good Templars, Athens, Ga., and other temperance societies during her stay in her home city. Ever ready and at all times doing what she could for the uplift of humanity.

Miss Mary died at her home in Balsam, N. C., June 5, 1919, was 35 years of age.

It is with sorrowful hearts that we bow in humble submission to the will of God in this sad loss. Miss Mary will surely be missed in this community and by our Sunday school.

Therefore be it resolevd, That we, officers, teachers and scholars of Mt. Mariah Sunday school, one and all, extend to the sisters, brothers and other relatives of our departed sister, our heart-felt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

We point them to God for consolement, and say to them that while Miss Mary cannot return to us, we can and shoul so live that when we are called from life unto death, we shall be ready to go and join our loved ones in that better world on high, from whose bounds no traveler returns. There will be no sarrow there

Second, That these resolutions be recorded in our Sunday school minute book, that a page thereof be dedicated to her memory, placed thereon her name date of birth, date of death, age at death and her picture if one can be procured.

Third. That copy hereof be furnished to the family of the deceased and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a news paper at Athens, Ga., with request to publish this in token of our esteem for our beloved and departed sister.

Mrs. W. B. Farwell,
Mrs. Robt. J. Bryson.
J. K. Kenney,
Committee.

HAYES.—On the morning of May 30, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hayes, near Littleton, N C., and bore the spirit of dear little Martha Lee, their adopted daughter, back to the God who gave it.

Martha Lee was an unusually bright child for her age and attracted attention everywhere she went. She was sick only twenty-four hours and suffered intensely until the angels came and took her home to be with Jesus, where there is no pain or suffering.

May God help the devoted foster parents to realize that, while their home is desolated without the dear little girl, who made it so bright for three years and eleven months, she is waiting for them on the beautiful shore, and the dear little hands are beckoning us on to the home above.

"We shall meet at last O precious thought!
With our battles fought and won.
In that home of peace and light and love.
When our Lord has said, "Well done."
"Aunt Matt."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our friend and co-worker, Mrs. W. J. Moore, we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Morehead City, N. C., resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to our all-wise and merciful heavenly Father's will; that we feel deeply our loss, and that we miss our deceased sister's quiet, gentle influence, and her loyal support in being ever ready to do what she could.

Second, That we tender our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, to the Coaster, and be spread upon the minutes of our society.

Mrs. J. C. Morton,
Mrs. R. H. Broom,
Mrs. G. P. Hood.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Perkin's Chapel Sunday school has suffered a bereavement and great loss in the death of Brother Fleetwood P. Snowden, who was for several years our faithful and efficient secretary. We desire to pay tribute to his faithful services as a worker in our Sunday school.

First, That we publicy express the keen sense of our loss in his removal from a life of usefulness.

Second, That we express also our hearty appreciation of his labors with us, and that we shall miss his radiant face and kindly advice.

Third, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and that we do extend to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives and affections, and pray that heaven's richest blessings and consolation be given to them.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, a copy recorded on the minutes of our Sunday school and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Independent for publication.

E. W. Addison, Superintendent,
G. C. Boswood, Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

On the morning of Sunday, June 15, our pastor announced to us that Mrs. N. F. Murdock had died at her home at 3 a. m., and her funeral would be conducted from the church the following day at 5 p. m.

This announcement came as a shock to us, and brought genuine sorrow to the hearts of the members of the Woman's Missionary and Ladie's Aid Societies. Sister Murdock had long been a faithful member of these societies. Just a few short weeks past, she was our delegate to the district meeting of the Missionary Society, which was held at Spencer. She was never able to make her report from this meeting, on account of sickness and death in her family.

We loved her and we shall miss her from our meetings, but we know in whom she believed and trusted, therefore, we expect to meet her again in God's other room, into which she has been called and where she awaits to greet us as we shall follow her one by one.

To the husband and son, so badly bereft; to the father, brothers and sisters, our hearts go out in tender, loving sympathy and we pray that they may feel the presence and strength of the God, whom she served, to comfort and sustain them in these days of sorrow and separation.

"We cannot say, we will not say that she is dead,
She is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into some unknown land,
And left us dreaming, how very fair
It needs must be since she lingers there.
And to you who yearn till the eyelids burn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of her, as faring on as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here."

Mrs. D. A. Beaver,
Mrs. A. R. Lazenby.

KETCHIE.—Jane Elizabeth Ketchie (Nee Smith) was born December 20, 1847, and fell asleep on the morning of the 13th day of June, 1919, being 71 years, five months and 23 days old.

On July 18, 1866, she was happily united in marriage to B. R. Ketchie, of Salisbury, N. C. After more than 50 years together she leaves him to mourn her sudden going away. During these years they were a happy and congenial pair and each proved true to the other. In so doing life was made worth living.

To this union were given six children, five sons and one daughter, namely: Wm. Lewis Ketchie, of Macon, Ga.; G. T. Ketchie, of Charlotte, N. C.; Jas. C. Ketchie, of Salisbury, N. C.; Earnest and Edward P. Ketchie, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Laura Ellen Hoffner, of Salisbury, N. C.

Besides the children there are 25 grand-children and two great-grand-children and added to these are a very large circle of relatives and life long friends.

Sister Ketchie united with the Lutheran church at the early age of 15 years. Later she moved to Salisbury and united with the First Methodist church. In 1900 she joined the Holmes Memorial which is now Park Avenue, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from which church we conducted the funeral services.

All through this long Pilgrimage she was a faithful servant of her Master, and it can be truly said of her, "She was a mother in Israel."

Reading her Bible was her comfort and delight. She was unable to attend church for the past few years, yet she said she was happy when reading God's Holy Book and when praying.

In this she set many a worthy example to follow. She was happy doing what she could in the work of the church.

She was a faithful member of the Ladies' Missionary society, and the Ladies' Aid society.

In the last few days of her life she asked to be permitted to assist in filling a block in a church quilt which altogether will net a handsome sum perhaps above $450

In her home she was Queen. To rear a fine family was her joy. To know they were Christians was a delight to her. She did nobly her work on earth. A true and faithful wife and mother has fallen, just gone to a saints happy reward. Rest from thy toil, mother dear.

Appropriate funeral services were held before a large concourse of loving friends, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. G. W. Vick, of Kannapolis, who was a former pastor. She sleeps in the Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Weep not dear friends, she is not dead, only sleeping.

A. S. Raper, Pastor.

IN MEMORIAM

On the morning of May 19, 1919, our dear friend. Mrs. Alice Grady Fearing, passed over the river and joined her many loved ones in the great beyond.

She had said many times that she wanted to leave her earthy home for heaven, singing. And she, who had a wonderful voice and loved as she said "to sing God's praises above everything else," was at the First Methodist Church, her beloved church, on the night of May 18, joining with all of her heart in the service, for all were rejoicing over the great results of the days drive for the Centenary. When the pastor, Mr. J. M. Ormand, said we will sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," the standing congregation filled the church with a volumn of song. Several persons said, "Look at Mrs. Fearing's face," "Look at Aunt Alice." Behold! a light not of this world was shining there.

On the way home our friend was taken ill. Though the family did not then consider dangerously so, she grew worse and passed away early the next morning. Surely she had her wish to go singing, for that was her last conscious thought. We shall truly miss her and shall treasure the memory of her long and faithful life.

A devoted mother; a faithful member of her church; a true member of its various societies; a friend to all.

We, the members of the Missionary Society want to send a copy of these expressions of our love and sympathy to the dearly loved daughter, Mrs. G. R. Barrow and one to the Christian Advocate and have it placed upon the records of our auxiliary.

Mrs. W. J. Lumsden,
Mrs. M. C. Cobb,
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Pool.
Committe..

STEPHENSON.—When the soul of Sarah Elizabeth Stephenson took its flight earth lost a choice spirit. For fourteen years she had been one of the most valuable workers at the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Her duties there were necessarily exacting, but the love she had for the children made her work seem light. Her bright, sunny disposition and her unselfish spirit were an inspiration to all associated with her.

Miss Stephenson was a devout and loyal member of the Methodist church. For three years I was her pastor, and I always found her true to the obligations she had assumed in early life. While prevented by her duties at the orphanage from taking an active part in the organized work of the church she never failed to give such support as she could to its varied interests.

It was on Thursday, April 3, 1919, after an illness of only a few days that this noble young woman passed away. The funeral services were conducted in Raleigh by Rev. J. E. Underwood and Rev. D. N. Caviness. Her mother, Mrs. M. C. Stephenson, two brothers and five sisters still live to mourn her loss. May the blessings of God rest richly upon these sorrowing ones. R. H. Willis.

FELTON.—Mrs. Sallie W. Felton, daughter of William and Fannie Bell, was born on Harlowe Creek, Carteret county, March 23, 1846, married to John Felton, October 24, 1866, and died in Beaufort, June 21, 1919. There were five children of whom only Miss Rosa Survives. There are seven grand-children and two great grand-children.

Mrs. Felton joined the Methodist church when a girl and remained a true and consistent member until death. She was quiet and unassuming, faithful in all the relations of life, a good neighbor, a kind friend. Hers is a beautiful example to follow. R. F. Bumpass.

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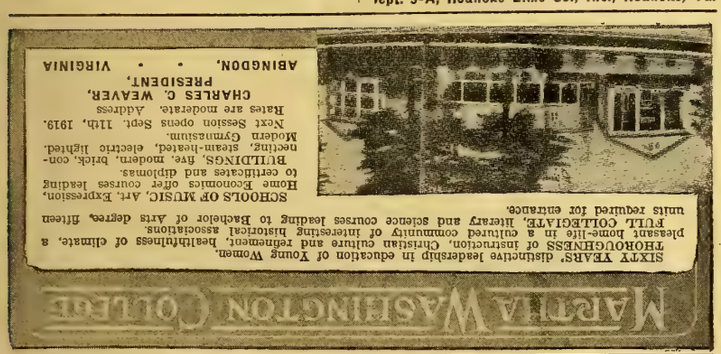
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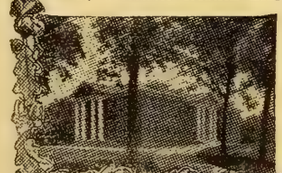
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North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Mt. Tirzah, Hurdle's Mill, 11 a. m.	12-13
Rougemont, Ellis Chapel, 4 p. m.	13
Mebane, Prospect, 11 a. m.	19-20
Milton, New Hope, 11 a. m.	26-27
August	
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round	July
Hertford	16
Perquimans, New Hope	17
City Road, Epworth	18
Pasquotank, Mt. Hermon	19
Edenton	20
Gates, Philadelphia	26-27
North Gates, Hebron	27-28
August	
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet	18
Dare	19
Hatteras	21
Miyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

District conference at Pantego, beginning on Wednesday night, July 9, and closing on Friday night or Saturday morning. Bishop Darlington will be present and preside after Thursday.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Dunn, Black's Chapel	13-14
Fayetteville, Camp Ground, 11 a. m.	18
Newton Grove, Ebenezer	19-20
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill	26-27
Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, 11 a. m.	28
Haw River, Merritt's Chapel, 11 a. m.	29
August	
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs, 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9-10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
September	
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove	12-13
Straits and Atlantic	19-20
Dover, Lane's Chapel	25
LaGrange, Hickory Grove	26-27
August	
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9 10
New Bern, Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circucit, Epworth	16
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

Third Round	July
Laurel Hill, Old Hundred (A. M.)	13
Roberdel, Green Lake (3 P. M.)	13
Lumberton Circuit, Pine Grove (A. M.)	20
Laurinburg (night)	20
Laurinburg (A. M.)	21
Lumberton (night)	23
Maxton (night)	24
Robeson, Olivet	26-27
Rowland, Asbury (afternoon)	27
August	
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferenme (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
September	
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Kenly, Lucama	16
Selma, Sanders	12-13
Smithfield	13
Mill Brook, Pleasant Grove	19-20
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial	20
Granville, Roberts Chapel	26-27
August	
Oxford	1-2
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	1-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
September	
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WILMINGTON DISTICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	10
Burgaw, Watha	11
Kenansville, Wesley	12
Faison-Warsaw, Goshen	13-14
Chadbourn, Evergreen	18
Tabor, Bethesda	19-20
Wallace-Rose Hill, Providence	25
Magnolia, Carlton's	26-27
Carver's Creek, Shiloh	1
August	
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Third Round	July
Northampton, Pleasant Grove	11
Garyburg, Seaboard	12-13
Conway, Conway	17
Rich Squart, Roxabel	18
Murfreesboro and Winton, Winton	19-20
Ridgeway, Tabernacle	26
Henderson	27-28
N. and S. Henderson, S. Henderson	27
August	
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-11

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Aurora, Warrens	12-13
Kocky Mount, First Church	18-20
Rocky Mount, Clark Street. night	19-20
Tarboro	26-27
Bethel, Robersonville	27-28
August	
Spring Hope, Sandy Cross	2-3
Nashville, Mapel Creek	3-4
Ayden Circuit, Crimesland	9-10
Stokes	10-11
Mt. Pleeasant, Horne's	16-17
Wilson	17-18
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	22-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
September	
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Weaverville circuit, Flint Hill	12-13
Bethel	13
Mars Hill, Bright Hope	19-20
Walnuct, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
August	
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River Circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Third Round	July
Ansonville, Weightman, 11 a. m.	11
Polkton, Mount Moriah, 11 a. m.	12-13
Lilesville	19-20
Wadesboro, night	20
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
August	
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Grensboro, N. C.

Third Round	July
Wentworth circuit, Wentworth	12-13
West Greensboro, Groome's	19-20
High Point, Main Street, night	20
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circucit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
August	
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ezenezer	23

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Alry, N. C.

Third Round	July
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20, 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-2w
Leaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Broad River circuit, Kistler Chapel	12-13
Forest City circuit, Cedar Grove, 3 p. m.	13-14
Connelly Springs circuit, Friendship	19-20
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday, 3 p. m.	30
Bakersville circucit, Penland, night	20-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
August	
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
Mill Spring, New Hope	16-17
Rutherfordton circuit, Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion circuit, Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round	July
Albemarle, Central, 11 a. m.	13
Badin, night	13
Cottonville, Rehobeth	19-20
Norwood, Randall	20
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richefild	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
August	
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circucit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmony, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
District conference, Lenoir	14-16

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.

Third Roucnd	July
Sparta, Piney Creek	12-13
Watauga, Mabel	12-13
Avery circuit, Fairview	19-20
Elk Parfk, Banner Elk	19-20
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
August	
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Robbinsville, Trinity	12-13
Jonathan, Cattaloochee	19-20
Waynesville	23
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
August	
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

WINSTON DISTRICT
Third Round

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Lexington circuit, Bethel, July 12-13.
Lewisville, Concord, July 19-20.
West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District Conference at Lexington, July 4. Opening sermon, July 2, night.

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Third Round	July
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	11
Lincolnton circuit, Marvin, 11 a. m.	12
Stanley, Trinity, 11 a. m.	13
King's Mountain, King's Mountan, 8:30 p. m.	16
Shelby circuit, Layfayette Street, 3 p. m.	17
Shelby Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Polkville, Rehoboth, 3 p. m.	18
South Fork, Zion, 11 a. m.	19
Rock Spring, Bethany, 11 a. m.	20
Lowesville, New Hope, 5 p. m.	20
Dallas, High Shoals, 8:30 p. m.	21
East End, East End, 8:30 p. m.	22
McAdenville, 8:30 p. m.	24
Mayworth, Mayworth, 11 a. m.	27
Belmont, 5 p. m.	27

District conference, Fallston, Belwood circuit, July 28-30.

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A Call From the Watchtower!

"You do not appreciate the religious press. You are not using it to the extent you ought to. The result is the enemy are gaining ground on you, for they are sending their sheets broadcast. There is not a form of error in this age that hasn't its printing press, and putting thousands of dollars into it to send forth a propaganda if possible into every heart. Your children are reading it when you do not know it. You ministers have people reading this error when you are not aware of it, and you find them losing interest in your work and in the cause, and you do not know what did it. It is a false press that did it, and if you are to get the work out of the press that you would like, you must come to the support of the evangelical press, that comes to back you up and help to do a work you cannot do, and to spread the influence which you are intensifying and establishing."

—David S. Kennedy, D. D., in the Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

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Editorial

CLOSING OF THE CENTENARY EXPOSITION.

The "Big Drive" is over, and was carried well beyond the goal set for it. Now the great Centenary exposition at Columbus is over, and those who attended are enthusiastic in their praise of what was done. Surely Methodism is finding herself and putting things in shape for a greater work than she has ever done. Her common note is a victorious one. We have read over and over again the slogan, "When two million Methodists go from their knees to any task, it shall be done." We believe this is unquestionably true, and these great undertakings have been carried to a successful issue.

The individual can do almost anything that he really believes he can do. Of course, there are limitations to this statement, but an assured confidence of success carries one far forward to the goal which he sets for himself. The same thing is true of an aggregation of individuals acting in concert, and this is what the Church is. Could we but bring into harmonious action the entire membership of the Methodist Church, what might not be accomplished in Christ's name? This is one of the things that has been demonstrated by these great undertakings. And it is a great thing that the Church has had this fact demonstrated. One of the great hindrances to the Church has been the load of unbelief which constantly affirmed that it could not be done. Men will be slower now to say that anything that ought to be done cannot be done.

What will be the lasting effects of these great events? who can forecast them? Certainly a mighty impulse ought to be given to all the work of the Church. When asked the above question Dr. S. Earl Taylor, Director General of the Centenary, said among other things: "No one can tell how far-reaching influence upon the lives and hearts of young and old will be the lessons learned here under such realistic and favorable circumstances. Close observers have said that the close of the great war would be followed by a revival of real old-fashioned religion, the like of which never has been known. Perhaps, in the providence of God this Centenary celebration will be one of the means at His hands for spreading the gospel to the farthest corners of the earth. The hundreds of young men and women, who have pledged their lives to the service of the living God and to the uplifting of humanity in the meetings here, will carry the message of peace on earth and good will to men."

Another effect which Dr. Taylor claims for it may be questioned by some who attended the exhibition. We have heard one man who attended the celebration—and he is one of the best men among us, too—that he did not come away any stronger for union than he went. But let Dr. Taylor state his view of it. "That the time is ripe for the reuniting of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been emphasized time and again during the preparations for this Centenary celebration Since the representatives of these two great churches have had the opportunity of mingling together in the closest possible manner on the exposition grounds, it has been borne in upon all of us, that the cementing of the church, north and south, will be one of the lasting outcomes of the celebration."

We are too near the shadow of the great event to make yet the largest and clearest interpretation of its real significance. It is to be devoutly hoped that an undertaking upon which has been spent such vast resources of money, time, and effort will go far toward quickening the life of the Church to the far-reaching import of the great commission that our Lord has laid upon us. Whatever importance may be attached to the mere organic life of the Church, the broadened vision which it gives of the great purpose of the Church universal and the serious impulse toward the accomplishment of that purpose, is vastly more important. If the exhibition of the conditions of life in heathen countries side by side with the exhibition of the conditions of life in Christian lands, and even the exhibition of the worshippers of idols side by side with the worshippers of our Christ of the same race—if these things do not stir the great heart of the Church to more earnest endeavor to save the lost, it will certainly fall short of its highest possibility.

COMMISSION ON UNIFICATION FAILS TO AGREE.

The Joint Commission on Unification for the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Cleveland, Ohio, July 7th. We have seen no account of the session and cannot inform our readers how long they remained in session, but a telegram from that place under date of July 11, sent by Dr. F. M. Thomas, secretary of our Commission, brings the following information: "Joint Commission adjourned without reaching agreement. Methodist Episcopal Commission proposed Regional Conference for colored membership on parity with white Regional Conference. Southern Commission proposed subordinate Regional Conference with limit on representation in General Conference. Commission will meet again next January to hear from ad interim committee." From this telegram we infer that the commission spent its time in discussing the relation of the Negro to the unified church; and, failing to reach agreement, appointed a sub-committee to work out the problem. We will doubtless have a fuller report of this meeting soon.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The End of the Austrian Empire is the way the way the Christian Guardian characterizes the result of the great war upon Austria. At the beginning of the war she had a territory of 118,000 square miles and a population of 80,000,000 people. After the war she holds 50,000 square miles of territory with a population of about 6,000,000. This is a wonderful shrinkage for so short a time, but she was playing a destructive game.

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The Manager of the Finance Department has been secured in the person of J. E. Edgerton, Lebanon, Tenn. He will open headquarters at once at Nashville, and will enter immediately upon his duties. It will be his business to look after the collection of the $53,000,000 subscribed in the great Centenary drive the latter part of May, and his management assures sound business policies in connection with the handling of this vast sum. Mr. Edgerton is a native North Carolinian, and his relatives in this State are now among its most prominent business men and are also prominent in the work of the Church in their communities. The selection is a most happy one.

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It is a Shame to the Powers That Be that a prize fight like that pulled off at Toledo, Ohio, July 4th, was allowed to take place. Such a brutal and brutalizing practice is not supported by the best sentiment of the American people, and it is some encouragement to learn that the attendance was scarcely fifty per cent of what was expected. The promoters, it is stated, made little financial gain by it. It is gratifying to learn this, for the financial gain involved would do more to keep such contests alive than anything else. It is also a matter of gratification that the Centenary Exposition in progress at Columbus in the same State had more than twice the attendance of the prize fight.

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A Memorial to "Uncle Betts" is proposed by Dr. Few in another column of this issue of the Advocate. Nothing could be more appropriate than what he proposes. No man among us was more justly beloved, and he was constantly making some contribution in a quiet way to the cause of Christian education. Many young men were his beneficiaries while living, and now that he has gone to his reward the establishment at Trinity College of a foundation that will constantly aid young men who are looking to the ministry as a life work will be most appropriate. We most heartily commend this movement to our readers. Look up the note from Dr. Few in another column and make a contribution to this most worthy cause.

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The Presbyterians of the State are now engaged in a drive for one million dollars for Christian Education. It began July 1st and we see no date set for it to stop. It is stated that the Synod of North Carolina controls about one dozen schools. They represent a teaching force of about 140, a combined student body of 1,500 and a combined property valuation of $1,297,000. It will be seen from this that they propose to about double their present school equipment, and we wish them the greatest success in their undertaking. The Baptists of the State have for some time been engaged in a similar movement to raise a million dollars for education in North Carolina. The various denominations are stirring themselves to undertake greater things. We believe God is leading in this movement, and we are sure that we cannot do better than to strengthen our Christian institutions of learning.

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Sixty Thousand War Waifs in France are to be provided for in some way by the charity of the world. An organization known as the Fatherless Children of France has launched a campaign to find homes for them. This organization is headed in France by Marshal Joffre, and Mrs. Walter S. Brewster is vice president. "The children are scheduled, name and address, and name of the mother, at the organization headquarters, and for a pledge of $36.50 for one year, which enables a child to remain with what is left of its own people in France, a foster parent may choose a child. Each foster parent is expected to write occasionally to the mother of the child, or to the child. The children want these letters, for it means a friend in America. And grateful letters come back from France with clock-like regularity." Mrs. Brewster's address is 635-410 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and she will be glad to furnish full information to those interested.

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A Recent Donation by prominent Winston-Salem citizens of land and money for recreation and educational purposes deserves special mention. These donations are proposed to the city and come from Mr. P. H. Hanes and the estate of the late Mr. J. W. Hanes, prominent Methodists, and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, widow of the late Mr. R. J. Reynolds. Mr. Hanes' gift is a tract of land in the western part of the city, consisting of about 47 acres to be used as a site for a high school industrial and vocational school and park, to be known as the P. H. Hanes Park. Mrs. Reynolds will give 25 acres of land adjoining the tract of Mr. Hanes and also build an auditorium seating several thousand people in memory of Mr. R. J. Reynolds. The J. W. Hanes estate also offers a small tract adjoining the above land to be used for park purposes. These gifts will make possible the erection of a modern high school, industrial and vocational school, and also a park. In speaking of the offers Dr. Frank Bachman, of the Southern Educational Board, said that in these offers Winston-Salem ranks third in the United States, only two other communities in the entire nation having received gifts to community education and recreation equal to or in excess of these.

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The American Soldiers Overseas do not seem to be against prohibition after all the liquor forces have had to say about it. Upon the face of it, it would be folly to try to class them all on either side of the question, but the effort of the liquor crowd to boost their trade by claiming the soldiers on their side will fall flat. Deets Pickett has made a national reputation for accurate reporting, and he has the following to say: "After the most conscientious and painstaking investigation in various parts of France, England and Scotland, I am decidedly of the opinion that a large majority of the American soldiers fervently approve national prohibition for the United States. The American Soldier has seen and based his judgment upon the moral standards created by universal wine and beer drinking. He has turned from them with contempt and loathing." He continues to speak of the immoral conditions that the American soldier has found in France, and says: "One boy spoke the seeming sentiment of the greater part of the American Army when he said: 'I am for anything that will help make our country

different from this one, and prohibition will do it.'" The liquor forces have made the strongest effort possible to stem the tide that is sweeping them on to ultimate defeat, but they are not going to be able to "come back" if the moral forces of the nation will keep up the fight.

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The Prohibition Fight in Congress now is intended to weaken the enforcement legislation both for war-time prohibition and for constitutional prohibition. It is easy enough for those who wish to do so to see and understand their tactics. They are raising the time-worn cry against "drastic" legislation, and we regret to see that two members of the House from this State are aligning themselves on the wrong side. Messrs. Small and Pou from the first and fourth districts respectively have not failed to side with whiskey in the fight that has been made for national prohibition from the start, and they seem to grow more bitter as the fight progresses. The country had as well recognize now as later that legislation to be effective against the liquor traffic has got to be "drastic." The liquor traffic is "drastic" in its defiance of law. If there is a hole in the net that is cast for them, they will find it and go through it; or, if one can be made in it, they will make it. Legislation to enforce prohibition must take cognizance of this fact, or else become the laughing stock of the public for its inefficiency. This is precisely what the brewers and all their aiders and abettors wish. They are now fighting in this last ditch, and they are fighting with a zeal that would well become a better cause. They see that their whole business has been made illegal, and they now realize that their only hope is to prevent the enforcement of the law. They will omit no effort to accomplish that end, and will bring to their aid every influence possible under whatever pretext to accomplish that end. The only way to prevent their success is for the moral forces of the nation to stand as a unit for enforcement measures sufficiently drastic to make it impossible for them to carry on their illegal business.

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The Church and the Social Unrest is a theme of vital interest just at this time. Universal agreement upon what is best to be done need not be expected. In this respect we are in the midst of an experimental period. We are face to face with the necessity for blazing a new path; and, while the Church must never fail to present Jesus Christ as the only Savior of men and urge upon men in all conditions of life obedience to Him, when she enters the field of casuistry and endeavors to interpret fundamental gospel truths in their application to the conditions that surround us, she needs to be cautious. This is a field where honest men differ, and the Church does not always have a "Thus saith the Lord" to guide her. How far shall she go? We take it that no man will dare to draw a hard and fast line in answer to that question. On June 24-25, there was held in Cleveland, Ohio, a Centenary Conservation Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church that expressed itself upon a rather wide variety of subjects. Zion's Herald characterized its action at this point as the adoption of "strong resolutions on the relation of the Church to social unrest." They were "strong." Some "strong" statements along the same line have gotten into their book of Discipline. The same may be said of our Discipline since the General Conference at Atlanta. We are in danger of saying some things on that line that we will be ashamed of in the light of future developments. No doubt the Church has a message for this and every age, but she is not called upon to take sides in every controversy that divides honest and truth-seeking men. Still less is she called upon to endorse one class that arrays itself against another class. Usually both sides in such a controversy are wrong, and the Church must keep herself free to minister to the deeper and spiritual needs of all classes. There is hardly any subject that cannot be given a moral coloring, since there is no part of life that is not affected by religion; but the Church must be wise to discern the things that are fundamental and put her emphasis there.

FLASHES FROM THE ANVIL.

We can live this life but once. A day misspent can never be recalled and spent aright. Each day we must travel a forward path, for there can be no turning back of the wheels of life; and the days of our years are but few at most. All of this makes it tremendously important that no time be trifled away, or that we allow any day to fall below the highest level of high living.

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The sin of covetousness is one that is most strongly condemned in the Word of God. It was the covetousness of Achan that defeated Israel at the village of Ai. It was covetousness that sent Gehazi out from the presence of Elisha with the leprosy of Naaman clinging to him, and it was the same sin that led to the lying for which Ananias and Sapphira fell down dead at the feet of Peter. Covetousness is a deadly sin, and some one has said that it is one for which men seldom confess or repent. Art thou the man?

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There is a divine discontent that is most commendable. This kind of discontent does not spend its energies in fretting about present conditions, but it nevertheless ever looks forward to the greater things which the future holds for man. Paul was a noble example of it. "This one thing I do: forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He had attained unto worthy heights of Christian living, but his faith caught a vision of sublimer heights yet to be scaled and he pressed forward to their attainment.

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Is the Church honeycombed with faults? Are you, kind reader, disposed to magnify these faults and glory in them as if they justified your own shortcomings? And are you a member of the Church? Whatever faults there may be in the Church, they are due to such as you. If the Church is cold and indifferent to the stranger within its doors, is it not because you do not make it otherwise? The Church is what its members make it, and your personal life either helps to lift it to higher levels of usefulness, or to drag it down to the low levels of which you complain. Before you criticize it, just be sure that you are one who lifts its standard of living to higher levels.

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The danger of prosperity is far more serious than that of adversity. Under the lash of adverse conditions. men are inclined to think about their sins and to turn in repentance to God; but, when prosperity smiles upon them, they are disposed to forget God and attempt to walk in their own sufficiency. It was the Laodicean Church that thought it "was rich and increased with goods and had need of nothing" that Christ was ready to "spew out of his mouth." It was when "Jeshurun waxed fat" that he "kicked." It is when we feel ourselves sufficient that we stand upon the very brink of the precipice, and it is when we are duly conscious of our "weakness" that we are truly "strong."

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"I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content." This was a great lesson that Paul had learned. It did not come natural to him any more than it does to you. And it was in a very bitter school of experience that he learned it. He went through all sorts of perils, endured all sorts of buffeting and persecutions at the hands of men, became as the filth and off-scouring of all things—he did these things that he might win some to Christ. And it was in the bitterness of these experiences that he learned his wonderful lesson of contentment. If we could only approximate in some measure the greatness of the soul who can find the crown of life in traveling such paths!

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Doubtful questions of conduct are not to be decided by asking what harm there is in them. Satan already has the eye blinded that asks that question. A far safer question is, what good is there in it? The evil may not be manifest in many things to the eye that is not spiritually discerning. We persuade our conscience that there is no harm in many things in which we have to confess at once that there is no particular good. Remember this: Life was not given us to be squandered in things that contribute nothing to the betterment of life. Man does not make a machine without having a definite purpose for that machine to accomplish; still less has God made man without a definite purpose for man to accomplish, and what ever does not contribute to the accomplishment of that purpose is of evil.

Are we not in danger these days of leaving the Bible too much out of our preaching? The unrest and turmoil of the world is so absorbing the public mind, and the ministry is being urged to preach to suit the times, that we fear there is danger of getting away from a Scriptural basis for much of the preaching that is heard in our pulpits. The very fact that the times are troublous, and that the thought of the world is largely in a state of flux, is all the more reason for staying close by the revealed verities of the gospel. We cannot go amiss there, and the questions of casuistry that arise in every age must ultimately be settled by the standards of these old truths that have back of them a "thus saith the Lord." We are persuaded that the pulpit should sound a clear note of spiritual truth, drawing its doctrines directly from the sources of revelation and inspiration.

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Men sometimes profess that it is difficult for them to have faith in God. Why should it be? He has never proved false to any promise that He has made. He has never failed a man in the hour of his need, or turned from him in times of distress. But how about God's faith in man? The latter has most unfaithful been through all the years of his history. He has broken down at the most vital points and betrayed the trust reposed in him at the most crucial hours. Yet God has the largest faith in him. He has swung out upon this slender thread the whole work of the atonement. He endured all the privations of the cross and entered the darkness of the tomb in man's interest; and then left the effectiveness of that atonement in its results upon the lives of men contingent upon men preaching this gospel to others. It is only God who can exercise such faith as that.

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There is hardly an interest on the face of the earth today that is not trying to exploit the Church. If the government wishes to raise taxes, it calls upon the Church to help it; if it would fire the patriotism of men, the Church must preach patriotism from its pulpits. If labor wishes to increase its income, the Church must endorse its slogan. If the socialist would propagate his theories, the Church must preach up his doctrine. Does not Christ say: "Love your neighbor?" If women would exercise the right of the franchise, then the Church is recreant if she doesn't preach that doctrine. And so it goes around the circle. Some of these causes may be good, they may be indifferent, or they may be bad. It matters not. They all seem to think the Church divinely ordained to bring about the ends which they desire. And they value the Church only as she contributes to their ends. It is an exploitation of the Church pure and simple; and then, when it suits their convenience, they turn round and slap her convictions in the face and ignore the very principles upon which she is founded? We cannot refrain from asking how far this thing can be carried.

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The proper observance of the Sabbath day is one of the most vital questions now before the Church. It is manifest that many influences are at work to destroy its sanctity and make it a day of more recreation. Many of these were at work before the great war, and the attitude of the government toward the Sabbath has greatly strengthened those tendencies. Under the stress of war necessity, the government encouraged work on the ship yards, in cantonments, and in various ways. They paid a larger wage for those who would work on that day. And then in the camps various forms of amusement that invaded the sanctity of the Sabbath were encouraged on that day. Another influence that is potent all the time in connectional with industrial plants is that their operatives do not have sufficient time for recreation on the six days of the week. Then there are various forms of work, especially in connection with public service corporations, that allow their employees no Sabbath day. All these things conspire to destroy the sanctity of this day that God has set apart in the busy grind of life for sacred purposes, and there is not a more insidious thrust than this at the highest things of life. The soul needs this day. It must have it, or starve. There must be some time for spiritual culture. It will not do to say that the necessities of life interfere with it. The highest necessities of life demand it, and to disregard this necessity will be at the serious peril of our highest interests.

CONTRIBUTIONS

"ARE THE METHODISTS CIVILIZED?"

Rev. J. M. Rowland

Now if any good Methodist should chance to have nothing else to do but read this article, don't get hot in the collar and lose your head. This is just humor—simple, plain, wholesome humor—and this ought to be permisible in a church paper at times. A little touch of it will be good for Methodists, elders and even general superintendents sometimes.

"Life" is a magazine devoted to humor—though some folks cannot see its humor with a field glass or a microscope. This however is the fault of the thick headed reader and not the genius of the mirth-producing literati of this great magazine. Humor is there, if we cannot see it. Because we cannot see a flock of chickens in a dish of scrambled eggs does not prove those eggs did not have chickens in the year before last before the cold storage man got them. This week's "Life" has the article that is reproduced herewith with my letter that I have just sent them. Don't stop until you read it all.

Are The Methodists Civilized?

"The Methodist church has undertaken to raise a Centenary fund of one hundred and forty million dollars "to take advantage of the present remarkable opportunity to raise civilization to a higher level." They will no doubt raise the money—they have it and will give it.

"But the rest of their undertakings? Can they raise civilization to a higher level? Have they the facilities? Have they the liberal spirit? Do they know civilization? Do they themselves circulate in its higher levels? Do they hope to haul the world up to its perch, or do they aspire to boost it up from where they are and then maybe climb up after it?

"Money, even a lot of money, will not do much to raise civilization to a higher level. If a hundred and forty million could have hoisted it appreciably Mr. Carnegie would have reased it several pegs, and Uncle John Rockefeller several more. Probably the Lord has raised it a little and Uncle John a little more, but the great way to raise civilization is to become civilized and live the civilized life, and how far the Methodists do that, or can do it, is a question for experts.

"They strike the contemplative mind as a fairly wild and rampageous lot of people with contracted ideas of human life and an urgent disposition to pare down their fellow creatures to the dimensions of the restricted model. Most of them would rather regard as a joke the intimation that the Methodists are laggers rather than leaders in civilization, but a lot of strong and enthuiastic supporters can be had for the suggestion that these centenary millions could not be better spent for civilization than to finance a great movement to civilize the Methodists.

"That thy are excellent raw material of civilization there is no doubt, they are shock troops of religion and religion is the basis of civilization; but the material needs a lot of patient labor before the rest of the world will contemplate it without anxiety. For the world fears that the Methodists' true aim is to make it Methodist, and it does not want to be that. It will take to the woods first. It may easily like Methodists for many of them are good, lots of them are useful. But it will never like a Methodist civilization, and it ought not to.

Methodism is too Puritan—too much given to salvation by legislation—too narrow in its notion of what is wrong, too inventive of new sins and too brash in providing legal penalties to punish them. So long as Methodists provide and submit to a discipline for themselves there is not a quarrel with them, but when grown strong they seek to impose their discipline on other and unwilling people, they loom up at once as a formidable and tyrannous force."

OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF LIFE

Norfolk, Va., June 25, 1919

Editor of Life, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have read your very entertaining and high class magazine for a long time and hope to do so for a long time to come. It helps us a great deal, gives spice, pepper, sunshine and flavor to the cares of life. You have done the world a great service in keeping up the smiles during these turbulent times, for he who gives his fellowman a clean and wholesome laugh is his benefactor. You should have the distinguished service medal along with those who have so well served their country in a time when service of the bravest and the best was demanded. Others suffered, fought and bled and died while you were at your post keeping up the smiles, and he who keeps up smiles is keeping up courage and spirit.

There are some folks who are so thick-headed that they do not understand your paper is devoted to humor and is not to be taken seriously. This is not the fault of your keen skill, but of their thick skulls. Therefore, some misjudge you and mistake your value to the people of your generation. Like many great men you will likely have to live and die before your real work and worth will be fully understood and appreciated.

For instance, you have repeatedly defended Old John Barleycorn, and condemned those who outlawed him as a pro-Germon menace born of barbarism and unworthy to foster his parasite life on an enlightened age. Of course, any clear-headed man knows that in this enlightened age no man will defend the legalized liquor business—the greatest enemy of Nation, Home and God—unless in jest and humor. Yet some of the thick-headed prohibitionists, who laugh little and are slow to see the funny side of anything failed to see your clever joke, took you seriously and spoke against your splendid magazine, simply because they did not have sense enough to see the humor you were getting off.

But in this week's issue you produce the best joke I have seen in the pages of "Life." It is that story, "Are the Methodists Civilized?" I have laughed over that brilliant dash of humor until I have had shortness of breath and my Adam's apple and my Epiglottis have gotten tangled up with my diaphragm. It has saved me the expense of going away to White Sulphur Springs for the summer, and enabled me to stand off the specialists and pill pokers for many moons to come. The value of such a joke as this to a person who really takes it cannot be estimated. I am so afraid some simple Methodists with little horse sense and no sense of humor will take it seriously, but I have not after diligent inquiry over a wide area found one such fool.

You say we ought to take our millions and civilize ourselves instead of trying it on the world, and you serve notice that the world and you will buck on being made Methodist. A New York magazine —"Life"—pronouncing the Methodist church uncivilized! (Let me stop a while and laugh). It is enough to make the rags of Rip Van Winkle dance the light fantastic along the red rose path of mirth. The Sphinx of Egypt would break her silence of the centuries with the loud haw haw if you could get her gazing eyes to rest on that page.

It would be funny to hear a jackass lecture a mocking bird on how to sing, or for a pole cat to tell a dove how to keep house. It was funny to hear the German talk about the honor of the German peole and talk to the world about the folly of thinking "might makes right." But as funny as these are the picture of your magazine giving the Methodist church preachment on how to fashion its creed and map its program is funnier still.

You propose to buck if the Centenary movement tried to make you a Methodist. Make a Methodist out of you! Sooner could we make a Baptist of a Bolshevist, an Episcopalian out of an elephant, a Catholic out of a catamount, or a Presbyterian out of a pole cat.

You telling us to civilize ourselves! You setting up for the great Methodist church its standard of religious conduct! That is the funniest humor I have seen since the war. Of all things that have been said about the great Centenary movement to help lift up the fallen, crushed world after the storm and ravage of the Hun, this is the funniest. It will help us very much in advertising us, and for all this as well as for the wonderful product of the humor of it, we devoutly thank you. It has given us a fine chance to limber up and laugh after the hard campaign we went through in raising the money, and we thank you.

Keep up your humor, and don't get discouraged when silly folks can't see the joke, but take you seriously. After July 1, with the demise of friend, Barleycorn with his loud laugh we will need smiles to keep us calm when we come in from the cemetery. Do for us the best you can. You can be of great service to a dry land in making it laugh. Try some more jokes on us like that one about Claude Kitchen being a typical Southerner and Lynchburg, Va., being so named because they lynch so many negroes there.

Since reading over this letter it seems to me you ought to publish it as humor. I think I have read your paper so long that I am getting funny. Can't you send me a check for $50 and put it in the humor column? If you can't do that, would you be willing to publish it for nothing? If you can't do that, will you let me know what it will cost to get it in as advertising matter? I am anxious to get something in "Life."

With the very kindest wishes and the deepest appreciation of your splendid paper, I beg to ever remain with the utmost good will.

Sincerely,

J. M. Rowland, Pastor,

Park Place Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va.

A GOOD BOOK ON REVIVALS

Enquiries are coming into my office concerning helpful books on revivals. The most helpful one I have read recently is "Revivals: Their Laws and Leaders," by James Burns. This is a larger book than some people like to read in these strenuous times, but it is the best discussion of the causes and origiin of revivals that I have found. The author seems to have made a careful study of the great historic revivals. That we are on the verge of another great revival seems to be generally assumed by Christian people. The only safe way to interpret any movement is in the light of history. Political, commercial, educational literary or religious movements can only be understood in the light of their history. He who would interpret the present inarticulate moanings and groanings for a revival had better give himself to a study of how other great revivals came about, and in the light of these, try to interpret this coming one. Dr. Burns has gone over this in a most interesting and helpful way. Unfortunately I do not know the price of the book. It has been in my library for some years and I do not recall the price. It is published in London, England, but can be ordered from Smith & Lamar. I would advise every man who wants to have an intelligent opinion as to the coming revival to get this book. It says nothing about the coming revival, but will give gou a historic back ground from which you may interpret this one.

O. E. Goodard.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

The perfect model makes a perfect copy. The successful finish of everything on earth depends on the right thought which brought it into being.—A. G. Foster.

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Mr. D. L. Moody, before going to Europe for his great evangelistic campaign of 1871-5, experienced a peculiarly vivid unveiling of the love of God. He rarely spoke of it, and had been a successful evangelist before that. But the coming trip abroad weighed heavily on him, and he prayed much and enlisted the fellowship of others in prayer that he might be filled with the Spirit for the experience. Under the deep prayer of that season of prayer, there came one day in New York such a flood of glory and such a realization of the divine love that he was overpowered and cried out: "O Lord, stay thy hand." This realization was the earnest of the deepest spiritual awakening in England and America that came during the last century.—Baptist Advance.

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Doubts are in many cases, the birthpangs of clearer light. They are the means by which we grow in knowledge, even in knowledge of heavenly things.—Bishop Temple.

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Give to your enemy forgiveness; give to your opponent tolerance; give to your friend heart; give to your child a good example; give to your parents deference; give to every body sunshine.—Selected.

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JULY 20

ANOTHER MEMORABLE DAY IN METHODISM

THE DAY ON WHICH YOUR CENTENARY DOLLAR BECOMES AN ACTIVE FORCE ON THE CENTENARY FIRING LINE

Remember what a thrill went through your being that day in May when you pledged to support the Centenary with your money and thereby promised to have a part in

Winning the World for Christ!

One dollar out of every five **enlisted** then is called to **active service** at the **front.** How happy you should be to fulfill your pledge, and how glorious the thought that your money may now engage in a holy warfare for

Christ and Humanity!

Unless otherwise arranged for, the first installment of your Centenary pledge is now due. Don't miss the joy which will come from meeting this obligation promptly and fully. Don't wait to be asked. See the Centenary Treasurer of your church or mail him a check.

Christ's Kingdom Waits on You!

Remember the Day---JULY 20th

Pay your money promptly and

"OVER THE TOP FOR THE CENTENARY"

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Notes and Correspondence

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

Greensboro district, Randleman, July 23-25.
Shelby district. Fallston, July 28-30.
Raleigh, district, Cary, July 22-24.
Salisbury, Kannapolis, July 23-24.

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Bishop John M. Moore expects to sail for Brazil July 20th.

—Rev. C. C. Brothers wishes us to announce that his post office is Swan Quarter, N. C.

—Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of our church at Gibsonville and Whitsett was a visitor on Thursday.

—Bishop W. R. Lambuth has been appointed fraternal delegate from our Church to the Methodist Church of Japan.

—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Emory University to succeed Bishop J. H. McCoy, deceased.

—Evangelist McLendon is now engaged in a vevival meeting at Sanford. It began Sunday, July 6th. He recently closed a successful meeting in Petersburg, Va.

—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington is booked for the Rock Hill District Conference at Kings Mountain Chapel, near Filbert, S. C., this week. This place is only sixteen miles south of Gastonia.

—Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Sprinkle, of Reidsville, were at Columbus last week attending the great Centenary Celebration. They have returned and brother Sprinkle is preaching in revival services this week.

—Prof. M. B. Andrews, principal of the Asheboro Street school in this city, accompanied by his wife, left a few days ago for New York City where they are doing summer school work in Columbia University.

Rev. W. E. Poovey writes from Brevard under date of July 8th. Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Ader have just closed a two-weeks revival campaign at Brevard. Results were largely within the church though members are being added at almost every service. The Aders are a good gospel team.

—The Franklin Press, of July 9th, says: Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor Methodist church, leaves Friday for Chapel Hill, to preside a week over the social workers conference for N. C. and deliver two addresses at the summer school. Mrs. Hayes will leave at the same time for her home in Asheville.

—The funeral of Rev. C. R. Canipe who passed away at Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, July 1st, was conducted by his presiding elder, Rev. Jno. F. Kirk, at Palm Tree church, near Lawndale on Friday, July 4th, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby. Brother Canipe leaves a wife and three children. May the Comforter abide with them.

—Rev. W. L. C. Killian returned this morning from Columbus, Ohio, where he spent ten days at the Methodist Centenary Celebration. He reports that the exposition is a really wonderful affair and that the attendance is large. Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, who is at Columbus, will go to Niagara Falls before returning home.—Gastonia Gazette.

—Rev. W. A. Jenkins, Chaplain U. S. Army, who has been serving for several months on board the army transports, was on a visit to relatives and friends in North Carolina last week. We regret very much missing his call at the Advocate office on Thursday. Brother Jenkins has crossed the Atlantic thirteen times since being detailed to this work.

—A correspondent writing at length from Thomasville tells the good news of the revival fires burning in the Amazon Mill community. This is in the bounds of the South Thomasville work where Rev. Z. T. Bell is pastor. The work began among the children in cottage prayer meetings. Six have joined the church and four others will join. The correspondent says brother Bell, the pastor, is full of zeal and the Holy Spirit and is doing a great work.

—The Catawba County News of July 8th has the following note about one of our most faithful and exemplary laymen: Mr. P. A. Hoyle retired yesterday from a long faithful public service on the County Board of Education. He has a record that can not be surpassed in the State for length of years and faithfulness. "Philip Hoyle" has always been on the right side of everything. May his sun set be glorious.

—Rev. Jno. M. Price, writing from the North Lenoir charge, reports a good vevival at Collier's Quite a number converted and some young people have volunteered for Missionary work. Rev. B. C. Reavis, of Dudley Shoals circuit, Rev. J. I. Hickman, of Hudson, and Rev. J. A. Bush, of Granite Falls, rendered valuable assistance in the meeting. Brother Price says this meeting reminds him of the great meeting he held in Gold Hill some years ago.

—We have before us a copy of the directory of the First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., Rev. D. H. Tuttle pastor. This is a neat little pamphlet showing not only the full official organization of the church but a complete roll of the membership with post office address and place of residence of each. It contains also the General Rules of the church, besides much helpful information and wholesome pastoral advice. The thoughtful pastor did not forget even the string attached to the phamplet so that it might be hung up in the corner ready for reference along with Blum's Almanac and other indispensible documents.

—A big drive is now on for the Jefferson school. This is the youngest educational institution of the Western North Carolina Conference and one of the most important. It is in an ideal location for the accommodation of our people in the Northwestern section of the state, in the midst of a splendid brace of our transmountain counties somewhat cut off from close contact with the bulk of our Conference territory. Prof. Scott and his co-workers are laboring faithfully to meet the demands of this large section and we trust the results of this campaign will be even larger than the task laid out anticipates. Forty thousand at Jefferson will be a paying investment for the cause of Christian Education.

—A series of revival services was held in the Methodist Church at Dunn following the fifth Sunday in June. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Daniel, was assisted by Rev. H. A. Humble, pastor of Centenary Church, New Bern.

—Prof. J. T. Jerome, who has been in school work at Raeford, is now attending a training school for the purpose, and will soon take up his new work as Sunday School Field Secretary for the North Carolina Conference.

Dr. W. F. Tillett, for thirty-three years dean of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, has been relieved of the deanship at his request, and Dr. O. E. Brown has been appointed to succeed him. Dr. Tillett will continue his work as a professor.—Ex.

We regret to see from the Christian Advocate (Nashville) that Rev. G. T. Simmons, Laurel Hill, has been compelled to give up his work on account of his eyes. Brother Simmons is one of the best and most faithful men among us, and we sincerely trust that his trouble will soon pass away.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stanfield, Mebane, held a family re-union recently at their home on Thompson Heights. Rev. B. E. Stanfield is a son of this substantial Methodist family of Mebane and was present on that interesting occasion. In the absence of the pastor he preached in the Methodist Church on Sunday night.

—We are glad to see that Rev. J. A. Hornaday is back in the parsonage at Maxton. Early in the year illness from rheumatism forced him to give up his work temporarily. He is not yet able to take up his work, but hopes to be able to do so by the first of September. He continues to improve.

—Mr A. B. Swindell, Sr., of Swan Quarter, writes: "I want to express through the Advocate to my many friends in North Carolina my appreciation of their prayers and kind words since I have been in the Kellam Hospital, Richmond, Va., for treatment for cancer of the eye. I expect to return home by the 18th cured."

—Rev. Walter B. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn., began a series of meetings at Lawrenceburg, Ky., July 6th, preaching Sunday morning at the Christian Church, Sunday night at the Baptist Church, Monday morning at the Presbyterian Church and Monday night in front of the court house. We suppose the churches gave out. His tent was raised on the school house grounds in which the remainder of the services will be held.

—A protracted meeting will begin at Magnolia following the third Sunday in July and extending through the fourth Sunday. Rev. G. B. Starling, Littleton will do the preaching. Also a protracted meeting at Centenary on the Magnolia circuit will begin the first Sunday in August and extend through the second Sunday. Rev. C. B. Culbreth, Southoprt, will do the preaching. The song service in both these meetings will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Autry.

—Our beautiful new Church at Dunn was opened for worship on Sunday morning, June 29th. Rev. J. H. Shore, who was pastor when the first brick was laid but now presiding elder of the Wilmington District, preached the sermon. The Dunn Dispatch says: "The house was well filled and he preached two most excellent sermons of spiritual power. He proved himself to be a great preacher, equal to any task that may be placed upon him. Mr. Shore has a a host of friends in Dunn where he was pastor for four years." Rev. J. M. Daniel is the present pastor.

—Quite a number of Laurinburg people drove out to Caledonia church last Sunday, to enjoy the Sunday School Day exercises. These began at 11 o'clock, with an address by Professor R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College faculty. Speaking on the need of a larger program for life in this new age when in a broader sense than ever before no man can live to himslef, the speaker held from the first minute the undivided attention of his congregation Laurinburg and surrounding country has in recent months had many able speakers from all parts of the country, but none of them has been more thoroughly enjoyed than was Professor Flowers.—Laurinburg Exchange.

To the Class of the Second Year.

So far as my knowledge goes, all the men of this class who attended the Summer School passed all the work undertaken there. Those who have work to finish up by the first of September should send in their papers during August.

D. M. Litaker, Ch'mn. Sec. Year.

NOTICE.

I have a few dates open for the summer and fall during which time I can help some of the brethren in revivals. I can do the preaching, if necessary, but wish to offer myself as leader in the song services. I can get the folks to sing on almost any hard charge. I am no soloist for city churches, but can persuade rural congregations to sing when they did not think they could.

J. W. Autry,
Magnolia N. C.

NOTICE.

I wish to hear at once from those who expect to attend the Salisbury District Conference which convenes at Kannapolis July 22, 1919, at 8:30 p. m.

G. W. Vick,
Kannapolis, N. C.

NOTICE.

Rev. J. C. Cummins, a local preacher of Broadway, N. C., has been appointed to supply the Laurel Hill circuit recently made vacant by the retiring of Rev. G. T. Simmons.

Sincerely yours,
H. M. North.

OPENING CALYPSO CHURCH.

The Calypso Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been completed and will be formally opened for service on 4th Sunday in July, Rev. A. D. Wilcox, Goldsboro, preaching at 11 a. am. and 8:30 p. m.

Frank Culbreth, Pastor.

NOTICE.

Let all who expect to attend the Greensboro District Conference notify me at once. Please state on what train you will arrive, or if you expect to come in cars. A cordial invitation is extended to all connectional men. Come and be with us.

J. A. J. Farrington,
Randleman, N. C.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICE

The Shelby district conference convenes at Fallston at 11 o'clock Monday morning, July 28, and continues through Tuesday and Wednesday. Delegates are asked to come by automobiles, where it is at all convenient to do so. Fallston is 10 miles from Shelby, the nearest railroad point. Visitors who desire to be met will please notify Rev. D. W Brown, Fallston, N. C., the day and the train on which they arrive, and they will be met at Shelby.

The following committees are named:

License: A. L. Stanford, N. C. Williams and E. P. Stabler.

Orders and Admission on Trial: C. A. Wood, D. M. Litaker and C. M. Short.

Representatives of Conference and connectional interests are cordially invited to be present.

John F. Kirk,
Presiding Elder.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Collonel John E. Edgerton, of Lebanon, Tennessee, comes to the Centenary headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., to have charge of the Department of Finance for the Centenary movement. As Director of this Department Colonel Edgerton will be in charge of all work connected with the collection of the $53,000,000 subscribed during the Big Drive. He will assume the duties of his office immediately.

Colonel Edgerton is one of the best known business men in the South. He is president and manager of the Lebanon Woolen Mills at Lebanon, Tenn., President of Tennessee Manufacturers' Association; Vice-President of the National Association of Manufacturers and one of the Directors of the National Council of Industries Defense. During the war he rendered valuable service as a member of the Board of Federal Fuel and Food Administration He has long been identified with all the activities of the Methodist Church. He served as Campaign Director for the Tennessee Conference during the recent Centen-

ary Campaign, and is also lay leader for the Tennessee Conference.

Colonel Edgerton's connection with the Centenary in the capacity of Director of the Department of Finance, insures careful business methods for this most important work. The Centenary Commission is fortunate in securing his services and Southern Methodists are to be congratulated upon having so capable a representative.

(Signed) W. B. Beauchamp.

A SUGGESTED MEMORIAL FOR DR. BETTS

I was glad to read in last week's Advocate the fitting tribute to Dr. A. D. Betts spoken at his funeral by Rev. J. M. Rhodes. It was fine and true. Dr. Betts lived a useful life in North Carolina and left a remembering of him in good deeds and good name. Now that he is gone, many of us, I am sure, would like to see set up in the state some permanent memorial of him.

For many years Dr. Betts sent to us here at Trinity College an annual contribution for the use of some student preparing for the ministry. Without his knowledge the College has replaced his gifts from other sources and has allowed them to accumulate. There are many who loved Dr. Betts and who appreciate the good he accomplished, and I should like to see them now build up this foundation and give it the name of the A. D. Betts Memorial Loan Fund for the use of young preachers.

This would be a memorial, and it would be the means of doing permanent good. It would, therefore, fitly commemorate this man who lived in the beautiful hope to do some permanent good upon the earth. Let's have this most appropriate memorial to dear Dr. Betts.

W. P. Few.

REALIZING ON CENETNARY PLEDGES.

By Col. John E. Edgerton, Manager, Department of Finance

Through our Church and by means of the Centenary, God has wrought a miracle in human achievement that has thrilled all Christendom. Thirty-seven million of dollars in pledges tell a story of vision, faith, and sacrifice that must stir the souls of all who love the Lord and which for the dominance of His spirit in the affairs of men. But only the first act of the Centenary has been played. The most important acts are yet to come. Until the newly aroused energies of our Church have been properly harnessed and hitched to the unfinished portion of the Church's program, and until we have resolved into actual cash the pledges that have been made, we will not have justified the high compliment God paid us in the overwhelming success of our first mighty effort for His cause.

The task of collecting these pledges will not be any harder than securing them, if we put into it the same consecrated energy, faith, and determination. Certainly it is of at least equal importance, and its magnitude is just as great. The Church is in sore need of the funds, and the people need the stimulus that comes from actual sacrifices.

In response to the call of my Church, I have gladly consented to devote a large part of my time to directing the machinery for collecting the Centenary pledges. As a busy business man, I feel that I have a right to call upon the other busy laymen for their co-operation. Not only are they expected to be prompt in the payment of their own pledges, but to assist in every practicable way to impress the importance of prompt payment upon others.

Of course, we shall have from presiding elders and pastors the same measure of devoted service which they have hitherto rendered. In fact, every worker who assisted in the eight-day drive for pledges is expected to lend himself in some measure to this other drive for cash.

By working loyally together, we shall again win a great victory for God and the Church, and show the world that Methodists pay as readily as they pledge.

HELP WANTED—BRETHREN PRAY FOR US

We are to begin our protracted meeting at the large, prosperous and influential Cedar Grove church, Sunday, July 27, which, it is hoped, will run through the entire week following and possibly longer.

Rev. A. B. Crumpler has accepted our invitation to do the preaching, and the object of this letter, is to give a cordial invitation to any other preacher, who being at leisure during those days and would like an opportunity to hear Mr. Crumpler throughout a meeting of this nature, to come and be the guest of this church and pastor. The invitation includes laymen also, who either want an uplift in their own lives or would like to help us in so great work for God on this splendid occasion and at this set time, and we would greatly appreciate the prayer of intercession of God's people everywhere.

Write us if you like, or come right on, but in either case pray.

Marvin W. Hester,
Pastor Hillsboro Circuit,
Hillsboro, N. C.

WHAT SOME OF THEM SAY OF US

We congratulate the Carolina Conferences upon the union of the North Carolina and the Raleigh Christian Advocates. The first issue of the new paper comes from the press on June 19, under the title "North Carolina Christian Advocate." Dr. L. S. Massey, former editor of the Raleigh Advocate, is the editor of the new paper, and Dr. H. M. Blair, formerly editor of the North Carolina Advocate is the Associate Editor and General eral Manager. The paper starts under the most auspicious circumstances. It has a plant and equipment valued at $40,000; a combined subscription list of many thousands, and able and successful editors. Behind it is the support of two strong Conferences. The first issue gives promise of great things and the Richmond Christian Advocate greets its colleagues with sincere wishes for the highest success.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

The first number of the new North Carolina Christian Advocate, after consolidation with the Raleigh Christian Advocate, has been received. Rev. L. S. Massey is editor-in-chief and Rev. H. M. Blair is associate editor and general manager. We congratulate these true and tried editors on this happy consummation and the larger opportunity for the one paper for North Carolina Methodism.—Arkansas Methodist.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate, enlarged, improved in make-up and otherwise, is on our table. The issue of June 19 is the first number of the paper after consolidation with the Raleigh Christian Advocate. May it long live to lead the hosts of Methodism in the Old North State.—Central Methodist.

ASHEVILLE CIRCUIT

Asheville Circuit, we are glad to say, is on the progressive list. We have had two revival meetings, one at Elk Mountain in which Rev. E. W. Fox did the preaching. About forty-two people found Christ during the Centenary drive and as a result this church almost doubled her quota to the Centenary.

The other meeting we held at what is known as the Furniture plant village, near Asheville. For this meeting we secured the services of Rev. R. V. Self, with his large tent. Brother Self is an evangelist of the Free Baptist Church.

In this tent meeting 90 souls were saved and many renewed, the large tent seating 500 to 1000 people would not hold the crowds. At times people shouted the praises of God. As a result of this meeting we were able to secure a nice lot for a Methodist Church. This lot cost $600 but two loyal Methodist laymen paid for it and it is ready for us at any time. We are to meet on this lot Sunday July 13th to organize a Methodist Church. We have about 20 members to start with and they are anxious to do something for God in the good old Methodist way.

Riverview is ready for the roof. We hope to dedicate this church sometime in September. Watch Asheville Circuit.

J. O. Banks.

THE NORTH WILKSBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Geographically, the North Wilksboro district is large. It includes Wilkes on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge and Avery, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghaney on the western slope of the Blue Ridge, with portions of several other counties. There is going on at this time some road construction which will make the district much more accessible, but even then the territory will be large.

For four years ending with the next Annual Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference. Brother T. E. Wagg will have been presiding elder on this district. In rain and sleet and snow as well as in sunshine he has met faithfully the work of his high office on this district, thereby endearing himself to both people and preachers. All will yield to the law of the church that says he must be changed from this field of labor, as loyal Methodists yet with a feeling of regret that we must give up so consecrated and faithful a servant of the Church and of God.

The fourth District Conference under his presiding eldership and the ninth annual session in the history of the district met with the Valle Crucis church on the 24th and 25th of June.

The weather was extremely rainy. With the geographical size of the district this made it difficult to reach the seat of Conference. Notwithstanding these things, the Conference was a great success.

Bishop Darlington was on hand and presided in his inimitable way. The sessions were frequently halted in their work for prayer. The Bishop would, out of an overflowing heart give advice and encouragement to his men. Then he would hasten the business of the conference in his masterly way until without failing to give any matter due consideration we were through the business by 11 o'clock of the second day.

Brother Coble preached the opening sermon on Monday evening. H. L. Powell preached Tuesday evening and Bishop Darlington preached at 11 o'clock Wednesday after receiving a class of four boys into the church.

T. E. Roton was recommended to the annual conference for local elder's orders.

Jesse Herbert Lanning and J. M. Barber were recommended for local deacons orders.

Rev. W. L. Scott, who was elected to deacon's orders by the session of the Western North Carolina Conference, which was held at Charlotte last November, but who could not be present when the class was ordained, was ordained deacon by Bishop Darlington.

The next session of the conference goes to Jefferson

J. S. Stanbury, J. D. Moore ,D. F. Mast, Mrs. N. L. Mast, Felix Howell, R. L. Wiseman, T. J. Carson, and Genie Cardwell were elected delegates to the annual conference with C. D. Taylor, T. S. Roton, J. B. Horton, and J. F. Hardin, as alternates.

The reports of the pastors indicate some growth of the work on the district.

The almost unanimous verdict of those who attended was that it was of all the best District Conference he or she ever attended. Three women were elected delegates to this Conference, one of whom was present.

The people of Valle Crucis did their part to make it a good Conference. The entertainment was royal. Brother Bennett, the pastor as host, made a fine impression. The dinners served in the school house, gave ample time for the work. If Valle Crucis should ask for the Conference again another place would have to make a strong representation to prevent us going there.

H. L. Powell, Secretary.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

At its annual meeting, May 1, 1919, the board of trustees of Jefferson School ordered that the sum of $40,000.00 be raised this year for building and equipment. Sunday July 13 was the time set for beginning this campaign.

Jefferson School is the youngest of the conference institutions and possibly the most needy. We have outgrown our present housing. Our needs demand greater buildings. Surely we must serve those who come to us with the greatest possible efficiency. Our location is such as to promise great returns to the church for every dollar expended here. It is my earnest conviction that we can easily establish an institution here in this mountain territory that will in a very few years be the most powerful factor for good in this section. Nothing else will save the Methodist harvest planted at so great sacrifice by our forefathers Shall the Methodist element in the north western part of North Carolina live a more abundant life? If so let the church lay the most potent foundation for such a life—the school operated under Christian influence. If such a school is needed for the best development of mountain youth, why do not the people of the mountains build it, may be the question asked by thousands. My dear brother, our people are not sufficiently awake to their possibilities just now to do this. NOW is the time we need YOUR help.

What then shall be the attitude of the church toward this movement? My fellow pastor, when you receive additional information concerning this campaign, will you in your busy work lay it aside as of no consequence, and thus discourage a powerful influence for good, or will you place the matter before your congregation and let as many as are willing give us in the enthusiasm of a mighty life?

It is our plan to raise $20,000 of our askings in the North Wilksboro District where the school is located, and request that the other $20,000.00 be raised in the other districts of the conference. The entire amount is to be secured from individual contributions.

Brethren, this is your school and the work is the Lord's. Let us enter it in love and fellowship praying that He will take care of his own.

W. L. Scott,
For Ex. Com., Jefferson School,
Jefferson, N. C.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"As the child's intellectual development depends on its environment, so does its moral and spiritual development. Is our Church doin' all it ought'o in this respect?"

"Lots of times children picture story-heroes as themselves, so we want to be careful what sort of characters we give the heroes in our stories."

"The child comes naturally into its place as a member of the human family. Ought'n't the Church to expect it to come the same way into its place as a member of the Church family?"

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

LINES TO A DECEASED FRIEND—MRS. JANE K. MEADOWS.

Adieu

Thou much beloved friend adieu,
In some brighter clime we'll renew
Our friendship dear and thought for good
The glory of your womanhood.
You leave with us an afterglow
Of peace and love on earth below;
For loss of such a life—so deep
So full of charity—we weep.

But if for any soul there be
A blessed immortality
There waits for you the crowning Hand
Out yonder in that morning land.
Thy noble art we emulate
Of living true—to elevate,
To cheer, to help, to strengthen and to bless
The needy ones in their distress.

Then may we meet you later on
In that heaven to which you've gone?
To be forever with the Lord,
Redeemed promise of His word.
Rest you, in that haven above
Reward of faith and work and love,
Where the choirs their anthems sing
Of praise to Him, our Lord and King.

Lenore Anderson Gaskins
Centenary Woman's Auxiliary
New Bern, N. C.

SOME PROMISING NEW WORK AT HUCHOW.

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon

I think you will be interested in a new phase of work which has been opened in Huchow. Perhaps you might call it an embryo Institutional church, or perhaps you would call it a men's club and night school. The building in which it is located is a small one, with some dirt floors, and some board ones. The lower floor is divided into a reading and game room, lecture room and a small room in the back dignified by the name gymnasium. Upstairs there are two class rooms.

In America the thought of using this building for such a purpose would never have occurred to anyone, and even out here we doubted whether we could reach the class of men we wished to reach. But it was the best to be had, and the need and opportunity were so great that Mr. Kaung, the pastor, felt that it was worth while to make the attempt. The work was opened about two months ago, and the results have wonderfully justified his faith. The officials and many of the gentry of the city have given their approval, and have helped in a number of ways, giving liberally, comparatively speaking. In this time the club membership has grown to 250, and the night school to 38, both are increasing daily. The membership is composed largely of young men of the merchant and business classes, bank presidents, cashiers, etc., and also includes a number of the gentry and scholars. These are classes which the church in this city has heretofore sought to reach, but, except in a few rare cases, has sought in vain. The numbers who have responded to this effort have been decidedly larger than ever Mr. Kaung had dared to hope, and the band of missionaries in Huchow believe that it is one of several signs of much larger usefulness, and of a new era in Christian work in the city.

The work in the club and school has a department which is purely educational, in which formal classes are held; a department that is largely social, in which the men have games, books, newspapers, etc., a lecture department in which some kind of an address or lecture is given each week. These lectures are on various subjcts such as hygiene, sanitation, travel, patriotism, etc., but always something uplifting. Every man available as a lecturer is used, for instance, Capt. Fearn (Dr. Fearn of our mission) was in the city, and the club was invited to hear him speak on his work in France with the Chinese labor corps. Sometimes instead of the lecture a gospel sormon is given, and in the church next door services are held at least twice a week.

There are a number of reasons why the club must succeed. The strongest reason is the real need for it in Huchow. The city is old and wealthy, but most conservative and backward. There is absolutely nothing in social and recreational lines for young men in the city but drinking wine and gambling in teashops. There is no public sentiment against this. The fact that many of the young men desire something better is shown by the response in membership which has come in spite of the fact that the work is Christian. Perhaps the next reason lies in the personality of Mr. Kaung, the pastor and leading spirit in the movement. He is a graduate of Soochow University, and a man who by nature is a leader of men, and whose one purpose is to live Christ among men that he may lead them to Christ.

The great need of the work just now is that a man to take the responsibility of the teaching and detail work may be found, and sufficient funds raised to employ him. Mr. Kaung, in addition to his regular work in two churches in the city, is not only managing the school and club but is doing much of the actual teaching in the night school. He ought to be released in order that he may give his time to personal contact with these men, for this is where the real spiritual work will be done.

I wish you might see the possibilities as we see them, that you might rejoice with us. See this city, conservative prejudiced against Christianity, perhaps because the church is largely composed of washermen, cooks, etc.—the young men of the great middle and upper classes flocking to this inferior building, filling it every evening, because a strong young Christian and his co-workers are giving them a chance to improve themselves, are giving wholesome entertainment, and opening to them a broader view of citizenship and life. It must mean new ideals for these young men, and it must mean that the barriers against Christianity will be broken down, and that friendlier feelings for all Christian institutions will come about, thus helping every phase of our work. But most of all we feel that we are not too bold in praying that each young man who becomes a member of the club may come to know Christ as a Savior and Master. Will you join us in praying for this?

Since I began this letter Mr. Kaung has been called to America for the Centenary meeting in Ohio. I do hope some of you may have the privilege of meeting him, and I want to ask even more insistently that you pray for this work in his absence, for it will be a critical time with the work.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

A TRIP TO GREAT CENTENARY EXPOSITION

It was the pleasure of your editor to spend several days of last week at the great Methodist Centenary exposition which has been in session in Columbus, Ohio, from June 20, to July 13 going as a representative of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Church, Asheville, N. C. We feel it was an especial privilege to be able to attend this, the greatest gathering of Methodism in the Church's history.

We wish it were possible to convey to you in the limited space allowed us, the greatness of the exposition, to give to you some idea of what we saw and heard during those days, but time and space prevent only a reference to it.

The most vivid impression of the Exposition as a whole is its immensity and in the mass of humanity which surged over the grounds day after day were representatives from every nation where Methodist missions have penetrated. The picturesque element was everywhere, not only in the wonderful and bautiful pageants that were given at all times of the night and day but in the great crowds thronging the grounds, as well.

It was our good fortune to be present on Patriotic Day, July 4th, and to join in this great celebration in which patriotism, pageantry and pleasure were combined in a most happy manner and 100 years of Methodist missionary achievements were portrayed as never before. The outstanding feature of this day was the Victory Pageant Processional devised and produced by Burrell the well-known pageant master of Boston, the processional being the largest and most significant religious event of its character in modern church history, typifying as it did in all races and conditions of men, the triumphs of Christianity.

We were also present on Life Service day which was observed with three notable services on Sunday July 6th. In a large degree this was the culmination of the whole effort back of the Centenary movement and the impressiveness with which the services were conducted, the timely appeals of the speakers together with the coming forward of about 500 young people offering themselves for life service in their Master's work was an occasion long to be remembered. The Life Service Day program was divided into three parts: "The Task" in the morning, with Bishops Mouzon and Stuntz as speakers, "The Leadership" in the afternoon with Dr. O. E. Goddard, Bishop Francis McConnell and Bishop Henderson as speakers and at night "The Life Work Challenge," with Bishop Nicholson and Dr. W. E. Doughty making the addresses. This was a great day in Methodism and it was a privilege to be there.

The outstanding feature perhaps of the Exposition was the dramatic pageant, "The Wayfarer," presented every evening by 350 actors in costume, a cast of professionals and a chorus of 1 500 voices. The scenic and lighting effects were indescribably beautiful and the music and action moved in perfect accord. The production takes Wayfarer on a journey through the ages to show him that every age has its problem and that God has emerged triumphant in the face of all combinations of circumstances. One exquisite setting follows another until the superb climax where the spirit of the wanderer is changed from despair to faith. With the angel chorus in the background the old messengers of the Cross from the time of Paul to our day pass in review, showing the gradual extension of the Kingdom of Christ through the ages.

The following expressions on the Exposition by noted persons present are taken from the Ohio State Journal:

Said K. Yasumori, of Hawaii. "It will be after the Christian workers and the public in general have returned to their various fields of labor, many in foreign lands, that the full benefits will be felt." Dr. Yasumori was formerly a custom house broker at Honolulu.

"I feel that combined with the speaking parts and the scenic effort, the music of the pageant, "The Wayfarer," carries the old gospel message in the most forceful way ever presented to my ears," said Montgomery Lynch, celebration musical director.

"The celebration is an inspiration, a revelation," said Miss Anna Gordon, president of the National W. C. T. U. "The Wayfarer' alone is worth a trip across the contitnent," she continued, adding: "This is the message I am sending out to the hosts of the W. C. T. U. women all over the world."

Strengthens Belief in Missions

"The celebration is great. Since seeing the wonderful exhibits and learning more of the needs of the world in our own and other lands, I am a stronger believer in missions than ever," said Miss Sallie Ridley, field secretary Tennessee conference, Woman's Missionary Society.

"The Centenary celebration is emotionally impelling and crushing," says Rev. E. C. Wareing, editor of the Western Christian Advocate. "It is the best demonstration that has ever been given of the fact that the Methodist religion can be brought out into the open life and, instead of spoiling, receive rejuvenating power."

WINSTON DISTRICT MEETING

By Mrs. T. B. Apperson

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Winston District was held at Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., June 25th.

In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was good and the day was full of pleasure and profit.

The meeting was opened by a devotional service conducted by Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of Burkhead Church. The business session opened at ten o'clock and was presided over by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson. The District Secretary's report and those from the various auxiliaries showed a growing interest in missions throughout the district, there having been five new societies organized recently. Following the reports was a most excellent address by Rev. R. H. Daugherty, pastor of West End Church, Winston-Salem, subject: "The Aim of Missions."

At one o'clock the morning session was adjourned and upon an invitation extended by Mrs. J. G. Sterling, the delegates retired to another room, where they were served a most tempting luncheon by the ladies of Burkhead.

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional service conducted by Mrs. J. E. Sills, who took for her topic: "Prayer."

We considered it a happy privilege to have with us for the day our beloved president Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, who gave us many helpful suggestions in her address on "Co-operation with the Plan of the Council."

We were disappointed in that our First Vice-President, Mrs. W. R. Harris, was unable to be with us, as was hoped, but Mrs. J. E. Sills, came to our rescue and conducted a most interesting institute on the Young People's Work, in which she was assisted by Miss Della Dodson and a number of other young people representatives. We were so glad to have so many young people with us that day and were indeed, fortunate in having the North Winston Graded School choir who rendered several beautiful selections.

The program for the day was made complete with an address by Mrs. W. A. Newell, Conference Superintendent of Social Service, who took for her subject: "Democracy in the Churches."

Campaign Committee on Young People's Work, Winston District

Miss Bertha Lee, Mocksville, N. C.; Mrs. G. H. Hastings, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. G. V. Fulp, Kernersville, N. C.; Mrs. J. C. Hunt, Lexington, N. C.

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LEADERS

The third session of the Junaluska Training School for Leaders will begin Wednesday evening, July 23, at 8:00, and continue through the evening of August 6. The greatest program and the largest attendance of any session are expected. Already, there are many visitors at the "Lake" and prospects are fine for the best year's attendance in the history of the Assembly grounds.

The Western North Carolina Conference is particularly fortunate in having this great Training School in its own bounds. None of us is more than a day's ride from this great school, the greatest of its kind in America. We ought to liberally patronize it. It is a shame that other conferences show up stronger in attendance than our own. There is however a growing number of our best schools that are appreciating the unexcelled value of this training school. This year's session will show more Western North Carolina Conference schools represented than ever before.

Only those who want to work some ought to attend this great school. While there is ample accommodation for a great attendance, the attendance should be composed of those who want to do intensive training for the benefit of those back home. The faculty is composed of twenty leading instructors. Three hours of instruction are given each morning, only two of which can be taken for credit. One can, however, take another hour's work and get all it offers except credit on the Training School's diploma. From twelve to twelve thirty each day devotional exercises offer splendid opportunity for spiritual rejuvenation. The afternoons are open for recreational programs. Vesper services and the evening addresses close the day.

Our Sunday schools will make no mistake in sending one or more of their leaders to this great school. In my rounds I have found the best organization, management and results from those schools that have sent leaders to Junaluska. Send some one who is willing to learn. Don't send one who knows it all.

TRINITY, CHARLOTTE

"Just a line to let you know we are coming along in good shape with our Sunday school work. Put over a very good Sunday School Day program today having had to postpone it twice on account of the Centenary campaign and a series of revival services.

As a follow up to the Centenary in the school I would like to hear from you as to the best method of securing a special for our school. I believe our school would like to have one. I am sure it will stimulate the giving to the cause and make the raising of our Centenary of $300 per annum a good deal easier."

Thus writes superintendent E. R. Bucher, of Trinity, Charlotte, Sunday school. Brother Bucher is constantly thinking about the best methods of making his school effective. Next week I want you to see one of his live Wesley Classes.

WADESBORO WINS

Just listen at Pastor Welch crow: "The final count revealed Wadesboro out ahead over Monroe by 25,400 points. Our school received very material benefits from the contest. I don't know what Monroe received, but it is now evident that she received ta genuine licking."

It will be remembered that these two progressive Sunday schools were competing on two points; attendance and offerings. Each member present counted ten points and each cent contributed added one point. The contest was based on the ratio of 5 to 7, corresponding with the church membership of Wadesboro and Monroe, respectively.

It is explained from Monroe that their school was as large as building accomodations would permit. Right away a $20,000 Sunday school annex is to be constructed at Monroe and another challenge will then be accepted.

It might be added that Rev. E. R. Welch, our pastor at Wadesboro, is not permitting his traces to slack. He makes a good team all by himself.

THE CHURCH'S DUTY TO THE CHILDREN

Rev. H. H. Jordan preached a sermon at the Charlotte district conference that the writer will long remember. His sermon was based on the 19th and 20th verses of the fifth chapter of James. The part of the sermon that particularly impressed many was his reference to the training of young children.

He said that children come into the world good and that if the right training is given them while young, they will when coming to the age of accountability, turn as naturally to the right as they, if neglected, turn to the wrong. He thought it exceedingly unwise to permit our children to grow up sowing wild oats for awhile with the hope that later they may be urged to stop their bad ways and learn to do well. Why lose a good start through negligence ?

He said that during the present year he had taken 72 people into his church on profession of faith, seventy of these being children. He thought this to be about the usual percentage of children over adults when church membership is involved. He thought our pastors would do wisely if they reported the value of youthful accessions as well as the older people.

The gospel has been preached in North Carolina over one hundred years and yet only forty percent of its inhabitants are church members. If our churches will put one hundred years of effort on our children another tale will be told.

NOTES FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

During the four weeks ended July 2, the Teacher-Training Department reports the enrollment of the following from North Carolina:

North Carolina Confgerence—At Burlington (Front Street)' a class of ten students, Mr. M. C. Terrell, teacher. At Durham, forty-seven students in the Standard Training school.

Western North Carolina Conference—At Marshville, a class of eleven students, Rev. Seymore Taylor, teacher.

During the same period the Wesley Bible Class Department reports the following registration of new classes from North Carolina.

Western North Carolina Conference—"Susannah Wesley" class, Caroleen, adult certificate No. 7485, eighteen women; teacher, Mrs. L. B. Harrell; president, Mrs. H. D. Phillips. "Sunday school Boosters" class, Mt. Pleasant Sunday school, Greensboro, adult certificate No. 7484, twenty men and women; teacher, Mr. Perce A. Greeson; president, Miss Sallie Holt. "Philathea" class. Walnut Street Sunday school, Greensboro, adult certificate No. 7501, fifty-six women; teacher, Miss Pearle Wyche; president, Mrs. Charlie Moore. "Wesley Pathfinders" class, Lexington, senior certificate No. 1695, twenty boys; teacher, Mrs. W. G. Penry; president, Mr. Grant Raker. "Junior Baraca" class, Morganton, intermediate certificate No. 2500, twenty boys; teacher,; Mrs. B. Bristol; president, Master Albert Shiflett. "Win One" class, Fair View Sunday school, Trinity, intermediate certificate No. 2498, six boys; teacher, Miss Fannie Croker; president, Master Julius B. Meredith. "Earnest Workers" class, Fair View Sunday school, Trinity, Intermediate certificate No. 2497, seven girls; teacher, Miss Alta Winslow; president, Miss Virgie Myers.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SECRETARY

Miss Grace Bradley, daughter of Rev. J. H. Bradley, our pastor at Canton, has been secured to advance the interest in Epworth Leagues in our conference. Miss Bradley impresses one with her fitness for this work and will no doubt do the League cause great good.

The Sunday school secretary has assured Miss Bradley of his desire to cooperate with her program wherever cooperation will do good. He is not one of those who believes that an Epworth League can be run successfully everywhere but he does believe that more can be run successfully than are now being run. Our great Wesley Bible Class movement should prepare material for further training for leadership in live aggressive Leagues. The Bible Class is for the many; the League is for the few.

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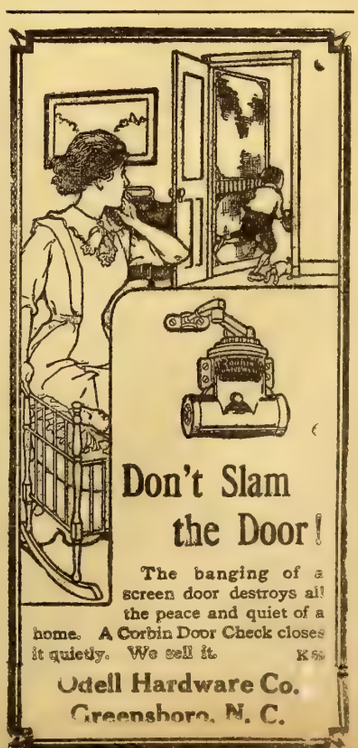
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At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees the following gentlemen were added to the board: Dr. Albert Anderson, Raleigh, Messrs. J. C. Braswell, Rocky Mount and J. A. Long, of Roxboro. These men have broad sympathies and a deep personal interest in the welfare of our beloved Methodist orphanage. Their election means added strength and influence to the board which is composed of men of state-wide reputation because of their worth and philanthropic spirit. We wish to extend our hearty welcome to these new members and to congratulate the orphanage upon having them as our official friends.

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Truly the Methodist Orphanage is rich in the large number of friends who share their love and material substance with us. So many are beginning to feel that the greatest joy in life comes from unselfish living. They have discovered the secret of a real, happy Christian life. My earnest wish is that all of our Methodist host numbering nearly one hundred thousand may increase their joy and enrich their lives by acting the part of the good Samaritan toward the dear children of beloved Methodist Orphanage. Brother J. R. Chamberlain, one of Raleigh's leading citizens recently donated to our orphanage ten barrels of flour. He did the same thing last year. Such generosity and kind thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated these times when provisions are so very costly.

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I am counting on all Sunday schools throughout the North Carolina Conference to send me monthly offerings to help finance the Orphanage during the summer and early fall when our funds become exhausted. Seven hundred and fifty schools contributing their monthly offering would tide us over these lean months. Let me urge every school that is not now giving us financial aid to begin next Sunday and continue in the good work for the next three months at least. Many of our schools, which are barely holding their own, would take on new life if they had some great objective in view which would call forth all of their dormant powers. If there are those who doubt this, let them undertake it and be forever convinced of the truthfulness of the statement.

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Dear Friends:

As I am about to leave my Orphanage Home after a short and pleasant stay of eight years, I would like to express my heartiest thanks and appreciation to the many friends of the Orphanage who have made it possible for me to receive the blessings I have. I especially want to thank our beloved superintendent, Mr. Barnes, and the head matron, Mrs. Jenkins, and the rest of the faculty for the personal interest they have taken in me.

Yours truly,
Zeider Tingen

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Dear Friends:

My stay at the Methodist Orphanage has been the greatest thing of my life and has meant more to me than anything else I know of. I was six years of age when I came to the Orphanage and it took the place of a father. I was such a little tot when I came to the Orphanage that I did not know what it meant, but as I grew older, I began to like the place just fine and appreciated everything that was being done for me. I wish to express my appreciation to the good people of the Orphanage, especially Mr. Barnes and "Miss Mattie."

Orion Richardson.

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Receipts.

Mt. Vernon church, Siler City, $20; Missionary Society of Warsaw, Faison and Warsaw charge, $25; Philathea class, Front street, Burlington, $2.50; Circle of M. E. church, Kinston, $3; Missionary Society, of Pittsboro, $21.50; Bussiness Men's Class, of Trenton, Jones circuit, $10; Newton Grove SS, Newton Grove circuit, $1.25; Soule SS, Swan Quarter circuit, $20.45; St. Pauls SS St. Pauls circuit, $3.13; Fairfield SS, Fairfield circuit, $13; Berean class, Central Church, Raleigh, $15; Leigh Wesley Workers class, First Church, Elizabeth City, $5; Swepsonville SS, South, Alamance circuit, $6.35; Lt. Martin J. Davis, Warrenton circuit, $10; Millbrook SS, Millbrook circuit, $3.41; Winton SS. Murfreesboro and Winton charge, $10; Clinton SS, $12.50; Wesley Bible class of Wilson, $4.25; L. E. Barnes of Wilson, $8; Bethlehem SS, Warren circuit, $3.32; Parkers SS, North Gates circuit, $20; Hope Mills SS, Parkton circuit, $10; Philadelphia SS, Gates circuit, $5; Person street SS, Person street Calvary charge, Fayetteville, $10; Bethel SS, Roseboro circuit, $5; Banks Chapel SS, Franklinton Ct., $10; Ebenezer SS, Tar River circuit, $5.34; Conway SS, Bible class, Conway circuit, $10; Selma Cotton Mills SS, $3; Pinners SS, Rich Square circuit, $23.59; Raeford SS, $10; Wesley Bible Class of Dunn, $10; Beaufort SS, $5; Wesleyan class, Front Street Church, Burlington, $5; Trinity Baraca class, Durham, $10; Fletcher's Chapel SS, Durham circuit, $5; Wesley class of Farmville, $40; Mrs. Carrie L. Brantley, Winston-Salem, $2; Zion SS, Gates circuit, $10; Mrs. Viola Cable, Burlington, $12; Oriental SS, $19.34; Bethany SS, Warchese Roanoke Island charge, $30; Central SS, Raleigh, $7.50; Lemon Springs SS, Vass circuit, $1.48; T. W. Maxwell, St. Pauls circuit, $15; Class No. 3, Kinston SS, $10; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Smithfield, $10; Farmville SS, $12.01.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Walter Thompson, Superintendent
Rev. T. F. Marr, D. D., President
Board of Trustees

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending May 31, 1919

To Dr. T. F. Marr, President, and to the Trustees,

The Children's Home is able to report a good year. Events have succeeded each other so quietly that it becomes difficult to single out any for special mention.

The health of the children has been good. There was not a case of influenza during the year, nor was there serious illness of any kind. As a consequence our school ran on undisturbed, and the school work was, perhaps, the best we have yet had.

The farm produced well the past year and we have bought little, in the way of stuff which can be raised on a farm, except canned goods. We should try to install a small cannery without delay.

The dairy, under the management of one of the boys, has done well under existing conditions. The dairy barn is not properly located, and I have not thought it wise to expend anything on it at the present place.

Our printshop and equipment has been enlarged by the spending of some two thousand dollars, and is now equal, so far as it goes, to any shop anywhere. It is my purpose to relieve Mr. Campbell of other work, so that he may give his entime time to the shop. Boys from this shop are already in demand from other shops in the state.

The financial statement shows a very fine income for the year. The Fifth-Sunday collections have increased wonderfully, and other contributions have increased proportionately. You will also note that an endowment fund with assets amounting to $31,500.00 has been received since your last meeting. The largest single contribution was one of $20,000, given through the President of the Board by Mr. B. D. Heath, of Charlotte. The name of the next largest contributor ($4,700) is withheld as one of the conditions of the gift. I suggest that the Board adopt plans for continuous enlargement of this fund.

It was announced in October, 1917, that the Home had been left $20,000 in the will of the late J. Cicero Tise, of Winston-Salem. The will became the subject of threatened litigation running through a number of months. It has recently been declared valid by the courts, and the Home will receive the amount mentioned in due course.

The time has come, in my opinion, for the removal of the frame row, and the housing of all the children in the permanent establishment. I think it would be well for the Children's Home to enter upon a campaign to raise money for additional buildings and equipment.

The Home needs
A Central Heating Plant.
A school and library building.
An auditorium, (perhaps this should be attached to the school building).
A small chapel.
A laundry and equipment.
A power line.
A home for the superintendent.
A horse barn.
A dairy equipment.
Additional cottages for boys and girls.

The endowment should be increased to $100,000 as early as possible.

The funds are in sight for two cottages to take the place of the frame row, and for the superintendent's home. I believe that there are those who would make these other things possible if we "cast in our net." I commend this whole subject to your careful consideration.

Of the trials and cares of this institution during the world stress I do not speak. They were many. Some of us had more irons in the fire than we could handle. Some of them were burned. I think we performed irksome and tiresome tasks with an unselfish disregard of personal comfort.

To you gentlemen I extend thanks for courtesy and patience; to our preachers, the conscious or unconscious thanks of every child here; and to every man, woman or child who has in any way carried any of the weight here a profound appreciation of his act.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts for the Year

Maintenance fund	$33,644.23
Building fund and equipment	1,854.52
Total receipts	35,518.75
Add balance May 31, 1918	2,712.57
Total to be accounted for	$38,231.32
Expended	30,328.89
Leaving balance, May 31, 1919	7,902.43

Expenditures Itemized

Groceries and supplies	$3,449.04
Dry goods and clothing	1,698.19
Salaries and wages	6,106.95
Fuel and lights	1,923.47
Drugs and medicines	249.00
Dairy	372.02
Farm	2,498.93
School	1,947.74
Postage, telegraph and telephone	251.78
Miscellaneous	946.61
Printing paper in stock	664.56
Interest	1,384.89
Equipment, improvements, ins..	4,335.71
Brrowed money repaid	4,500.00
Total expenditures	30,328.89

Receipts Itemized

Fifth-Sunday	$9,125.55
10 per cent direct to supt.	14,336.87
Joint board of finance	7,600.00
Building and enlargement	1,854.52
Miscellaneous	2,601.81
Total	35,518.75

Statement of Balances

Maintenance fund in bank	$5,646.34
Enlargement fund in bank	1,744.75
Building fund in bank	328.44
Petty cash account	100.00
Cash items in hand	82.90
Total balance	7,902.43

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Thompson,
June 17, 1919 Superintendent.

JONATHAN NOTES

This charge with a Centenary quota of $7,500.00 went "over the top" and then some.

The pastor with a committee succeeded in securing 40 new subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, 10 subscribers to the Nashville Advocate and 10 for the Missionary Voice, besides a large list for the S. S. Visitor.

A senior Epworth League has been organized at Shady Grove with some forty members. The prospects are fine for a flourishing league. A League is to be organized at Dellwood soon.

Plans are being made to organize a Wesley Adult Bible Class at both Dellwood and Shady Grove.

A fine library consisting of more than 150 good books have been secured for the Sunday school at Cataloochee.

Four little children of Mrs. Martha Canupp of Cataloochee have been put in our Children's Home at Winston-Salem. The father died of influenza last fall.

Dr. George R. Stewart gave his famous lecture on "Lop-sided folks" at Shady Grove several weeks ago.

The pastor will begin revival work the first of next month. He will conduct the meetings with the assistance of a good singer whom he wishes to secure at once.

Correspondent.

THE CHURCH PAPER

There may have been times when a family could afford to be without a church paper (though I should be very reluctant to acknowledge it) but surely not now. The church has just put over the biggest enterprise in its history. It is now preparing for a vastly larger movement. The great revival is to be the most far-reaching movement in our history. It has in it potentialities beyond all previous movements. Interesting developments will be unfolding from week to week. No family can afford to miss the thrill and uplift that this movement will bring. No family can keep up with this, or any other great church movement, without the church paper. The church paper was a mighty factor in the great financial campaign. It will be more indispensable in this great distinctively spiritual movement. The secular press may not lend itself so freely to a revival movement as it did in pushing the strictly financial movement. Only those who read the church paper will know the inwardness of this revival movement. If every family in Southern Methodism had the conference organ, the revival would come sooner and last longer. Much that I shall say concerning the coming revival will be sumbitted to the church press. Much that many others connected with the movement shall say will also be found in the church paper. Our first desire is, therefore, that whatever we submit through the church press shall reach all our members. If some do not take the papers our messages will never reach them. I am, therefore, exceedingly anxious for every family in Southern Methodism to have the Church paper.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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(Exposition by the Editor)

The sacraments of the Church do not merit the supreme place in our thought, but they are worthy of serious consideration and their import should be clearly understood. We have no sympathy with the high church view which sets forth the doctrine of salvation by the sacraments. This is fatally erroneous. But they were instituted by Christ and have a legitimate and important place in the religious life. The Church has only two sacraments—baptism and the Lord's Supper. The former we studied last Sunday, the latter is before us today.

The Jewish Feast of the Passover.

Christ and His disciples were keeping the feast of the Passover in an upper room in Jerusalem at the time of the institution of the Lord's Supper. He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane soon after. The institution of this sacrament was, therefore, one of the last acts of His earthly life. It was an exceedingly solemn and tender occasion. Those farewell discourses recorded in the 14th, 15th and 16th chapters of John's Gospel were delivered upon this occasion. It was the final proper observance of the Passover feast which had its origin in the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. The lamb slain at the Passover feast was a type of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who was about to go to the cross for the sins of the world. The sprinkling of the blood of the lamb on the door posts of the homes of the Israelites was a type of the saving efficacy of the blood which Jesus shed on the cross for the salvation of men. In short the things that were typified in the old Jewish feast were about to be fulfilled in the death of Christ, and the feast that had commemorated the one must give place to the sacrament now instituted to commemorate the atonement which Christ effected on the cross.

The Purpose of the Lord's Supper.

The heart of this sacrament is the atonement. Everything else connected with it must be ranged around this centre. "This is my body which is broken for you." "This is my blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins." These words point to the very heart of the provision which God has made for our salvation, and the central purpose of its observance is to keep this fact fresh in our memory. We would not say that the death of Christ was the whole of the atonement, but it was its consummation. His whole earthly life and ministry had to do with the wondrous provision which God has made to make possible our forgiveness and salvation. His sinless life was essential to it; for, if He had sinned, the penalty of death would have passed upon Him, and it could not then have served as an atonement for others. But it is equally true that His sinless life would have been useless to us without the death. This latter is indeed the crowning act in His redeeming work, especially when taken in connection with His resurrection from the dead; and it is His death that stands out prominently in this sacrament which is designed to keep fresh in our minds this sacrficial atonement.

The Blessing of the Elements.

Our Church has a ritual service in connection with the administration of this sacrament. This service includes a prayer of consecration embodying the language which Christ used in its institution. This service is not essential to the validity of the sacrament. Christ gave thanks in connection with the breaking of the bread and with the giving of the cup, and it is appropriate that some service should duly impress the solemn significance of the service; but the essential substance of the bread and the "fruit of the vine" (the record of the institution does not say wine) is not changed by any service performed in connection with it. While the elements are solmnely consecrated, they are still only material elements and in their material nature are the same that they were before.

The Persons Who Should Observe the Sacrament.

Christ gave it to His disciples. It would seem incongruous to give it to those who are not disciples of Christ and who are manifesting no personal interest in the atonement which it commemorates. This does not mean that they were perfect men. It is a question open to debate, and one that cannot be positively determined by the record, whether or not Judas was in the company at the time the Supper was instituted. He was certainly participating in the feast of the Passover which sustained the same relation to the Jewish Church that the Supper sustains to the Christian Church. One may say that he ought not to have participated in that, but the fact remains that Christ did not see fit to exclude him. The truth is that Scripture indicates that a person must be his own judge in this matter. "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat."

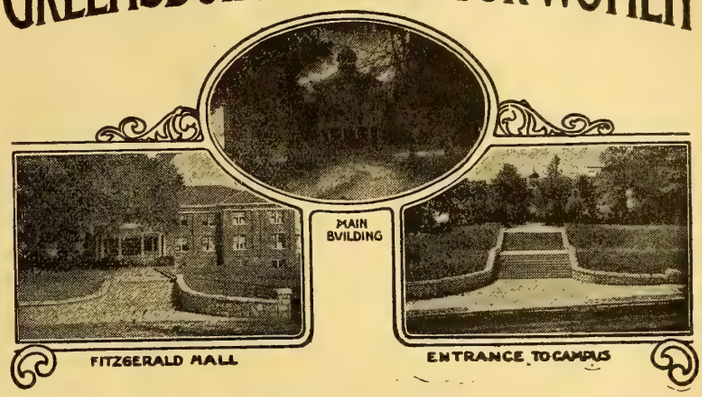
The Obligation to Observe the Sacrament.

We may not turn lightly away from the table spread in the name of Christ. The injunction given by Christ is of the force of a command: "Drink ye all of it." "Take, eat; this is my body." Suppose Peter or John, or any of the rest of them had refused? Would it have been seemly? Would it not have been a serious disobedience to the divine command? Yet Christ instituted it for all His disciples, and the command comes down to us all. To turn our backs upon the spread table is virtually to deny our Lord before the eyes of the world; that is, we deny that we have any personal interest in Him. Not all men who neglect or refuse to commune mean to do this, but what other interpretation can the mere onlooker put on the act? Yes, this sacrament is provided as a means of grace for every one who is sincerely trying to follow in the footsteps of Christ, and all should partake of its blessings.

Eating and Drinking Unworthily.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE

It is no exaggeration to say that the recent Epworth League conference at Louisburg, was the greatest yet held. If that were not true, we would be making no progress, but that is not the reason it was a greater conference than heretofore. The increase in the number of leagues and leaguers is very slow, yet broader and deeper and more sure foundations are being laid for the years to come. The attendance at this conference was just about twice as large as that of last year. The "assembly" plan was followed with great encouragement, benefit and satisfaction. There were five full nights and four full days, and the young people entered upon the work like they meant business and with enthusiasm. Everybody felt that there was more definite and constructive work done than ever before.

Institutes and courses in spiritual work or personal evangelism were conducted each day by Mrs. H. B. Branch; institutes and courses in social service were conducted by Rev. H. B. Hill; institutes and courses in missions were conducted by Revs. W. A. Cade, F. S. Love, and J. M. Ormond; institutes in junior league work were conducted by Mrs. W. A. Cade; courses in Old Testament and also in Stewardship were conducted by Rev. H. M. North; and courses in New Testament were conducted by Rev. Walter Patten.

Great and stirring inspirational messages were delivered before the conference by Dr. E. K. McLarty, Revs. Walter Patten, H. M. North, J. M. Ormond, and W. A. Cade. The early morning prayer services were conducted by Rev. T. A. Sikes, and the Vesper services were conducted by Rev. H. I. Glass.

The social and recreational features were led by Mrs. W. A. Cade and Mrs. H B. Branch.

The assembly plan was so satisfactory that the conference decided to continue the plan, and to meet at Louisburg College another year.

The writer regrets that space will not permit a fuller account of this helpful and inspiring conference.

A WORD TO THE LEAGUERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

As editor of the League column in "The Raleigh Christian Advocate" for more than two years for the Leaguers in the North Carolina conference, I wish to express my most hearty thanks and sincere appreciation to every local chapter correspondent, conference officer and all others who have helped to make the page possible every week but two thus far. Since the merging of the two Advocates, we have two editors for two columns, and the North Carolina Conference will have these two columns twice a month; but we invite the same co-operation from our contributors, and promise to do the very best we can. It will mean that we cannot publish ordinary details quite as formally, but if you have a successful meeting of any kind or a special feature that would be of help to others pass it on, for we have no way of knowing what is going on in the field without your help.

The Leaguers of the North Carolina Conference greet and welcome the Leaguers of the Western North Carolina Conference.

REPORTS OF THE RECOMMENDATION'S COMMITTEE

Let every Leaguer read carefully this report.

The committee recommends:

I. That the nominating committee be asked to provide for a superintendent for the Life Work Department (this is a new department in our League work).

II. That our editor for the ensuing year co-operate in every possible way with the editor or editors of our new conference paper—The North Carolina Christian Advocate—in working out the policy of the paper with reference to the League work.

III. That the superintendent of the fourth department become responsible arousing missionary interest and securing pledges for the "African Special" among the chapters not represented at the assembly, using the district secretaries as may seem best; and if it seems desirable, ask the co-operation of the Conference League Board.

IV. That since the chapters are relieved of all other financial obligations and we are to raise $3,800 for the African Special in the Centenary askings, all chapters be urged to increase substantially their missionary pledges for the year.

V. That a committee be appointed to investigate the matter of a field secretary.

VI. That we approve the assembly idea and the work being done under this plan; and that we continue the same policy and place of meeting for next year.

VII. That the conference League president be empowered to invite delegates from each district from churches in which there are no leagues to attend the assembly next year and that the expenses of their stay at the assembly be paid from the league funds.

THE NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President, Rev. F. S. Love, Louisburg, N. C.,; vice-president, H. S. McGirt, Wilmington, N. C.; secretary, Miss Lizzie Hancock, New Bern, N. C.; assistant secretary, Mrs. Chadwick, New Bern, N. C.; treasurer, Lee Craven, Raleigh, N. C.; Era agent, Mrs. J. L. Midgett, Newton Grove, N. C.; editor league page, B. B. Slaughter, Rocky Mount, N. C.; superintendent first department, Mrs. H. B. Branch, Wilmington, N. C.; superintendent second department, Rev. H. I. Glass, Edenton, N. C.; superintendent third department, Mrs. W. A. Cade, Rocky Mount, N. C.; superintendent fourth department, Rev. H. B. Hill, New Bern, N. C.; superintendent Junior League, Miss Love Ritch, Oriental, N. C.; superintendent Life Work department, Rev. J. M. Ormond, Elizabeth City, N. C.

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The old bell's voice is in them all, if
you but listen well,
"Our land is free; oh, keep it free!"
the message peals along,
"Let every true American be just and
brave and strong."

—Mary Lee Dalton.

JACK'S MISERABLE BULB.

Marvin and Jack were Boy Scouts. They were next-door neighbors. What is more, they were the best of friends. They were in the same class at school; they shared one another's lunch baskets; they played together at recess, after school, Saturday, and holidays.

When Marvin had new shoes, so also had Jack. The year Jack had a new winter coat and Marvin did not, Jack's mother found it exceedingly hard to persuade her son to wear his resplendent apparel. He argued it was too warm. He declared it would rain. Mother drew a breath of relief when at last he yielded. She heard Marvin's whistle. She saw the boys trudge arm in arm down the street to school.

At noon she saw the boys reach the gate, remove their coats and exchange them. Mrs. Miller adjusted her glasses. Jack dashed into the yard, the new coat on his arm; Marvin into his yard, carrying his old coat.

The following day Mrs. Miller beheld Marvin sauntering along clad in Jack's new coat, while Jack wore the last year's coat of his friend. Mrs. Miller said nothing. Perfectly she knew that as soon as the new coat had lost some of its pristine beauty her boy would be willing to wear it, willing to let Marvin wear his. Also she knew, if questioned, Jack would frankly admit it was no fun to wear a new coat unless Marvin did too.

What I am about to tell will astonish you quite as much as it did me. It happened this way. Marvin had just recovered from the measles, which he had kept to himself, although Jack would willingly have shared them. Jack started to the florist to buy a plant for Marvin, who was out again, but whose eyes bothered him enough to keep him from school, but not from joining Jack upon this errand. The florist aided Jack in his selection of pink azalea. As Jack counted out the money, the florist said: "Here, take along a couple of these bulbs.

Marvin took the bulbs, as Jack's hands were already full. When the boys reached Marvin's house, he turned the bulbs over critically. Carefully he selected the smaller of the two and handed it to his friend. Jack flushed scarlet. He handed the azalea to Marvin, saying: "This is for you. It's from—mother."

"O, thanks, Jack. I didn't know it was for me."

Abruptly Jack started for his house, calling: "Glad you like it."

That was a small thing, a very small thing indeed; yet from that day things went wrong. Before Marvin's eyes were strong enough for school a new boy came to the class, a boy who was lame. Teacher spoke to Jack, saying: "No one knows Edward Eaton. He has just moved to town. Can he sit with you?"

This solved the dreaded problem Jack felt he couldn't sit next to Marvin. He had thrown the miserable little dry bulb on the ash heap. Not that he wanted the bigger bulb, not at all. He only wanted to feel that his friend wished him to have the best. Up to that time the boys had always drawn lots for things, each declining to accept the best of anything.

Jack made excuses when Marvin came over to play, excuses that he had difficult lessons. In the old days he would have explained these lessons, so that when Marvin returned to school he could easily take his accustomed place. But that was in the old days.

Jack avoided the barn—in fact, he avoided everything except school and study. The house became strangely silent.

Easter Sunday dawned clear and bright. No Easter eggs, no rabbits! Nothing made the breakfast glad this year. After the meal was over, Jack walked gratefully up to mother. For the first time in days he gave her an old time hug. He couldn't have stood bunnies and glad things this Eeaster.

Suddenly the room grew dim; he rushed from the house to the barn—to the barn where his thought battles had been fought since he was a very little boy. There on the ash heap, triumphant over Campbell's soup cans, triumphant over decayed roots and charred coal, stood one perfect narcissus—one pure white narcissus.

Jack rushed to Marvins' house. Without a word the door opened. Headlong he sprawled upon the floor, but under him was his friend. "Come quickly!" he cried. Together they rushed to the ash heap, Jack gasping: "It grew! Your miserable old bulb—grew! I've treated you like a dog-at-sunset! But I've missed you, Marv! O, I have missed you!"

Marvin clutched his arm. "Jack, they say measles makes you feel mean. I wanted to give you the big bulb. Somehow I couldn't after you gave me that azalea—from your mother."

"O Mary, it wasn't from mother. It was"—

"I knew all the time whom it was from. What shall we do, Jack, to show we're glad we've got each other again?"

"The sooner we pick the narcissus and take it around to Edward Eaton, the better. It's up to me to explain I'm sorry I can't sit with two fellows at once."—Ethel Bowen White, in Religious Herald.

WHEN THE BELL FROM BELGIUM RANG

Little Celeste Debow stood on the steps of her new home and looked about in surprised amazement; it had been a long time since she had seen anything so sweet and pretty as the place she had come to live in; and good reason Celeste had for feeling that way, too, for this little girl at the beginning of the great war was living in Belgium and the pet of a loving home; but one by one her father and brothers were killed in battle, until there were only herself and mother left in the little home that had once been a palace of fairy tales and happiness to the girl. Then the tired little mother died, and out of the whole family only Celeste was left.

For a while she had wandered from first one hovel to another. Her face and clothes dirty and soiled, and nobody seemed to care, until one day a wounded American soldier who was being sent back home was passing through the little Belgian town and became interested in the little girl; and when he learned her story, he thought about a little vacant chair in his own home, and he decided to bring the Belgian girl back to America to rear her as a daughter.

On the way over Celeste became acquainted with a number of other children, and among them was a little boy who had a number of small bells. These bells, he boasted, were rung by some of his ancestors when peace was declared at the close of one of Napoleon's wars, many years ago, and he was taking them to America to ring again when the Allies freed the world.

Celeste was delighted. O how much she wanted some of those little bells! And before she left the ship she had one in her possession. But all that seemed a long time ago to Celeste now; for she had been in her new home several months, and still had had no occasion to ring the bell.

But one morning as she went about watering the flowers in the yard, her adopted father came rushing around the corner of the house, waving his hat. "Get your little joy bell, Celeste." he cried; "the war is over."

And so it happened when the big parade celebrating the Allied victory took place in Hamtontown that night a little Belgian girl was noticed among the marchers carrying a big American flag and vionently ringing the little bell that came from Belgium.— Alice L. Whitson, in Presbyterian.

DECEIVING THE COW

Frances and Agatha had been very carefully reared. Especially had they been taught that under no circumstances must they tell a lie, not even a "white lie," or deceive any one.

One day during a visit made by these little girls to an aunt in the country they met a large cow in a field they were crossing. Much frightened, the young sisters stopped, not knowing what to do. Finally Frances said: "Let's go right on, Agatha, and pretend that we are not afraid of it."

But Agatha's conscience was not slumbering. "Wouldn't that be deceiving the cow?" she objected.—Selected.

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He was a colonel in the army in the war between the states. He was truly a friend to man, a kind neighbor, and was loved by all who knew him.

His home was a preacher's home and many prophets have been entertained therein.

He leaves a wife and three children: Mrs. Dr. Regan, of Weaverville; Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, and Miss Vivian, of Ivey.

He was laid to rest June the fifth, the funeral conducted by Rev. D. R. Proffitt, of Biltmore, amidst a host of friends whose sympathy goes out for the bereaved family.

W. B. Thompson,
Pastor.

HAMILL.—"The stars go down to rise upon some brighter shore." A family circle is broken and the mother is taken. Estelle Jane Grant, Garysburg, N. C., was born November 1, 1881, and died June 7, 1919. On June 10, 1915, she was married to Mr. B. D. Hamill, of Thelma, N. C. At the age of twelve she joined the Methodist Church. Having been reared in a consecrated home she expressed in her life and carried into her own home a faith without doubts and shadows, simple and true. This is a comforting assurance and a priceless heritage to the loved ones who bow under the burden of grief. To those who feel most keenly her departure, may the fragrance of her life be a continuous benediction that will inspire them to a higher and nobler service.

Marvin Y. Self.

BOOMER—Dorcas E. Boomer, wife of William Boomer, was born May 31, 1844, and died February 23, 1919. To them was born one child, Addie, who passed away in her sweet young womanhood. Sister Boomer was known as "Aunt Dorcas," and her husband as "Uncle William." They were staunch members of Soule's Methodist church, Hyde county, N. C., and were some of the strong pillars of that church, and supported loyally all its institutions, and responded cheerfully and liberally to her causes.

"Uncle William" preceded his faithful companion to the celestial shore, having died in 1913. They were lovable characters and faithful to each other. Their home was truly a preachers' home, and hospitality abounded to all who entered their doors.

"Aunt Dorcas" joined the church under the ministry of Rev. A. R. Raven, in 1870. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her, for to know her was only to love her. She is greatly missed in the community and especially in the church.

A large concourse of friends were present at her funeral which was conducted by this writer. While we silently and sorrowfully laid her body beside that of her husband's, we were well assured their reunited souls were basking in the glorious sunlight of the new Jerusalm.

May it be our happy lot to renew our sweet friendships in the land of eternal rest, "Where congregations ne'er break up, and Sabbaths have no end." "They are happy now, and we soon their happiness shall see." Amen.

Chas. C. Brothers.

IN MEMORIAM

Dallas Raven Styron, named in honor of the late Rev. A. R. Raven, son of Alex R. and Fannie Stowe Styron, was born February 19, 1901, and went home to God June 13, 1919. Between these dates an earthly career of a little more than eighteen years was lived, and on the spiritual side lived well.

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He was surrounded by the necessary comforts of such a life as he must lead. Things interesting and entertaining were on a table just in front of him; pictures and mottoes of his choosing were on his walls. From the windows of his upstairs room he could see the street scenes of daily life, he could also hear the merry noise of children in the graded school grounds near. If he envied them or coveted their pleasures no one heard him say so. He seemed contented, a really happy boy.

I shall never forget those large brown eyes, generously bright, and in such contrast with his palid face; that morning smile that greeted my entrance to his room; that tone of good cheer in his voice as he often called to me as I passed his window. If I failed to make my weekly visit he spoke of it to his mother. He missed me then, I miss him now, but acquaintance will be renewed.

What was the source of his victory-life over such tedious and unpleasant affliction? His Bible was in easy reach all the time and he read it. He had faith; he prayed and God heard and helped. He read much in books and papers. He was devoted to his parents, sisters and friends.

On Easter Sunday, 1918, I received him into the church and wrote his name among the first-born sons of God. How sweet our communion in that hour as we partook of the Lord's supper.

Dallas was a preacher of patience: an apostle of sunshine to God's shut-in saints, a faith fertilizer to all who came in touch with his young but victorious life. His last illness was acute and quickly exhausted his remnant of physical vitality. His life's sun arose and set in the morning of life's day.—Psa. 90:10). But the silent setting glowed with a glory that shines from within and above and the memory of it is the Holy Spirit's medium of consolation to the family and friends. Dallas Raven Styron lived and by living gained more abundant life for himself and others. Will we who have had the liberty of good health through life do more? God expects it.

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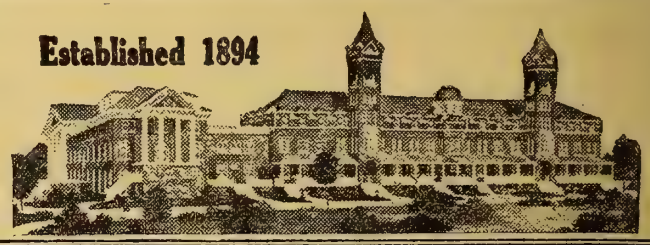

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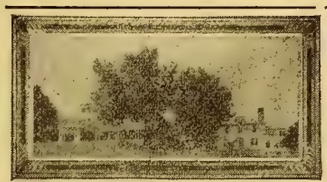
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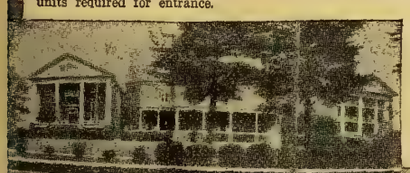
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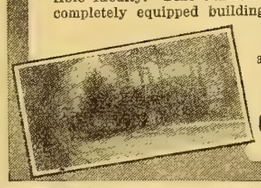
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The Faculty.—While we are making several changes in the faculty for the coming year, every student in the college will be happy to know of the return of Miss Womble, Miss Henninger, Miss Dodson, and Miss Brinson. While they have not been so long associated with our faculty, they have contributed to its life in a remarkable way since they have been in the institution. Louisburg College has the unique distinction as well as the honor of having on its faculty for the coming year two women who have been longer and more definitely identified with Christian education for girls in North Carolina than any other women in the state now actively engaged in the work.

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Miss Jessica Vann, of Wilmington, N. C., an A. B. graduate of Cornell, and with a most successful experience as a Latin teacher, will be at the head of the department of Latin, and will assist President Love in the department of History.

Miss Mary White Cranford will have charge of the department of Modern Languages, and is an A. B. graduate of Trinity College, North Carolina.

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School of Education.—There will be no change in the school of education for the coming year. Miss Womble, who has demonstrated such marked efficiency, continues in this department. Working with her is Mr. E. L. Best, superintendent of the schools in Franklin county, and deservedly ranking among the foremost men in that class of work in education. President Love also has work in this department.

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Mrs. F. S. Love will be a member of the faculty during the coming year. Her comprehensive training in the great schools of music in the middle west both in piano and in voice make her well fitted for a place in any school of music.

Miss Corrie Dodson returns as professor of Voice. Her work with the college the past year proved eminently successful, and her return gives general satisfaction.

School of Business.—The school of business for the coming year will be again under the direction of Miss Mary E. Underwood, who has for a number of years been identified with the college and has rendered in this department a most efficient service.

The college looks to the coming year with assurance of the greatest success. The movement authorized by the Board of Trustees for the enlargement of the equipment is under way and must succeed. We are renting buildings adjoining the campus and hope to thus in a measure care for the growing attendance upon the college. In the meantime the college is before North Carolina Methodists with the appeal for help in a financial way, and it presents to its constituency a record of work that justifies its confidence.

The fall term will open Thursday, September 11th.

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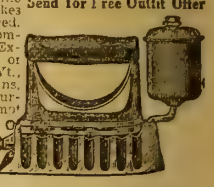
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STATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Editorial Letter

A few days away from the worries of a newspaper office makes a refreshing little oasis in the life of an editor. Anticipating the meeting of the Statesville District Conference at Lenoir, I felt the pull of the old home ties and ran out on Saturday, July 12, to Taylorsville and away out into a section where Methodists are few, but where my sisters, now aged and feeble, cling to the followers of Wesley and patiently await their reward.

It has always been a genuine delight to me to catch the first glimpse of the little peaks of the Brushies, and breathe the glorious atmosphere of the upper Piedmont section of our state. In many ways it is unsurpassed. I never visit this section, however, without being impressed with the apparent unconscious religious destitution of a large section of Alexander county. In a way the people are good and most of them are identified with the church, but there is a lethargy that one can feel, even on a casual visit. As a rule Sunday Schools are short-lived and without interest, continuing only a few months in the spring and early summer. I know of no section of country where the necessity of denominational rivalry is more conspicuously manifest. A Baptist minister, visiting that section recently, hit the nail on the head when he stated frankly his opinion that what they needed more than anything else is denominational competition. Time out of mind all religious thought and activity have been running in one channel and the result is a hurtful stagnation. A single denomination with church services but once a month and Sunday schools averaging perhaps four months in the year, and these widely scattered, makes a condition calculated to promote, rather than remedy, a state of religious lethargy and destitution. I never visit this section without feeling that the Methodists have failed to discharge a plain duty in not having established permanent preaching places and acting the part of a prod to the Baptists, if nothing more. A little good-natured denominational rivalry in that country would bring results which would amply justify some financial outlay.

On Monday I made my way by a very round-about journey to Lenoir, arriving at 12:30. To be exact I spent Sunday within a distance of seventeen miles of Lenoir, but, because of bad roads, I took up the journey by way of Statesville on Monday, traveling by rail a distance of seventy-five miles in order to reach Lenoir. Thus we pay tribute to the reactionaries who say they can not afford to be taxed for the building of goods roads. Be it said to the credit of the people of these counties, Alexander and Caldwell, that they have voted bonds by a good majority, but have been deprived of the benefit by reactionaries who can always find attorneys ready to help them defeat the will of the majority by picking a flaw in the act. These people have the forward look, however, and will soon come into their own with a system of good roads which will place them in the van of progressive counties.

The Conference convened in the beautiful new First Church at Lenoir at 2 o'clock on Monday. There was the largest attendance of preachers and laymen I have seen in an opening service in many a day. The country charges, of which there are many in this district, were well represented. Rev. W. A. Newell, the presiding elder, was in the chair and opened the Conference promptly with a Communion service in which he was assisted by Revs. M. A. Abernethy and R. M. Courtney. There was also a testimony meeting in connection with the sacramental service. It was good to be there.

Mr. Dorman Thompson, of Statesville, was chosen secretary. The afternoon was taken up largely with reports from the charges and the dominant note was evangelism. The heart of the church evidently longs for the great revival, and the thought and prayer of the leadership is in this direction. I am confident that if our leaders keep their hands on this key the flood tides will surely be opened.

Rev. J. P. Rodgers, representing the Conference Superannuate Endowment Fund, Mr. O .V. Woosley, Field Secretary of Sunday Schools, Rev. R. M. Courtney, Field Secretary of Missions and the Editor of the Advocate were visitors present. I am indebted to Brother Newell for the splendid opportunity given me to present the cause of Christian Literature and especially the Advocate. I have seen nowhere a more sympathetic attitude on the part of preachers and people and I am sure our Advocate has a safe and growing constituency in the Statesville District. Our records show that on an allotment of 283 the Statesville District has turned in 360 new subscribers and that the renewals have been carefully looked after.

I regret the necessity of a short stay and shall expect the Secretary to furnish our readers with a report of such details as the public generally is interested in.

I had delightful entertainment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Johnson, and only regret that my stay could not have been prolonged to cover the entire Conference.

Rev. R. D. Sherrill, the pastor, is serving his first year and as usual grows upon his people. Brother Newell, the presiding elder, is popular, his cheerful manner always giving him the right of way among the people.

Not the least of Lenoir's attractions is Davenport College, now one of our leading institutions for the education of women. I was delighted to hear the good report of President Craven which indicates that they will have a patronage fully up to the capacity of the college next year.

H. M. B.

THE MATTER OF SELF SUPPORT

Can the preaching of the Gospel be commercialiezd? Is there danger at this point? Some things have transpired recently and some things have been suggested in connection with our great Centenary movement, which have led the writer to fear that there is an immanent peril of this sort. We are convinced that one of the greatest dangers of the situation as it exists today is that of commercializing the whole matter of pastoral service and of evangelistic effort. While we are liable to be misunderstood yet we feel constrained to call attention to the fact that our Lord sent forth His disciples "without purse or scrip," and that the early church in its efforts to carry out the Great Commission did not put the question of material support first. The saints helped each other, there being conspicuous examples of self-sacrifice to save the brethren from suffering. Nevertheless, St. Paul, who was chief among the apostles, practiced the utmost self-denial and wrought at his trade, lest the gospel should be blamed. In his great missionary tours in determining the course that he should take in the journey there was never once raised the question of support, but rather the question of the divine will. So the vision of the night directed him into Macedonia, not because there was in Macedonia a field which promised immediate or remote self-support, but because, for reasons known only to the Great Head of the Church, there was in Macedonia a field ripe for the kingdom.

There are many destitute fields today, in America, and even in North Carolina, where, by every token, the call comes to our church. Many of these fields have been worked around by us for many years. In some of them feeble efforts have been made to establish the work, but they have been abandoned for the reason that there is thought to be no indication of a possible development to the point of self-support. Our leaders have not been disposed to consider the fact of the numbers involved and their great need of the gospel; but, convinced that there is little or no promise of self-support, they leave them out of the plan and adopt a sort of quarantine attitude instead of a vigorous policy of evangelization and education.

We believe that our church should adopt a more aggressive policy in its Home Mission work and be sure that destitute sections are not left out of our plans, even though there should be little prospect of developing strong financial support. The question should never be "How many dollars can we add to the financial budget, but how many souls can we reach with the message of life." The farmer who is accustomed to work around his briar patches allowing them to extend their borders every year, will soon find that he has nothing left to cultivate, and that, after all, the richest soil has been allowed to go to waste. There is but one question to be answered in determining the bounds of our missionary efforts, and that is the question of the needs of those to whom we minister and not that of our need of support. Let us ever keep in mind the fact that our Lord came to minister and not to be ministered to. He gave his life for us and we ought therefore to give our lives for the brethren.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Methodist Centenary Celebration is to be filmed for motion picture exhibition, so that those who have been deprived of the privilege of seeing the great show will still have an opportunity to be benefited by it. The estimated cost of these films is $30,000, but it is thought that the results will amply justify this outlay. These pictures will be seen all over the world.

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The fight for Ratification of the Peace Treaty is on this week in the United States Senate. President Wilson, since his return to this country, has been holding private conferences with leading republican senators, and the dispatches indicate that he is making progress. The opposition has not yet by any means subsided, but it is said to be softening, and it would seem that the way is being paved for a graceful retreat. It is greatly to be deplored that such a matter should ever have been made a partizan issue. The League of Nations to Enforce Peace, which has been the subject of the severest attacks, is of such importance as to stand far above partizan ends. While we are sure that no League of Nations, or other political expedient, can maintain the peace of the world apart from the standards of life maintained among the population of the nations, yet such an organization may go far toward giving the best sentiment of these populations a form of expression that will be effective. War is such a terrible thing that we believe that every possible precaution should be taken to prevent it.

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Mr. W. T. Ellis is undoubtedly a brilliant man and his writings are being widely read. As is common with these brilliant men Mr. Ellis sometimes plays the smart Aleck. The editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate touches him about right in the following:

W. T. Ellis, so well known to the newspaper world, has been compelled to leave Egypt beause of objectionable utterances made by him against the British government and in sympathy with the Egyptian party seeking to overthrow English rule. Mr. Ellis is a brilliant writer and a versatile thinker—so versatile that he always thinks the thing ought to be done in another way. He has made many thrusts at the church and the ministry, but the church has had no inclination nor power to stop his criticisms. However, when as a visitor in Egypt he undertakes to tell John Bull how to run his affairs, that is a different proposition. He has had to move on, and is now in Constantinople. No doubt Mr. Ellis will soon evolve a plan for the solution of all the problems of the Turk. It must be a great pleasure for a man to always be able to think that he knows it all.

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General Julian S. Carr delivered an address on Southern Day at the Methodist Exposition on July 2nd, in which he spoke from the standpoint of the genuine Southerner and gave the many Northerners present some valuable facts which they somehow often overlook. We regret that we have not space to reproduce the whole address which was printed in full in the News and Observer of July 13th. Referring to the achievements of Southerners her said:

I am delighted to stand in this distinguished presence and claim that the soldier who won the greatest distinction in the great World War was a Southerner, born if you please in the mountains of Tennessee, the daughter of North Carolina. Listen, It was a man's job, let me tell you, for a mountain

boy whose mother, thank God, is a member of the great Southern Methodist Church, to take 130 German prisoners, and to capture 25 machine guns and to kill 32 German soldiers.

It makes me tired to hear certain folks bemoaning and bewailing the condition of mountain people of Tennessee and North Carolina as some busy bodies long have done. I have no weasel words to express my disgust for such contumely. Let some of these sweep before their own doors, before venturing abroad on a tirade of misrepresentation.

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Church Statistics for 1918. The most important facts concerning Church life do not get into statistical tables. The men who deal with them always find wonderful and irreconcilable facts in them; but they nevertheless have some value. If they were collected with greater accuracy, they would be still more valuable. The statistics for our Church the past year are not as encouraging as we could wish, but we subjoin them for the information of our readers. They have been furnished the press by Dr. F. M. Thomas, our Book Editor.

Total preachers	7,671	Decrease 26
Total local preachers ..	4,948	Decrease 211
Total members 2,183,993		Increase 19,301
Preachers and members 2,196,612		Increase 19,064
Infants baptized	24,844	Decrease 5,695
Adults baptized	64,924	Decrease 11,649
Number societies	19,204	Decrease 640
Number charges	6,578	Decrease 234
Value of Churches		$65,359,065
Epworth Leagues	3,458	Decrease 337
Ep. League members ..	116,975	Decrease 14,41
Sunday schools	16,701	Decrease 578
Officers and teachers ...	145,065	Decrease 6,727
Sunday school scholars	1,654,715	Decrease 101,464

Number educational institutions, 194; teachers, 1,947; pupils, 29,544; endowments, $7,522,775; value of property, $17,774,931.

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The Wesley Bible Class Federation is given right of way in this issue of the Advocate. This is one of the modern developments of Sunday School work, and one that we believe has in it vast possibilities for good. The Bible class is nothing new. Moses had something to do with the first one of which we have any record, and in his day it was a very plain and direct study of that little beginning of the Bible which they had. His methods may seem rudimentary to us, but the essential elements were there, and it was a very effective way of instructing the people of his day in the Word of God. But the organized Bible class is comparatively modern, and this special form of it in our Church is more modern still. The number of these classes, and the size of many of them already organized, ought to be greatly increased. We should be satisfied with nothing less than the whole membership of the Church in the Sunday School, and the adult part of it ought to be in these Bible classes. There may be a few men and women who cannot go to Sunday School, but they are the exception. There are many who will tell you that they cannot go, but that is another matter. If the will to go is very strong, the ability to do so is almost sure to follow. Be sure that you have a reason for absenting yourself that will stand the test at the day of final accounts before you act upon it here. Read this issue carefully and enlist in the work.

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The Propanganda for Philippine Independence is going vigorously on. Communications are regularly being sent out from their headquarters in Washington, D. C., to the press, giving such facts as they think will promote their cause. The fact that they are sent out as propaganda for a definite purpose somewhat discounts their value, but we suppose they are adhering to the truth in their statements, if they are only presenting one side of the question. As dependents of the United States the conditions prevailing there should be of interest to us. We are told that of the 10,500,000 population 10,000,000 are civilized Christians, while 500,000 represent the non-Christian, or so-called wild tribes. Including these wild tribes, 70 per cent of the population are literate. Between 1912 and 1918 the total number of children in school increased from 440,000 to 675,000—a gain of 54 per cent in six years. The number of intermediate pupils grew to 67,000—an increase of 160 per cent. The number of high school students reached 16,000—an increase of 220 per cent. The Philippine legislature, composed entirely of Philippinos, now supports 4,700 schools with a teaching force of 12,303 teachers. All instruction is in English. A large number of additional American teachers are to be employed and sent to the Philippines within the next year at the expense of the Philippine government.

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Serious If True. A recent issue of the New Orleans Christian Advocate adverted to the fact that a certain senator had called attention to the fact that the League of Nations, as arranged in the proposed plan, might put the Roman Catholic Church in control politically of the nations involved in it. Our esteemed confrere referred to this as "serious". If the danger is real, then it is serious. We have no doubt that the Roman Catholic Church thirsts for political power—as much so as it did in the days of Gregory the Great. We have no doubt that it would resort to any sort of strategy in order to secure it. We believe furthermore that it is wise to be ever on the alert to prevent its getting an opportunity to acquire again the political power which it has lost through the most unwarranted use of it when it had it. All these things need to be kept constantly in mind; and yet we believe that certain senator was using it purely as a bogy to prejudice the public mind against the League of Nations covenant. The world is in no mind today to submit to the domination of Roman Catholicism. The danger from that point is not so much open domination as it is secret machinations to sneak through legislation to their advantage without the general public finding it out. It is well to keep an eye on Rome, but do not let Rome cheat us out of a concert of the nations to maintain peace.

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The Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference has been called to meet in Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 9-16. These dates will embrace the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that brought to an end the bloody conflict that had raged for more than four years. It is opportune that a conference of this character, bringing together the leading religious thinkers of the world to consider the grave questions involved in world-reconstruction, should be held. It is pre-eminently a time when Christian principles should guide in the formulation of governmental policies. The principles of right and justice should make themselves felt in the councils of the nations, and an organized effort on the part of those particularly interested will be the most efficient method for bringing this about. This conference is to be held under the auspices of the National Reform Association, and Dr. J. S. Martin, the General Superintendent, has been to Paris to confer with the leading statesmen and religious thinkers that have recently been gathered there. More than two hundred of these statesmen, religious thinkers and moral leaders of the world were interviewed by him. He reports that he was met cordially and assured of co-operation by practically all of them. Christian men and women from all parts of the world are invited and expected to attend. Representatives from forty-six nations and many states have already been appointed.

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The Joint Commission on Unification held a four day session at Cleveland, Ohio, July 7-11. We published last week a telegram from Dr. F. M. Thomas, Secretary of our Commission, that contained the gist of what was done. Bishop W. A. Candler, Chairman of our Commission, could not be present and sent in his resignation as chairman. Bishop E. D. Mouzon was elected to succeed him in that position. Bishop Ainsworth acted as his alternate at this session of the Commission. Proper notice was taken of the death of Bishop Hoss, who was a member of our Commission, and eulogies on his life were pronounced by Bishops Cranston and Denny. The two subjects that were up for consideration were the Regional Conference and the status of the Negro in the unified Church. No agreement was reached on either; and, while some of the members claim that progress was made in that concessions were made on both sides, we fail to see from the published reports any great evidences of it. An Ad Interim Committee of fourteen—seven from each Commission—was appointed to whom was referred the whole question of unification. If our information is correct, this Committee has the authority to take up the whole question and present an entirely different plan if it so desires and can find one to present; or it can seek to solve the difficulties in the present plan that have presented themselves to the Commissioners. This Committee has arranged for a meeting this fall, and the full Joint Commission will meet again Jan. 15th, 1920, with the place to be determined later—some say probably in New Orleans.

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Shall the Federal Government Undertake to Surpress Lynching. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America does not hesitate to express itself on an exceedingly wide range of subjects. A meeting of the Executive Committee seems to have been held the other day at Columbus, Ohio, and the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Federal Council memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact a federal law for the suppressing of lynching, and in every way use its authority to remove from American society this disgraceful evil." It is stated that Bishop John M. Moore, of the Southern Methodist Church spoke forcibly in favor of government control of mob violence, and that other Southern members strongly supported him. We of the South naturally feel a little keenly the disgrace that attaches to lynchings, because the majority of them have occurred in the South. We do not believe that this is because the people of the South are any more in sympathy with lynching than are the people in any other section of the country. That it should occur anywhere is greatly to be deplored. All good people unqualifiedly condemn it. We are in favor of any effective means to prevent it, but will not the remedy proposed aggravate it rather than help it? It is already a violation of law. The States have sufficient power to prevent it, if you could have the power on the spot at the right time, and the State can come as near doing that as the Federal government. No amount of power can prevent crime after the fact. It occurs to us that the Federal Council has made a proposition that would only complicate a situation that is already deplorable enough.

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Our Church Enters Europe. At the meeting of our Board of Missions early in June it was decided to enter Europe with our work. This work is to begin as soon as possible, and it is understood that there will be complete adjustment between our Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church in this undertaking. The amount to be appropriated is left to the Executive Committee, and a deputation of five was appointed to make further investigations and reach conclusions as to the character of the work to be undertaken, the location of centers, and to estimate the cost of lands, buildings and other equipment. It is proposed to enter Belgium, France, Czecho-Slovakia and Southern Russia. With reference to the co-operation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church in this work, it will be well to quote the exact action of the Board as follows: "We fully appreciate and approve the effort which has been made by the two commissions of the two great Methodist bodies to devise a practical working basis by which the two Churches may make their best and highest contribution to this great task of evangelization in Europe, and earnestly believe such agreement should be reached which will prevent competition and overlapping and secure the largest possible amount of helpful co-operation in the performance of the great work to which both Churches have been providentially called. We, therefore, recommend that a committee of five be appointed, consisting of Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, W. W. Pinson, Miss Belle H. Bennette, W. B. Beauchamp and John R. Pepper, to consider with a like committee from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church the whole question of the relation of the two Episcopal Methodisms in this work in Europe and report their conclusions to this Board at as early a date as possible." This was the report of a sub-committee to our Board, but the report was unanimously adopted and became the action of our Board in the matter. We think that our people will rejoice that our Church can take a worthy part in the religious work of Europe in the days that are immediately ahead of us, and the effort to do this so as to prevent overlapping or competition with our sister Church will be universally approved.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C., AUGUST 7-8-9, 1919.

A JUNALUSKA FEATURE

A new feature is being introduced in the program of the Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held August 7, 8 and 9. This is the use of topics bearing on the subjects pertaining to the choosing of a life work. Several short addresses will be made showing how a young man or young woman may invest life as Christian workers; these topics will include some subjects which are commonly recognized as "Christian Callings,; it will also include topics which tend to show that we need Christian merchants, manufacturers, bankers, physicians and other workers who do not derive their support from the religious work they do, but nevertheless that they are engaged in callings which they feel are blessed of God. This feature alone will make the program vital to the lives of many of our young people.

YOU ARE WANTED

Our Sunday School Headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., have had complete programs and artistic posters printed giving the facts relative to our big Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Lake Junaluska, August 7, 8 and 9. Copies of these have been forwarded to our pastors, superintendents and Bible class leaders. All this has been done without expense to us and we are greatly indebted to our Nashville friends.

If you have not seen the beautiful posters I trust you will see to it that your superintendent places a copy in plain view of you all. The posters are a work of art and are too important to miss seeing.

With all this done it is most certainly up to us to furnish the crowd. Our Federation must be well attended. A glance at the program will convince the most skeptical of the rare value of the meeting. It is going to be the best thing ever, just put that down in your cranium.

And think, this is to be a Western North Carolina Conference affair! If we do not attend there will be no delegates to receive the benefit of all this outlay of talent and expense. I have assured our Nashville friends that our Bible class workers will see to it that a good attendance will be on hand to appreciate the splendid addresses and functions of the Federation. Have I presumed too much?

Be sure, won't you please, to see to it that your promising young people, as well as those interested in young people, attend the Federation. Let's get together and have the "time of our lives." If as many as 250 people attend the Federation each person can return for one-third going cost. When you buy your ticket be sure to ask your agent for certificate to be validated at Junaluska.

There will be no collections, no pledges or requests for money made upon delegates. The aim of the Federation is to get enthusiastic information and inspiration concerning the work of the Wesley Bible Class before our people. These are stirring times for Methodists. There is an awakening along all lines and Wesley Bible Class workers will want to keep abreast with the procession.

So get ready to attend the Junaluska meeting. The expense will not be heavy for three days. Ample hotel accomodations can be obtained at from $2.00 the day up, which is regarded as a good figure for present times of high prices. Southern train Number 21, which leaves Greensboro at 12:30 will take you direct to Junaluska, arriving there at 9:20 the same evening. Boost the Federation. Let this be your greeting among your class fellows: "Meet me at Junaluska."

With best wishes,

O. V. Woosley.

BENEFITS OF A WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

By Rev. E. Hightower, Superintendent Department of Young People's and Adult Work.

The following statements are based upon actual observation of the workings of a Conference Federation of Wesley Bible Classes:

1. Federation develops among Bible classes a healthy denominational spirit. Religious work is chiefly done through denominational agencies. The usefulness of a Bible class depends upon close and sympathetic connection with the machinery of its own Church. The desire for fellowship in service is so strong that unless our Church satisfies this craving it will seek gratification elsewhere. The Federation meets this need and at the same time binds the movement to our own Church.

2. The fact that a Bible class must be properly registered at our own headquarters before it can participate in a Federation stimulates organization and enrollment. Registration emphasizes the obligation of a class to be subject to the discipline of the Church. It standarizes class organization and thus encourages class activities and projects those activities into proper channels. It keeps the class in vital touch with our own headquarters and gives stability to its organization.

3. Federation gives opportunity for confidence. The Wesley Bible Class movement is yet in the pioneer stage. Every worker in this field needs the experience of other workers. Federation affords a chance to compare notes, exchange ideas, and discuss plans.

4. It broadens the vision of Bible class workers by bringing them into contact with our leaders. Mere attendance at the Annual Conference, where they heard the leaders of Methodism, has been a most important factor in the development of our preachers. Contact with the leaders in Sunday school work must have results quite as beneficial to Wesley Bible Class workers. It enlarges their horizon, focuses their attention upon things that are really important, and kindles their zeal.

5. Federation imparts an idea of the importance and magnitude of the organized Bible class movement. Great bodies in action are always impressive. The lonely Bible class teacher in the isolated school, facing discouragements, conscious of his own limitations, and chilled by the indifference of those he seeks to help, may wonder if, after all, his work is worth while. Bring that person into fellowship with a host of people intent upon the same pursuit that claims his attention, and he will return to his own task with a bounding heart.

6. Without religious fevor all our plans and organizations avail nothing. To meet with kindred spirits who are conscious of salvation and intent upon service for the King cannot but react in blessing on the earnest soul. What the revival is to the local Church member who gives to it his active co-operation, the Wesley Bible Class Federation is to the Bible class worker who makes himself an integral part of the movement.

A NEW SET OF METHODISTS

By Charles D. Bulla, Corresponding Secretary of the General Sunday School Board

The organized Bible class has made an invaluable contribution toward the solution of many Church problems.

1. Wesley Bible Classes have been loyal to the Church. They acknowledge allegiance to the Church when they enroll and receive Certificates of Registration. When a Bible class is found that is independent of the Church, it is not a Wesley Class; and if it bears the name it has forfeited its right to family fellowship. There is no place in our Church for an independent class. If a class shall say, "I am not of the Sunday school," is it not, therefore, not of the school? The Wesley Class is of the Sunday school as the school is of the Church. All Bible classes that live in the house and eat at the board of our Methodism



MENS BIBLE CLASS, BROAD STREET CHURCH, STATESVILLE, N. C.



TRINITY WESLEY BIBLE CLASS, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

should enroll as Wesley Classes and enter into Church-wide fellowship.

2. Wesley Bible Classes have been the most successful of all agencies in bringing nonchurchgoing men and women under the influence of our Church. The first Wesley Bible Class Certificate of Registration was issued in September, 1910. There are now more than 11,000 Wesley Classes with a membership of 240,000 at the time of enrollment.

Two State and six Annual Conference Federations have been formed. Twenty-two Federation meetings have been held, with a total attendance of ten thousand delegates. In these meetings ways of teaching are considered, methods of work discussed, and denominational loyalty is promoted.

Tens of thousands of young men have gone from Wesley Bible Classes into the service of our country. In God's gracious plan they were blessed with upper-room fellowship. Bible study, and service in preparation for their Gethsemane days of agony and sacrifice. It is the prayer of their fellow members that heaven will grant our noble men heart-winning communion in their Emmaus way with the Comrade in White.

3. Wesley Classes have built barriers about our boys and girls. The very presence in the Sunday school of fathers, mothers, older brothers, and sisters is as a sea wall between the youth of our homes and Churches and the undertow of the world that would engulf them. Boys and girls follow the track marks of men and women, whether they lead to or from the house of God. By means of class organization the physical, mental, social, and religious needs of youth are being met in a better way than was possible in the old-type class. The organized Bible class is flexible enough to include all the activities of boys and girls. Work for with, and by young people that is not fundamentally religious falls short of the Church ideal and in most instances is hardly worth while. They will outgrow other organizations, but they will never outgrow the organized Bible class. "If I were not a preacher I would be a teacher of boys," said Martin Luther. Just because we are preachers and parents and citizens we are in duty bound to be teachers of the young.

4. Wesley Bible Classes have contributed to the welfare of the home. They have sent men and women from class sessions better prepared to discharge the duties of parent-hood. They have cooperated with the Sunday school in extending the work done in the session to those who do not attend. They have promoted Bible study and encouraged family worship. The home is the unit of society and holds the first place in religious training A meeting-house religion is no substitute for a dwelling-house religion. The supreme need of our day is revival of hearthstone religion.

5. Wesley Bible Classes have placed emphasis upon religious service. They have learned from the Scriptures that Christianity is a religon of service. They have not gone on a senseless search for the Holy Grail, but have shared their crust of brown bread and water out of a wooden bowl to satisfy the life needs of men and women and children in the Church, in the home, in the community, and on to the last man in far-away mission lands.

A great work waits for the still more efficient Wesley Bible Class. Fifty million people in this country never darken the door of a Protestant church. Only one-fourth of the twenty million men and women in our industrial world are Churched. Multitudes are distressed and scatter, ed, as sheep not having a shepherd. Moved with a Christlike compassion, we must find them and bring them into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASSES

By Bishop James Atkins

Perhaps no movement in the modern Church is bringing such hope and even confidence to Church statesmen, as is the organized Bible class, which is working under the various names, but with a single purpose.

The growth of the Wesley Bible Class movement has been truly wonderful, and a most gratifying fact is that this growth has been sane and wholesome. It has not been fostered by those methods which cause a fad to grow up quickly and to almost as quickly die out. It has vindicated its claim to acceptance at every stage by the fruits it has born.

A short study of the underlying purposes of these Bible classes will reveal within the movement those rational forces which make for the enlargement and permanence of the work.

1. The first of these purposes is to stop the leaks. There are two kinds of leakage that are dangerous—one from within and the other from without. A leak in a reservoir may cause a water famine. A leak in a ship may cause the craft to founder and the passengers and crew to perish. I am not sure that the Church has not been suffering from both kinds of leakage at the Sunday school point. The departure from the Sunday school of a majority of its pupils, especially of the boys, at the age of from 16 to 18 years certainly drains the school of its most hopeful and desirable element at the stage at which it can least be spared. On the other hand, the leakage out of the Sunday school into church membership of a very large proportion of the Sunday school without sufficient instruction and with no training in the work of the Church, is undoubtedly a source of danger.

I have always sympathized with boys because I know that they are much misunderstood and oftentimes wrongly condemned. When a boy reaches the age referred to he feels that he is about to be a man, and he has a natural instinct which leads him to do what men do—to do as men do. He looks about him in Sunday school and sees that his father is not there, that but few other men are there, and especially that the young men just older than himself are not there; and he perceives that to go to Sunday school is non-manly, and from that he easily goes to the conclusion that it is unmanly, and out he goes. His instinct for manliness has carried him away. Under the new order he finds just to the contrary, and he easily passes into manhood without shedding his religion to put on his toga. While this first reason for the organized class may be properly called economic, it is yet of very grave importance, because upon it rest all the other essential things that are to follow.

2. The second underlying purpose is a continued and enlarged study of the Bible. The Bible is not a mere book; but a library, a literature; and eighteen or twenty years of one's life is not a sufficient period for gaining a fair knowledge of its various themes, to say nothing of its deep and vital meanings, upon a clear understanding of which all great religious character depends. Thus superficial knowledge of the Bible and the carrying forward of this childish view of it into manhood and womanhood oftentimes leads people to make a mere fetish of the Bible instead of a living fountain, the waters of which shall refresh and sweeten the life of every day. This higher, more vital knowledge of the Holy Scriptures cannot be attained except by long-continued study, and much of it can never be mastered until the text is illumined by the light of experience. In a final word, the Bible by its very genius forbids the idea that it is a book to be graduated from but proves itself to be one which grows richer and deeper in proportion to the continuance and the religious intensity with which it is studied. The adult Bible class work is, therefore, the first organized step toward a life-long study of the Holp Scriptures.

3. The next purpose is to open the way to the best order of sociological work. I know that by some churchmen this class of work is decried, but not justly or in harmony with the teaching of Jesus. Our Lord taught nothing more plainly than that the fine sentiments and qualities inspired by His own life and His gospel should not end in a mere subjective enrichment and enjoyment, but that they must become concerted, expressed in lives of serviceableness to our fellowmen of every sphere and condition. The organized class furnishes the opportunity for doing the will of God in manifold forms of service. The vivacity, the hopefulness, the energy and kindliness of youth are the resources that are needed in every community; and this Bible class work enables the young people to consecrate these natural gifts to the comfort and help of others. They find in a short time that they do not have to go into foreign lands to find the ignorant to be taught, the sick to be visited, the grief-stricken to be comforted, and the downhearted to be cheered, uplifted and empowered. In such work our young people learn truly the meaning of that great saying of our Lord which was lost by the evangelists, but recovered to us by St. Paul—namely, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"—and also of that other wonderful saying, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

4. Still another of the fundamental purposes is to meet the demand for companionship. The thirst for companionship is one of the primary appetences of human nature. It is the basis of marriage and the family, of communities and nations. Man will not, cannot live without it. If the family and the church do not provide for its rightful gratification, the world and the flesh will always be present with their devices. This Bible class relation furnishes the two conditions best adapted to the establishment of a safe and fruitful companionship. These two conditions are studying together a great Book and doing together a great work. This kind of companionship leads to genuine fellowship, and fellowship ripens into friendship, which is at last the highest relation which human beings sustain to each other.

5. The final purpose is to prepare leaders for the proper filling of the official places in the church, such as ministers, superintendents, stewards and teachers. It is everlastingly true that sheep without a shepherd are scattered abroad and lost. There is just now no greater economic need than a sufficient number of properly qualified leaders to direct and develop the varied activities of the kingdom of God.

STANDING ON THE SIDE LINES

M. W. Brabham

If Wesley Bible Classes have one function more important than another, it is chiefly to pull people

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Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. C. F. Sherrill, the pastor, is holding revival services at Pleasant Garden.

—Main Street church, Reidsville, took the Sunday School on a picnic outing on Wednesday, July 16th.

—Bishop Lambuth will sail from Vancouver, August 7, for his Episcopal district embracing China, Japan and Korea.

—Rev. W. C. Jones, pastor of the Ruffin Circuit, was in revival services at Ruffin last week with Rev. H. C. Sprinkle assisting.

—Rev. F. L. Townsend held revival services at Wentworth last week, assisted by Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, of Spring Garden Street. We have no report of results.

—The postoffice address of Bishop James Cannon is Lake Junaluska, N. C. He will have this as his headquarters for the Summer.

—Mr. Medlin and Mr. Humble left Thursday at noon for their home in New Bern with many friends added by their sojourn in our midst.—Dunn Dispatch.

—Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Church, Gastonia, returned last week from a visit to the Centenary Celebration at Columbus and to Niagara Falls.

—Bishop Ainsworth, who has been with his sick daughter in Atlanta for some days, left on Monday afternoon for Cleveland, having been called by wire. His daughter is better.—Wesleyan Advocate.

—We regret to learn that Rev. J. T. Stover, pastor of the Coleridge circuit, had the misfortune to fall on Thursday night of last week and fracture his jaw bone. Late reports indicate that he is resting satisfactorily and the hope is entertained that he will soon be well on the way to recovery.

—We regret to note that Prof. A. S. Webb, of Concord, was called to the bedside of his brother, Dr. William A. Webb, at Lynchburg last week. Dr. Webb, who is president of Randolph-Macon College, is reported as quite ill.

—We regret to learn that Rev. R. M. Hoyle, pastor of our church in Newton, is suffering from an attack of sciatica. Having had considerable experience with the same malady we know how to sympathize with Brother Hoyle.

—It will be of interest to many of our readers to learn of the announcement of the marriage of Miss Clara Bell Suit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Suit, of Washington, D. C., to Mr. Thomas J. Brooks, of Greensboro, N. C. The marriage took place on June 28, 1919. The Advocate extends congratulations and best wishes.

—Among the recent visitors to the Methodist Centenary not hitherto mentioned were Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder of the Greensboro District; Rev. A. C. Gibbs, of Walnut Street and Caraway Memorial, and Rev. A. W. Plyler, of Centenary church. Greensboro and the Greensboro District were well represented and we trust the inspiration received may be shared fully by those less fortunate ones who could not attend.

—Miss Lemma Beaulah Gibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Gibbs, of Rockingham county, was happily married on Thursday evening, July 10th, to Mr. William Alexander McDaniel, of Bennettsville, S. C. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents near Reidsville and was performed by the pastor, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle. The Advocate joins in all well wishes for the happiness of this young couple.

—Many Advocate readers will learn with sorrow of the death of Dr. W. B. Houston, which occurred at his home in Monroe on Tuesday, July 15th after a long illness. Dr. Houston was a brother of Secretary of Agriculture, David Franklin Houston, a member of President Wilson's cabinet. He was a member of Central church and the funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Jordan, assisted by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, a former pastor.

—Rev. T. J. Ogburn has several hundred pledge cards for boys who are willing to sign the pledge to quit forever the use of cigarettes. This card has on one side a statement of the ruinous effects of cigarette smoking and on the other a pleadge with blank to be filled and signed by the boys. Brother Ogburn proposes to send these cards free and postpaid to any one who will write him. Address Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Kernersville, N. C.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Ware called on their way home from attending the Methodist Centenary celebration at Columbus, O., and a visit to Niagara Falls. They had a great trip and their congregation at North Wilkesboro did a magnanimous thing in sending their pastor and his wife to this great church celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Ware are enthusiastic over what they saw and heard. The inspiration and religious influence can but abide with all whose privilege it was to witness the amazing achievements of our great Church.

—The revival meetings now in progress in the Benson M. E. Church are making a deep impression on the community life. People of all denominations are uniting heartily in all the services. The Gospel messages of Evangelist Rev. T. B. Price are presented in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Great crowds are in attendance each night, and on Sunday night six hundred people, mostly men, heard with intense interest this gifted preacher. All places of business will close each morning this week for the meetings. Friday will be Farmer's Day and a geat crowd is expected. Rev. E. M. Hall is the pastor.

—Our church at Lillington had a very enjoyable occasion recently when their new church was dedicated. Rev. H. B. Porter, of Siler City, a former pastor, preached on Friday night, and Rev. John H. Hall, of Aberdeen delivered the sermon in the dedicatory service on Sunday morning, Rev. G. W. Perry, of Bynum, preaching the evening sermon. In connection with the dedicatory service, Rev. N. M. McDonald, the pastor, burned the mortgage. Mr. H. T. Spears, trustee, read a historical sketch of the church and Mr. John D. Thompson read a sketch of the Sunday school. The whole day as reported in the Harnet County News seems to have been an inspiration.

—The revival meeting in progress at the Methodist church closed Wednesday night. Rev. Mr. Humble did most excellent preaching and greatly endeared himself to the people of the town. He is one of the State's foremost preachers. Mr. Medlin, the singer, is an ideal young man deeply consecrated and an excellent singer. The musical feature of the revival was attractive indeed. The meeting was a success from every standpoint. The people were responsive and very hospitable to the pastor and the visitors. There were 15 additions and the indications are that from all sources there will be more than twenty. The other churches were very cordial toward the meeting and readily assisted in the cause. —Dunn Dispatch.

—Mr. Benjamin D. Heath, one of the most prominent business men of Charlotte and a member of Hawthorne Lane Church, passed away at his home in that city on Wednesday, July 16th. Mr. Heath was a native of Lancaster county, S. C., and with his brother, the late O. P. Heath, came to Charlotte many years ago where together they established great business interests which were quite successful. Referring to his life, the Charlotte Observer says: "Mr. Heath was of a philanthropic nature and made many gifts to deserving causes. Among them was a donation of $20,000 to the Methodist orphanage at Winston-Salem, and the property on which the Hawthorne Lane Methodist church and the parsonage are located. He was a steward in Tryon Street Methodist church for over 20 years, and was one of the organizers, a few years ago, of Hawthorne Lane church. Mr. Heath was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary J. Wilson, of Lancaster county. His second wife, who survives, was Miss Nettie Morgan, of Columbia, Tenn. Mr. Heath had 14 children, seven by each marriage, and all survive. He would have been 70 years old the 26th of this month." The funeral was conducted from Hawthorne Lane church on Thursday afternoon by Dr. T. F. Marr, the pastor, and Bishop John C. Kilgo. The deceased will be greatly missed in both business and church circles.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NOTES

—Dr. Luther E. Todd reports that from September 1, 1918, to April 1, 1919, there has been added to the superannuate endowment fund $52,665.47. The total is now $514,082.2?. Southern Methodists ought to make it not less than $10,000,00, and we believe they will.

—The Washington City Representtive Church was recently opened with a great program of services, Bishop Candler preaching in the morning and Bishop Kilgo at night. There were great crowds in attendance and much interest manifested.

—The family of Dr. J. L. Weber are spending the summer at their cottage in Monteagle.

—Embree Hoss Du Bose, the eleven-year-old son of Bishop Du Bose, is recovering after an operati n at the Roosevelt Hospital, Berkeley, Cal.

—Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday School Editor, who has been abroad with the Syrian Relief Committee, has returned home.

—The fifth anniversary of the founding of Emory University was observed in the Candler School of Theology Chapel on the campus, July 17.

—Rev. W. F. Quillian, D. D., Fort Valley, Ga., reports $108,231.50—583 per cent on Centenary quota. No subscription over $5,000. Two volunteers.

NOTICE

One of our small village schools wants a quiet, well-behaved boy or young man, from fourteen to eighteen years of age, to live in the teachers' home and act as janitor for a five-teacher school. He can go to school while doing his work and will be given his tuition and books and a small amount in cash each month. If he wishes to, he can make his board by a little work around the home. This is a fine opportunity for the right sort of boy. Reference required. Address the undersigned at once. If any preacher knows such a boy, he will confer a favor on him by calling his attention to this notice.

S. B. Underwood,
Superintendent Pitt County Schools.
Greenville, S. C.

ENQUIRING FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Editor:—Will you allow me through the N. C. Advocate to ask for information in a matter of personal interest. I observe that the Advocate of last week gives the name of Mrs. J. G. Webber as one of the delegates elected from the Charlotte District to the next session of the Western N. C. Conference. I take it that she is the wife of a kinsman of mine. I write to enquire. My aunt Emily Weber, of Iredell county, married Charles Guyton Webber (sic) of York county, S. C. Does this explain a difference in the spelling of the same name? Possibly so. Any way, I want to hear from this delegate-elect, who is very likely akin to me. This is the first time that this honor has come to a lady presumably of my family. I wouldn't disturb the public about this family matter, but I don't know the P. O. address of this lady, who I feel sure is my cousin. My father and my grandfather, also my children and grandchildren, have always spelled our name with a single b.

Samuel A. Weber,
147 Tradd St., Charleston, S. C.
July 17, 1919.

RESOLUTION BY WINSTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

There being a general sentimet among our people to the effect that the advertisement of Coca-Cola or any other soft drink in our Sunday school literature and Nashville Advocate is not in keeping with the purpose of these periodicals and is an offense to many of our people.

Therefore be it resolved that we request that these advertisements be takn from said periodicals.

A. C. Swafford,
P. E Parker,
J. B. Fitzgerald,
R. G. Tuttle.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

A good Methodist lady was in our home today. She has lived in one of our largest cities since last November. While talking with her, she said she attended services at five different churches there before any one spoke to her. Of course she should have carried her church letter and handed it to the pastor of her preferred church soon after her arrival in that city. This would have introduced her and given her a homelike feeling among strangers.

On the other hand, I wonder if many of our pastors and people are not a bit careless about the strangers in their midst. Perhaps this is true in city, town and country. To my mind there is a good field for usefulness for the Social Service Committee in all our churches. S.

REVIVAL FIRES

Since our last report about 300 souls have been blessed. The fire still burns. The Holy Ghost continues to give victory. The multitudes attend and the Lord is over all.

Have enough calls to keep me busy two years. The evangelist is being liberally supported financially. The "Everlasting Arms" are underneath us. The saints are seeking higher ground. The lost are "feeling after God." The end of the age hastens to its close. The Bride is making herself ready for the sudden call: "Look up, lift up." "Your redemption draweth nigh." "To them that look for Him shall He return the second time, without sin unto salvation."

We feel so weak and unworthy of such a glorious rapture, yet through His grace we expect to meet Him in peace. My longing heart cries daily for "perfect love" and likeness to Him. Oh, that all Methodists would walk in deep humility, love, holiness and faithfulness.

Prayerfully,
JIM GREEN,
Conference Evangelist, Lincolnton, N. C.

THE WILMINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Wilmington District Conference convened at Rocky Point, N. C., Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, July 9, 1919, with Rev. J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Rev. J. H. Frizelle, pastor of our church at

Whiteville, preached the opening sermon Tuesday night.

Wednesday and Thursday the good people of Rocky Point served dinner on the ground in picnic style—two of as fine dinners as a bunch of Methodist preachers are privileged to see.

Rev. R. B. John, president of Carolina College, was present at the opening of the conference and made an interesting address on the work of the college. One cannot hear him without feeling that he is profoundly interested in the education of our young women. His report of the work of the college and the character of the students impressed the conference with the fact that excellent work is being done in the institution. It is worthy of note that every girl in the college last year was a member of the church.

Trinity College and the Park School were represented by Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder of the Durham District. In speaking of the Park School he said that every student of last year's class had been brought into vital touch with Christ.

At 12:00 o'clock of the first day of the conference Rev. M. T. Plyler of Wilmington preached a very forceful and helpful sermon. Rev. W. J. Watson preached at the evening hour and Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor of Haywood street M. E. Church, South, Asheville, N. C., preached at 12:00 o'clock, Tuesday. Brother Ader is exchanging pulpits with Brother V. P. Scoville, pastor of Trinity Church, Wilmington, during the summer.

For the first time in the history of the Wilmington District a woman was elected to the District Conference. Miss Louise Stanaland was elected from Trinity church, Southport. Mrs. Irene Morrison, member of Grace Church, Wilmington, was substitued for an absentee delegate and was elected a delegate to the Annual Conference. As far as I know, this is the only woman of the state who enjoys this distinction.

There seems to be an optimism in the air. Is it not a triumphant note of a new inspiration? Whether it is Bishop McDowell addressing the graduating class at Trinity College, or Dr. Goodell speaking to the summer school for ministers, on the "Herald of a Great Passion", or Brother Plyler in his sermon before the conference on "The Burning Heart", or Brother John in his address on the importance of higher education for women, or Brother Wooten in speaking of the character of the work done at Trinity College and the Park School, or the Presiding Elder in his timely remarks before the conference, the same jubilant, triumphant note of a new inspiration was sounded. The Spiritual atmosphere of the conference, in the judgment of all whom I heard express themselves, was about the best they had experienced. There was nothing cut and dried about it. It was a free and happy occasion. And the elder, upon whom many of us preachers are wont to put our sins, must bear the responsibilty in a larger measure for this very fine spirit of the conference. A good woman said of him the other day that she could see a development of his thinking on every Quarterly Conference occasion.

C. B. Culbreth, Secy.

OPENING CALYPSO CHURCH

The Calypso Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been completed and will be formally opened for services on the fourth Sunday in July, Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Goldsboro, N. C., preaching at 11 a. m. and at 8:30 p. m. This church was organized May 4th, 1913, by Rev. J. H. Frizelle, at that time pastor of the Mount Olive and Faison charge. Twenty names were added to the roll during Brother Frizelle's pastorate, which closed in the fall of 1916. Rev. J. M. Wright served the charge, as pastor, during 1917 and added four names to the roll. Work on the building was commenced during Brother Wright's pastorate. The membership, consisting of fifty names, is as fine, intelligent and consecrated as can be found in the North Carolina Conference. There is a very fine community spirit here, and the relations existing between all the churches are truly christian, and of course are very helpful. The Baptists and the Presbyterians kindly offered us the use of their respective churches until ours was completed. Owing to the various appointments we have been filling our appointments in the Presbyterian church. These sister denominations have aided us substantially with their money. The church is built of Statesville brick and with complete frunishings cost $12,000.

FRANK CULBRETH, Pastor.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL

The following letter has just been mailed to all pastors of the Western North Carolina Conference, and we hope there may be a prompt and liberal response:

Jefferson, N. C., July 13.

Dear Brother:

Six years ago the Jefferson School was established under the management of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Its birth was unpretentious; however, the loyalty and devotion of a few friends have brought it through six years of growth and progress. The church at Jefferson and all the churches touched by its influence have been reviviled. Interest in spiritual things as well as interest in education has been intensified.

The school has outgrown its quarters. New and enlarged equipment is absolutely necessary if the work so well begun is to be carried on successfully for the blessing of this wonderful section and for the glory of God. In order to do this, it is proposed to raise during the summer the amount of forty thousand dollars, and in securing this amount the school feels justified in placing itself in the thought, in the hearts, and in the efforts of the pastors of this Conference and their congregations. The school is the child of the Western North Carolina Conference, and without doubt the importance of the work it is doing will make an earnest appeal to the hearts and the purses of the members of this Conference.

It is requested that you pray for the success of this drive and that you present it to your congregation, soliciting contributions both large and small from your members. To the loyal and consecrated members of the Methodist Churches of this Conference, the school must look for help in this noble effort to increase its usefulness.

Earnestly requesting your prayers and your assistance in our efforts, we beg to remain,

Fraternally Yours,
G. L. Park,
W. H. Worth,
W. L. Scott,
Exec. Com.

MARION DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The second session of the Marion District Conference was held in Marion, N. C., July 2 and 3.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. Parker Holmes, opened the conference promptly at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, with an appropriatre address. There was not a large attendance but the afternoon train brought in quite a good number of preachers and laymen.

The several charges in the district were reported by preachers and delegates, showing advancement spiritually and financially.

The usual committees were appointed.

The characters of the local preachers were passed and license renewed to those unordained of all in the district.

Elijah Asbury Blanton, Cliffside circuit, and Champ Davis Fincannon, of Rutherfordton circuit were licensed to preach. William Edwin Hauss, of Rutherford College, was recommended for the traveling connection.

Spruce Pine was selected as the place for meeting next year.

C. F. Cline was elected as lay leader for the district.

The following were elected as delegates to the annual conference: Mrs. M. B. Mahafee, C. C. Moore, S. M. Asbury, S. B. Cannon, J. L. Nelson, J. L. Walsh, Freeland Walker and Eugene Cross. Alternates, Miss Lucy Davis and R. F. Berry.

Mrs. Dr. Jonas made report of woman's work in the district, which was stressed by Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Holmes showing interest in the work in the district, with success attending same, convincing all present that success of church is largely dependent on woman's zeal and energy.

Prof. Harbison, of Davenport College, gave a good report of the school.

Prof. Woosley made an interesting talk on Sunday school work.

The following licensing committee was appointed: Revs. T. C. Jordan, J. A. Fry, W. L. Hutchins and R. F. Mock.

Marion entertained the conference well and the vote of thanks was heartily given.

The Presiding Elder, Bro. Hutchins, the pastor, and his committees did their work in a commendable way.

The Conference went through with the business in a short time, but met disciplinary requirements without seeming in a hurry.

The Secretary is indebted to Bro. C. F. Cline, who was elected assistant, for valuable help.

J. B. Carpenter, Sect'y.

A PROTEST

This is against the use of the revised version of the Bible for the lesson text in our Sunday school literature. I may be an old fogy but some how the St. James version of the Bible has always been good enough for me. It is true there is much of it I do not understand, but to my mind some of the mysteries are even more mysterious in the revised version.

For instance, in the Sunday school lesson for July 13th: "I baptized you in water, but he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Will some one please explain this.

It is inconsistent to have one kind of Bible for home use and another for the Sunday school. I feel sure there is not one home in fifty where the revised version of the Bible can be found. This being true I submit that it is unfair to compel all who go to Sunday school to study it. As sure as time lasts confusion and infidelity will be the outcome of this mix-up.

This matter has weighed heavly on my mind for several months and I ask by what authority is this condition of things upon us?

Now, I may stand alone in this matter as no one else has spoken; but I had rather be alone and right than to be with the crowd and wrong.

G. W. Starling,
St. Pauls, N. C.

See page 14 for final Centenary report from the North Carolina Conference.



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The Young People's department of the Sunday school will be composed of one or more classes, depending on the size of the school. Every class within the department should be organized and enrolled as a Wesley Bible Class. Small classes of from ten to twenty members will be found best for real Bible study and for genuine study in other courses which will be offered as elective. It will be a great mistake for us to encourage young people of this age in any plan which looks to the settling back in absolute acceptance of a lecture system which provide for no discussion, no activities, no initiative and no future development.

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W. N. C. CONFERENCE

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pray for the young people of our Church who have decided to give their lives to missionary services at home and abroad. Pray for those who are trying to make the decision for life service. Hundreds have heard the call at the Centenary and in the summer Conferences. Ask that God's will may be done in their lives. Pray for the young people who are not hearing God's voice in making the decision fo their life work, that they may listen to His call and do His will.

LIFE SERVICE AT THE CENTENARY EXPOSITION

One of the great outstanding features of the Centenary Exposition, was the response of the young people for life service. During the first two weeks one hundred and ten young people signed life service pledges. Workers in the life service department had as many as thtiry interviews in one day with prospective missionaries. The high water mark of the celebration was reached on Sunday, July 6, when during an impressive talk by Bishop Henderson on "How to Decide on Life Work," he made three propositions to the young people asking them to respond by coming forward to the platform. The first call was for those who knew that if they did God's will, they would be led to the foreign field; the second was for those who were willing to respond if it should be God's will for them to serve in the home land; the third was for those who were willing for God to direct their lives into whatever channel He might choose. The response was spontaneous and at each call masses of young flocked forward without a moment's hesitation until the platform and the adjoining inclines were filled. The number responding was between four hundred and fifty and five hundred young people.

WOMAN'S DAY AT THE CELEBRATION

A day of especial interest to the women in Methodism was the day at the Centenary Exposition known as Woman's Day at which time the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies of both Churches was graphically portrayed, not only by strong speeches made on this occasion, but by the impressive processional of loyal and consecrated missionaries and members of the missionary societies who were present.

This meeting was presided over by Miss Belle H. Bennett, President of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in her usual easy, graceful manner. It is interesting to note that Miss Bennett was the only woman who was a member of the Centenary Commission, her appointment being due to the fact that at the time of her election the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with one exception, was the only Board that admitted women to its membership.

MISS MABEL K. HOWELL

Friends in the Conference of Miss Mabel K. Howell, Administrative Secretary of the Oriental Work of the Woman's Missionry Council, will be interested to know that she sailed from San Francsisco, July 17, Nanking, China Mail Steamship Company. During the six months that Miss Howell is absent from the States the prayers and best wishes of hosts of friends will go with her. Others sailing soon are Bishop Lambuth, Dr. Rawlings, Miss Mary Lou White, Miss Laura Mitchell and Dr. Hattie Love, who will sail from Vancouver on the Empress of Russia, August 7; Miss Fannie Scott and Bishop Moore, who will leave for Brazil in July and Miss Ida Shannon who will sail on August 5. Let us remember to pray daily for these representatives as they go forth to carry on the great work of our Church.

PLEASANT EVENT AT MAIN STREET, THOMASVILLE, N. C.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. F. S. Lambeth, the efficient President of the Woman's auxiliary at Main Street Church, Thomasville, N. C., in which she tells of a most pleasant and profitable meeting recently held there. A missionary program of special interest was given a notable feature of which was a splendid missionary address by Mrs. J. W. Kearns, of High Point, who came over at the invitation of the Thomasville workers to be with them on that occasion. We are sure this was an occasion of great pleasure and profit for this, one of our livest missionary organizations.

THIRD QUARTER

With the coming of July we enter upon the third quarter of our missionary year and the question arises in our minds "What have we done along the lines of our missionary work during the past six months?" How much remains for us to do during the next half-year if we are able to report all obligationns met in full, at the close of the year? We are anxious to have a quarterly financial report from our treasurer for publication, that we may know just how and where we stand. It behooves us all as presidents of the local auxiliaries to look well after each department of our societies and see that each one is doing all that is required. It is gratifying to note the number of new organiaztions made the past quarter and while we have not the exact number of adult and junior societies we are glad to say that there have been fourteen young people's societies added during the past ninety days making a total of eighteen new Young People's organiatiozns for the year.

INTERCESSION DRIVE, AUGUST 24-31

We are asked by Rev. S. A. Neblett, Intercession Secretary of the Department of Spiritual Resources, Missionary Centenary, to announce the Intercession Drive planned for August 24 to 31. Three goals must be kept in mind for that Drive, namely: Every pastor signing the Intercession Pledge; Every official member of the Church a member of the Fellowship of Intercession; A minimum of 40 per cent of the Church membership enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession.

Great and continued intercession is essential to the success of all the movements in our Church, and let us pledge ourselves to daily definite prayers for the greatest spiritual awakening the Church has ever known.

N. C. CONFERENCE

A LITTLE TALK ON SOCIAL SERVICE

New Bern District Conference

By Mrs. W. H. Speight

After the great war more than ever we need to look to conditions about us and as women of broader opportunities and wider vision to do our part to make the world a better place to live in.

The slogan, "Make the world fit for democracy" was all right while we were fighting to put down the miserable autocracy that was crushing the life out of millions of people. But now we need to make the world fit for Christian living.

It was the same spirit of love for men that Christ himself taught, that caused us to go into the war—to send food commissions across the sea, to provide against sickness and crime by public statute and public funds.

In a large way the government has entered into the much vexed question of labor, versus capital. Never before has a president been able to call off so great a strike as threatened through rail road employes a few years ago.

The spirit of arbitration and of consideration for the rights of a brother, brought us to believe that the time had come when all differences among nations could be settled by the Hague Tribunal, but not so while there were rulers with absolute power over the lives of their subjects.

Conditions are changed by the great war; governments have been overturned. The voice of the people has been heard and new republics have sprung up.

But we are still far from the goal of brotherhood.

The new governments have little knowledge of how to conduct government on humane priciples. It will take a long and patient effort to teach them, and so in the League of Nations, those representing the highest phases of Christian civilization are to be leaders, because civilization that is not Christian has proven a colassal failure.

Already, as never before, by the great Centenary movement, to which you all contributed, in our own Church, and like movements in other Churches do we see that the Christian world is aroused and is girding on the armor which is to conquer the world for Christ.

Not even in the days of Nero was there greater cruelty in persecution, and never before has there been greater need of the spread of the gospel of good news to both bodies and souls of men.

As said before to women have come larger powers in both Church and state, and it is up to us to place the weight of our influence where it will do most good.

We must not lose what has been gained in prohibition in fighting white slavery, the white plague, and venereal diseases; in protection of women and children in labor, in education, in sanitation and in more stringent laws against prostitution.

But while we use our larger powers in a larger way, let us remember to use the powers we already have in the home.

Let us train our children to obedience, to a personal sense of duty to God and those about them, to veneration of things sacred, to respect of old age.

We must teach them the sacredness of their own bodies that they may be able to protect themselves.

But how shall mothers do this, and at the same time allow their daughters to dress in such a way as to allure the very dangers and evils we should guard against.

Unless a girl is taught the impropriety of exposing her bare body she may not know, though older people have a feeling that innate modesty would teach it. Still we were taught from infancy that modesty in dress and manner was a woman's charm, that breach of it was her undoing.

The craze to do what everybody else does has taken hold of the mothers as well as the daughters, and so fashions that are a disgrace to womanhood are followed and the danger to our young people is encouraged, not lessened.

The modern dance has in it nothing to reccommend it to propriety or decency.

Not even has it the charm of graceful movement. It is sapping the life of our young people. It is dangerous to the boy as well as to the girl. Clasping the half clad figure of a girl in his arms, whirling or swaying to music for hours excites the animal in him to such a degree that we are told that more young people go down from the ball room than anywhere else. Pernicious as the dance is there are the punch, the smokes, the late hours, the night rides, all tending the same way and diminishing the powers of resistance.

Then there are the bridge parties, where many precious hours are wasted by an absorbing pastime that shuts out the cry for workers in the vineyard. Many Church women give time to this when they can not be persuaded to take up mission study, or to read Church literature.

The movie, which might be made a valuable means of instruction, and innocent amusement, under proper control, is for the most part demoralizing in the highest degree, presenting all kinds of crime and poisoning the mind of youth by making the wild and adventurous more attractive.

And while I am talking to women let me say a word against the way young girls are allowed to collect at railroad stations and about cold drink stands. Danger lurks in those places; at the very least loud and unwomanly manners grow out of such a habit, and even the vigilance of the traveller's aid is not always sufficient to save from greater perils.

But you say young people must have amusement. Quite true. Divert the present forms of amusement of their pernicious features, or invent other froms. There are many innocent ways for the young to get joy out of life without doing things that are so full of danger.

But suppose a mistep is taken, what than shall become of the girl. Shall we draw aside from her lest we too be contaminated?

That has long been our attitude, not that exactly, but we believed her miserable and helpless condition would make for the safety of young womanhood—that we dared not break down the barrier between the pure and the impure. But while it is our duty to keep young life pure, we should try to lift up the fallen to a better life and give help lest they despair and sink more deeply into sin.

And now there is another home matter of which I would speak. Do we let our servants know by our daily life, not by our professions that we are Christians?

Do we exemplify to them the characteristics of Christianity They have not been brought up to the same ideas of virtue honesty, faithfulness. We can do much to help them. Are we always fair to them? Just here is a broad field for social service.

One more thought and that is community helpfulness. Many people are finding the servant question a problem indeed.

Servants are very scarce and very expensive. It would be a beautiful thing to help each other when work crowds on any one neighbor, as is done in harvest times in some sections, or as used to be done in house-raising.

I have known of sewing bees planned to help a neighbor who before her spring sewing had been finished fell ill; of some concerted plan to the mending of a neighbor who was going blind; of many hours made pleasant for her by reading to her or writing for her.

Then in sickness, where the trained nurse is a luxury not to be thought of the watching by the sick and the preparation of the right kind of nourishment are offices most helpful to both the receiver and the giver.

In briefest terms, I take social service to mean loving our neighbor as ourselves, going about doing good, remembering, "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me."

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

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into the game; the game of study, of work, of service, of joy in doing a constructive task.

The severest criticism of most athletic contests is not that those engaging in the contest are running unusual risk of bodily injury. Even football with its oft-mentioned dangers, is not a game from which a normal American boy needs to shrink. The fellow who can think quickly and make his limbs obey his will, is likely to be able to think and act quickly when temptations come, and if he has truly mastered his body, his quick wits will lead him safely out.

The Wesley Bible Class which encourages discussion, thinking and acting is training youth to land on the feet in any emergency which overtakes them.

The chief criticism to be made of our games is that they do not take in enough of the people in such a manner as to benefit a large number. This is too often true of the Bible class; the organized Bible class seeks to avert such a condition by enlisting every member in a definite activity.

"Rooters" are helpful, we readily admit; they encourage the team, they develop enthusiasm, but who wants to be merely on the side line when there is an active game going on, and players who are willing to learn, are needed?

If there is any injunction our Bible class members need to heed it is this of "getting into the game." This means keeping fit; it may mean getting ready to be considered fit; it may mean many failures in the process of learning—and it will be better so.

Have we as Church workers erred at this important point? Has it been that we have tried to carry the whole load. Why have we had to do so? Was it vanity that prompted us to do this rather than entrust part of it at least to others? Was it a fear that another might not do so well? Was it that we feared to risk something even though the risk might have been the means of introducing the pupil to a new line of thought, of action and of character building?

I am inclined to believe that the criticism of the game is the just criticism of ourselves in this bigger game. Too many are allowed to be merely lookers-on. Too many on the bleachers; more than enough are in the grand stand. Not enough are out on the field trying to "make team;" the "try out squad" is too small; the coach has not sufficient material from which to pick his championship team. School spirit is splendid, but is poorly expressed when all of it goes to "Whooping 'em up" and shouting without doing systematic, constructive, and inspiring work.

What I am trying to say by the foregoing is that there are plenty of young men and women who are either not attending the game at all or else they are at best merely spectators. You Mr. Teacher, or Superintendent, must get in behind your work and discover the latent powers; prod the slow; hold before them the prospect of counting in the game. Put more vim, more snap, more energy into your methods and act only to get into the game yourself, but see to it that you enlist every member of the class in the task which they can do best and in the task which will enable them to feel that they are a significant part of your scheme of things.

Wesley Bible Class members should get in the game; let the teacher know that you are not content with being a sight see-er, an on-looker—but rather that you are ready to take your share of privilege, opportunity and obligation which comes with the plan of an organized Bible class.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7

10:00. Devotional Service.

10:20. Address: "The Movement."—Rev. Charles D. Bulla, Corresponding Secretary, General Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

10:50. Address: "Wesley Bible Classes and the Pastor."—Rev. W. A. Lambeth, Chairman Conference Sunday School Board. Pastor, High Point, N. C.

11:10. Address: "Making the Class Organization Effective."—Rev. Wade Crawford Barclay, Editor and Arthur, Cincinnati, Ohio.

11:40. "One Thing My Class Has Done." Reports from the Field.—Conducted by Mr. O. V. Woosley, Conference Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

12:00. Address: "North Carolina's Young Manhood."—Dr. W. P. Few, President Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

12:40. Business and Adjournment.



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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Recreational Program.

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:45. Vesper Service.—Led by Rev. W. O. Goode, Hickory, N. C.

8:15. Song Service.—Led by Mr. J. Dale Stentz, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

8:35. Address. Life Work Talk No. 1: "The Christian Lawyer."—Mr. D E. Henderson, Charlotte, N. C.

8:55. Address: "The Organization and the Bible."—Rev. C. M. Bishop, President Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8

9:00. Devotional Service.

9:20. Life Work Talk No. 2: "The Christian Merchant."—Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte, N. C.

9:40. Address: "North Carolina's Young Womanhood."—Rev. S. B. Turrentine, President Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.

10:10. "One Thing My Class Has Done."—Conducted by Mr. Woosley.

10:30. Address: "Literature and Lessons for Wesley Classes."—Rev. E. Hightower, Superintendent Young People's and Adult Work.

10:55. Address: "The Teen-Age Girl and the Organized Class."—Miss Minnie E. Kennedy Superintendent Department of Elementary Work, Nashville, Tenn.

11:25. Open Conference Discussions (two groups meeting at the same time): "Methods for Young People and Adult Classes."—Led by Mr. M. W. Brabham, Assistant Superintendent Department of Young People's and Adult Work.

"Methods for Intermediate and Seniors."—Led by Miss Kennedy and Dr. Bulla.

12:00. Address: "Wesley Classes and Evangelism."—Rev. E. L. Bain, Pastor West Market Street, Greensboro, N. C

12:40. Announcements and Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Recreational program.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:45. Vesper Service.—Led by Rev. J. O. Ervin, Asheville, N. C.

8:15. Song Services.—Conducted by Mr. Stentz.

8:35. Life Work Talk No. 3: "Missions; or, The Centenary Yet Ahead"—Rev. W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Asheville District.

8:55. Address: "My Brother and I."—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 9

9:00. Devotional Service.

9:20. Life Work Talk No. 4: "The Christian Manufacturer."—Mr. George L. Hackney, Lexington, N. C.

9:40. "Relationships."—Rev. W. C. Owen, Field Secretary, South Carolina Conference, Marion, S. C.

10:00. Address: "Wesley Classes and the Community."—Dr. J. H. Therrell. Field Secretary, Florida Conference, Ocala, Fla.

10:20. Open Conference: "Publicity Plans That Win."—Mr. A. L. Dietrich, Nashville, Tenn.

10:40. Address: "Wesley Classes and the Training of Leaders."—Mr. J. M. Way, Spartanburg, S. C.

11:05. Business Session.

11:30. "One Thing I Am Taking Home." One-Minute talks by members of the Federation.

11:50. Intermission.

12:00. Song Service.—Led by Mr. Stentz.

12:10. Closing Address.—Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy.

NOTES

The afternoons have been left entirely free for recreation. No one should be absent from a single meeting of the Federation. Hikes to Junaluska Mountain, a boat ride around the lake in the moonlight, baseball, tennis, quoits, swimming, and boating will be offered to all. Bring your kodaks, your books on birds, trees, and wild flowers.

Various kinds of helps for making your class work more interesting and effective will be on hand; books and pennants, stick pins, fobs, and other forms of novelties, with the Wesley Class emblems, will be for sale. Free literature will be available. The splendid exhibit arranged by the General Sunday School Board will be displayed.

The object of the Wesley Bible Class Federation is: "To unite all Wesley Bible Classes in an effort to improve and extend organized Bible class work for the training of Christian character for Christian service in the extension of Christ's kingdom, by means of Bible study, mutual helpfulness, and social fellowship.

Enroll your class in the Wesley Bible Class Department and enter into fellowship with all Southern Methodist Bible classes.

We are counting on representatives from your class. Do not disappoint us.

For information write to Mr. O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N. C.

For Sour Land

Sour land is frequently the cause of crop failure, though other causes get the blame. Most lands have a goodly supply of plant foods (nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, but when the soil is in a soured condition the food elements, even though abundant, are not available and of no value to the plant.

To avail oneself of these plant foods one must necessarily sweeten the soil by neutralizing the acidity; must decompose the soil and set the plant foods free.

It is not always easy to tell when land is sour. Frequently many crops are ruined and much labor, money and time lost before the real cause of the trouble is found. It is unwise to try to raise a crop on sour land. Every farmer should keep a record of the acidity of his soil at all times. It will save in the long run.

The method is simple. Litmus paper is manufactured for the purpose. It would be simple work to obtain some litmus paper and test samples of the various types of soil taken from various sections of the farm. Dampen the soil a bit and apply one end of the litmus paper strip. If the dampened end remains blue the soil is not sour. If it turns pink the soil is sour and needs attention.

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While in Columbia, S. C., last week I ran out to the Epworth Orphanage and spent a very pleasant hour with the assistant superintendent. I missed seeing the superintendent, Brother T. C. O'Dell, who was absent from the city. On a former visit I inspected the buildings and saw all the children. I am happy to learn that the Board of Trustees, with the leadership of Bro. O'Dell, has adopted a policy of expansion. I wish our sister (Carolina) Orphanage all the success which it so richly deserves.

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The Methodist Orphanage rejoices with the Thompson Episcopal Orphanage at Charlotte over the good fortune that has come to it. Mrs. W. H. Williamson, of Raleigh, bequeathed to the Thompson Orphanage ten thousand dollars. The fact that the well-to-do are turning their attention and gifts to the Orphanage work gives much encouragement to those engaged in this line of Christian service. It is the sincere desire of the superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage that our friends remember our cause in their wills.

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It was with genuine regret that I was hindered from attending the Warrenton District Conference last week. All my plans were made in reference to the expected visit, but an unexpected call took me to Columbia, S. C. I am sure Brother Snipes appointed some one to represent the Orphanage, as I wrote him of my disappointment. Because of circumstances over which I had no control, I have been denied the privilege of attending two or three of the Conferences of the Warrenton District. Since we have so many staunch friends in the old Warrenton District, I was particularly anxious to be present at their Conference and express my gratitude to them for their loyal support.

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The need of a Baby Cottage is very urgent. If our friends of means could only hear the pitiful and distressing appeals that come to me year after year, I feel sure that they would promptly provide a Cottage Home here at the Orphanage for these little ones who are homeless. Could any wish for a nobler cause to enlist their sympathy or to call forth their treasure? I am hoping and praying that the Father of the fatherless will put it into the heart of some one to provide the funds for such a building. If there are those who are interested, I shall be glad to have them communicate with me. The Cottage would bear the name of the donor or the name of the one in whose memory it was built. This appeal is a challenge to those of broad sympathy who have been entrusted with large financial resources. I trust that there will be a prompt and generous response.

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Week before last I attended the Wilmington and Elizabeth City District Conferences. These were delightful occasions, as they afforded me the opportunity of fellowship with many of my comrades and friends. Meeting new friends among the laymen added much pleasure to my visits. It is very refreshing to get away from the exacting duties of the office and come in personal contact with the folks who are sharing their gifts with us. Their devotion to us is unquestioned and their tender love for our orphans is proven by the repeated sacrifices which they cheerfully make year after year. Having the appreciation of the children and the hearty co-operation of the "home folks," every task becomes light and every duty a joy. For the growing interest our people are taking in the Methodist Orphanage, I feel deeply grateful.

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Letters of Appreciation.

Dear Friends:

I wish to express my thanks for the many blessings that have come to me during my six years stay at the Orphanage.

All the officers have been so kind and attentive, often going out of their way to do some little kindness. All seem to think of others before themselves. I cannot find words to thank Mr. Barnes and Miss Mattie. Miss Mary Ferree has been just like a sister to me and Miss Rena Rodwell, well I cannot begin to thank her or any of the others.

As ever,
George White.

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It is with sadness that I am leaving this good Christian Home. A home where high ideals and principles are upheld. A home where children are not only trained to meet and overcome difficulties and where they are started on the road to success, but where they are taught to love and stand for Him, at all times.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Barnes for the love and kindness he has shown me. I don't believe a better man could be found in the whole State. I also wish to thank "Miss Mattie", Miss Rodwell, Miss Ferree and Mrs. Rives for the interest they have had in me.

If it is my lot to meet with success in life, I shall owe it all to this Home, the Methodist Orphanage.

Jesse Sanderson.

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The Sunday School Lesson

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Among the things that on the human side promote Christian life, none surpasses that of Christian fellowship. The old monastic idea of separating one's self from the associations of his fellowmen in order to be religious was fundamentally false. It was based upon the assumption that everybody else was morally corrupt, and this has never been true. Even in Elijah's day, when he pined under the juniper tree for death because the world had all gone wrong, there were seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal. The power of association is a large factor in the shaping of character; and, as surely as evil communications corrupt good manners, so surely will association with the good inspire in increasing measure the elements of good there are in us.

What Is Fellowship?

Fellowship involves association, but it is more than that. We may be *in* the company of another, and yet not be *of* that company. We may come within the range of certain influences, and yet largely close our lives against those influences. Circumstances may throw us into a company of men with whose moral character and tone of life we have no affiliation. In some sense there is association, but there is not fellowship. The latter involves the real flowing together of the lives concerned. There must be an inner sympathy as well as an outward association, and this inner sympathy is the thing of chief importance. We enter into the ideals, the purposes, the aspirations of those whom we fellowship; and this is a reciprocal relation—the other party enters into ours. Thus there is a mutual building of each other up in those qualities for which we mutually stand. This is Christian fellowship.

The Fellowship of Doctrine

It is not a meaningless thing that the disciples continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. The gospel involves a body of truth, and we cannot separate ourselves from that truth without imperiling the life of our soul. Beware of the man who is careless about the truth. God has made a revelation to men. It is found in His written word and in the living Word in the person of Jesus Christ. Our limitations make it impossible for any of us to take in ALL that is contained in this revelation, but we can each get enough of this truth to meet the necessities of our life. And this truth is the most fundamental thing about our life. It is the truth about God, about ourselves, about life here and hereafter. Paul pronounces a most serious curse upon those who would pervert it. "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." He would not have written thus about an indifferent matter; and this fellowship of doctrine must be preserved. It lies at the very heart of our religion. To flout the importance of what one believes, whether it be done in the name of liberalism, of broadness, of scholarship—whatever be the specious plea under which it is done, is to discard the very foundations upon which our salvation rests.

The Fellowship of Service

True religion cannot exist in the soul without expressing itself in the life. Christ taught that he who would be greatest must attain thereunto by the largest service. It is possible to overlook this fact, and yet we sometimes fear that the word service is being overworked today. From some discussions we read and hear at this time, one might gather that it was the whole of the religious life. It is not that, but it is an essential part of its normal development. The apostles were "daily in the temple", and they went from "house to house" ministering doubtless to such needs as they found and were able to relieve. The truly religious cannot be indifferent to the condition of those about them, and this applies both to their physical and spiritual condition. And this service is a very practical form of Christian fellowship.

The Fellowship of Worship.

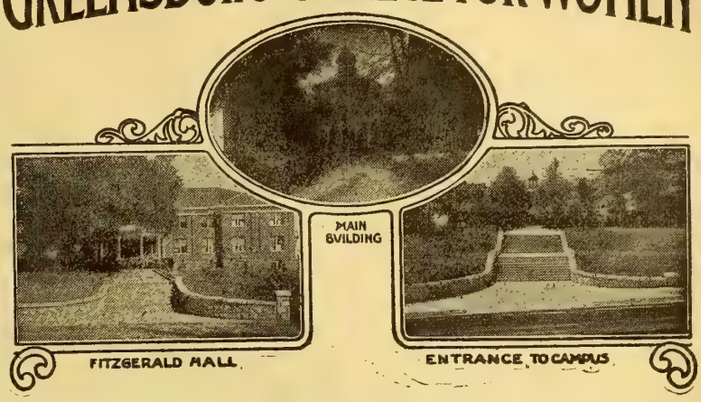
The chief things that are mentioned in connection with their daily assembling in the temple were prayer and praise. These expressions of the inner life were made directly to God, and yet they found great help in joining together in these exercises. This brought in the element of fellowship as between man and man as well as between God and man. And here again is a present day peril. Much has taken place in these modern days to discount the importance of worship. Some have seemed pious in the sanctuary and have not lived the life out in the arena of every day life, and this has led men to scoff at the worship which they see in the house of God. Of course, this is a spurious form of it that has given occasion to the mocker; but there never was a thing of real worth that did not have its spurious counterfeit. We must worship. It is essential to the life of the soul, and not all of this worship must be private. We must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship. There is a power in the fellowship of worship that is essential for the proper development of our spiritual life.

The Fellowship of Physical Ministry.

The selection from Philippians concerns itself almost wholly with this phase of the question—only Paul could never suppress those sublime flashes of spirtual truth that dart out through all of his writings whatever be the immediate subject under discussion. The Church at Philippi had been very careful to provide for the physical wants of Paul, and he was deeply grateful for it. His appreciation was not based primarily upon the material value of the things given him, nor yet upon the physical comfort which they brought him; but for the evidence it furnished that the labor he had bestowed upon them spiritually had not been in vain. "Not because I desire a gift", he said, "but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." So far as he was concerned, he had "learned in whatsoever state he was, therewith to be content." If he had much, he knew what to do with it; if he had little, he knew how to get along on it. These things he considered only incidental to the main thing of life, and yet he did not despise the ministries of this type. They had to him "the odour of a sweet smell." They were a "sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." He encouraged them with the assurance: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." So there is Christian fellowship even in ministering to the physical necessities of those who minister to us in spiritual things, or who may be in need of those comforts with which God has furnished us.

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Methodism shows to be a mighty host. The very ends of the earth are represented here. The Indian, the negro, the Malay, Latin American, Hindoo and European—they are all here. This thought was impressively set forth in a big parade on the evening of July 4, in which was represented every country in which Methodism operates.

The word exposition more truly describes what is taking place than the word celebration. The attempt is being made to show what the forces of the Kingdom are doing. Many means are used. Pageant, picture, demonstration, parade, all make their contributions. Art, literature, and the press are all used. Moving pictures entertain and instruct.

The South

I have been greatly gratified at the part played by our own Church. Josephus Daniels had no difficulty in capturing the crowds as he spoke with evident pride of our Church. George Stewart captivated the crowds as nobody else, whom I have heard. He absolutely swept the deck on July 1 in his great prohibition address. Then again he gretly pleased in an address on "Wit and Humor," on July 3.

In a big tent on the grounds, Bob Jones each night conducts revival services. Many expressions of appreciation are heard on all sides. Yesterday, Bishop Mouzon delivered a great address on "Christianizing America." No music on the grounds has been more greatly appreciated than "Standing in the Need of Prayer" and "Serving Low Sweet Chariot" by Southern Negro Musicians.

Here and There

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References to prohibition and unification are always received with applause.

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"I am from the South where the Jack rabbit flirts with Molly cotton tail in the pale light of the moon."

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"If a preacher does not strike oil in ten minutes he should quit boring."

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And felt my nose 'most every day.
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I think they made a big mistake,
For baby's hand is soft and small,
And even if he hit out hard,
He could not hurt my nose at all,

But, anyhow, I love him so,
I do not mind how much they point.
I'd rather have him here to pet
Than twenty noses, all in joint.
—A. W. McCullough.

BETTY'S PLAYTIME

"Oh, dear," said Betty, when mamma called her from play; "somebody's always a-wantin' me to do somethin'!" She ran into the house with a frown on her face.

"Betty," said mamma, "if you can't obey cheerfully—"

"But I always have to be doin' somethin'," burst out Betty. "I never can play—"

"You may play this whole day long," said mamma, quietly.

"And not do anything else?" said Betty.

"Not do another thing," said mamma.

"Oh, goody!" cried Betty, and she ran out and got her doll things and began making a dress for Cora Mary, her new doll.

Grandma came into the room while she was sewing.

"Betty," she said, "will you run upstairs and get me my spectacles?"

"Yes, ma'am," cried Betty, jumping up in a hurry, for she dearly loved to do things for grandma.

"No, Betty," said mamma; "you keep on with your doll things; I'll get grandma's glasses myself.

Betty returned to her sewing, but somehow it wasn't so interesting as it had been. She threw it down the minute little Benjamin waked from his nap, and she ran to take him.

"Nursing is too much like work," said mamma, taking the baby out of her arms; "you must not do any work today."

Betty's cheeks turned rosy. She thought of the times she had grumbled when mamma had asked her to hold baby. Now she would have given anything just to hold him one minute.

Mary Sue, Betty's best friend, came by to get her to go on an errand with her.

"I am sorry, but you can't go," said mamma. "Running errands is not play, you know."

Jack came in with a button off his coat. Betty put on her thimble and began sewing it on. But mamma came in before she had finished.

"Why, the idea of you sewing, child!" she said, taking the needle and thread out of her hand. "Run to your play."

When father came home to dinner, Betty started, as usual, to open the front door for him. But mamma called back.

"You forget, Betty," she said, in her pleasant way, "that you are not to do anything for anybody today."

"Then I guess I'd better not ask her to drop my letter in the mail box," said Cousin Kate; "it might interfere with her play."

"I'm tired of playin'!" cried Betty She ran out to the kitchen. Dinah, the cook, would let her help her, she knew. But, for a wonder, not even black Dinah would let her do anything.

"I'se a-gwine ter a fun'ral," she said, "an I'se in a mighty big hurry to git off; but law, honey, I wouldn't hab you 'rupted in your play fer nuthin'!"

Poor Betty! She thought the day would never end.

"Oh, mamma!" she cried, as she kissed her at bedtime, "do wake me up early in the morning. I want to get a good start. Helping is so much better than playing all the time.—Pearls.

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"And now, children, we come to that important country, Germany, that is governed by a man called a kaiser," said the teacher. "Can any one tell me what a kaiser is? Yes, Willie."

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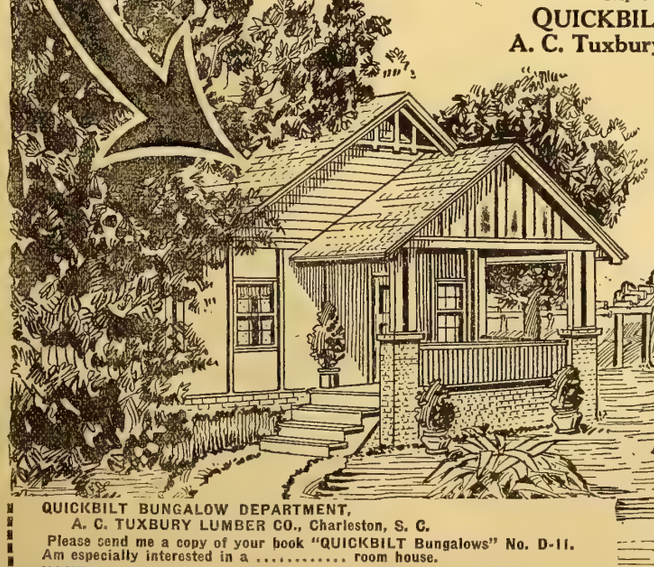
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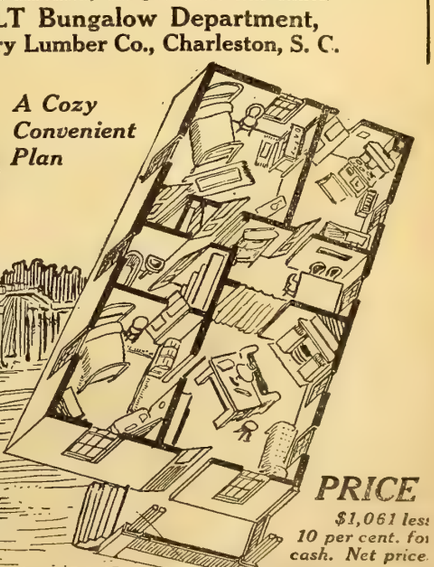
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North Carolina Conference

Below is given a final Centenary statement. There are still some reports outstanding in some of the districts. These will have to be published separately at a later date. Pastors who have not yet sent in their reports are requested to attend to this promptly.

D. W. Newsom, Conference Campaign Director.

DURHAM DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Bethel	28	800.00	800.00	575.00	1,375.00
Cedar Grove	125	1,250.00	300.00	75.00	375.00
Chapel Hill	130	2,000.00	3,297.00	1,482.50	4,779.50
Grace	29	1,000.00	805.00	770.00	1,575.00
Helena	30	850.00	228.50	265.00	493.50
Hillsboro	115	1,500.00	1,950.00	.....	1,950.00
Hurdle Mills	15	650.00	800.00	270.00	1,070.00
Locust Hill	20	700.00	811.00	535.00	1,346.00
Mt. Tirzah	26	500.00	221.00	170.00	391.00
Mt. Zion	60	1,250.00	2,275.00	270.00	2,545.00
New Bethel	3	.....	72.50	507.50	580.00
Prospect	75	1,000.00	1,575.00	930.00	2,505.00
Shady Grove	40	900.00	1,057.00	425.00	1,482.00
Sharon	100	1,000.00	201.00	.....	201.00
Walnut Cove	110	1,250.00	650.00	.....	650.00
Yanceyville	24	600.00	800.00	605.00	1,405.00
Previously reported	4,538	166,800.00	199,499.20	177,289.45	376.788.65
Totals	5,568	$182,050.00	$215,342.20	$184,169.45	$399,511.65

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Anderson	40	1,850.00	561.13	1,050.00	1,611.13
Avon	71	1,175.00	1,175.00	405.00	1,580.00
Centre Hill	40	1,850.00	1,770.00	150.00	1,920.00
Gates		250.00	.....	50.80	50.80
Hebron		750.00	405.00	139.70	444.70
Kittrells		1,250.00	738.00	218.60	956.60
Mt. Hermon	60	1,680.00	569.00	365.00	934.00
Parker's	176	4,140.00	4,170.79	1,261.65	5,432.44
Rodanthe	66	750.00	540.50	240.00	780.50
Savage's	60	1,890.00	405.00	266.25	671.25
Previously reported	4,133	129,312.42	123,467.45	43,984.15	167,451.60
Totals	4,646	$144,897.42	$133,801.87	$48.131.15	$181,933.02

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Asbury	45	1,200.00	683.25	246.50	929.75
Bethlehem	25	400.00	198.25	85.00	283.25
Camp Ground	90	3,580.00	4,030.00	970.00	5,000.00
Carbonton	125	1,025.00	1,759.75	298.00	2,057.75
Cotton	42	650.00	732.37	150.00	882.37
Cumberland	64	750.00	529.60	205.00	734.60
Fair Promise		1,210.50	1,420.75	271.00	1,691.75
Goldston	44	1,575.75	605.00	390.00	995.00
Hay Street Station	291	20,000.00	29,680.20	7 674.00	37,354.20
Hope Mills	64	950.00	957.40	200.00	1,157.40
Jones Chapel	35	475.00	384.75	102.00	486.75
Meroney		900.00	368.75	202.50	571.25
Mt. Zion	40	420.00	555.50	180.00	735.50
Parkton	80	1,900.00	2,223.76	400.00	2,623.76
Salem	142	3,500.00	2,633.75	645.00	3,278.75
Sandy Grove	120	1,500.00	2 008.44	250.00	2,258.44
St. Andrews	40	750.00	750.00	105.00	855.00
Previously reported	3,870	99,045.50	110,086.94	33,039.15	143,126.09
Totals	5,117	$139,831.75	$159,608.46	$45,413.15	$205,021.61

RALEIGH DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Banks	154	5,735.00	6,013.50	1,334.05	7,347.55
Bunn (additional)	8	.....	150.00	.....	150.00
Franklinton	307	7,750.00	11,505.25	3,600.00	15,105 25
Grove Hill	40	1,500.00	1,250.00	250.00	1,500.00
Jenkins Memorial	352	2,000.00	3,125.25	1,179.00	4,302.25
Macedonia	35	500.00	501.00	115.00	616.00
Wesley	25	465.00	700.00	100.50	800.50
Previously reported	4,629	168,512.00	174,883.00	59,846.90	234.729.90
Totals	5,550	$186,462.00	$198,126.00	$66,425.45	$264.551.45

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Rockingham	238	20,000.00	21,895.00	7,890.00	29,785.00
Previously reported	4,310	122,156.75	160,268.55	47,031.32	207,299.87
Totals	4,548	$142,156.75	$182,163.55	$54,921.32	$237,084.87

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Acorn Branch	21	515.00	610.00	177.50	787.50
Previously reported	5,416	157,864.60	164,326.77	51,216.23	215,543.00
Totals	5,437	$158,379.60	$164,936.77	$51,393.73	$216,330.50

WARRENTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Cashie	32	1,331.00	666.50	348.00	1,014.50
Ebenezer		380.40	351.00	64.70	415.70
Previously reported	5,673	184,147.62	205,431.80	61,651.73	267,083.53
Totals	5,705	$185,859.02	$206,449.30	$62,061.43	$268,513.73

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Church	Number Suscribers	Quota	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Bailey	43	929.90	1,385.00	180.00	1,565.00
Bethlehem (Mt. Pleasant)	12	371.92	326.20	.....	326.20
Horne's	51	1,301.72	737.50	.....	737.50
Pleasant Grove	65	650.86	1,010.00	150.00	1,160.00
Previously reported	4,172	166,030.63	192,696.70	63.512.95	256.209.65
Totals	4,343	$169,285.03	$196,155.40	$63,842.95	$259,998.35

FINAL SUMMARY

District	Number Subscribers	Quota Reported	Amount Subscribed	Credits	Totals
Durham	5,568	182,050.00	215,342.20	184,169.45	399,511.65
Elizabeth City	4,646	144,897.42	133,801.87	48,131.15	181,933.02
Fayetteville	5,117	139,831.75	159,608.46	45,413.15	205,021.61
New Bern	4,930	204,513.50	231,589.88	71,838.60	303,428.48
Raleigh	5,550	186,462.00	198,126.00	66,425.45	264,551.45
Rockingham	4,548	142,156.75	182,163.55	54,921.32	237.084.87
Warrenton	5,705	185,859.02	206,449.30	62,064.43	268,513.73
Washington	4,343	169,285.03	196,155.40	63,842.95	259,998.35
Wilmington	5,437	158,379.60	164,936.77	51,393.73	216,330.50
Totals	45,844	$1,513,435.07	$1,688,173.43	$648,200.23	$2,336,373.66

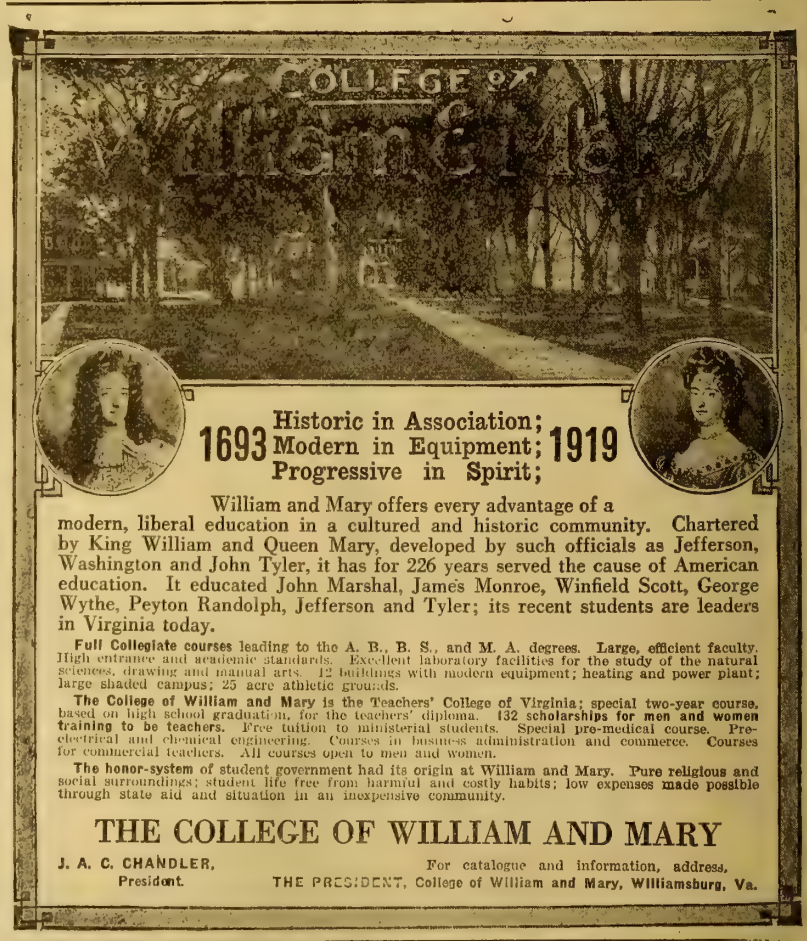
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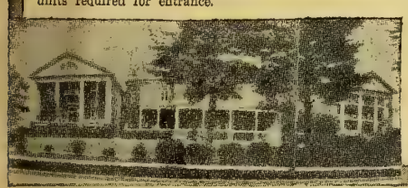
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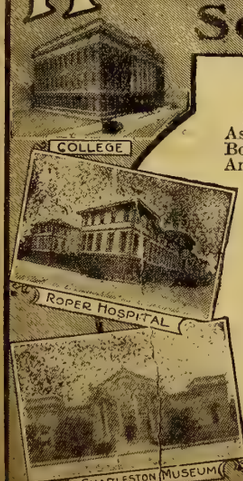
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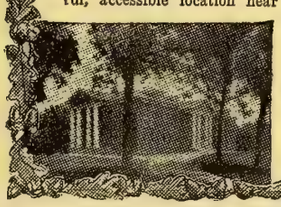
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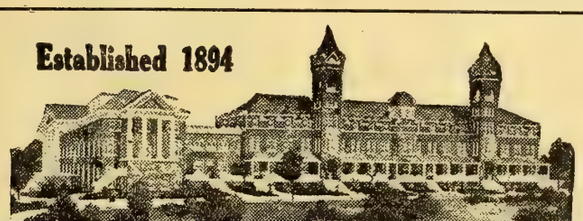
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North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
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Third Round	July
Milton, New Hope, 11 a. m.	26-27
August	
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round	July
Gates, Philadelphia	26-27
North Gates, Hebron	27-28
August	
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	19
Dare, Stumpy Point	19
Hatteras, Buxton	21
Miyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	28
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill	26-27
Buckhorn, Merry Oaks, 11 a. m.	28
Haw River, Merritt's Chapel, 11 a. m.	29
August	
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs, 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9-10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
September	
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Dover, Lane's Chapel	25
LaGrange, Hickory Grove	26-27
August	
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9 10
New Bern, Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circucit, Epworth	16
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

Third Round	July
Robeson, Olivet	26-27
Rowland, Asbury (afternoon)	27
August	
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferenme (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
September	
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Granville, Roberts Chapel	26-27
August	
Oxford	1-2
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	1-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
September	
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WILMINGTON DISTICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Wallace-Rose Hill, Providence	25
Magnolia, Carlton's	26-27
Carver's Creek, Shiloh	1
August	
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Third Round	July
Ridgeway, Tabernacle	26
Henderson	27-28
N. and S. Henderson, S. Henderson	27
August	
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-11

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Third Round	July
Tarboro	26-27
Bethel, Robersonville	27-28
August	
Spring Hope, Sandy Cross	2-3
Nashville, Mapel Creek	3-4
Ayden Circuit, Crimesland	9-10
Stokes	10-11
Mt. Pleeasant, Horne's	16-17
Wilson	17-18
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	22-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
September	
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Walnuct, Stackhouse	26-27
Chestnut Street	27
August	
Leicester, Big Sandy	2-3
Rosman circuit	9-10
Brevard station	10
Mills River Circuit	16-17
West Asheville	17

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Third Round	July
Hawthorn Lane, 11 a. m.	27
Seversville, night	27
August	
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Grensboro, N. C.

Third Round	July
Uwharrie circuit, Shepard	26-27
Uwharrie circucit, Tabernacle, afternoon	27
Asheboro, night	27
August	
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ezenezer	23

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder
Mount Airy, N. C.

Third Round	July
Ararat, Chestnut Grove	12-13
Draper, Draper, 17 at night and 20, 4 p. m.	
Spray, night	18-2w
Leaksville, 19 at night and 20 at 11 a. m.	
Dobson, Pleasant Ridge	26-27

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Third Round	July
Enola circuit, Warlick, Sunday, 3 p. m.	30
Bakersville circucit, Penland, night	20-27
Spruce Pine, North Catawba, night	27
August	
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
Mill Spring, New Hope	16-17
Rutherfordton circuit, Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion circuit, Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Third Round	July
Mount Pleasant, Center Grove	26-27
Epworth, night	27
New London, Richefild	29
Salem	30
Gold Hill, Wesley	31
August	
Concord circuit, Rogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circucit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmony, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.

Third Roucnd	July
Wilkes circuit	26-27
Wilkesboro, night	26-27
August	
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.

Third Round	July
Canton, Clarks Chapel	26-27
August	
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

WINSTON DISTRICT
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West Davie, Hanes Grove, July 26-27.
Mocksville, July 27, 4 p. m. and night.
Forsyth, Pine Grove, July 28-29.
Davidson, Olivet, July 30-31.
District Conference at Lexington, July 4. Opening sermon, July 2, night.

Fourth Round	August
Lewisville circucit, Daubs	23-24
West End, 11 a. m. (District Conf., Oct. 8th., night	31
Walkertown, 3 p. m.	31
September	
Hanes-Clemmens, Hanes, night	3
Linwood circuit, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	4
New Hope Circucit, Center	6-7
S. Thoimasville circcuit, night	12
Thomasville circuit, Fairgrove	13-14
West Davie, Zion, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	16
Davie circuit, Center, 11 a. m. 1 p. m.	17
Mocksville station, night	17
Cooleemee station, night	18
Farmington circuit, Farmington, 3 p. m., night	19
Kernersville circuit, Sedge Garden, 4 p. m. and night	21
Denton circuit, Newsome	27-28
October	
Davidson circucit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circucit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circucit, Erlanger	18-19

The Annual Conference meets in Greensboro this year on October 22, one month earlier than last year.

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Third Round	July
Mayworth, Mayworth, 11 a. m.	27
Belmont, 5 p. m.	27

District conference, Fallston, Belwood circuit, July 28-30.



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Editorial

THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

We are aware that in this heading we are venturing upon the quicksands of present day religious thonght. The agitator is decidedly in the ascendency, and any effort to show the fallacy of the dreams of the sophist is regarded as a belated voice out of harmony with the music of this progressive age. We are going pell mell under the impulse of a world-wide unrest and discontent that is even now bordering upon revolution. We need not stop here to point out the evidences of this fact—they scream at us from the pages of the daily press and from almost every platform upon which a speaker stands. Nor shall we stop to defend ourself against the charge of pessimism in making this statement. It does no good to hide our heads in the sand, ostrich like, and shout that all is well. That is not optimism—it is the act of the unthinking.

Facts Cannot Be Ignored.—These conditions prevail in the social and political realms of life, and are seriously affecting business life, independently of the attitude of the Church toward these conditions. The influences which the Church has exerted have doubtless had something to do with the conditions that prevail, for the Church has not been a dead letter in the life of the world. Just what this effect has been would be differently interpreted by different individuals, and it is not necessaryy for our present purpose to undertake to determine this question. A far more important matter is to determine just in what way the conditions among which we live shall affect the activities of the Church. That conditions cannot be ignored is certainly to be granted. The gospel which we are to preach cannot be changed, but we have ever to remember that we are preaching it to living men and women and that the conditions of life in which they constitute an integral part vary. These are elementary truths about which it seems to us there can be no controversy.

Religion Has to Do With Social Relations.—It is further true that no school of thought denies that man is a social being and that he has obligations with reference to his fellowmen that he cannot innocently ignore. We are commanded to love our neighbor as ourself, and our conduct toward him must be governed by that principle. There is no individualistic doctrine of salvation that does not recognize this truth, though men seem to write sometimes as if there were such a doctrine. We are not only under obligation to inflict no injury upon our fellowman, but as far as opportunity offers we ought to be positively helpful to him. Christian ethics certainly demand that we should do this, and the Church can insist upon nothing less than that men live up to this standard. *Per contra*, it is equally clear that no man is saved from sin and made a child of God except as an individual. Each one for himself must appropriate by faith the atoning work of Christ, or he can never enter heaven. There is no such thing as social, or community, salvation, when that term is used in its Scriptural sense. All this is so simple and clear that it seems unnecessary to state it, but for the fact that these glittering generalities are so frequently used that there is danger of making the impression that they stand for something real. Get it down good and clear that there is no such thing as social, or community, salvation.

The Church is No Expert in Economic Questions.—The relations that exist between employers and employees today are acute. For two decades or more the country has heard much of predatory wealth. Corporations have been called soulless, and laborers have been educated in the belief that they are being robbed by the great organized industries for which they have worked. Labor in many of its phases has been organized and has been constantly increasing its demands for shorter hours and increased pay. With the entrance of this country into the great war this movement was greatly accentuated. Wages have gone soaring and the cost of living has climbed to unprecedented heights. The situation between so-called capital and labor is tense, and the controversy is waxing hotter continually. Shall the Church take up the battle-cry of either the capitalist or the laborer? Is the Church an expert in determining the details of such matters? Manifestly it is not. Men whom God has called to the high vocation of the gospel ministry have had no training in such matters. The leadership of the Church has had no opportunity to know just where right lies as between the parties of the controversy. It is easy enough to say that the laborer should have a just wage, and there is nobody to dispute it; but what is a just wage in any particular instance? Neither the Church collectively nor any particular leadership of the Church can qualify to give expert testimony here. It is perilous to undertake it.

A Concrete Example.—The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have recently promulgated an address that undertakes to deal with some of these social questions. We are not referring to it primarily to condemn or approve, but a concrete example is more tangible than abstract argumentation. In discussing this question of wages they say among other things: "An equitable wage shall have right of way over rent, interest and profits." It sounds good, doesn't it? A fine academic statement! But Mr. Frank McDonough, Sr., gets hold of it, and here is what he says about it: "If we understand this conclusion and declaration in precisely the terms of its expression, it means nothing but plain Bolshevism, which is an advanced step in Socialism, to which apparently our bishops would commit us." A fine terminus at which to arrive, is it not? Mr. McDonough is a lawyer prominently connected with business interests and with the Church, judging from what is said of him in "Who's Who in American Methodism." He proceeds to analyze the conclusion of the bishops to show that it leads to the destruction of business, the stopping of all wages and the consequent starvation of the laborer. The trouble is the bishops stepped beyond the field in which they are experts and attempted to give expert conclusions. It is not surprising that they were caught among the thorns. In commenting upon this address the editor of the Central Christian Advocate, while commending the bishops for making it, says: "We consider the proclamation of the Board of Bishops one of the most dangerously loaded pieces of explosives ever laid at the basis of industrial society." Speaking in general terms with no particular reference to this special deliverance, we cannot follow the learned editor of the Central. It is no business of the Church to be laying "dangerous explosives" at the "basis of industrial society."

Jesus Refused to Enter This Field.—The attempt was made to draw Him into it. A man who felt that he was wronged came to our Lord and said: "Speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me." Whether the claim was just or not the record does not say, but Jesus declined to enter the discussion: "Who made me a judge or divider over you?" He took the occasion as a text to preach a sermon on covetousness: for the condition of the heart was of vastly more importance than that he should get to a nicety his share of the paternal estate. Jesus could have spoken with exact authority. He knew precisely where right would lie in each case; and in that respect He had the advantage over any disciple of His today. But he declined to enter that field. He likewise refused to enter the field of politics. He would say: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Ceasar's"; but the definite questions of taxation He left them to settle for themselves. He was charged with a supremely more important mission, and is it not because we are becoming blind to the supremacy of the spiritual that the Church today is tending to become absorbed in temporal and material questions? We do not dispute that they have their value, and the gospel of Christ has done more to ameliorate the conditions of life here than all other agencies combined; but, when put in the scale with spiritual values, they sink into comparative insignificance. Moreover the Church is never going to accomplish its mission in the world by any preachment about wages and political rights and social justice. It is the higher spiritual truths that must swing these into their proper relationships, but by placing the emphasis upon these we can never enthrone the higher spiritual truths in the lives of men. We are spending too much energy in piddling with the minor things, while the great questions of eternal life are being obscured in our vision.

The Attitude of the Church.—It is clear, therefore, that, while the Church cannot be unmindful of the conditions of life in the midst of which she lives, she must nevertheless keep clear above the noise of the world's confusion the clarion, ringing note that God has sounded. The supreme thing in life—the supreme thing whatever may be the circumstances that surround that life—is man's proper personal relationship to God. It is very true that this involves his proper relationship to his fellowmen in so far at least as it pertains to the attitude of his own heart. In order to present this as it should be done, the preacher needs to feel the throbs of the life that is about him in the world; but this is far from meaning that he must yield to these influences about him. It is often necessary to cry out against them. They must be tested by the touchstone of revealed truth, and the preacher who tests them needs to be conversant with conditions, and needs tremendously more to be in touch with the Holy Spirit. We want no secularized clergy, even though the apology for it be that we are living in the twentieth century. We want no Church that would make the Kingdom of Christ a kingdom of this world, even though the apology for it be that the Church must deal with men as they are. If it is to leave them as they are, to what purpose does it deal with them? Men of God, amid the clangor of confusing noises keep an ear open to the voice of God and lose not the way that leadeth to life.

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Some time ago it was announced that individu also might furnish the rooms in the new dormitory at Rutherford College as memorials if they so desired. Seeing this announcement a poor, bereaved mother whose son recently passed to his reward, wrote Prof. Walker as follows:

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Very Sincerely,

———.

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We are informed by Prof Walker that $75 will furnish a room, and any one contributing this amount will have the privilege of naming the room for the person who is to be commemorated in this way, and a plate bearing the name will be placed over the door of the room.

Now this building, Weaver Hall, is itself a memorial, erected to the memory of the late Rev. James H. Weaver, D. D., and we know of nothing more fitting than that each room in the building should be a memorial to some worthy young man who has gone on before.

The Advocate is hereby opened to all to whom this may appeal and we hope these rooms will be taken at once and that thus provision may be made for furnishing the Hall. The time is short and what we do must be done quickly. Let us see how many names may be inscribed upon this roll of honor by the time of our next issue.

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RALEIGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The last of the District Conferences in the North Carolina Conference to hold its session this year was the Raleigh. It convened in Cary on the morning of July 22nd, the opening sermon having been preached by Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, on the preceding evening. We did not hear it, but we heard the echoes of it that were lingering around among the dampness on Wednesday morning when we arrived. Those echoes were all favorable, and we would have been greatly surprised if they had been otherwise. We have heard him enough to know that his sermons are pitched upon a high plane and ring true to revealed truth.

The weather continued decidedly wet to the end, though the rain ceased to fall by the time of the noon recess on Wednesday. The attendance of the pastors was good nevertheless, only two being reported absent and they on account of revival meetings in which they were engaged. Many lay delegates were doubtless kept away by weather conditions and the local attendance was likewise in some measure interfered with. In spite of all this, however, Wednesday was an interesting day. Reports from a few of the pastors were not reached on the preceding day, and these all sounded a hopeful note. The election of lay delegates to the Annual Conference and the connectional brethren occupied the larger part of the day. One woman delegate was sent up to "sit on the Conference," as Samantha used to put it—Mrs. I. M. Proctor. She will give a good account of herself. The Advocate man said his little piece just before the election, but touched not upon the question of "laity rights." He is "without honor" in that connection, though he was not one of the immortal 13 who voted "No" last December. Education was well represented by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, Rev. F. S. Love, Prof. R. L. Flowers and Rev. F. S. Aldridge. They all struck a high clear not in the discussion of Christian education, but we would have felt sorry for any man who might have had to follow them. "What can the man do that cometh after the king?"

The tenderest season of the Conference came when resolutions of appreciation of Brother Underwood were offered. The Conference was literally taken out of his hands for a time and had its own way. It was a time when the poet might say: "See how these brethren love." And there was not a feigned utterance in that testimony meeting. Brother Underwood has a large place in the hearts of his brethren, and it is richly deserved. It must have been inspiring to him to hear so many tell how he has helped them, and many more could have testified and kept well within the bounds of truth. May God dwell richly, and yet more richly, in his life to the end!

Cary took care of the Conference in its usual unstinted fashion. Rev. V. A. Royall is the pastor, and it is no pun to say that he made a royal host. They could not control the rain or the mud, but they could, and they did, make it pleasant for us in the midst of such conditions. We shall wish to go again. We could write much more, but we have a good report of the Conference from the secretary, Rev. T. A. Sikes, which we hope will appear in another column of this issue. If not, then it will appear in the next.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

I had the pleasure of spending Thursday of last week at Randleman mingling with the preachers and laymen of my own district. The Conference convened on Wednesday afternoon with the presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, in the chair, and Rev. A. W. Plyler at the secretary's table.

There was a fine attendance of preachers and laymen and the Conference seems to have been anything but dull at any period. Thursday was a full day and I am sure was a day of more than ordinary interest in a district conference. A goodly number of representatives of various interests were heard and all seemed unusually happy in the messages delivered. These, together with reports of pastors, all seemed to sound the note of hope, and it was good to be there. At eleven o'clock Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, pastor of Main Street Church, Reidsville, preached a very appropriate sermon on "The Call of God to the Nation." The sermon was not only appropriate but was delivered with unction and made a profound impression upon the congregation.

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This sermon, like the addresses of the day, breathed the spirit of the optimist, exalting the gospel of Christ as the hope of finding our way out of the darkness and desolation of war.

Rev. J. R. Walker was particularly happy in his presentation of our educational work, especially the building of Weaver Hall at Rutherford College. Rev. R. M. Courtney spoke with great force of the conservation of our Centenary, especially stressing the necessity of joining heart and effort in a church-wide revival of religion. Mrs. G. W. Whitsett spoke for the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in the district, and the writer spoke of the present and prospective demands for larger things in the work of making and circulating religious literature.

I regretted having to leave at 5 o'clock in the midst of a spirited discussion of the report of the committee on missions which was read by Mr. C. H. Ireland and which recommended progressive measures for the district.

The affairs of the district are evidently looking up under the supervision of Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, who is serving his third year. Brother Barnhardt fills the bill both in the executive duties of his office and in the pulpit.

Rev. J. A. J. Farrington and his people at St. Pauls were giving the conference royal entertainment and I am indebted to them for being made the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, whose hospitality I had enjoyed on a former occasion.

We shall expect the secretary to furnish our readers with a full report of the conference.

H. M. B.

BESSEMER CITY CHARGE

Our first page carries a story in picture. The people at Concord on the Bessemer City charge deserve to be happy in the realization of their dream of a handsome modern house of worship on the site where for a century there has been a Methodist center. There have been many choice spirits in this congregation and there are still many such there and this editor would be glad indeed if he could be present and rejoice with them in the feast of dedication. About eighteen years ago we had occasion to visit this church and was impressed with the fine type of Methodism we found there. We are not surprised that they are keeping step with the forward movements of the church. Brother Byrum is to be congratulated on being the pastor of such a people.

NOTE AND COMMENT

A Bible and Evangelistic Conference will be held at Junaluska Aug. 10-17. Gypsy Smith, A. C. Dixon, John McNeal and other celebrities will be speakers for the occasion. The Committee on Evangelism and the annual meeting of evangelists will take place there Aug. 12- 13. A feast of good things await those who attend. This is the substance of a telegram that we have received from Dr. O. E. Goddard, who has in hand the evangelistic campaign for a Church-wide revival. We hope that as many of our pastors as can will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these men. There is no better place at which to spend a vacation season than Lake Junaluska. We are afraid that our people are not appreciating as we should this opportunity for wholesome recreation, and at the same time an opportunity to come in contact with the leading men and movements of our Methodism. The Wesley Bible Class Federation meets there next week and closely following that comes this Bible and evangelistic conference which is especially important in view of the coming campaign for a great revival in the Church. Do not miss this opportunity.

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Be Sure to Observe Sunday School Day. Information comes from headquarters that our pastors are not reporting remittances for Sunday School Day as fully as they have been doing heretofore. The fact that the name has been changed from Children's Day to Sunday School Day by act of the General Conference does not lessen the importance of the day. It was intended, on the contrary, to enlarge it. It was designed that the children should be used as largely as ever, and that in addition the young people and adults should be brought into it. We are informed that less than a dozen pastors in the North Carolina Conference have yet made any remittance to the Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Cheatman, Franklinton, N. C., as the result of the observance of Sunday School Day. We regret to learn this. There surely must have been some misunderstanding somewhere. The intensive work that we have been doing in connection with the Centenary must not result in the neglect of the regular organized channels through which our work is supported. It should only intensify the work done through them. Let our pastors see to it that Sunday School Day is properly observed in their Sunday schools, and that the amount raised is forwarded promptly to the Treasurer, Mr. E. J. Cheatham, Franklinton, N. C.

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Prohibition Bill not Drastic. This is the claim that is made by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Chairman Legislative Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America. The Secular press has had much to say about the "drastic" character of the legislation which the House of Representatives has enacted for the enforcement of national prohibition. Of one thing we are certain: It will not interfere with the man who does not wish to smuggle liquor. Those who wish to evade the law may think that it is drastic, and from that viewpoint it ought to be so. But let Bishop Cannon speak in his own words: "The Associated Press dispatches concerning the passage by the House of Representatives of the bill for the enforcement of the Eighteenth (Prohibition) Amendment are calculated to mislead the readers of the daily papers. These dispatches have once and again emphasized the statements of 'wet' leaders that the bill is a very 'drastic' one. Those who are familiar with the tactics of the 'wets' are not misled by their denunciations of the bill as 'drastic' and 'fanatical'. The representatives of the 'wet' interests are striving to convince the country that the Anti-Saloon League is drunk with victory, and is showing itself to be unworthy the confidence of the people by demanding unreasonable and oppressive restrictions. These statements are not supported by the facts. The bill which was passed by the House of Representatives on July 22, by a vote of 287 to 100 (nearly three to one), while it will, it is hoped, be effective, is not 'drastic' when compared with the law of Virginia, or other genuine Prohibition States. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. The Anti-Saloon League, and the friends in Congress of genuine prohibition, have been seeking the enactment of a reasonable Law-Enforcement Code, which will represent the average sentiment of the people of the country to carry into effect the purpose of this Constitutional Amendment. They believe that the Enforcement Code just adopted by the House of Representatives does represent that average sentiment, except in minor details. It is confidently expected that these minor details will be corrected in the Senate. The House of Representatives, in the face of the most determined opposition from those who would nullify the Constitutional Amendment, and of a widespread propaganda to misrepresent the provisions of the Enforcement Code, has discharged its constitutional obligations in a most creditable manner." We should like more definite information as to the "minor details" in which the law enacted needs correcting. That is a pretty big loop hole for the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Anti-Saloon League to open up. We are sure, however, that Bishop Cannon does not mean any serious loosening of the law.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM A SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERANNUATE

By Samuel A. Weber

That the free use of the first person singular by your correspondent is contrary to the canons of good taste is somewhat redeemed by his reference to matters which, though personal, are of common interest to him and many of your readers and, as I am persuaded, of general interest to the people called Methodists. The "ego" in my case is so mixed in with our Church in all these seventy years of my membership and service, I find that I must talk or write about myself or hold my peace.

To begin with, I hereby offer my hearty congratulations to the editorial team of the new Advocate in its new departure. Your opportunity is for even higher-grade work and with a wider field of usefulness. Two are better than one. So may you find it! It is wise in the Conferences on occasion to divide, but in the Advocates to unite and concentrate. The facts are with me in both of my statements. I was a student at the New Institute School, (the Olin of later days) when the Raleigh Christian Advocate was started on its mission. N. H. D. Wilson and William Barringer are vivid in my memory as promoters of the scheme. They were the P. E.'s of that day. In due time the paper commenced its career, with Dr. Heflin as editor. In after years it was one of my valued exchanges when I was editor of our Southern Advocate. Later I became an occasional correspondent of it. And since that time I have had a similar relation, at intervals, with our N. C. Methodist journal—official or unofficial. Of late years I have known mostly the organ of the Western N. C. Conference. I first knew Bro. Blair at his father's home near Blair's school house, when I used to preach, while a teacher at the Davenport College. He was an aspiring youth at the time. W. L. Sherrill, the veteran secretary of his Conference, and once assistant on the Advocate is my first cousin. He and I, through our mothers, are connected with the Irish-American Landers of Lincolnton. Our grand parents, of whom we are justly proud, came from the south of Ireland and finally settled in Lincolnton. I may add by way of parenthesis that Samuel Lander, the second, did a work in South Carolina for education —the education of women—which abides and will abide. The name of Lander is immortal in the growing usefulness and fame of Lander College Greenwood, S. C.

But to get back home, last Sunday (6th inst.) was to me a day of special privilege and enjoyment. I attended both Sunday school and preaching at Trinity. I enrolled in the growing S. S. Bible class, with no expectation of regular attendance. I study my "Home Department Weekly" every day, but rarely attend Sunday school. It certainly paid me to go last Sunday. Let me tell a short story. Several years ago an intelligent young man went to Wofford College, with his mind not fully made up as to his calling, but thinking of preaching. It so turned out that he abandoned altogether the thought of the ministry. He got to reading a hurtful literature. Became skeptical, and quit going to church. Got into newspaper work. Drifted down here to Charleston. When Bishop Darlington made his first and only visit to our city some months ago, curiosity carried this young man to church to hear the Bishop at the morning hour. He went again that night. Since then he goes to church and to Sunday school. Is now the highly appreciated teacher of our Men's Bible Class. His work last Sunday morning so impressed me that I impulsively thanked the teacher and congratulated the class. I hereby send my love to dear Bishop Darlington and congratulate him, too. A word in season.

Later I heard my young pastor preach and then assisted him in the sacrament. The preaching was well done and not overdone. He is the youngest station preacher of our Conference. A fine man and a safe one is Henry Grady Harden, a younger brother of the late E. K. Harden, of the Western N. C. Conference. He and his dear young wife are well-mated for a joint work of great usefulness. She is one of my girls in one of my later pastorates. Brother Harden's mother, by the way, was a former Lander College graduate. I was her teacher there and it was my honor and pleasure to sign her diploma, and to assist Dr. Lander in her marriage ceremony. She was Ida Clinkscales. The Harden and Clinkscales stock is a premium grade in S. C. Methodism.

A few days ago I was called to our Bethel parsonage to baptize the parsonage baby. It was a long walk of about ten blocks. I refused to ride and went and returned leaning heavily upon my staff. The service had been delayed for a year awaiting my convenience. It was a blessing to be there to the old preacher and his young friends. The baby boy is the son and grandson and the great-grandson and the great-great-grandson of Methodist preachers. The Herberts and Hills and Bryces and Remberts and Greens are honored names in the Methodism of the twin Carolinas. I have been closely identified with these families all my public life and felt honored to be called to this service. Bethel church is one of the foremost chuches in the S. C. Conference and Thomas Grigsby Herbert is its efficient and faithful and successful pastor. His father, a P. E. for many years in his day, was Thomas Grigsby Herbert, the first, while the lately baptized baby is Thomas Grigsby Herbert, the third. The name of Herbert is a most influential one (none more so) in our Church on this side of the North Carolina line.

Here is something novel, and suggestive, too, in a Methodist Church. Our newest church here, and a very progressive one, is conducting a vacational day school in the basement of their church on Hampstead Square. It is to assist the backward scholars, who failed in their examination at the close of the last school term, and thus prepare them to enter school with their classes in the fall. It is a needed work and done under the auspices of our church, is suggestive of the spirit of our Methodism, to give its fostering care to the cause of education. Rev. S. D. Colyer, our pastor there, is closing most successfully his quadrennium. He is a preacher of pronounced ability and of engaging personality. He lately came to us from the Christian (Campbellite) Church.

Our only other Church in Charleston is the Spring Street Church. It is forging right ahead as perhaps never before in its history of more than sixty years. The pastor, W. H. Hodges, is one of the finest men I ever saw. He is the stuff to make heroes and martyrs of. He is in the ripeness of his manly prime. After preaching two years, feeling the need of better training, he spent six years first and last at Wofford and Vanderbilt. He had to make his own way and had a hard time of it. Supplying churches in the meantime he went ahead under great tension until he finally got his diploma. Getting his diploma not only meant education, but also a sense of self-respect in succeeding in what he started out to do. It meant conquest.

Rev. Geo. E. Edwards and his accomplished and useful wife have occupied the Charleston District parsonage the past four years. They met as strangers at an Epworth League Conference here in Charleston several years ago. They fell in love woth each other and with their common work. I would like to be quoted in the very words (ipsessima verba) of the Scripture, e. g., she is a helpmeet for him. I repeat here what I lately said about Edwards in our Southern Advocate: "He has a genius for leadership and a heart for fellowship." He is succeeding and is a success.

I make my home with my son-in-law, Mr. Leland Moore, who is a thriving Charleston merchant. He tells me this morning, with practically all the returns in, the S. C. Conference paid on its quota 156 1-2 per cent without credits and 190 1-2 per cent with credits. This easily puts our Conference at the head of the list. As a Church we have done surprisingly well. We thank God and take courage.

Our Conferences are close to each other and near akin. In my early recollection much of N. C. territory was in our Conference. There has been no little passing and repassing between the States. My fellow-superannuate and Brother S. M. Davis and I went from the same county into the same Conference. Some years ago my brother Goode brought his sweetheart, Miss Weber, across the line to the Yorkville parsonage to get Cousin Sam to tie the knot. They were both in a mighty good humor then and continued to be up to the time I saw them at Summerfield, a few years ago. Please publish me in full. This is a personal letter to many of my kin and friends in the Old North State. God bless them. And God bless the Advoate and its editors!

July 9, 1919.

CLARENCE RICHARDSON CANIPE

John F. Kirk.

Clarence Richardson Canipe was born in Cleveland county, near Palm Tree church, February 9th, 1877, and died in Columbus, Ohio, July 1st, 1919. After a pilgrimage of forty-two years, he came back to the old church to sleep with his fathers till the resurrection day.

In 1892, when he was fifteen years of age, under the ministry of D. P. Tate, he professed faith in Jesus Christ and joined the Methodist Church at Palm Tree.

After attending the local schools, he was for a while at Rutherford College, and taught at intervals in the local public schools. He was licensed to preach at the District Conference, of the Shelby District, at Gastonia in 1902. In December, 1903, he was appointed junior preacher on the Summerfield circuit, and at the following session of the Western North Carolina Conference, held at Charlotte in November, 1914, he was admitted on trial into the Conference, and was appointed to the Stoneville-Mayodan charge. At the next session of the conference, he was appointed a student at Trinity College, where he remained three years. During a part of the time that he was at Trinity College, he served as supply for one of the Durham churches. In 1907, while still at college, he transferred his membership to the North Carolina Conference.

His regular pastoral work may be said to have begun when in 1908 he was appointed to the Aurora circuit in the Washington district. He entered upon his work by taking the most important step of his life after he gave his heart to God, and by making the best preparation for the ministry it was possible for him to make. He married, on December 23rd, 1908, Miss Leila Finger of Lincoln county. Brother Canipe was fortunate in his choice. No small share of the success and happiness of his life was due to the loving helpfulness of the helpful wife, who is left to mourn his departure. And she may find consolation in the knowledge that her presence and her willing toil were a help and a joy to her husband all the years they journeyed together. To this union were born three sons; namely, Clyde Asbury, born December 29th, 1909; Walter Grigg, born December 5th, 1913; and Clem Lee, born September 6th, 1917.

He served the Aurora charge three years, and in 1912 was on the Troy circuit. In the fall of 1912 he went to Tar River circuit, where he stayed for three years. The year 1916 he spent at Person Street and Calvary charge in Fayetteville. It was here that his leg was broken, and it was so long in healing that he was compelled to take the superannuate relation at the fall session of that year. The next year he spent at his old home within the bounds of the Belwood circuit, Western North Carolina Conference, but holding his membership for this year in the North Carolina Conference. At the close of the conference year he was transferred back to his old home conference, the Western North Carolina, and was appointed to the Polkville circuit.

This charge is so near to his boyhood home that it is no small tribute to his personality that he should have been so willingly received. And it is greatly to the credit of the people of the Polkville charge that so heartily co-operated with him, neighbor boy, in his efforts to lead the church onward to better things. It was not surprising, therefore, that his pastorate here has been successful. It is probable that neither Brother Canipe nor the Polkville charge ever had a more successful pastorate than the one which was suddenly terminated by his untimely death.

Mere achievement can never be the full measure of a man, for the doer is ever greater than the deed. But the work accomplished by Brother Canipe, during the last eighteen months of his ministry, marks

him as a man of more than average ability. There was marvelous advance along all lines. The salary was almost doubled during this period; conference collections, although greatly increased over previous years, were secured in full for the first time in 27 years; successful revivals were held in a majority of the churches of the charge; but the greatest achievement, and the one in which he took most pride, was the raising of the full Centenary allotment, with a good surplus without using any of the credits. He was happier over this accomplishment than over any other in his pastoral experience, and his trip to Columbus was made in the spirit of celebration over the success in the Polkville charge.

The trip was, in some sense, characteristic of the man. In service to the Lord, he was ever fervent in spirit. Success in the Master's work gave him great joy, failure bore down upon him and greatly depressed him. He said in the presence of the writer that he considered the raising of the Centenary quota as the greatest achievement of his life, and that he greatly desired to go to Columbus to round out the achievement in proper and fitting form.

Not only was he fervent but at times really eloquent in his preaching, and in revivals his preaching was especially effective in reaching the unconverted and in stirring the church members to renewed zeal and consecration. Though a comparatively young man, he was an old-time Methodist preacher; he believed in the old doctrines, in the old songs, and in the old methods. He had little tolerance for easy methods in revival work, he believed in and used the old-fashioned mourner's bench, and be it said he found in it the most efficient means of getting sinners genuinely converted to God.

He was a true itinerant. He was especially suited to the circuit. Not every man fits into the work of a big country circuit; Canipe did. A pastor that can succeed anywhere, can usually succeed on the average middle-class station, but success on a big country circuit requires special fitness and ability. He was succeeding admirably on one of the largest and most difficult circuits of the district.

It seems a strange providence that suddenly snatches away a man who is just coming into his best achievements, who is just arriving at the full development of his powers, but we rest assured that God knows best. He was not permitted the joy of coming up to conference to render a report that would have held in it for him a note of triumph, but he was granted that infinitely greater privilege of going to make his report directly to his Lord, and we may well trust to hear the encomium that means more than all else, "Well done, thou hast been faithful, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

What is the matter with the Church Conference? That it is a failure must be the conclusion of all. But what is the matter with it? Why is it a failure? Are its provisions or plan of work to blame? Is its scope of operations too limited, or too broad?

Various remedies have been suggested. "Do away with it," says one. "Merge it with the Quarterly Conference," says another. "Enlarge its scope, and give it something worth while to do," says still another.

The writer does not claim to have made the church conference a great success. But he does not see anything the matter with it, in its provision and scope of work. The trouble with the church conference is that nobody wants it. The preachers do not hold church conferences, and the church does not want them held. Of course this is not absolutely true. Some church conferences are held in perhaps most of churches. A secretary is elected. He writes a few lines of the minutes on a sheet of waste paper, or a blank leaf from a hymn book, and the sheet is lost and in a few weeks nobody knows that a church conference has been held. This is according to my observation of the matter.

But the church needs the church conference. The preachers ought to call the church together according to the discipline, and hold church conferences. There are many important things for the church conference to do which are not committed to any other body. For instance the church conference has control of the church register. What worse "mess" than the average church register? As the matter now stands we do not know how many members we have. No preacher nor layman has any right to remove a name from the register without the action of the church conference. The proper thing to do is for the church conference to be held regularly in every church. The pastor's report to the church conference should contain all his official work since the last church conference, members received, and how many baptisms, both of children and adults, marriages, deaths, removals by certificate. This report is taken in hand by the secretary of the church conference, whose duty it is to have custody of the church register. But the church conference is not held. The work of receiving and dismissing members, of baptisms, of marriages, of deaths and funerals, goes on whether we hold church conferences or not. No report of preachers is made to church conferences because no church conferences are held. So the records get behind, in a tangle, and no man can keep them straight because of the neglect of the proper proceedings.

It is also the province of the church conference to have control of the finances of the church—to determine how the finances shall be raised. I know this is generally done by the board of stewards. But it would often, if not always, be better for the church conference to have a voice in this matter. This is in the direction of democracy, which is the direction in which all mankind is tending today. A full discussion of all local matters affecting the church is always best. There should be no disposition to keep the body of the church in ignorance of the real business of the church. All the members of the church should be put in possession of the knowledge of all the needs of the church, and then we may expect a fuller and more harmonious sympathy and co-operation in meeting these needs. There is no other place in which this free discussion can be held properly except the church conference.

The care of the poor, the circulation of our religious literature, our church papers, etc., is the legitimate field of the church conference. What opportunities we are missing to neglect the very organ whose functions are so vital to the healthy life of the church!

By all means let us hold more church conferences.

But when shall we hold church conference? The Discipline discourages holding them on Sunday morning. But Sunday evening is left open to us. On stations a Sunday night service once a month might better be made a church conference than otherwise. Or afternoon if you like it better.

The proceedings need not be tiresome, except the calling of the roll, which the Discipline says shall be "at every meeting, unless otherwise ordered." The conference might call the roll once a year, at least, in open conference. But the tedious work of revising the roll might be done by a judicious committee, which could be appointed by the church conference, whose work should be reported back to a subsequent church conference for approval. This will meet the Disciplinary requirements, and save time, and it may be better done than in full conference.

It is not necessary that the full program laid down in the Discipline should be brought forward at every meeting. This would consume too much time, and nothing could be done well when so much is undertaken. But only the items requiring first attention should be taken up at each meeting.

If we would undertake to hold church conference according to the discipline the people would soon become accustomed to them, and would, I think, appreciate them more. And I am sure the church registers, and all other local church matters would soon assume a more tangible shape, and while we are making history we would be writing it intelligently and leaving a record behind us that would b valuable to the future historian of the church.

Concord, N. C. R. M. TAYLOR

SHALL WE SET A GOAL IN THE COMING REVIVAL

O. E. Goddard

Human beings are so constituted that they will work more intensely for a definite goal than they will for a vague and indefinite end. With a definite objective they can mark progress and take courage and go forward. In all enterprises, great and small, other things being equal, the more definite the goal the more likely will the end be realized.

But there are valid objections to setting as a goal so many additions to the church. Counting converts, counting souls, numbering Israel, have their great dangers. We have a historic example that it was not pleasing to God. A campaign for so many additions to the church could easily degenerate into a cold-blooded, dry-eyed campaign for members, void of spiritual power. It could fill the churches with unregenerate folks who would hinder more than they would help in the advancement of the Kingdom. All saved people should be in the church of their choice, but, to be true to our history, we must, at least, insist that the candidates for membership show such a fixed desire to be saved that it will show itself in their changed lives. Some churches have set as a goal a certain number of additions to the church in a given time. If I may speak for our church, I should say we ought not to do that.

Yet a definite goal should be set. Not for getting so many members, but for presenting Jesus Christ, to the very best of our ability, to every man, woman and child for whom we are responsible. An accurate religious census of the community will reveal how many unidentified Methodists there are, how many unconverted people who would be Methodists if anything, and how many have no church preference. This measures the local church's responsibility in its immediate surroundings. It ought to set about presenting Christ to every one of the potential members in the best possible way. Simply to announce a protracted meeting and send out invitations to all to come, and if they will not come on that, to close the meeting, is neither wise nor scriptural. Let no church feel that it is absolved from further responsibility when it has held its protracted meeting and the unreached would not come. We must take Christ to them. We shall likely have to go to them one by one. This has quite as much Scriptural authority and precedent as holding a protracted meeting. What, then, should be the goal in the coming revival? "To present Jesus Christ to every man, woman and child for whom we are responsible." Our denominational lines have been so clearly drawn in most communities that those outside of the churches have their church preferences quite as well defined as those within. We should be quite happy to help every potential Baptist to Christ and into the church of his choice, and so with every potential Presbyterian, and all the other evangelical churches. But these people are not so accessible to us. They may entertain certain prejudices against us. If we will work up our own constituency and set an example of thoroughgoing work to our sister churches, they, too, will soon begin this intensive, extensive method of reaching their constituency. Thus in discharging our responsibility we stimulate others to do likewise.

It is contemplated that in the great simultaneous campaign next spring plans will be adopted by which Christ will be presented personally and persistently to every person for whom the local church feels responsible, until he says "yes" or "no" for Jesus Christ. Such a goal is legitimate. Such a goal is commendable. Such a goal is obligatory. Such a goal ought to be set by every local church in Southern Methodism.

The sense of a personal need often leads one to pray overmuch for one's self and to lose sight of the needs of others and of the wider reach of prayer. Selfishness at this point may dwarf the Christian life and defeat the very purpose of prayer. For prayer should enlarge our sympathies, increase our ability to serve our fellowman, rescue life from narrowness and littleness and cause us to grow more like the Master. Such will be the case if we are keenly alert to use this wonderful means of grace on behalf of others. "He who embraces in his prayer the widest circle of his fellow creatures" says Coulburn, "is most in sympathy with the mind of God.

In a very real sense we may actively participate through intercession in the work of a missionary on the field thousands of miles away. Our intercession releases divine power which clears away difficulties that have never yielded to human solutions. Prayer strengthens the hands of the worker for whom it is offered and saves him from discouragement. Constant daily intercession for specific missionary objects will soon dissipate the idea of distance and we will find ourselves thinking of them as close at hand.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Mrs. P. W. Tucker, wife of Rev. P. W. Tucker, of South Main Street Church, Salisbury, was elected a delegate to the Annual Conference by the Salisbury District last week.

—Born to Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Troy, in the Aurora parsonage, July 21, a son, Robert Preston Troy. May this boy follow in the foot steps of his sainted grandfather for whom he is named.

—The early date set for our Annual Conference, October 22, seems to meet with general approval. The Salisbury District Conference, by a unanimous vote, went on record as approving the early date.

—The Crouse Methodist Sunday school celebrated Sunday school day last Sunday. There were exercises by the children and young people of the school, and an address by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby.

—Mrs. Green, wife of Rev. Jim Green, Conference evangelist, is at the Crowell Hospital, Lincolnton, where she recently submitted to a surgical operation. We are glad to learn that the operation was successful and that Mrs. Green is expected to recover in due time.

—A union meeting is in progress at Davidson, all denominations taking part in the services, which are held under a tent. Rev. Loy D. Thompson, of Statesville is doing the preaching. Rev. H. G. Allen, of Granite Falls, is leading the singing.

—Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Wilmington, made a welcome call at the Advocate office last Monday. He was on his way to assist Rev. S. F. Nicks in a meeting on the Yanceyville charge. Brother McCracken reports the work as progressing nicely in Wilmington.

—We regret to learn that Miss Joe Jones, of Louisburg, has passed away. Her funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church of that place on Monday morning, July 21, and the interment was in Oaklawn cemetery. She lived to the good old age of 77, and was ever devoted to the interests of the Church she loved.

—Salisbury District Delegates to the Annual Conference are as follows: J. F. Shinn, T. M. Widenhouse, P. N. Peacock, J. A. Scott, S. T. Coburn, A. S. Morgan, Mrs. P. W. Tucker, W. L. Robbins. Alternates: Mrs. G. A. Holderby, H. A. Scott, D. B. Coltrane and C. H. Barrier. T. Frank Hudson, of Salisbury, was re-elected district lay leader.

—Rev. M. H. Vestal, pastor of Epworth Church, Concord, was a visitor at the Advocate office on Monday afternoon. He was in the city to be with his brother-in-law, Mr. R. H. Brooks, who is seriously ill at his home on West Gaston Street. We are glad to know that Brother Vestal has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

—Mrs. Daniel Lane left her home in Ayden on Tuesday, July 15, to meet her husband in New York, who is returning from France. Brother Lane responded to the call of the country for chaplains and has been in France for a year or more. His many friends will be glad to know that he will soon be in this country again, if indeed, he has not already landed.

—The Salisbury District Conference did the handsome thing last week in voting their faithful Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, a vacation of one month. Our Conference has had no more faithful or efficient man either as preacher or presiding elder, nor one who has spent less of his time on vacations. We hope he will take this one and enjoy it to the limit.

—The old Methodist Church at Benson was destroyed by fire on Monday night, July 21, and the new Church was damaged to the extent of $5,000 or $6,000. It was stated in the papers to be much more than that, but private advices indicate that it will not be over the figures stated. The paper report states that it was covered by insurance.

—Rev. T. V. Crouse closed a fine revival meeting at Glencoe, on the Stokesdale circuit, last Friday night. The meeting began on the Sunday night previous and was largely attended in spite of unfavorable weather. There were eighteen professions and quite a number will be added to the church. The doors of the church will be opened for reception of members on the third Sunday in August.

—A special from Wallace to the Wilmington Dispatch under date of July 19, says: "A splendid revival has just been closed in the Methodist Church here, of which Rev. M. D. Hix is pastor, conducted by Rev. C. B. Culbreth, of Southport. All denominations took part, and all felt the great blessing that has come to them through the messages brought by this man of God."

—Mrs. C. E. Steadman, wife of Rev. C. E. Stedman, passed to her eternal reward at the parsonage at Hayesville, N. C. a few days ago. She was buried at Sylva, N. C. Rev. J. A. Cook conducted the funeral service. We have no particulars as to illness or cause of death. Brother Stedman is one of our most faithful itinerants and his wife was a great support and help to him in his work. He will have the profound sympathy of the entire Conference. We hope to be furnished a full memoir at an early date.

—Rev. E. L. Kirk, reporting a fine meeting at El Bethel says: "We have just closed a meeting at El Bethel which resulted in a revival in the Church and community, and we have received thirteen into the Church on profession of faith. The good people of El Bethel stood by the pastor and meeting in prayer, sympathy, and hearty co-operation. The co-operation on the part of other Churches was beautiful. A purse of $25 was presented the pastor at the closing service. We praise the Lord for this people, the good meeting He has given us, take courage and press forward."

—Rev. R. J. Parker, our Missionary in Cuba, was a brief visitor on Friday of last week. He was returning from Battle Creek, Michigan, where Mrs. Parker is in a santarium. We were sorry to learn that Mrs. Parker's health has failed to such a degree as to make it necessary for her to return to the States and seek special treatment. Brother Parker was on his way to Broadway, N. C. where their five little children are being cared for by relatives. He is expecting to return to his work in Cuba at an early date. Let the people pray for these dear people that the clouds may soon be lifted.

TO FILL VACANCY

Rev. Fred H. Price, who has been serving as junior preacher on the Lowesville circuit, has been appointed preacher-in-charge of the Polkville circuit for the remainder of the conference year, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. C. R. Canipe, which occurreed at Columbus, Ohio, June 30, 1919.

He filled the regular appointments at Rehoboth and Lee's Chapel churches last Sunday, and is on the ground planning the work for the closing weeks of the Conference year.

John F. Kirk, P. E.

July 21, 1919.

TWO BIG DAYS FOR BESSEMER CHARGE

We are looking forward with keenest interest to the coming of Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe to dedicate our Concord church on the first Sunday in August, and certainly with no less interest to the coming of Dr. Plato Durham to dedicate our Bessemer church on the second Sunday in August.

These two churches constitute the charge and have been doing some fine work this year.

The church here in Bessemer was built some twenty or more years ago. But has never been dedicated. It is a beautiful church and has been painted recently at an expenditure of between three hundred and four hundred dollars. Other indebtedness has been paid off, a new piano has been bought, and all financial obligations are met monthly.

Our Concord church is the fourth building at this place, the church having been organized there more than one hundred years ago. This beautiful building (perhaps the best country church in the W. N. Conference) was erected under the leadership of Rev. William B. Shinn.

At the beginning of this conference year there was $3,075 yet due on this church. No provision had been made to take care of this indebtedness. Finding that we were very much hindered with this handicap we took the matter up with the Church Extension Board, and agreed on a proposition that has resulted in every cent of this money being paid. This church has raised more money this year than the entire charge did last year, and they are happy over the fact that their beautiful church is soon to be dedicated.

We are entirely too modest to even think of disturbing those dear brethren who made such a glow in the Centenary drive, but the Bessemer church claims to have raised their quota in 10 minutes; the Concord church says 30 minutes covered their time.

H. C. Byrum.

STANTONBURG

It was through the splendid liberality of the Church at Stantonburg that it was made possible for me to go to the Centenary exposition at Columbus. This is but one of their gracious acts this year. First they gave us a hearty reception, next a hearty co-operation, increased the salary 25 per cent, went far over the Centenary quota and now they want a gracious revival of religion and we believe we shall have it.

The Missionary exposition was great and will live in our hearts in all the years to come and it is with great appreciation that I think of the kindness of the people here who were so thoughtful of me and concerning the work that I represent. May God bless them and us all.

J. B. Thompson.

CHADWICK CHARGE

We came to this charge the first of last December and not having a parsonage we moved into a house belonging to one of our stewards. We began at once to wonder what kind of people we were to serve. It did not take us long to find out that we were to serve a very appreciative people.

After casting about a little we found a small debt against us and in a short time paid it off. The next thing we began to consider was a home for the preacher. We met with the official board and soon plans were laid for the parsonage. Te board did not let the plans become cold and stiff as so often is the case, but the plans were soon carried out and before we could realize it to be true we were in our new home. We now have a beautiful home for the preacher, with six rooms and a nice hall-way also electric lights.

The thing which gives me most joy is the fact that at either of the churches, Chadwick or Moores, we have men and women whom we can ask to ead in public prayer and they will respond. Also when the pastor is not present they hold the services.

Last Sunday, July 13th, was a day with us never to be forgotten. It was the occasion of the dedication of our church at Chadwick by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Winston-Salem, preaching from the words, "The brotherhood." He preached a great sermon.

We are in a meeting at Chadwick conducted by Rev. E. Myers of Waxhaw.

We are hearing some great preaching by Brother Myers. Our meeting at Moores will be held in August, conducted by Brother Wyand of Maryland.

R. L. Forbis.

SALISBURY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 37th session of the Salisbury District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met July 23 and 24 in the Methodist Church at Kannapolis, N. C.

Dr. J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder of the District presided at all of the sessions. Rev. A. S. Raper, Pastor at Park Avenue Church, Salisbury, was elected secretary.

The roll call of churches found 21 pastors present and 36 laymen on hand at the opening of conference. Before this session had closed one pastor and 20 laymen had reached the conference. This was very fine attendance in view of the fact that we have floods which made it impossible for some to reach this session at all. Ninety-eight members attended from first to last.

Rev. W. F. Sandford was elected assistant secretary.

Dr. Rowe announced committees on license to preach, for Orders, Admissions, To examine Quarterly Conference records, and on Missions.

The characters of 12 local preachers passed and their license were renewed. The character of another local preacher was pased but because no request for renewal was made his license were not renewed.

The Conference passed the characters of four local Deacons and three local Elders.

Rev. W. M. Curtis represented Greensboro College for Women. Rev. J. B. Craven repreented Davenpcrt College. Rev. J. P. Rogers represented The Superannuate Endowment Fund. Rev. R. M. Courtney, Conference Missionary secretary spoke on the big Centenary movement. Prof. J. R. Walker represented Rutherford College.

T. Frank Hudson, District Lay leader, made a strong address to the conference. He was again chosen to be the Lay leader of the Salisbury District f orthe next year. His work on the Centenary has not been loud but very effective. He is not a big horn blower but a strict doer.

Each pastor present made a brief report of the work committed to him and his flock. Progress was the key note which sounded from all quarters.

The Elder and his pastors are not dead. The work done by each one can be commended. We are on the job and doing things though we do not blow much about it. We know how to blow but we leave that for others who like it better than we seem to.

Dr. Z. Paris, of Central, Concord, and Rev. R. S. Howie, of Albemarle, Central, did all of the preaching. Well done it was too. They gave us great messages. The hearers heard them gladly and with profit.

Miss Grace Bradley was present and addressed the conference in the interest of the Epworth League work. She is alive as to the needs of our church along lines of usefulness with and for our young people.

License to preach was granted to

William Henry Willeford, of Concord, N. C. Rev. Allen Patterson Brantley and Elhanan McLean Ferrell were recommended to the Annual Conference for Deacon's Orders.

James Samuel Gibbs was recommended for Admission on trial into the traveling connection.

The committee on resolutions consisted of Rev. R. S. Howie, P. N. Peacock, and E. E. Weesner.

Dr. Rowe named the following as the Licensing committee, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Rev. P. W. Tucker, Rev. A. Raper, Rev. E. E. Williams, Rev. R. K. Brady, and Rev. R. C. Kirk. These were elected by vote of the conference.

Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, addressed the conference on education. The address was clear cut and pointed.

J. F. Shinn occupied the eleven o'clock hour Thursday calling attention to our need of further use of the Centenary organization and by vote a resolution was adopted urging the continuation of this organization.

By unanimous vote of the conference Dr. Rowe was granted a month's vacation and the following were also adopted: "Whereas, our Presiding Elder, Dr. J. C. Rowe, is now completing his quadrennium on this, the Salisbury District, therefore be it resolved, first, That we, the members of this District Conference, now assembled, hereby express our appreciation of his untiring services and able administration in the affairs of the district.

Second, That we pray for his continued success in whatsoever field of labor his lot may be cast, and assure him of our deepest concern for his welfare and happiness in all things temporal and spiritual, present and eternal.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed
R. S. Howie,
P. N. Peacock,
E. E. Weesner.
Committee.

The Conference went on record as favoring the change of time for holding our Annual Conference in October each year and about the middle of the month.

The secretary of the conference by vote was ordered to write letters to each of our Senators and one or more to Congressmen to urge congress to change the nation's time piece back as before the war.

By almost unanimity the conference passed resolutions asking that our publishers cease advertising Coca-Cola and patent medicines in our Church periodicals and especially our Sunday school literature.

A report from the Woman's Missionary society was read and ordered spread on the minutes. It showed 49 societies operated by the women with a total membership of 1,294. Collected the past year $7,186.

The delegates elected to the Annual Conference are as follows, viz: J. F. Shinn, T. M. Widenhouse, P. N. Peacock, J. A. Scott, S. T. Coburn, A. S. Morgan, Mrs. P. W. Tucker, and W. L. Robbins.

Alternates, Mrs. G. A. B. Holderby, H. A. Scott, D. B. Coltrane, and C. H. Barrier.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane presented the cause of the Advocate.

The Conference voted to go to Albemarle, Central Church, next year.

A subscription amounting to $136.50 was taken in open conference to assist Rev. A. C. Tippett in preparing for the ministry.

The work of the conference moved along rapidly an smoothly at all times.

We all regret very much that Dr. Rowe is closing his term of service in this District.

He is alert and always ready to go forward. He has gone over a long journey, doing great good. He may go from us at our next annual gathering, but his work will never die. No man among us has wrought more enduringly.

This was a great conference. One among the best ever.

A. S. Raper, Secretary.

Resolution

In view of the fact that Church literature aims to encourage clean and wholesome reading, and to discourage that which is objectionable along all lines, and since the word of God urges that we abstain from the very appearance of evil.

Be it resolved, first, That we, the members of the Salisbury District Conference now assembled do hereby deplore the appearance of Coca-Cola and also patent medicine ads appearing in our General Organ, and in our Sunday school literature, published by our own publishing house, and we enter our hearty protest against such advertising matter being put in any of our Church literature.

Resolved, second, That we kindly request our publishers to cease to use these ads. at the close of this fiscal year, giving us assurance by letter of their intention to so do, at a very early date.

Rev. A. S. Raper,
Rev. S. E. Richardson,
W. C. Odell.

Resolution

Resolved, That we the Salisbury District, note with approval the consolidation of the two Advocates, the Raleigh and the North Carolina.

We hereby pledge our hearty support to our Advocate with respect to its circulation and also in the efforts of the editorial staff and Board of Publication to make the paper second to none in all our connection.

R. S. Howie,
P. N. Peacock,
E. E. Weesner.

Resolved, That we appreciate the fact that we have had among us, our beloved Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.

We realize that his labors among us have borne much fruit, especially, with respect to the matter of tithing. We have been led to believe that this is God's approved plan of financing His kingdom. We note with pleasure the growth of this conviction of the stewardship within the bounds of our District, and we urge every one, both preachers and laymen in the bounds of our conference, to both preach and practice tithing.

R. S. Howie,
P. N. Peacock.
E. E. Weesner.

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CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
Greensboro, N. C.

RALEIGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In spite of heavy rains, swollen streams and bad roads, when Rev J. E. Underwood, the beloved presiding elder of the Raleigh District, called the conference to order at Cary, on Tuesday morning, July 22, there was a splendid attendance, both of ministers and laymen. Two of the charges, Franklinton and Clayton, had their full quota of delegates present.

Brother Underwood, in his opening remarks, pleaded for a deep spiritual examination of self and a new consecration to the Lord, and from that time till the end there was a spiritual atmosphere dominating the whole conference.

Rev. T. A. Sikes was elected secretary.

The roll call revealed the fact that all the preachers of the district were present except Revs. B. C. Thompson and E. M. Hall. It was reported that these brethren were engaged in revival meetings.

The presiding elder appointed committees as follows:

Missionary committee, Rev. J. G. Johnson, F. B. McKinne, A. H. Vann, and J. M. Turner.

On Quarterly Conference records, O. I. Hinson, W. C. McFarland, and J. M. Judd.

To examine applicants for license to preach, Revs. D. N. Caviness, G. F. Smith and G. B. Perry.

The preachers all submitted written reports of the work done in the district during the year, and it was found that some very fine revival meetings have been held, a large amount had been expended on new churches, a number have been remodeled, parsonage put in good shape, the salaries of preachers in charge materially increased and that all together the district is in fine shape.

One interesting item was brought out when Rev. E. B. Craven, of the Four Oaks charge, made his report. He noted that at a recent meeting of the official board Mr. B. B. Adams, one of the most influential of the laymen in the state, had asked for a building committee to be appointed for the purpose of erecting at Four Oaks a model church building, and that he desired the official body with the exception of himself to compose that committee. He instructed the officials to secure plans for just such a church as was needed and that would meet the demands of the new day, and for the church to raise what amount it could, and he would pay the remainder.

It was reported that several young men are in attendance upon our schools with the ministry in view.

Rev. F. S. Love, president of the Epworth League Conference, spoke to the conference in regard to the conservation of the young life of the church, and admonished the conference to exert all efforts possible to tie the young people to the church.

The conference ordered a telegram sent to Hon. E. W. Pou, congressman from this district, urging him to support the prohibition enforcement measure then pending in congress (This he failed to do.)

Rev. S. A. Cotton, of Smithfield, made a stirring address to the conference in behalf of the superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans. He declared that it was the shame of Methodism that these faithful old soldiers of the cross were not better taken care of, and urged that the matter not be overlooked any longer. He also urged the churches to take better care of their pastors so that they will be able to live without embarrassment, and be able to lay by a nest egg. Mr. Cotton brought out the fact that the average salary of the preachers of the Raleigh district is $1,220.

Mr. W. G. Womble, of Edenton Street, Raleigh, who was the district director of the Centenary campaign, was elected lay leader for the district.

Walter Gaston Farrell, of Central, Raleigh, was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Jesse W. Martin, of Franklinton, and Slade Willey Phillips, of Central Church, were licensed to preach.

Rev. L. S. Massey presented the claims of the North Carolina Christian Advocate to the conference.

Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., spoke in the interest of Greensboro College for Women.

Prof. R. L. Flowers delivered a very fine address on the importance of Christian education.

Prof. F. S. Aldridge represented Trinity Park School, and Rev. F. S. Love Louisburg College.

A resolution was passed pledging the district to raise $7,500 to assist Louisburg College in the erection of a much needed dormitory. The institution is to raise $7,500 in addition to this amount.

The following were elected delegates to the annual conference: Mrs. I. M. Proctor, of Edenton Street; A. H. Vann, of Franklinton; Dr. J. M. Judd, of Cary; F. B. McKinne, of Louisburg; Dr. E. T. White, of Oxford; S. K. Massengale, of Four Oaks; W. L. Nivens, of Central and J. D. Spries, of Smithfield.

The most pleasing and touching incident of the conference was when Rev. R. C. Craven introduced resolutions of appreciation of the life and official administration of Rev. J. E. Underwood, the presiding elder, whose quadrennium expires at the approaching session of the Annual Conference. Quite a number of the brethren spoke words of tenderness in behalf of this good man. Brother Underwood's reply was feelingly spoken, as he told of his love for all the brethren. No man among us has been more faithful than has Brother Underwood.

Franklinton was chosen as the place for the next session of the conference.

The preaching during the conferenre was done by Revs. Peele, Craven and Proctor.

T. A. Sikes, Secretary.

NOTICE

Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of Jenkins Memorial Church, has been relieved of his charge because of failing health, and Rev. L. B. Pattishall has been placed in charge of the work vacated by Brother Robinson.

Let us remember Brother Robinson in our prayers.

J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder.
Raleigh, N. C.

A CARD

At our recent District Conference $7,500 of the $15,000 asked for by the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College, for permanent improvement was assured by the Raleigh District, and the following are appointed to have charge of raising this amount: Rev. F. S. Love, President of the College; T. A. Sikes, W. W. Pelle, L. S. Massey, President of the Board of Trustees.

J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder.

MEETING AT HIGH SHOALS

On the first Sunday night in July we closed a very successful meeting at High Shoals. The meeting continued for fifteen days, resulting in about 60 conversions and reclamations. We have already received 38 into the church and four others are to be received Sunday. Rev. G. W. Fink did the preaching and the Lord honored his services by convicting and bringing the people to repentance. Brother Fink and I have been working together in meetings for nine years, and I appreciate his work more and more. I know of no man who will do more to line up the people with the pastor.

Owing to unfavorable conditions we had not yet put on the Centenary drive. On the second Sunday morning Brother G. C. Andrews our District Campaign Director, was with us and made a short but very forceful talk on the object of the Centenary. Following this address we secured pledges from those present. Notwithstanding we did not have half our usual congregation we reaised more than half the quota for this church. We continued the every member canvass and by Monday night had gone over the top.

We are in the third year on the Dallas charge. Things are moving along nicely and prospects are bright for everything to come out in full.

R. A. Taylor, P. C.

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Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

HARVEST SONG

By Blaine C. Bigler

God of the harvest, beneath whose mighty hand
The waving fields are filled with golden grain;
Let us not forget Thy presence in the land,
But give Thee thanks for every loaded wain.

We know who sent the rain and summer sun,
Who made the soil so golden grain could grow;
We're thankful, God, for all that You have done,
But may we not forget to tell You so?

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

If you've a tender message or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it, but whisper it today.
We live but in the present, the future is unknown.
Tomorrow is a mystery, today is all our own.
The tender words unspoken, the letter never sent,
The long-forgotten messages, the wealth of love unspent—
For these some hearts are breaking, for these some loved ones wait.
So show them that you care for them before it is too late.—Exchange.

MRS. PEMBERTON ELECTED DELEGATE

The laymen of Little Rock District honored themselves in electing as a delegate to the Annual Conference, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, the editor of our Woman's Missionary department, who, in her delicately diplomatic way had rendered valuable service in the cause of "laity rights." With her intelligent grasp of true values and her wide and accurate information on church affairs she will be a useful member of the Annual Conference. We heartily welcome her and the other accomplished women who will be members of Little Rock Annual Conference.—Arkansas Methodists.

Mrs. Walter H. Pemberton, of First Church, Little Rock, and one of the leading women of Southern Methodism, was elected a delegate to the Little Rock Annual Conference by the Little Rock District Conference the past week. Mrs. Pemberton has the distinction of being the first woman in the history of the district to be elected a delegate. The Conference was operating under the new law which gives our good women equal laity rights with the men. This is in keeping with the true spirit of democracy.

We are pleased to give these items from the Arkansas Methodist and the Weekly Bulletin, of First Church, Little Rock, because Mrs. Pemberton is well known in our State, being a native North Carolinian. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carroll, of Carrollton, Warren county, who afterward moved to Ashland, Virginia. Mrs. Pemberton is also the sister of Mrs. R. O. Burton, of Raleigh, who was for quite a while editor of "Our Page" in the Advocate.

TO OUR BRIGHT JEWELS

Dear Bright Jewels:

We have just sent off the best second quarter's report we have ever had, and I want to thank you and those fine women, your superintendents and leaders, who have done such good work during the last few weeks. If my heart is so glad over it, do you not think that the heart of your Heavenly Father is glad too?

We sent Mrs. McKinne, our Conference Treasurer, one thusand and twenty-nine dollars and forty cents. Some of our bands have done remarkably well. Fayetcville sent $90.55; Dunn's two bands, $55.80; Gibson, $54.28; and one of the new societies, Graham, $30; and several others as well considering their numbers.

Though I rejoiced over this there are several who have not reported at all and have no part in this fine report. Don't you feel sorry for them? I hope that they will be so sorry that they will go to work at once and help to make our third quarter even better still.

Our work is so important that we must not let the hot summer days keep us from doing our best. And we must not fail to ask God's blessing on our work. We can do nothing right without His help. I am counting on you. God is counting on you. If you are faithful now I am sure that we will close the year with a great victory.

With love for you and with prayers for our work.

Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson,
Wilmington, N. C.

REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Dues	
Adult	$2,112.68
Young people	165.82
Junior Division	346.51
Baby Division	12.81
Pledge	
Adult	$2,934.49
Young People	313.60
Junior Division	608.43
Baby Division	61.65
Carolina College girls	85.00
Speciols, Bible Women, Scholarships	415.95
Scarritt Endowment and Scholarship	403.17
Retirement and Relief fund	77.94
Conference expense fund	281.87
	$7 819.92

This is a splendid report as compared with the second quarter of 1918. We have an increase of $1,582.00. Again I must call your attention to our Scarritt Endowment Fund. Warrenton led the Districts in this particular item, paying one half of all that was received. But I feel so happy and thankful over this report I must congratulate you who have helped make it possible.

Mrs. F. B. McKinne, Treasurer.
Louisburg, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

THE FOOTPATH TO PEACE

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meaness and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of hear and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can with body and spirit in God's out-of-doors—these are little guide-posts on the footpath of peace.—Henry Van Dyke, in Missionary Voice.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Winston District—Young People's Society, Cooleemee, N. C.—President, Miss Victoria Byerly; first vice-president, Mrs. Clay Alexander; second vice-president, Mrs. Blane Gray; recording secretary, Miss Myrtle Vogler; corresponding secretary, Miss Janie Dula; treasurer, Miss Addie Hoyle.

Salisbury District—Young People's Society, Mount Olivet Church, Concord Circuit.—President, Miss Jeannette Stroud, Concord, N. C., R. F. D. 2; vice-president, Miss Beulah Litaker, Concord, N. C., R. F. D. 2; recording secretary, Miss Margaret Litaker, Concord, N. C. R. F. D. 2; corresponding secretary, Mr. Clifford Scott, Concord, N. C., R. F. D. 3; treasurer, Mrs. Olin Barnhardt, Concord, N. C., R. F. D. 3.

Charlotte District—Young People's Society, Poplar Hill, Polkton Circuit—This society was organized by the District Secretary, Mrs. L. N. Presson on June 6, and is in charge of Miss Phoebe Watkins, Polkton, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Charlotte District.—Junior Society, Mt. Prospect Church, Monroe Circuit.—President Thelma Starnes, Mineral Springs, N. C., R. F. D. 1; first vice-president, Lola Latham, Monroe ,N. C., R. F. D. 4; second vice-president, Grace Plyler, Mineral Springs, N. C., R. F. D. 1; recording secretary, Stoye Starnes, Mineral Springs, N. C., R. F. D. 1; corresponding secretary, Mary Plyler, Mineral Springs, N. C., R. F. D. 1; treasurer, Beulah Outen, Mineral Springs, N. C., R. F. D. 1; adult second vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Yarbrough, Mineral Springs, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Statesville District—Junior Society, Maiden, N. C.—President Joe Heffner, vice-president, Josie Murray; corresponding secretary, Clifton Heffner; recording secretary, Nell Williams; treasurer, Irene Strutt; superintendent Mission Study, Sallie Spratt, superintendent social service, Josie Murray; Adult superintendent Children's Work, Miss Alma Goode.

Greensbzoro District—Junior Society, Asheboro, N. C.—President, Mabel Ingram; vice-president, Eva Cranford; recording secretary, Pauline Burkhead; corresponding secretary, Nab Armfield; treasurer, Frances Moore; Mission Study superintendent, Henry Armfield; Social Service superindentent, Margaret Auman; Adult superintendent Children's Work, Miss Carrie Erwin.

Asheville District.—Junior Society, Montmorenci Church, Sulphur Springs Circuit.—President, George Mallonee; vice president, Mary Lou Gudger; corresponding secretary, Ted Lindsay; recording secretary, Richard Allen; treasurer, Edward Joyner; superintendent Mission Study, Harold Groce; superintendent Social Service, Beryl Moody.

MRS. W. C. HOUSTON

Friends of Mrs. W. C .Houston, of Concord, N. C., Conference Distributor of Literature, will be glad to know that she is speedily recovering from wounds sustained in an automobile accident in Asheville recently. Mrs. Houston, Dr. Houston and members of their immediate families were spending the day in Asheville and on returning from a drive to Sunset Mountain collided with a car going up the mountain. Mrs. Houston and her sister, Miss Pat Admas, were the only occupants of the car that were hurt. They were carried to the hospital in Asheville remaining there several days, until they were sufficiently recovered to return to their summer home at Black Mountain.

MRS. LUCY H. ROBERTSON

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President passed through Asheville a few days ago enroute to Lake Junaluska, where she will spend several weeks attending a number of the splendid Conferences that are to be held there during July and August.

WHAT NEXT

Allow us to quote from an article by Mrs. M. K. Hargrove, which came out in the July issue of the Missionary Voice, concerning our continued duties in the Centenary Movement.

"Now comes the question, 'What Next?' All whose efforts have been enlisted in behalf of the Centenary Movement realize that the work of this great era in our Church's history has but just begun, and that unless the next year sees a great spiritual revival in the hearts of Southern Methodists and a burden laid upon our Church for the salvation of the world, with a sacrificial determination to meet the opportunities of the hour, the great Centenary for Missions will become a pitiful failure. This must not be. The Centenary leaders have determined upon their knees before God to press the battle during the year to come as never before, the efforts for the coming year to rally around the following great line of spiritual activity.

World Division. We are to continue by every means possible, to open the eyes of our people to the great world need of this hour, at home and abroad.

Intercessors. A still larger number are to be enlisted, with greater emphasis on the keeping of the Prayer Pledge.

Evangelism. A widespread revival of religion in our Churches and by means of our Churches, is to be sought, with the result that Christians shall represent to the world as never before, and seek to join their Redeemer in soul-winning, as they have not as yet learned to do.

Life Service. "Follow me. Go ye" and kindred commands must be faced squarely and settled in accordance with God's will for each life. More than seven hundred missionaries are needed by the Church for the work of Christ in the next five years.

Minute Men.—The work of the Minute Men is to be continued. Some work is to be rendered by them in all the Churches, but they are to be used in looking after filling the pulpits of the rural Churches.

Stewardship of Substance. The work of bringing the duty of tithing to the people of Southern Methodism is but just begun. The time is ripe for the greatest advance along this line, and the necessity of pressing this obligation weighs heavily, for the carrying forward of the Kingdom of Christ must be rendered permanent and effective.

These are the general lines of the Centenary program for the coming year, pray, serve, and pass on aid to others as never before. Ephesians v. 15-16 must be our watchword for the months before us."

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

FROM LAKE JUNALUSKA

The Sunday School Training School for leaders at Lake Junaluska is a great success and has been so from the first day. Regular class work started on schedule time and has been uninterrupted. The attendance on the first day was more than the ample accommodations could take care of. Consequently there has been much "doubling up." It will be unsafe for others to come for the Training School unless reservations have been made.

But the Training School ceases before the Wesley Bible Class Federation begins, and there will be an exodus of 400 or more people leaving much room for our enthusiastic Wesleyites.

The prevailing hotel rates are $2.00 and $2.50 the day. Cheaper rates can be obtained if the guest remains as long as a week. It will not be necessary to make reservations for Wesley Bible Class Federation. A fee of 50 cents will be charged for the privilege of the Assembly grounds for the three days. This fee is just half the usual rate for the three days, the reduction having been made to encourage the attendance upon the Federation.

Prospects are fine for the best Federation in the history of the Wesley Bible Class movement. Be sure to come to Junaluska and take it in. The weather is fine, the scenery is beautiful and the environment is beneficial.

TRYON STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have organized Tryon Street Sunday School according to the plan laid down by the General Sunday School Board, as nearly as is consistent with local conditions. All of our classes above and including the intermediate department, are regularly organized Wesley Bible classes, 14 in all. Each class is a little Sunday School within itself, and each department is just a little larger Sunday School within itself. Our Wesley Bibles classes are all doing a great work. Some of them are contributing to home and foreign missions, the children's home, visiting the sick, helping the distressed, supporting orphans abroad, and doing many other things towards the furtherance of the cause of Christianity. One of our classes of young ladies with a membership of about 35, report that they average one marriage a month. I am expecting this class to soon become one of the most popular classes in the city. I find that our young ladies are making considerable contributions each year through their class organization for church purposes. The Wesley class is a great power in the Sunday School and the Church. We contemplate organizing in our Sunday School in the near future a number of war savings societies and this will be done through the Wesley classes. These classes can invest in thrift or war savings stamps the money to be contributed for various purposes, thereby helping the government and at the same time do the same work they are now doing and in addition learn to save and at the same time invest.

A number of our classes will be represented at the federation of Wesley Bible Classes at Lake Junaluska on August 7, 8 and 9. We shall look forward to the pleasure of being with you.

Yours very sincerely,
D. E. Henderson, Supt.

CENTRAL ASHEVILLE WESLEYITES

The Wesley Young Men's Bible Class of Central Methodist Church is seeing a healthful growth. Without any whirlwind campaign or wild west effort the class has held its own during war times and is now realizing a steady growth in attendance and interest. Quite a number of boys have returned and are again lining up with our class, which demonstrates their interest in the work. The class uses the budget system for the expenses with a budget of $500 adopted for 1919 to be expended as follows:

Donation to Children's Home; amount paid General Sunday School; relief of poor; entertainment and social activities of the class, and amount of $10 monthly investment of 10 shares of Building and Loan stock, which is now over three years old.

The class maintains active committees and is endeavoring to reach every young man in the city who is not a member of the Sunday School. We have 60 live members on our roll which has been recently revised and our attendance averages about 35. Our officers are as follows:

V. R. Patterson, president; M. E. Hoffman, vice president; J. D. Miller, secretary; C. R. Howell, treasurer; Zeb F. Curtis, teacher.

Plans are being materialized now to augment the attendance of our class and to touch in every way possible the young men of our community that should be in the class.

Cordially yours,
V. R. Patterson, Pres.

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We have an organized class composed of men, ninety-two in number, with Mr. J. Ed Smith as teacher, and he has had this class for sixteen years, during which time he has missed only two Sundays, and he attended S. S. elsewhere then.

We hold our monthly meetings at the homes of different members and after the business transactions we always have a social hour which affords much pleasure to all.

We visit the sick and look after the absent members, and are always on the look out for new members. We extend a cordial welcome to all, and do all we can to make everybody feel at home when they come into our class room.

Wade F. Thompson, Secretary.

ARE THERE MORE AT HOME LIKE YOU?

The Baraca class of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, has just been enrolled at Wesley Bible Class headquarters, Nashville, Tenn., and given certificate No. 7512. This is a splendid class of 124 men, Dr. Dred Peacock, teacher, and Mr. J. S. Welborn, president.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich.

"I've noticed that fathers who are their sons' chums generally has the best boys."

"One fault with some of our public school teachin', Prof. Reedin', is that it teaches scholars outen the country to the city. My idee is the public school folks an' Sunday school folks 'd better get t'gether an' work out a educational program what'll show young folks th' advantages of the country an' make 'em want to stay here an' develop it.

"S' far's my fam'ly's concerned it dies with me, 'cause me an' Misses Uncle Billy has no children to bear our name after us. An' so the church'll die that ain't rearin' and trainin' a new generation to keep itself agoin',"

"I been a wonderin' if our Sunday school wouldn't do more good if us teachers used the 'lesson period' in supervisin' the scholars' studyin' of their lesson 'stead o' makin' it a sort o' 'lesson question-mark,' or talkin' the hull time ourselves.

"Guess I find it easier to be religious than democratic. Religion demands faith in God; democracy demands faith in man. 'Spose when we git ev'rybody to be religious we can have real democracy.

"My 'pinion is, 'Squire Bassett, if we teach our little folks here on Twinflower Branch to see God's love an' care an' beauty in nature 's well's in the Bible, more of 'em will stay on the farm."

HOUSES IN CLEVELAND

Many coffee houses in Cleveland have been closed by the police within the past two weeks. Others are being watched, an whenever young girls are employed as waitresses girls and owners are questioned.

A girl taken from a coffe house owned by Mrs. Sophia Fodor testified that a coffee house owner had sold her to the Fodors for $7. Mrs Fodor and her husband were arrested.

The old vice ring, which used to operate in large cities through the mediums of liquor resorts, saloons, wine rooms, and vicious cabarets, is now attempting to come back with the aid of coffee houses, according to the police.

In Foreign Districts

Thus far the coffee houses have appeared in foreign districts, and foreigners have been the owners. They have the apperance of being respectable places, where coffee is sipped by men and women. There is no entertainment, and seldom is anything other than coffee served. Usually there is noted an overabundance of waitdesses, mostly young and goodlooking. Men waiters are not employed, and the patronage of women coffee drinkers is not encouraged in these places, police assert.

Prosecutor Stanton believes that many mysteries of missing girls will be cleared up when the coffee house evid has been wiped out.



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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from Page Seven)

THERMAL CITY

We closed our revival meeting at Pisgah Church on Wednesday, July 23. We had counted on Brother Dawson being with us, and was disappointed in that, owing to sickness, he could not come. The Lord was with us from the first service. I have not seen people come to church as they did down there, notwithstanding the rain and mud; for it rained every day after the first day. The former pastors know the condition the roads get in during the rainy weather, yet some would come in wagons four and five miles through the rain. God was present and manifested His power in the conversions of six souls and blessing many other.

We had an all day service on Sunday beginning with a love feast, and there was some old time shouting. We feel we have been greatly benefited, and the spiritual life of the Church at Pisgah deepened. We are now in our meeting at Thermal City. Pray for us that God may continue His blessings.

Yours in Christ,
M. W. Heckard.

CLARK STREET—ROCKY MOUNT

The good and faithful people of Clark Street Church are still going ahead in a quiet way and are bringing things to pass. In the big drive of the Centenary, this church easily went over the top and more than doubled its quota (225 per cent) counting credits.

On Sunday before the Centenary Celebration began at Columbus, the chairman of our board of stewards, Brother S. Felton, and Bro. H. F. Hinson spoke out in meetin' in the name of the church, and pleasantly and profitably surprised the pastor by presenting him with a purse of a hundred dollars, told him to take in the celebration, and if he needed any more to let them know. The pastor greatly appreciates this kindness, more than words can express.

In the absence of the pastor, Brother T. J. W. Crowder, our local exhorter, supplied the pulpit for the morning services, and the Junior and Senior Leagues altenately held services at the evening hour.

We held our meeting in May and Brother W. E. Trotman, of Bethel did most of the preaching. He preached a splendid series of strong, forceful and earnest sermons, and several have been added to the church.

Perhaps the most successful and most profitable program ever rendered by the Sunday school was in June when the "Sunday School Day" program was given by all departments of the school—the cradle roll, the home department, and the various departments of the regular school. Mrs. J. M. Baker and Miss Lillie Sanders deserve great credit and praise for preparing and training the school for the program.

B. B. Slaughter, Pastor.

A BROTHER PERPLEXED

Mr. Editor: I am greatly perplexed! Will some one please inform me through the Advocate, why good Methodists will send their sons and daughters to the schools of other denominations rather than those of our own? And by so doing help to build up and strengthen the schools of other churches, to the damage of our own? Would not those same Methodists think it very strange if good Methodists would send their children to the Sunday schools of other denominations? Where is the difference? The writer is not a narrow sectarian bigot, but does believe in loyalty to ones vows, which all of us took when we joined the church, "To support the institutions of the church." Surely our educational institutions are of great importance to the success of our church work, and are worthy of our moral as well as our financial support. An Old Fogy.

A PROTEST

This is a protest against the use of the revised version of the Bible for the lesson text of our Sunday school literature. I am fifty-six years old, have always studied the King James version and find it is good enough for me, and believe it is good enough for the people of this day and generation. I have attended Sunday school most all my life, and always studied and read the King James version and understand it better than the revised version. For the last twelve months I have not attend Sunday school regular on account of the revised version being used and may, even in my old days quit Sunday school altogether if the use of the revised version is continued. There is no doubt in my mind but that the use of the revised version has hurt our Sunday schools. Will others please protest?

Forest City. W. A. Jolley.

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One of our small village schools wants a quiet, well-behaved boy ar young man, from fourteen to eighteen years of age, to live in the teachers' home and act as janitor for a five-teacher school. He can go to school while doing his work and will be given his tuition and books and a small amount in cash each month. If he wishes to, he can make his board by a little work around the home. This is a fine opportunity for the right sort of boy. References required. Address the undersigned at once. If any preacher knows such a boy, he will confer a favor on him by calling his attention to this notice.

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Exposition by the Editor

One of the most beautiful touches of the life of Jesus recorded in the gospels is that of the interview between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. It was so natural, and yet so unusual! It is probable that no other man has ever lived in the world who has been quite so unconventional as Jesus of Nazareth. He did not need this artificial prop to sustain His manhood, and yet He did not run counter to custom just for the sake of being odd. The overmastering purpose of His life would not be thwarted, and He moved steadily and naturally across the customs of society, if need be, for that end.

Jesus at the Well.

Why was He there? The average Jew did not travel that road to Galilee. The record says, "He must needs pass through Samaria;" but the writer well knew that the Jews usually made a detour around this territory rather than pass through it. But this required special effort to avoid it, and in the light of history who can say that Jesus did not have a special reason for traveling by the direct road? The well at Sychar, familiarly known as Jacob's well, was a historic spot. It was probably dug by the patriarch Jacob whose name it bears. It was nine feet in diameter and seventy-five feet deep. Sometimes it is dry, notwithstanding its depth, and sometimes it has a few feet of water in it. Drawing water from it was a tedious job. Abraham pitched his tent here. Jacob purchased it later from Hamor and bequeathed it to Joseph. It was here that the bones of Joseph were buried after his body was brought up from the land of Egypt where he died. The blessings and curses of the law were rehearsed in the ears of all Israel assembled at this sacred spot, and many other things conspired to make it sacred to every Israelite. Jesus rested here on the well curbing while His disciples visited the neighboring village to buy food.

The Samaritan Woman.

She is one of the nameless immortals—unknown and yet well known. Appearing in the character she does, it conforms to a fine sense of the proprieties that she should remain nameless; and yet she becomes the bearer of an important message to the entire community in which she lived and furnished the occasion for some of the sublimest utterances of our Lord to men. Such mighty results sometimes follow a seemingly trifling incident! The instrument is humble, but the message is mighty.

The Water of Life.

This is an analogous figure to the bread of life that had formed the basis for a remarkable discourse following the feeding of the five thousand. The Samaritan woman could take in but little of the great truth which Christ was seeking to express. Her mind rested upon the material, while He was trying to turn her thought to the spiritual. The great truth at which He was driving was to get her to see the source and sustenance of the life of the soul of which this physical life is only a sort of temporary shadow. Jesus Himself was this source. He so dwells within us that His personality becomes the unfailing supply of all our needs—the inspiration of our thinking and feeling and choosing, the source of our joys and the Satisfier of our spiritual aspirations. The woman could not understand it all, and neither can we; yet she was led into the twilight of a great day. And the message first delivered to her has been dispensing its truth through all the years since.

Incidentals to Worship Not Essential.

It dawned upon the woman that she was talking to a prophet. He told her of the life she was living, and she knew that He could not have known about it except by a supernatural insight into it. Even then she sought to turn the conversation away from herself by raising the old question of the proper site for the temple. It was a standing dispute between the Jews and Samaritans, and like most disputes it was a matter of small importance whether the temple stood on Mt. Gerizim or Mt. Moriah. It was a controversy about the mere garments of religion. The Samaritans had worshipped on Mt. Gerizim, while the Jews had worshipped on Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem. Which had been correct? was the question for which she wanted an answer. She assumed that both could not be correct, but Christ assured her that they were. "The hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall we worship the Father." The idea with that was that this worship could not be restricted to either place. The temple with its ritual was not necessary to worship. These external forms may, indeed, be a help to worship. They are intended to be such, but it sometimes so happens that they are a hindrance and in that case they should be discarded.

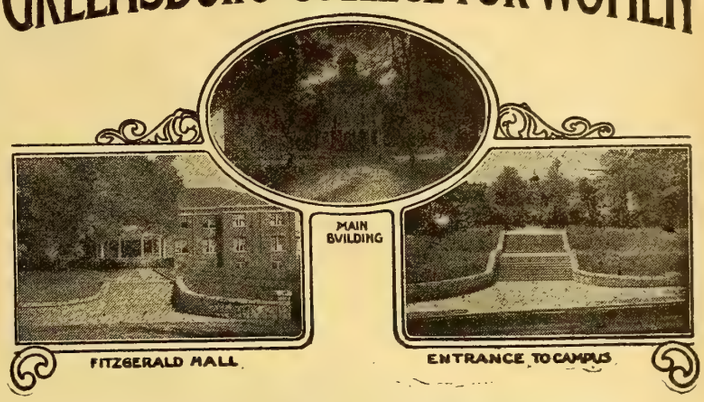
The Nature of God.

Jesus said to this woman "God is a Spirit." This was not a new doctrine to either Jews or Samaritans, but somehow they had never carried this truth to its logical conclusion. While they held to the doctrine of one God, and had the conclusion that He was everywhere present and therefore must be a spiritual being, yet they clung to the ritualistic forms of worship and felt that these forms were essential to the worship of Him. It was this latter view that Christ sought to change. He started from a premise which they were ready to admit. God is a Spirit. Certainly this was true; and, because this was true, the worship of Him must be in spirit. It was a question of the heart and not of outward form. There must be an inward devotion, a real adoration of the great God, a real ascription of worthiness and praise to Him. This is the essential part of worship, and not the ritual or forms of approach to Him.

The Master Demands Truth.

It is significant that our Lord requires that this worship shall be in truth. This means in the first place that it must be sincere. It is no routine to be gone through with in a heartless way. It is not any perfunctory service that can be rendered with the mind and heart at variance with it, or even simply indifferent to it. And then this worship must be according to truth. God has made known the truth. He has favored us with a revelation. We do not have to guess or speculate about these eternal verities. The veil of the temple that shut from view the "Holy of holies" has been rent in twain, and the heart of God has been exposed to the view of men. He has not left us to sit in darkness and grope our way after the truth—He has told us the truth. It is in the light of this revelation that we must worship, and we cannot close our eyes to the light and try to worship as though it had not been given. We must accept this truth, and let it guide our worship. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth."

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DAY AT CENTENARY CELEBRATION

In accordance with the spirit and purpose of the Epworth League the "League Day," June 30, began with the "Morning Watch" or "Quiet Hour" service at nine o'clock, at the Grand Stand. This impressive, heart searching, soul stirring, and spirit deepening service was conducted or led by Rev. J. R. Chitamber, D. D., of India and Dr. D. L. Mumpower, of our African mission.

The young people of the Southern Church were well represented and at 10:30 a. m. they assembled in conference at the big tent. Dr. F. S. Parker led a general discussion on the question, "Why so few young people in the Church and why does not the League grow?" Dr. Parker stated that it had been said that the League is a problem. He said "Not so! The young people are a problem, and the League is the answer to help solve the problem of the young people. We have been content to serve the vast middle age class who are in Church or spiritually inclined, but the Church has never seriously addressed itself to the young life: We have theorized, psychologized, etc, etc, about the young people, but what have we really done? The Church is chiefly for the young people if we are to have an adequate Church for tomorrow.

While this conference was going on there was a similar conference going on of the Leaguers of the Northern Church in another building.

Before the mass meeting of young people in the Coliseum, several thousand of them assembled at the big tent and formed a grand parade with M. A. Soper acting as marshal. This parade ended in the Coliseum where the "Fraternal" gathing was held, with Bishop A. W. Leonard, presiding. Greetings from the Christian Endeavor Union were brought by S. B. Vandersull, president of the Endeavor Union of Columbus; greetings from the Leaguers of the Southern Church were brought by Dr. F. S. Parker, general secretary of the Epworth Era; greetings from the Leaguers of the Northern Church were brought by Dr. Dan Brummitt, editor of the Epworth Herald; greetings from ten thousand Leaguers of Canada were brought by Dr. W. H. Barroclaugh, of Canada; Dr. D. L. Mumpower brought greetings from our African mission; greetings from twenty thousand Leaguers of India were brought by Dr. J. R. Chitamber, Epworth League secretary for India.

The subject: "How it All Started" was discussed by Dr. W. I. Haven, one of the organizers of the Epworth League; Dr. S. A. Stell, the first general secretary of the Epworth League, discussed the question, "The League at Work;" and the topic "Looking to the Future;" was ably discussed by Bishop A. W. Leaonard, who struck the keynote for the Epworth Celebration and its program, "The Epworth League," said he, "thank God for what has been accomplished for tens of thousands of young people who have found Christ as a personal Savior through its agencies, and for that great army of young people who have placed their all upon the altar and have gone forth into the world to serve their Lord in every field of Christian activity. For thirty years, the Epworth League has been recruiting the ranks of the ministry; has been sending missionaries to foreign and home fields; has been supplying deaconesses and has given the inspiration to many who are accupying positions as teachers in the schools of learning and places of prominence in the professional and business world."

The special features of Epworth League came to a close with old fashioned out-door picnic, near the Lake, followed by a series of demonstrations and stunts, led by Pastor Jacobs, the "Fun doctor."

WANCHESE EPWORTH LEAGUE

Dear Editor:

Our League met all our obligations in full before the Louisburg Conference which is a very good record because we were very much in arrears at the beginning of the year. Our officers are to be congratulated for the excellent way in which they have accomplished a very hard task under most trying circumstances. They deserve our heartiest praise for their untiring efforts.

Mr. Editor, I would like to hint at what I think would tend to put new life into our Leagues. We must get the younger (regular League age) people to work if we expect to have an interesting and live League; this is a difficult thing to do. Older people are not young people, and try as they may they are not apt to see things in the same light as the young ones; hence the need of young leaders for young followers. It seems hard to get the younger ones to shoulder the responsibility, and they can not afford to stand back and let the League work lag for the lack of their help and leadership.

The purpose of the League is to instruct our young people in the works of grace and charity, to make true devout Christians of them, to prepare them to fill the positions which will in time be intrusted to their keeping. In order to develope this varied and adequate leadership, the League was established and formed into four separate departments no other organization can or does take the place of the League, for it includes the whole program of our Christian life and of the Church's task in these four departments—the devotional, the social service, the social recreation, the missionary.

Every Church needs a Junior League. A live Junior League is a feeder for the senior League, and usually means a live senior League.

We belive the social life is sadly neglected in many of our Leagues. A great number of people think that in order to be a Christian one must do nothing to enjoy himself socially. This is surely a mistake. How can we ever reach the majority of the young people unless we appeal to their natural social desires and requirements? I do mean that we must see to it that our young people get together and have wholesome, innocent, and pleasant pasttime which will develop sociability, fellowship, harmonay, co-operation, and brotherhood; and will stimulate them for the nobler and greater things. Satan is at work with all his might to get a hold on the young life of our time, and unless we meet his advances with something, we shall lose them in the higher forms of service. Young people will and must have some sort of social pasttime, and unless wet meet the situation and give it to them in the Christian way, they will find it in other ways, and we shall be responsible. They will not stand for monotony; they and we also like variety. The religion of Jesus Christ never has and never will change, but the nethods and ways of carrying out His great programs have and will change. Ways and methods of a hundred years ago or even five years ago will not answer for today. Plans for one year will not in many cases do for the next year. We must ever face the things that confront us and solve them in the very best way we can. Every League has its problems, but I believe that none is so complex and more important in this day of readjustment than our social problem. The League that lets drop entirely the social side of its program is destined soon to die; a socially live League means a live League in every other way, and a socially dead League means a near dead League in general. Looking after the social side of our work does not mean that we are going to let this detract form the other departments, but to have larger attendance and activity in every depart ment.

Now may I appeal to every man and woman, boy and girl to welcome Jesus Christ into your life, and to join the Epworth League, the greatest organization in the world for young people, and sometime somewhere you will realize it as the greatest means of helping you to live a strong Christian life. May we pull together for greater efficiency in all branches of League work.

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Gwendolen Jones was chubby and sweet,
And her age was half past three;
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In the yard with the walnut tree.

Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith
Was almost half past four;
And he said, when they gave him a base-ball and bat,
That he'd play with the girls no more."

Gwendolen Jones she gazed through the fence;
At the end were all life's joys.
As she saw the friend of her youth depart
"To play with the great big boys."

Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith
Up to the field marched he;
But his eye was blacked and his head was whacked,
And his ball no more did he see.

And the boys called him "baby' because he cried.
Did Teddy and Willie and Tim;
And they chased him away when he threatened to tell,
And said they'd "no use for him."

Gwendolen Jones came down to the fence,
And her face wore a joyful smile,
When Harold Percival Marmaduke said
He'd play with her "once in a while."

—St. Nicholas.

TWO THORNS

It hurt. Every minute it seemed to hurt worse—worser, Elizabeth said. She kept uncrumpling her palm and looking at it, and touching it to make sure it hurt very much—and groaning softly under her breath. There was nobody in the world Elizabeth pitied so much as Elizabeth, for probably there wasn't any other little girl with a cruel thorn in her hand.

Mademoiselle looker very sorry, but Elizabeth would not look at Mademoiselle. You don't look at folks that keep you a whole hour away from your play to learn your spelling all over again, or that say, 'What, what!' at you when you say your three-table. Folks like that you—'spise.

"Gov'nesses are dreadful folks," sighed Elizabeth. "I wish my mother had let me go to school instead of having me governed."

But she could not wish anything very long, except that the thorn would come out of her hand. It certainly did ache worse than ever—there now, didn't it! Hadn't she pinched it to see, and didn't it?

"Elizabeth"—the voice was quite gentle, but firm. Elizabeth did not turn around. Her little white forehead above the tan line was wrinkled with real pain.

"There is still the spelling—"

As if she could learn spelling with a thorn in her hand! But she opened the book again and whispered "A-c-h-e—a-c-h-e over and over to herself.

Why! Why! That was what she was doing now, this minute—ach-e-ing! Elizabeth laughed softly, in spite of herself. After that the word was easy enough to spell. Elizabeth was eight; but as long as she lived, even when she was eighty, she would know how to spell a-c-h-e.

Some one was talking to Mademoiselle at the door.

"No." Mademoiselle was sighing. "I can not come yet." Some words Elizabeth lost there, then, "She is my little what you call?—thorn in the flesh.

Elizabeth sat up straighter. The spelling slid to the floor.

"She means me," she thought. She's got one in her flesh, too, and it's—me!"

It was a rather startling idea. It had never been clear like that before—what her naughtiness was like to Mademoiselle. How much it must hurt if it was like a thorn in her hand! It must burn and sting and ache—a-c-h-e. How much it must a-c-h-e!

Elizabeth found herself beginning to be sorry for Mademoiselle on account of that thorn. If some one would take it out! Nobody in the world could take it out except Elizabeth. And Elizabeth—she turned suddenly and ran to Mademoiselle.

"I'll take it out!" laughed Elizabeth, softly. "I've got one in my hand, too, an' I know how it hurts. I never 'sposed before that thorns and—and bad little girls hurt just alike. I can spell a-c-h-e now, an' my tables. Don't you think it will come out of your flesh then?"

Mademoiselle understood. With a little cry she caught Elizabeth up and kissed her. Then as gently as she could she uncrumpled the little aching hand and drew out Elizabeth's thorn. They were both laughing when it was over, so Mademoiselle's thorn must have come out, too.—Annie Hamilton, in Zion's Herald.

THE MAGIC WORD

Bennie was cross. In the first place it rained when he wanted the sun to shine. Then he had cut his finger, and now he was angry and Jane wouldn't give him anything to eat. "You've got to give me some bread and butter," he said.

"You go along and stop your noise," replied Jane.

So Bennie wandered out in the garden and found George playing with his ball.

"Give me my ball," he said, crossly. "You've had it all the morning."

"Don't bother me," replied George; "I have not finished with it."

Bennie turned away half crying. Annie was sweeping the parlor. "I want you to put some salve on my finger and tie it up," he said. "It hurts."

"Wait a little," replied Annie. 'I'm so busy now."

The tears in Bennie's eyes got bigger, and soon began to fall fast. He lay down on the sitting-room couch and sobbed, and there mamma found him a little later.

"Why what's the matter, Bennie, boy?" she asked.

"Any one won't do a thing for me," he cried. "They just send me off instead of doing what I ask them to do."

"Perhaps you haven't used the magic word."

Bennie brushed away the tears and looked up. "Magic word?" he said.

"Why, yes. Didn't you know there was a magic word that would make people do just what you wanted?"

"What is it, mamma?" cried Bennie.

Mamma whispered in his ear. Bennie wiped his eyes, grinned, and then jumped down and ran to the kitchen. "Oh, Jane," he cried, smiling, "please give me some bread and butter."

"Of course I will," said Jane, and she put jam on it, too.

Bennie sat on the doorstep to eat it, while he watched the clouds break away and let the sunlight through. Then he went out in the garden.

"Please, George, may I have the ball now?" he asked, smiling.

"Catch it," said George, tossing it to him. "I'd have let you have it long ago if you hadn't been so cross."

When he had grown tired of playing, he went and stood beside his mother where she sat sewing. "Well, Bennie boy, how does the magic word work?" she asked.

But before he could answer, little May came in with a frown on her face. "You promised you'd make me a dollie, and you did'nt do it," she complained.

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He was a loyal Methodist, loved his church, his God and the Bible, and was a great believer in prayer. We can't always see why God takes our loved ones, yet we know He does all things well, and we bow in humble submission to His divine will, knowing He did it for His glory and our good. .. ..

In his home he was kind, affetiionate and sympathetic. No man ever made a better husband. He was twice married. The first time to Miss Mollie C. Arrington of his native town, with whom he spent a number of happy years. Was married the second time to Miss Maude Arrington of Aurelian Springs, N. C., a cousin of his first wife, Jan. 2, 1919, whom he leaves to mourn her loss. He was laid to rest in his beloved church yard May 18, with Masonic honors. We weep, but not as those who have no hope.

One Who Loved Him.

News & Observer, please copy.

INGLE—Mrs. E. S. Ingle was born March 9, 1856, and died March 11, 1919. She was married to E. S. Ingle January 16, 1873. She professed religion in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent Christian life and a beloved member to the last. She was a Christian of the highest type, having those qualities of sunshine, patience, faith and consecration that are found only in the faithful servants of God. Her life was a victory, and as she neared its end she grasped the essence of its glory and passed triumphantly through the portals into the home of the soul, the city of God.

A Friend.

WATSON—Mrs. Anna Watson (nee Oliver) was born July 10th, 1854, and died June 21st, 1919, at Marietta, N. C.

Deceased was married to C. H. Watson who preceded her in death, in December, 1872. To this union two children were born, John O. and Viola, both of whom were living with her at the time of her death. .. ..

Sister Watson was for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church. Hers was an unpretentious life of devoted service to her Master, and to her family and friends. Her last days were spent in great suffering, but her faith was strong and beautiful to the end. Her funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. B. E. Stanfield, amidst a great throng of friends and loved ones. May the Lord bless the bereaved. J. T. Draper.

BRUTON—On June 14, 1919, Mrs. Harriet M. Bruton passed from amongst us. She had lived a life that extended through more than four score years. The greater part of her long life was devoted to the church, which she joined early in life.

During the closing months of her life sister Bruton was a cripple. It was during these months that her Christian light did shine most beautiful, she was gentle, sweet, patient and kind, blessing all who came into her presence.

Sister Bruton was a loyal friend, a devoted mother and a trustworthy Christian. Her influence will abide with us.

W. F. Trawick, Pastor.

FOWLER—Sarah Gladys Fowler was born Aug. 1, 1903, died January 19, 1919. She was converted and joined the church at the age of 12. Gladys was a sweet-spirited, lovable young girl, whose every word was sincere and every deed was kind. In her going our home has lost its loveliest jewel, but a gem of purest ray has been added to heaven's diadem. The sweetest voice in our home singing has been hushed forever, but the music of the angel choir has been made sweeter.

"She is not dead
This child of our affection,
But gone unto that school
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,
And Christ himself doth rule."

Her loving
Mother.

HUGHES—Mrs. Sarah Hughes passed peacefully from earth to the Christian's home above, Sunday morning, July 13th, 1919. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from her girlhood days. She was a good woman. She leaves a dutiful son and daughter-in-law, and a feeble husband to mourn their loss. She had a most peaceful departure.

Her pastor,
A. J. Burrus.

STEELE—Mrs. Nora Murph Steele was born September 10, 1894, and died June 23, 1919, aged 24 years, 9 months and 13 days. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church at South River on the Woodleaf circuit when she had reached early girlhood, under the ministry of Rev. J. F. Usrey. She said in response to questions by Rev. H. Harper, "I do not expect to get well. I am not afraid to die. I am not afraid to meet God." Asked if there was any one specially that she wanted prayed for, she mentioned a brother about whom she was anxious. Just a few years ago she was married to Mr. Ervin Steele whom (with a little child about ten months old) she leaves to mourn her loss. She was the organist of South River church for some years, and was faithful and efficient in this position. The funeral service was held in South River church, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. Harper. The large crowd on the rainy day attested to the high esteem in which she was regarded by the community.

E. J. Poe.

ROBERTSON—Thomas Elwood Robertson was born Sept. 1st, 1839, died June 11th, 1919, aged 79 years, 9 months and 20 days. He joined the Methodist Church in Forsyth county when quite a boy. He married Miss Catherine Elizabeth Smithdeal, of Rowan county, April 8th, 1869, from which union there were eight children. The Smithdeal and Robertson families moved to Davie county and Brother Robertson and his excellent Christian wife placed their membership in the Shady Grove Methodist church, Now Advance. His daughter says that she has often gone to him with her trouble and he would say, "Lillie, the darkest hours are just before day. Be sure you are right, trust God, and go ahead. His advice helped me so much." He was a kind husband, loving father and splendid neighbor. He leaves his good Christian wife, one daughter, one son, eight grand children, and four great-grand children to mourn their loss. He visited his son, worked in the field a few days, received a stroke of paralysis from which he soon died. His last words were, "Pray for my boy," and something about his wife they could not understand. The church has lost one of her truest and best members. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

J. H. Brendall.
His pastor,

DARDEN—Mrs. Frances Darden, wife of S. J. A. Darden, of Kenly, died very suddenly on Sunday morning, June 29, 1919. ..

Sister Darden felt unusually well that morning and went to Sunday school, but was taken suddenly ill and had to be carried home. She lived only a few minutes after reaching home.

She leaves a husband and eleven children, as follows. Mrs. J. C. Adams of Linden, N. C., Mrs. H. M. Hamilton of Raleigh, N. C., Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald of Hopewell, Va., Mr. S. J. Darden, Jr., of Richmond, Va., J. W. and C. F. Darden of Kenly, also Mrs. R. A. Hales Mrs. R. T. Farlyhum, Mrs. J. W. Hollowell, Mrs. Ross Edgerton and Miss Lyda Darden, all of Kenly. She also had thirty-three grand children living. Sister Darden was seventy-three years old and had been married fifty-two years, and had been a member of the Methodist church over sixty years. Her pastor being absent attending the Centenary Celebration at Columbus, Ohio, it was fitting that Rev. G. T. Adams of Goldsboro, a life long friend, should have conducted the funeral. The love and esteem in which she was held by the community, was manifested by the large congregation attending her funeral, and the beautiful floral offerings.

Her home was always a home for the preacher. Here he found a welcome and refreshment for man and beast. She loved her church and her preacher, and was faithful and loyal to them. She tried to live daily in readiness for any call of her Lord. She seemed to have a premonition that the end was not far off, and though her health was usual, she spoke of her dying frequently. She had selected the Bible lesson and the hymns she wanted used at her funeral.

"Mother Darden" has gone from earth and we shall see her face no more in the flesh, but her life and influence lives and beckons to her children and loved ones to follow on. Her children and most all of her grand children were present at her funeral; and surrounded by these and a host of friends, gentle hands laid her body to rest in the cemetery in Kenly, where in the Christian's hope of the resurrection, she awaits the Master's call.

May all the comforts and blessings of our Heavenly Father be very real to and present with her husband and loved ones in these sad and lonely hours.

C. J. Jerome.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

On January 23, 1919, God in His almighty wisdom saw fit to call unto Himself our beloved member and co-worker, Miss Sarah E. Hofler, therefore be it resolved,

1. That Zion Senior Epworth League has lost, in the death of this young woman, one of its most loyal and useful members.

2. That we, the surviving members, feel sadly our loss, but realizeing our loss is her eternal gain, we humbly submit to our Father's will.

3. We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of our society, a copy sent to the family and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. J. W. Hudgins,
Mrs. O. L. Brown,
Sallie Hudgins,
Committee.

COWAN—Sister Isabella Cowan was born Dec. 9, 1844, and died June 2, 1919. She was the daughter of Uncle Jack Moore of Dysartsville, N. C., and was married to Hampton Cowan shortly after the civil war. Brother Cowan preceded her to his reward on Dec. 11, 1913. Sister Cowan professed faith in Christ in 1862 and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Old Trinity church in McDowell county, and continued a faithful member of Trinity church till her death. She was a good Christian and neighbor and was loved by all who knew her. Sister Cowan was the mother of seven children, all of whom are members at Trinity church. In 1915 Sister Cowan fell and hurt herself and remained an invalid till death, yet amid her affliction she was patient and did not murmur, but completely resigned herself to the will of her Heavenly Father, and in death she "knew in whom she had believed."

Thank God for a Saviour who can comfort and sustain His children in their affliction and in the hour of death. May the Lord comfort and bless the loved ones left behind.

M. W. Heckard, P. C.

McCURRY—Brother Weldon McCurry was born October 15, 1875, and departed this life on January 25, 1919. Brother McCurry professed faith in Christ and joined Pisgah M. E. church, South, in 1904 and continued a faithful member till he went to his reward. Brother McCurry was a good man, and was loved by all who knew him. His home was his pastor's home, and the writer shall always remember the kindness and hospitality he has enjoyed in this home. Brother McCurry was made a steward in 1916 and was a faithful steward the remainder of his life. He was taken suddenly with influenza and developed pneumonia, and lasted only a few days, but he told his dear wife not to worry for he was ready to go, and was willing to go at the Lord's command. May the Lord comfort and bless his loved ones, and as Bro. McCurry has gone to the world above where cometh no night, or sickness or death, may we all seek to meet him in the better world.

M. W. Heckard, P. C.

LOFLIN—Maggie Lee Loflin (nee Plummer) was born November 10, 1878, and died May 18, 1919. On April 5, 1908, she was happily married to R. H. Loflin of Denton, N. C. To this union two children were born, one daughter, Pearl, and one son, Fred Loflin. She was converted early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant Grove and remained faithful till death. Ill health kept her at home for more than two years, yet her loyalty to the Church and its ministers never failed. Though cheerful and submissive and willing to go, yet loth to leave the little ones and their father. Also leaves a mother, three sisters and five brothers. P. H. Brittain, P. C.

MARRIED.

On the 29th of June, at the home of Rev J. H. Poteat, of Clarkton, N. C., Mr. W. H. Siler to Miss Annie Bradshaw, of Council, N. C. The groom is a son of Rev. T. W. Siler, of the Carver's Creek charge, North Carolina Conference.

At the residence of Mr. R. F. Brown, Wilmington, N. C., July 5, 1919, Mr. Luther W. Garris and Miss Ida Wheeler, both of Watha, N. C., Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents in Robeson county, July 16, 1919, Mr. Duncan C. Reagan and Miss Katie L. Broadwell, Rev. G. W. Starling officiating.

At the parsonage of Bladen Street Methodist church, Wilmington, N. C., July 20, 1919, Mr. Charles H. Bush and Mrs. Ida Roan, both of Wilmington, Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

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North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
South Alamance, Clover Garden, 11 a. m.	3
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Third Round

	August
Currituck, Asbury	2-3
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	19
Dare, Stumpy Point	19
Hatteras, Buxton	21
Mlyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	28
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Roseboro, Hall's	2-3
Jonesboro Poplar Springs, 11 a. m.	7
Sanford (night)	7
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9-10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
	September
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Goldsboro Circuit, Mount Carmel	2-3
Elm Street and Pikeville	3
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9 10
New Bern, Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circuit, Epworth	10
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferemme (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
	September
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Oxford	1-2
Oxford Circuit, Grey Rock	1-3
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
	September
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WILMINGTON DISTICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Hallsboro, Shiloh	2-3
Whiteville, Mishop's Springs	3-4
Swansboro	8
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Warren, Prospect	1
Warrenton, Hebron	2-3
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-11

District Conference at Conway, Tuesday night, July 15th, to Thursday night, July 17th. Opening sermon Tuesday night by Rev. G. B. Starling.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Spring Hope, Sandy Cross	2-3
Nashville, Mapel Creek	3-4
Ayden Circuit, Crimesland	9-10
Stokes	10-11
Mt. Pleasant, Horne's	16-17
Wilson	17-18
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	23-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
	September
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Bethel, Asheville	17
Swannanoa, Bethel	23-24
Chestnut Street, a. m.	24
Black Mountain, p. m.	24
Spring Creek, Balm Grove	30-31
Antioch, Walnut Circuit	30
	September
Fairview, Sharon	6-7
Mt. Pleasant, night	7
Mars Hill, Beech Glen	13
Weaverville Circuit, 4 p. m.	13-14
Marshall, night	14
Sulphur Springs	20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m.	21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m.	21
Weaverville, night	21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
	October
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Morven, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	2-3
Trinity, 11 a. m.	3
Thrift, 3:30 p. m.	3
Spencer Memorial, night	3
Tryon Street, 11 a. m.	10
Calvary, night	10
Chadwick, Moores, 11 a. m.	17
Belmont, night	17
Hickory Grove, 11 a. m.	24
Brevard Street, night	24
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m.	31
Dilworth, night	31
	September
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	6
Matthews, Matthews, 11 a. m.	7-8
Prospect, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	13
Monroe, Central, 11 a. m.	14
North Monroe, night	14
Lilesville, Lilesville, 11 a. m.	20
Unionville, Concord, 11 a. m.	21
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m.	27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.	28
	October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	1
Morven, 11 a. m.	2
Wadesboro, night	2
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Indian Trail, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Grensboro, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Ruffin, Hickory Grove	3
Reidsville, Main street, night	3
Randolph circuit, Ezenezer	23

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Micaville circuit, Deaton Bend	2-3
Burnsville circuit, Concord	9-10
Bald Creek circuit, Riverside, 3 p. m.	10
Mill Spring, New Hope	16-17
Rutherfordton circuit, Mt. Hebron	23-24
Thermal City, Centenial, 3 p. m.	24
Marion circuit, Carson Chapel, 3 p. m.	31

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Mount Airy, Central	3
Mount Airy Circuit	2-3
Stokesdale, Eden	9-10
Summerfield, Summerfield	16-17
Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain	23-24
Rural Hall, Macedonia	30-31
	September
Yadkinville, Center	6-7
Jonesville, Ebenezer	13-14
Elkin	12-14
Spray, 11 a. m.	21
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 4 p. m. and 11 a. m.	21
Leaksville, night	20-21
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	27-28
	October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Concord circuit, Bogers	2-3
Kerr Street, night	3
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circuit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmony, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Bessemer, Concord, 11 a. m.	3
Main Street, Gastonia, 8:30 p. m.	3
Mount Holly 8:30 p. m.	10
Belwood, Fallston, 11 a. m.	16-17
Shelby, Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Cherryville, Beulah, 11 a. m.	23-24
Crouse, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	24
South Fork, Plateau, 11 a. m.	30-31
Linolnton, 8:30 p. m.	31
	September
Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 a. m.	6-7
King's Mountain, El Bethel, 4 p. m.	7
Shelby Circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m.	13-14
Eighth Street, S. Gastonia, 8 p. m.	14
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m.	20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m.	20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
North Lenoir, Mt. Zion,	16-17
Lenoir Circuit, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	16-17
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Whitnell, night	16-17
Lenoir First, Lenoir, night	18
Catawba, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Maiden, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	30-31
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 4 p. m.	30-31
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night	30-31
	September
Hickory Circuit, West Hickory, 11 a. m.	6-7
Hickory First, Hickory, 3 p. m.	6-7
Newton, Newton, night	6-7
Stony Point, Midway, 11 a. m.	13-14
Race Street, Marvin, 3 p. m.	13-14
Statesville Circuit, Chapel Hill, night	13-14
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night	20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m.	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder
Jefferson, N. C.
Third Roucnd

	August
North Wilkesboro	2-3

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Slier, Presiding Elder
1090 W. 4th. Street Phone 853
Winston-Salem, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Lewisville circuit, Daubs	23-24
West End, 11 a. m. (District Conf., Oct. 8th.) night	31
Walkertown, 3 p. m.	31
	September
Hanes-Clemmens, Hanes, night	3
Linwood circuit, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	4
New Hope Circuit, Center	6-7
S. Thomasville, night	12
Thomasville circuit, Fairgrove	13-14
West Davie, Zion, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	16
Davie circuit, Center, 11 a. m. 1 p. m.	17
Mocksville station, night	17
Cooleemee station, night	18
Farmington circuit, Farmington, 3 p. m., night	19
Advance Circuit, Cornatzer	20-21
Kernersville circuit, Sedge Garden, 4 p. m. and night	21
Denton circuit, Newsome	27-28
	October
Davidson circuit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circuit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

The Annual Conference meets in Greensboro this year on October 22, one month earlier than last year.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Hayesville	2-3
Highlands	2-3
Glenville	3-4
Tuckaseegee, Speedwell	5
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13

LOVING UP

Rhoda was polishing the silver conscientiously, because that was her way; she was also polishing it fiercely, with her eyes full of smouldering anger. Jessie Aldrich, running in with some chrysanthemums, laughed at the picture.

"Laugh if you want to. I think it's barbarous to spend hours over trumpery silver when there are such great things to do in the world."

"But your old silver is so lovely," said Jessie, stepping lightly about the room trying the effect of her flowers in various jars and bowls. "If I owned my great grandmother's candle sticks, and they were half as lovely as those, I'd go to bed with them under my pillow every night. And here are you ungrateful creature, complaining because they need to have their faces washed once in a while! You don't deserve your blessings. There! Don't you dare tell me those flowers don't look lovely!"

"Of course they look lovely! And you took ten whole minutes trying one jar after another."

Jessie's reply seemed to indicate that she had not heard.

"What is the latest news of your neighbor, Mrs. Brick?" she asked.

Rhoda's dark face kindler with mischief.

"My neighbor, Mrs. Brick is the most ardent admirer I have in the world. I pity the unsuspecting mortal who dares breathe the faintest criticism of me in her presence. There wouldn't be any fragments left."

"It's the biggest triumph I ever knew," Jessie asserted. "I did'nt believe even you could do it."

"It was fun after the first. She would look so utterly bewildered when I did'nt seem to take in her scathing remarks! The first time I almost threw them in my face. But really I don't deserve a bit of credit; it was Allie and the croup that did it. When that mite of a child showed the first symptoms, Mrs. Brick came running over to me. I wish you could have seen that little red-haired woman fight for that baby's life! And now—well, just try saying anything derogatory of me to Minerva Ann Brick!"

"But you know you had grown to like her before the baby was sick."

"Yes, I liked her fighting spirit. It was such good sport to like her in spite of herself. It's terribly tame now."

Jessie laughed. She knew her Rhoda.

"Your Minerva Ann Brick reminds me of little Miss Kearney's cottage. You know what a dear bit of a place it is. I wish you could have seen it before Miss Kearney moved in the most dreary, repellant hovel you ever saw. She simply loved it up. Everything in it looks so happy and shows so that it is loved. No one can step inside her door without feeling what a wonderful thing a home can be."

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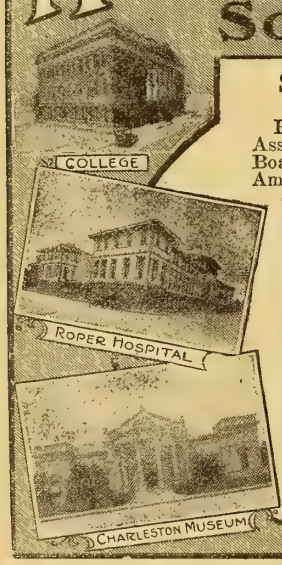
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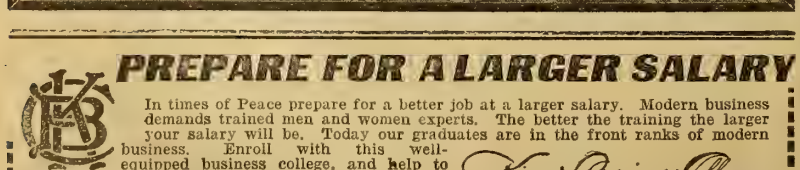
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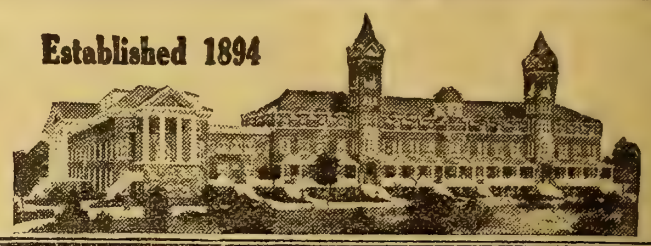
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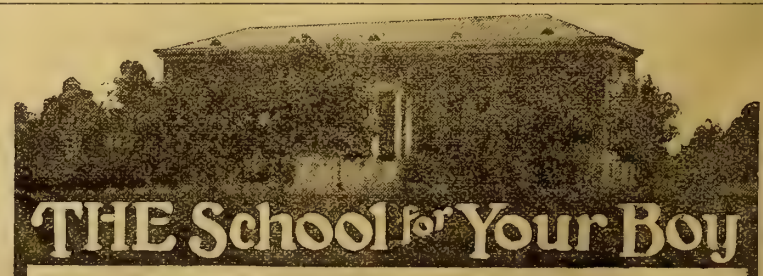
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SHALL OUR PRAYER-LIFE BE DEEPENED

The Church never carried weightier responsibilities than she does today. The world was never so broken up in its entirety and thrown into such close contact as at this crucial hour. Railroads, telegraph lines and cables, steam ships and flying machines are all conspiring to bring the life of every people into close contact with one another. The United States can no longer be indifferent to the type of life that is found in China. The one is reacting upon the other; and the same is true of every other nation.

Different Types of Life Mingled Together.—Because of these new conditions the heathen religions of the world are brought into closer contact than ever before. They are forced to face each other, and grip with each other, in a way that past history furnishes no parallel. Different moral and social conditions accompany these different religions, and the Christian Church must see to it that the Christian religion shall maintain its purity and manifest its superiority over all the false religions of the world. There is no question concerning the ability of Christ to redeem from sin, and to clothe man with a spiritual power and enable him to attain an excellence of character that no other religion can produce; but we must prove equal to the occasion and furnish the medium for the manifestation of the power of Christ.

Larger Resources Committed To Us.—It is in view of these etxraordinary conditions that the great Centenary movement has been launched and the first inning carried to such successful issue. The Church never had such an opportunity before to finance its work. Our people have been led to see the vision and have responded to the call. Out of their abundance they have laid upon the altar a larger amount of money than ever before. We do not think that anybody is going to be impoverished by it, but the Church has done well—far beyond the dream of anybody a few years ago—in the matter of financing the kingdom. God has always declared that the world was His, and the people therein. He knows how to lay His hand upon it; and, when the faith of the Church became able to receive it, it has been placed in its hands. Now the responsibility is upon the Church to use it for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom on the earth.

The Call for Men Now Urgent.—Money alone is powerless. Of itself it can not save a single sinner, or even atone for a single sin. It is only as the millions of money which God has led our people to lay upon the altar can be transmuted into vital human agencies for the transmission of the gospel of truth that it can be of any value to the kingdom of God. Unless this money can be used for the support of men and women who will put themselves into the hands of God for this work, and in furnishing the necessary equipment for this work, it will prove a curse rather than a blessing to the Church. We cannot consecrate our money and feel that we have met our obligations unless we likewise consecrate ourselves. This truth needs to come home to us at this hour. We imperatively need consecrated men and women. We cannot go forward without it. There is no substitute for this, and one individual cannot put it off upon another. We cannot say that the missionary must be consecrated, but those who stay at home can meet their obligation by footing the bills. The "home-fires" must be kept burning, as well as the fires upon foreign shores. The call is for men.

The Spirit of Worldliness is paralyzing to all this endeavor. Worldliness in the home dries up the fountains of spiritual life. Men may occasionally rise out of such an atmosphere to the heights of consecrated spiritual endeavor, but it is a miracle of divine grace when they do so. We need the atmosphere of worship in the home. The family altar should be re-established. The conscience of our people ought to be stirred until they will find some time when the family can assemble for family worship and God enthroned in the family life. It is easy enough to find excuses for neglecting it; it may be even difficult in this complex and exacting life of ours to get the family together for such a service; but it can be done. It is a matter of supreme importance, and other things should simply give way until room and time for this is provided. The chill atmosphere of a prayerless home is perilous to spiritual life. The dominance of a worldly spirit there is almost certain death. And the worldly minded Church is no better. It only requires a dominance of worldly homes to constitute a worldly Church. Much of the discussion of Church matters today bears the earmarks of the world in its thought. Its methods and policies are determined and its plans are formulated upon exactly the same basis that the world seeks to accomplish its aims. All these things emphasize the necessity for prayer.

Seriousnesness Essential to Spirituality.—We do not believe that it is necessarily sinful to laugh, nor is it pious to wear a long face; but apart from a serious underlying purpose that dominates and controls the life, spirituality is impossible. We ought to be joyous always. Paul was so in prison or amidst the perils of the sea; but it was not the sensuous frivolity of the world. With him normal recrecation was not the dissipation of the dance or the card party, nor was the joy that he commended that which feeds only on the gratification of the senses. There is nothing the Church needs to get before the mind of this age more, perhaps, than a new conception of the joy and recreation that has a rightful place in human life. It is so easy here to use the same word with exactly opposite meanings! The idea which the man or woman of the world gets from the permission for pleasurable indulgence is an entirely different thing from that which Paul had in mind when he was exhorting Christians to rejoice. The joy that is proper does not dissipate reverence. The pleasure that is legitimate does not fan the passions or clash unseemly with religious purposes. The joy and the pleasure that is proper is not inconsistent with a serious and holy purpose. They can co-exist. The one does not displace the other.

The Goal Reached Only By Prayer.—It is clear that if the Church is to meet the conditions indicated in the preceding paragraphs, our prayer-life must be made more real and earnest. It cannot be attained in a spirit of lightness and frivolity. There is pain in prayer. There was an agony of soul that Jesus felt in the garden. It drew from him drops of bloody sweat. Few comparatively walk with Him along that way. The best disciples could not go all the way with Him. They stupidly slept while the tragedy of the ages was being fought out under the shadow of the same trees. They were not frivolous. They were not given over to worldly pleasure. They had experienced some of the agony of soul that goes with real prayer, but there were depths that they had not fathomed. They were learning, and the Church today needs to learn a deeper way than it yet has the path of prayer, if she is to meet the conditions that prevail throughout the world at the present time. And each one needs to do his part.

THE REVIVAL—WHAT SORT SHALL IT BE?

No one seems to doubt the need of a church-wide revival of religion. While there seems to be no division as to the necessity we are not so sure that there is agreement as to what sort of revival is needed. There are revivals and revivals, but we venture to assert that the one sort of revival needed today is the one typed in the Pentecost, wherein a simple gospel was proclaimed, setting forth the fact of the Messiahship of Jesus, and the people's sinful rejection and betrayal of Him, His death upon the cross, His resurrection from the dead and His exaltation at the right hand of God, the Father, with the result that the people were pricked in their hearts and cried, "What must we do?"

There is nothing in modern culture or scientific advancement which can take away the pang of human guilt, nor can even materialism drown utterly the deep sounding consciousness of an immanent God and impending judgment. All that is needed is the voice of a prophet with the awakening message. The Spirit of God will do the rest. A vitalized pulpit stripped of all pretence or show of learning, tenderly, yet without fear, warning men of the danger of sin, not only to society, but to themselves, individually, can not fail to arouse the conscience and lead to repentance. It is all a mistake to suppose that we have a generation that will not stand for the preaching of repentance and conviction for sin. Harangues on social betterment or even the social duties of the individual, as such, will never probe the deep sore of our malady. We have all sinned and we must, therefore, be brought to stand before the judgment seat of conscience and hear the same verdict of condemnation, whether we be high or low, rich or poor, cultured or uncultured.

Some one has suggested that the revival we are to have as the result of the great Centenary drive, is to be a revival without shouting and without tears. What a pity if such lunacy shall find expression in the literature of our Centenary! It would be remarkable indeed, if some superficial religious runt had not found his way even into the leadership of so great an organization; but the great mass we are persuaded will not de deceived by his ranting. There is hope that even he will be caught in the ground-swell of a great emotion which is certain to stir the church to its depths and to be accompanied, as always, by tears and shouting as well as singing and all other forms of emotional expression common to the genuine revival of religion. It is not the emotion which is to be sought as an end; but no great revival has ever been known which did not develop some form of emotional expression, suited to the occasion. So, let us not trouble ourselves for fear of bringing about a revival of religion in which men and women will cry and shout.

1. We need a revival that will save the Church membership. We deceive ourselves if we suppose that those who have given millions in the Centenary are necessarily in the kingdom of God in any vital sense. Many of these people play cards, desecrate the Sabbath, neglect the means of grace and are covetous in the extreme, many of them openly confessing that they know nothing of the prayer life or of the witness of the Holy Spirit. The social excesses, extravagant self indulgence, and the scornful attitude of these people toward their fellows, not to mention their mania for money-making, all show that what they need is a gospel that will sound the call to repentance.

2. We need a revival that will take hold upon the multitudes. More than half of our people are outside the pale of the Church. Our parks and public places are filled with multitudes every Sunday who never enter the door of a place of worship. These can only be reached by such a revival as shook up the multitudes in Jerusalem at the Pentecost and as shook the multitudes in England in the time of Wesley and Whitfield.

3. We need a revival that will kindle the fires upon our home altars. In many places these have either gone out or have never yet been kindled, and in some of the card table and dance have been substituted. The millenium will come after a generation which has established the worship of God in the home. We doubt if the triumphant era of the church is in sight where the children are not taught to fear God in the home.

Let us all join in the covenant of prayer for such a revival, and May God unite our hearts to this end.

MRS. IVER ELLIS CADE

We were surprised and grieved to read in the press dispatches of the death of Mrs. Iver Ellis Cade, wife of Rev. W. A. Cade, pastor of First Church, Rocky Mount. She had been ill only a short time with tonsilitis. An operation was performed and this was followed by aseptic sore throat. She passed away last Saturday, August 2nd. The body was taken to Durham for interment, her funeral service being conducted from Memorial Church, Durham, on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Cade was in the prime of young womanhood, was married to Rev. W. A. Cade five years ago, by whom with two children she is survived. She also has a sister living in Durham. Mrs. Cade was a graduate of Trinity College, a cultured and consecrated Christian woman. Brother Cade now sits in the shadows, and to him we extend our sincerest sympathies. A full memoir will doubtless be prepared for our columns. It is in our heart to write more now, but our space is already overrun.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Home Rule for Ireland has been discussed ever since we were school boys, and how much longer we do not know. At bottom it has ever been the same old situation—the Roman Catholics trying to dominate Ireland under the name of home rule, and Protestant Ireland with the assistance of England standing out against it. There is a certain element in this country that cry mightily for local self-government when that means the rule of alcohol. Whiskey rule in this country and Catholic rule in Ireland would both prove a curse that no plausible name could justify. English rule in Ireland may not have been at all times everything that it should have been. We are not in position to speak authoritatively upon that question, but, at its worst, English rule has been immeasurably better than Roman Catholic rule. If any of our people are spending sympathy upon the Irish because of the present sovereignty of England over them, it is wasted sympathy.

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The Patriotism of the Southern Colored Man is now being exploited in behalf of a certain northern organization. We have no charge to make against the assistance that the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has given to the colored men of the South. They have spent a good deal of money on him through that agency. But that is not at least the sole cause of the patriotism of the Negro, and the whole subject may be overdrawn. The Central Christian Advocate in its issue of July 23 has the following to say about it editorially: "No braver men wore the uniform of this nation than our colored troops. The great trouble was to hold him. They stopped at nothing. They wore the highest plaudits. How did it come about? Of course, the Negro is 100 per cent American. But among them not one was more patriotic or daring than these graduates of our colored schools. As Dr. Maveety puts it: The teachers and graduates of these freedman's aid schools are among the most loyal and patriotic of our American citizenship. No taint of pro-Germanism or even pacificism has been atrributed to them. The colored soldier went forth side by side with his white brother, full of a simple love for his country and a genuine ambition to do his bit in the great war. **To the great schools established by our nothern churches during the last fifty years must be attributed this wonderful spirit of loyalty, patriotism and obedience manifested both in this country and in France by the Negro soldier of the Republic."** The last sentence of the quotation to which more than a half-column editorial was all the time leading reveals the spirit of the nothern religious press toward the South in everything that pertains to the Negro. The truth is that the Negroes educated in their schools were not one whit more patriotic than those educated in schools under southern supervision. "What We Did to Get Them Ready," the title under which the editorial referred to was written, was a very small part of what was done to get them ready for whatever service they rendered.

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No Pool Table at the Centenary. This is the official statement sent out from headquarters, and we are glad to be assured of the fact that none was allowed there; but we regret that conditions have developed that makes it possible for such a report to receive credence. There are two causes, as we see it, for such a condition. One of these is the fact that it is no longer infrequent to hear it said from any of our pulpits that we must have some recreation. Most frequently it is said as a sort of apologetic apology for dancing and card playing on the part of young people, and the other cause is the swing taken by non-denominational and irresponsible religious (?) organizations in the direction of amusements. It is a tendency to be deplored, and one from which there must come a reaction before we can hope for the spiritual life of the Church to be greatly deepened. A craze for amusement and a serious quest for the higher things cannot exist at the same time in the same personality.

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Prohibition Reduces the Drug Evil. Another rallying cry of the liquor forces has gone glimmering. We have been told that, if we take liquor away from men, they will turn to the drug habit and the last state be worse than the first. The facts do not sustain the contention. A special committee of investigation with Representative Henry T. Rainy, of Illinois, as chairman, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate drug addiction in the United States. This committee has reported and reveals the fact that New York city which has been under license till war time prohibition went into effect has 103,000 drug addicts, or 1.8 per cent of the population. On this basis there would be 1,908,000 addicts in the United States, whereas the real number is only about 1,000,000. A still more convincing illustration is found in the case of Jacksonville, Fla. In 1913, when this city had the open saloon, it had 837 registered addicts. Prohibition has gone into effect since that time and now the city has only 103 addicts. This is a decrease of over 800 per cent. This only proves what has been well known for years by those who cared to know the truth about it, that the drink evil and the drug evil go hand in hand. The drink habit lays the foundation for the drug habit, and the drug habit lays the foundation for the drink habit. The way to stop both is to prohibit both.

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Is the (Baltimore) Catholic Review Correct? One of our exchanges brings the information that at a plenary session of the peace conference on April 28, President Wilson said: "I move that the first Secretary-General of the Council shall be Sir James Eric Drummond." In speaking of this gentleman the (Baltimore) Catholic Review says: "Sir Eric is first of all a Catholic, having been received into the Church at Downside Abbey in 1903." We have already reverted in these columns to the claim that Roman Catholicism was liable to control the Council of the League of Nations, and here an official Catholic Organ lifts its voice to boast that the first Secretary-General is "first of all a Catholic." We repeat that there is an insidious propaganda against the League of Nations for political purposes, and it is difficult to tell the source of newspaper dispatches; but it is certainly well to keep an eye on the Roman Catholic Church in connection with the exercise of political influence. We want no alliance with the Vatican.

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The Southern Baptist Convention is rapidly getting itself in shape for a $75,000,000 drive on the same general principles as the recent $35,000,000 drive for missions by our Church. They are putting their entire drive into one, in which they are profiting by our mistake in not doing the same thing. The objects of their drive are as follows: Christian education, $20,000,000; foreign missions, $20,000,000; home missions, $12,000,000; State missions, $11,000,000; orphanages, $4,700,000; ministerial relief, $5,000,000; hospitals, $125,000; memorial church, $175,000. Three of the above items amounting to $5,000,000 are not included in our entire program for five years—orphanages, hospitals and memorial church. Omitting these items, the total of the Baptists is $70,000,000, while that of our Church is $68,000,000. They report a membership of 2,711,591, while our membership, as reported in the Southern Methodist Handbook including preachers, is 2,185,804. This places the askings pretty close together. Our first drive for $35,000,000 has gone well beyond $50,000,000. We wish our Baptist brethren the highest success.

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The Race Riots, breaking out first in Washington City and later Chicago, are indicative of a state of mind that calls for steadiness and poise on the part of both races. These race riots became sufficiently serious in Washington City to call for the declaration of martial law to preserve order. In Chicago it is said today (July 31st) that the police have formed a cordon around the colored district and are partially holding the situation in hand. However, thirty deaths have been reported and a larger number wounded. We fear that these are only skirmishes that presage the coming of a fiercer battle. The Negro has made great progress in the last half century, and has shown that he possesses capacity for still greater achievements in the future. Injustice may have been done him at times, but on the whole he has greatly profited by being thrown into contact with the white man. The highest interests of both races will be promtoed by the maintenance of friendly relations between them; but the white man is not going to stand for "social equality," nor is he going to submit to political domination by the Negro. The South has declared itself upon that question long ago, and the North is doing it with greater emphasis as fast as the Negro appears there in sufficient numbers to arouse interest at those points. The leaders of the Negro race would do well to remember these facts.

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The Centenary Treasurer Resigns. Information has just been received that Rev. J. J. Stowe, D.D., who has been treasurer of the Centenary fund, has resigned that position, and that work has been placed under the direction of the Department of Finance of which Col. John E. Edgerton, of Tennessee, is manager. He will be treasurer of the Centenary fund from now on. Dr. Stowe will now devote his whole time to the Department of Stewardship of which he is secretary.

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Catholics Not Discriminated Against. Such is the word that comes from the American Red Cross and the American Committee for Relief in the Near east with reference to the relief work that is being done in those countries. A letter purporting to be from Father Tanbe, of Aleppo, was circulated last spring in certain quarters, making the charge that Catholics in those countries were discriminated against by the agencies mentioned above for the relief of suffering. The authenticity of the letter is now denied. All such letters may very well be regarded as false without investigation. In the first place those agencies do not work along denominational lines, and in the second place the Catholic Church knows how to see to it that its adherents get the full share of all that belongs to them. If there is any discrimination, it is usually in their favor.

FLASHES FROM THE ANVIL

The power of Christ in human life found a happy expression when Paul said: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me." This statement leaves no room for pessimism. No Christian should be despondent, since this is true. This is not the boast of a braggart, nor the expression of unwarranted enthusiasm; but it is absolutely true in the setting that Paul gave to it. We can do anything that is needful for us to do as Christian people, if we will keep in touch with the abiding Christ.

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There is scarcely a richer promise in the Word of God than the one Paul wrote to the Philippians: "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This does not mean all the things we think we need. It may not mean the very thing we most earnestly desire, for we are often as a child crying for a most dangerous toy. But it does assure us that our real need shall be met in Christ. And the fullness with which this need shall be met is measured by the fullness of God's glory. What consolation!

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When one has given his full strength to the service of the Church with no thought of self, it is no easy thing for him to endure adverse criticism, or be told that his work is not acceptable. Still more difficult does it become when this criticism proceeds from those who have looked on with envious eyes because they were not placed in the position to do that particular task. Hardly any service is rendered by mortals that is not capable of being improved, and few sincere men labor in the work of the Church who do not often lament that their work is no more efficient. It is better to give the toiler a lift than to criticise him, and a word of encouragement is frequently an inspiration to a sad and weary heart.

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The loneliness of the Christian worker is often appalling. This has been true in every age. Under its depressing influence Elijah prayed for death. Isaiah was never charged with pessimism, yet his most optimistic notes could only sing of the "remnant" that should be saved. He always felt that the multitude was on the other side. Christ himself stood apart in an utter loneliness that broke His heart. In the Garden of Gethsemane He came back to His disciples with that pathetic appeal: "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" No, He found them asleep while the one tragedy of life's eternal swing was being fought out. The saddest line of the record was: "He trod the winepress alone."

CONTRIBUTIONS

CENTENARY NEWS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

By A. D. Wilcox, Missionary Secretary

The Treasurer

The system of collecting Centenary pledges has been revised during the present month. It is found that too much work and responsibility had been put upon the Conference Centenary Treasurer. The revision of the plans puts more work and places the responsibility for the complete success of the collections upon the Missionary Secretary. Upon resignation of Mr. J. G. Brown, of Raleigh, the Centenary Commission elected Mr. D. H. Dixon, of Goldsboro, as Conference Centenary Treasurer.

We have sent a letter of specific instructions to all the pastors and local treasurers. This article will serve notice to all that are interested in the matter, that all communications concerning the collection of these pledges shall be addressed to the Missionary Secretary, 209 Borden Building, Goldsboro, N. C. The books and records are to be kept in this office. Mr. Dixon receives, deposits, transmitts and accounts for all funds.

In order that our Church may have a complete understanding of the new system, a series of group meetings for each District will be held in August and September. At these meetings we shall desire the presence of the pastor, presiding elder, District lay leader, Church treasurer, and Church lay leader. The dates for these group meetings will be announced later.

Intercession

A new drive for more signers to the Fellowship of Intercession pledges is to be made during the last week in August. Each Church is also asked to see that they have a committee on Spiritual Resources. The name of the chairman of this committee as well as all pledges signed, should be sent immediately to this office. After making a record of them there we send the name and the pledges to Nashville.

The Eleventh Episcopal District, of which our Conference is a part leads the Southern Methodist Church in the number of Intercessors enrolled up to date. The North Carolina Conference leads this District. The Newbern District leads the North Carolina Conference. In fact, the Newbern District has the highest number of Intercessors enrolled of any presiding elder's district in the Southern Methodist Church. With this lead this Conference should be able to keep in the vanguard throughout the whole year. Let us make a big new enrollment during the week of the drive, August 24-31.

At the conclusion of the drive we will publish a complete report of the whole campaign on Intercession for this year. This will show the exact number of Intercessors in each charge up to date.

Mission Specials

This is a period of concentration on Specials. It is of the utmost importance that Centenary pledges, individual or the entire Church, should take the form of Mission Specials. For instance, a man has subscribed $2,000 for the five-year period. A Special of $400 a year is taken for a five-year period. His $2,000 will go to do this work and nothing else. He will receive from time to time special information as to the work his money is doing.

The entire Church quota may be used as a Special for the Church. It is a policy of the General Board of Missions to place as many Specials as possible in this class of subscribers. These Specials can be located in either the home field or the foreign field. We have in our office neat illustrated booklets covering these Specials in all our home and foreign fields. A booklet is printed for each field. If you are interested write this office asking for information concerning any field you may desire.

PASTORS' SALARIES AND THE CENTENARY

By Inquirer

To my mind one of the most beautiful and impressive things in the recent Centenary drive was the silence of our many under-paid pastors in regard to their poor support while laboring so faithfully to raise millions for the Centenary cause. Not a word of complaint have I read or heard against the implied if not expressed assumption that their charges were not able to pay these pastors larger salaries, although able and willing to pay thousands to the Centenary enterprise. One very intelligent and liberal layman opposes an increase of salary from his charge because of its pledge of several thousands on the Centenary apportionment, and he knows a pastor must pay hundreds out of his own pocket to serve this charge at its present salary. Perhaps there are hundreds of charges maintaining this attitude. But so far as I know, not a pastor has protested, nor could I protest against the Church's grand response to the Centenary appeal. But it seems quite reasonable to ask: "Are our laymen so very unjust to their pastors, or are our pastors so comparatively unworthy of a better support, as this showing would imply?" The laymen's liberal response to the Centenary appeal demonstrates their ability to support their pastors more liberally and shows, I think, that they would do so were the pastor's need and worthiness as apparent as are the need and worthiness of the Centenary work. Why, then, do not our noble laymen who know so well their pastor's sad lack, sometimes of even the common necessities of life, and who know the people could under proper leadership give their pastors a comfortable support—why not these big hearted, liberal minded laymen lead out in this greatly needed reform, unless it be because they already pay all they believe the pastors deserve? I confess I am puzzled! How could honest laymen look into the faces of preachers from whom they knew they were withholding merited and sorely needed support! On the other hand, how could pious laymen break the Sabbath going to hear some preachers they thought worth only the poor pittance the people pay them! These laymen give liberally when need and desert clearly appeal to them. They pay their daily employees according to their labor's worth. I speak as a pastor: May we not more reasonably conclude they pay us all they judge us worth, than that they knowingly withhold what they know to be due? And if so, then is it not a serious question whether their valuation of us be not just? Perhaps we should really make our ministry worth more to our people. It is enbarrassing to have to preach to hearers who think the preacher is worth no more than some preachers receive and it must be embarrassing to have such preachers. The poorly paid preacher who is getting all he is worth from hearers able to pay more, and willing to pay it for better preaching, must be sadly unworthy and badly misplaced. Can it be true that our laymen are more deserving of better preaching service than we preachers are of better lay support? It really seems so. We have, however, not nearly so definite a standard of valuation for preaching service—for even the merely human part of it, to say nothing of the spiritual benefit—as we have for the value received in payment. The preacher who is not worth infinitely more to his people spiritually than they can be worth to him financially is a "dead beat." The hearer's appreciation of the preacher's spiritual value to him may find expression in material returns—and it does, as shown for example, in the following items:

The 110,414 members in the Western North Carolina Conference paid its 246 pastors $242,976 last year: an average salary of $987, ranging from $110 to two of $3,000 each, and an average per member contribution of $2.22, or 4 2-5 cents a week. The average salaries in Districts ranged from $597 in the lowest to $1,297 in the highest, with membership contributions averaging $1.72 to $2.58. The 110 charges paying over $1,000 salaries, averaging $1,420, paid only $2.55 a member, or not quite 5 cents a week. Of the 136 charges paying less than $1,000, 63 paid $700 or over, averaging $831, and $1.75 a member, and 73 paid less than $700, averaging $473, and $1.80 a member. The Mission Board's appropriations to these 73 charges will raise their pastor's salary average to about $664, or some $55 a month, for the present year, some receiving considerably below this average.

Now it is absolutely certain that pastors cannot support their families in comfort and decency on the lower salaries above mentioned. And surely if our good laymen knew the conditions of poverty some of their pastors' families suffer they would bestir themselves for their relief. As a rule, pastors are comparatively reticent about parsonage conditions and their dire need of home comforts. No other set of workmen in the world, of similar supposed ability and importance, and serving any great corporation in a capacity at all comparable to that in which pastors serve the Church, would long endure so uncomplainingly the remuneration so unjust, or the just remuneration so cruel—which is it?—that the Church metes out to its poorly paid pastors. There would soon be a strike, and then a lock-out. Ought not this very silence, which this article has to break in some measure, the silence of preachers sent nolens volens and going submissively and trustingly wherever sent, to appeal very powerfully to the people they serve? I believe pastors would render better service if better supported, and that laymen would render the better support in mercy if not in justice—could they but see the need of it as it really exists. Preachers families will average up pretty well. Their wives and children are passable at least. Some preachers' wives came out of homes of culture and refinement and plenty. God only knows the sufferings of these noble women under the privations, inconveniences, discomforts and embarrassments unavoidable in the poorly paid preachers' homes. I recently heard a pastor's wife urge her husband to demand a better salary and be able to procure some of life's common necessities. That pastor's people could support him handsomely; and they no doubt would, did they know his conditions and believe him worthy that support. And what must pastor's children think of Church people who permit their fathers to suffer for necessities a reasonable salary could procure! Only last week I heard a preacher say that, when a boy, he heaped anathemas upon the Church people who paid his father so niggardly for his faithful service for them. I have heard a fine lawyer talk with blinding tears and choking sobs, of the afflictive poverty of his boyhood life in a parsonage where the mother and children often were hungry and cold. Is it not surprising, and strangely complimentary to the undervalued or else unworthy preachers, that so many of their sons become ministers? But it is not strange that too few young men are being affectully called to preach. True it is, men ought to answer the call in the face of suffering and sacrifice, but it is just as true that the Church should not make such sacrifice necessary.

In conclusion: The Centenary appropriations, or allotments to our charges, will amount annually for five years to some 27 per cent more than pastors' salaries. Let us set to like men and raise it all, and may we pastors continue silent concerning our salaries and try to make ourselves worthy the better support the successful Centenary drive proves our laymen able and willing to pay us when convinced of our worthiness. This is the meaning of this article.

PRAYER

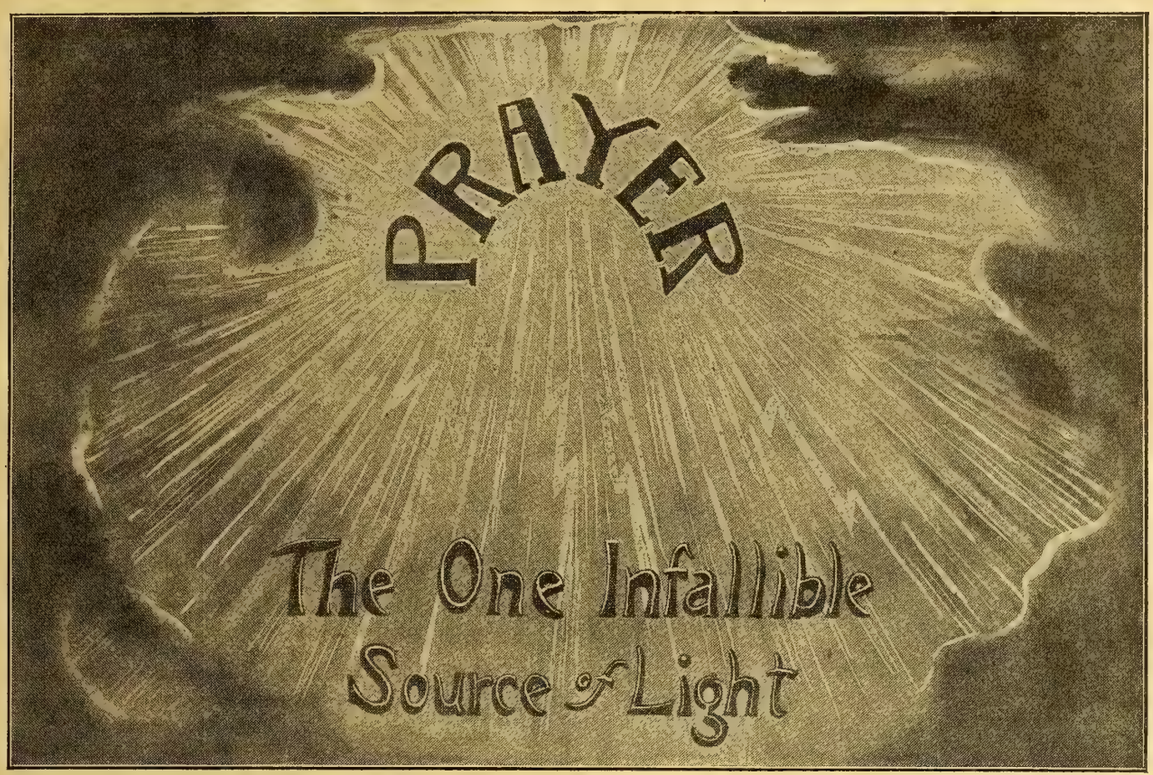
"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Jesus did not find it necessary, when planning for the evangelization of the world through human agency, to provide his disciples with material means for the accomplishment of the task. Prayer was their unfailing and sufficient resource. "Truly I tell you, whatever you ask the Father, He will give you in my name." They were to be sorely tempted and tried, yet power to endure and conquer was to come to them through prayer.

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Prayer underlies the other means of grace. It enables one to get the most out of public worship. By prayer we are prepared to rightly partake of the Supper of the Lord. The Scriptures yield their choicest treasures to him who rises from his knees to search them. Good works unaccompanied by prayer are "dead works" or "vain works."

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Right-minded people pray instinctively. The first thing a convicted sinner does is to cry out his penitence to God. We turn to God in jay and sorrow, in pleasure and in peril. We voice in prayer our gratitude for blessings received, or our plea for relief needed.



Not until PRAYER occupies its First and Rightful place in the program will the Centenary be able to go forward with its ever-widening world task.

Prayer is the Most Powerful Dynamic in Efficiency

Pastors Must Preach it **Minute Men Must Talk it**

Intecessors Must be Enlisted

Family Altars Must be Established

The Church must go to her knees in Prayer

We dare not face the task in human strength

Men have lost confidence in materialism and rationalistic philosophy. They are hunting the paths that lead to God. We must know how to show them. To do so we must have power. We must get our hands on the altar. Prayer releases power. The path of Prayer is the path to God.

One Million Intecessors in Methodism Means the Great Revival

ENLISTMENT WEEK AUGUST 24-31

For Literature, Missionary Centenary, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Bishop Candler has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

—Chaplain Daniel Lane has returned from overseas and is ready for service. See his notice in this issue.

—Rev. S. Taylor, of the Marshville circuit, was engaged in revival services at Center church last week with Rev. H. H. Jordan as his helper.

—Dr. Henry Jordan, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Jordan, who completed his course in dentistry at Atlanta last spring, will locate for practice at Belmont.

—Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of our church at Gibsonville, left on Monday for Catawba, where he is assisting his brother, Rev. J. T. Ratledge, in revival services.

—Bishop W. F. McMurry has been in New York to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Publishing House, of Shanghai, China, of which board he is a member.

—Charlotte pastors are holding special prayer services in preparation for the coming of Rev. "Bob" Jones, who is to lead the great evangelistic services in which all the Methodist churches of the city will take part.

—The Roanoke News says that the State's three thousand acres of corn on the state farm near Weldon is about a total loss. The great dike gave way and the magnificent corn crop was completely covered.

—Dr. E. B. Chappell, secretary of our General Sunday School Board, has returned from the inspection tour of Syria and Armenia upon which he was sent in company with other representatives of American religious bodies.

—Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, a well-known and highly respected Baptist minister, died at his home in Ansonville on Tuesday, July 22nd. Mr. Wilhoit, who was a native of Stanly county, had lived to the ripe age of eighty years, but was active in ministerial work until a few days before his death.

—Brother J. W. Clay, superintendent of our publishing house in Brazil, who has been home on a short vacation, will sail for Brazil on the 16th of this month. Brother Clay is greatly interested in his work and is hurrying back in order to install their new plant of machinery.

—The congregation at First Church, Lexington, is preparing to erect a new home to be occupied by their pastor. The old parsonage was sold some time ago, and as soon as the congregation can decide on a location a new and modern residence will be erected. Rev. J. P. Hipps is the pastor.

—The union meeting which had been in progress at Davidson for more than a week came to a close on Tuesday night of last week. Rev. Loy D. Thompson, pastor of Broad Street Church, Statesville, did the preaching. There were about one hundred professions, and the whole community seems to have been greatly benefited.

—In his notes in Wadesboro M. & I. Rev. E. R. Welch refers to the Marshville meeting as follows: "Our Marshville meeting was good despite the weather. There was a delightful consciousness of God's Spirit in every service. The people of Marshville are very fine folks. They lavished their hospitality and kindness upon us.

—Rev. W. M. Robbins, pastor of Grace Church, Winston-Salem, writes as follows: "I have had the privilege of hearing the Rev. A. B. Crumpler in a tent meeting here, near our place, for eight or ten days, recently. And I want to say that I enojyed the services very much. Bro. Crumpler is a preacher. I heartily recommend him to any one who is looking for a helper in a meeting.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

St. Paul Church, Randleman, a pioneer textile community of North Carolina, was the seat of the Greensboro district conference that convened, July 23, at 3 p. m. and continued its sessions for two days. Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, the unsophisticated presiding elder, guided the affairs of the conference from the beginning to the end with a steady and skilled hand.

Before the conference met the presiding elder had secured from each pastor a full report of what had been accomplished this year and of the condition of church property in his respective charge. This enabled the presiding elder, as soon as the conference elected its committees at the initial session, to place in the hands of the committees on Education, Financial Systems and Lay Activities, Missions and the Centenary, Sunday School and the Epworth Leagues, Spiritual State of the Church, and Church Property, all facts needed for them to proceed at once with their work. Consequently, instead of having these reports delayed to be crowded into the last moments of the final session without time for adequate discussion, the reports of the committees were distributed through the entire conference, thereby allowing an opportunity for intelligent consideration of these reports and at the same time enlivening each and every session of the conference with spirited and illuminating discussion upon live and up-to-date topics.

By the way, any inexperienced candidate for the eldership might jot down in his note book this method of conducting a district conference as one of the very best.

The Greensboro district, as indicated by the figures given in the reports of the pastors, is characterized by substantial progress in every department of the Church's activities. Methodism has her face to the sunrise. The future is radiant with hope in Randolph, Guilford and Rockingham.

Rev. J. E. Woosley delivered a sermon, Wesleyan to the core, upon the Witness of the Spirit. The discourse was a valuable presentation of the subject. Rev. H. C Sprinkle, in his sermon upon "God's Call to a Nation," showed himself a preacher up-to-date in the very best sense of the word and a workman "rightly dividing the word of truth." Rev. Ira Erwin in direct and telling words, warned his hearers against the insidious snares of worldliness in the church. It was a timely message.

Delegates to the annual conference were elected as follows: P. C. Story, F. N. Tate, O. V. Woosley, J. F. Craven, R. B. Chance, J. O. Redding, Mrs. F. E. Stafford and C. H. Ireland.

Half a dozen or more women voted in this election. These sisters in the very outset behaved like veterans with the ballot and up to date there are no signs upon the horizon that Zion is to be ruptured by the admission of woman to full laity rights in the Church.

Rev. D. M. Sharpe was recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial.

Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, delivered a very fine address upon education. Rev. J. R. Walker spoke in behalf of Rutherford College. R. M. Courtney represented the Centenary. Rev. J. P. Rodgers urged the claims of the superannuate endowment fund, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett represented woman's work and Rev. H. M. Blair delivered an address upon Christian literature.

Rev. A. J. Farrington proved himself an ideal conference host. He and his good people of Randleman provided royal entertainment for the conference.

General regret was expressed that Rev. J. T. Stover, on account of a hurt received in a fall, could not be present. The conference by unanimous vote sent him a message of sympathy and expression of regret that he was unable to attend the conference. Brother Stover was the only pastor absent except Rev. C. F. Sherrill, who was in a revival meeting at Pleasant Garden. The total enrollment of the conference was eighty-six—a fine showing in the midst of floods.

A. W. Plyler, Sect'y.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Waynesville District Conference met according to schedule in Murphy, N. C., July 9-10. The work of the conference had been well planned by Presiding Elder West, and was carried out according to the program. There were no especial features of the conference. Just the ordinary business was transacted, and was about as follows:

The Committee on Missions recommended the formation of three new charges in missionary territory contiguous to Andrews, Bryson-Whittier and Robbinsville. They also recommended the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society in every pastoral charge. In cases where it is clearly impracticable to have a society wholly within one church, it is recommended that two or more Churches unite in the organization of a society.

The Committee on Epworth Leagues recommended an earnest effort to make the League go, by organizing one in every church where at all possible to do so.

The conference passed a resolution requesting the Bishop and Cabinet to so re-arrange the districts in the conference as to give to the four or five counties in the extreme western part of the state the entire time of a presiding elder. This would virtually mean the re-establismment of the old Franklin district. The Waynesville district as now constituted covers seven counties, and is constituted of twenty-four charges. The proposed new charges would make twenty-seven charges, which, by reason of mountains and streams, can not be grouped for the convenience of the presiding elder in holding joint Quarterly Conferences, and gives him a very strenuous task to visit all the charges and give them the time that is required for the best results of his labors, and for the wisest and best supervision.

The conference passed a resolution commending Bishop Darlington's decision to hold our Annual Conference as early as October 22, since it gives time for the pastors having to move to get settled in their new fields before the severe mountain winters and rough roads have to be reckoned with.

The reports from the charges showed that the Centenary drive had been successful in the district, and that a surplus of more than eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00), counting allowable credits, had been subscribed by the charges reporting. Some of the charges reported the canvass incomplete, and the conference recommended that efforts be continued till the canvass shall be completed.

The conference was somewhat disturbed by the fact that so many of the local preachers failed to make their required report to the district conference. There seems to be a growing laxity among these brethren in this respect. The conference recommended that the presiding elder get in touch with each of the local preachers in the district, and give them such information and instruction as may be necessary, and that the pastors render themselves blameless in this matter. It was strongly suggesed that the failure of the local preachers to make reports as well as the failure of many of them to do more preaching and other work that they might do was probably due to the neglect of the pastors to seek out their local preachers and to direct their work, and to invoke their efforts and co-operation in the work of the charge. If this be so, it is a grievous fault in our pastors and one that they should overcome, for the local preacher usually knows the field better than the "new" pastor, and could often keep him from starting off on the wrong foot.

The Committee on Junaluska Conferences brought a strong appeal to the members of the conference to take advantage of the privileges offered there within the bounds of our own district, and especially that the pastors make an effort to attend the Conference on Evangelism during the week of Aug. 10-17.

Revs. J. H. Bradley, L. P. Bogle and W. B. West did good preaching for the District Conference occasion.

Canton was chosen as the meeting place of the conference next year.

T. J. Hill, D. J. Kerr, J. W. Walker, J. M. Mock, T. R. Gray and Mrs. R. J. Roan were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, with C. W. Hames, R. S. Porter and Mrs. W. B. Fisher as alternates.

The conference, as a mark of deference and appreciation, voted the presiding elder, Rev. J. H. West, a vacation.

M. T. Smathers, Secretry.

MARSHVILLE

The revival services that closed in the Marshville Methodist Church last Sunday morning were productive of much and, we trust, lasting good. The pastor, Rev. Seymour Taylor, was assisted by Rev. E. R. Welch, of Wadesboro, who preached the old time gospel in a most forceful and convincing manner.

The short series of one week's meetings was greatly interfered with by rainy weather, but notwithstanding this the results were very satisfactory indeed. The church was wonderfully revived and twelve or fifteen conversions were witnessed.

The people of Marshville were greatly impressed with the ability, piety and earnestness of Rev. Mr. Welch. There are a number of powerful ministers in the conference and among them towers the Wadesboro preacher.

L. E. Huggins.

THE WARRENTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The thirty-ninth session of the Warrenton District Conference convened in the M. E. Church, South, at Conway, N. C., Wednesday, July 16, 1919, at 9:30 o'clock, Rev. E. M. Snipes, presiding elder, in the chair. The presidency of the conference was marked by ease and courtesy. In all that Brother Snipes does he manifests a real brotherly spirit.

All of the preachers were present except two, and these were detained on account of sickness. About sixty per cent of the delegates answered to the roll call.

The reports from the charges revealed a normal progress, and the usual problems encountered by those interested in advancing the Kingdom. The difficulties confronting Sunday school workers were discussed in an intelligent manner by a number of laymen.

Brother M. B. Gilliam spoke on "What the pew has a right to expect from the pulpit.

An interesting feature of the conference was an address on the Centenary campaign, and the results in the district, by Bro. W. L. Knight, district director. At the close of the address came the awarding of Centenary banners. Bro. J. T. Flythe presented to Littleton Church the district banner—this being the first to secure and report the quota assigned. Dr. D. B

Zollicoffer presented to Northampton circuit the banner for the circuit first securing and reporting the allotment assigned. Bro. O. G. Moore received the banner for Littleton, and Bro. B. F. Tennille received the banner for Northampton. All of this was done in an impressive manner.

The conference adopted resolutions recognizing and expressing appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Brother W. L. Knight as district director of the Centenary campaign.

Dr. R. B. John, president of Carolina College, presented the advantages offered by this institution. Prof. F. S. Aldridge, headmaster of Trinity Park School and Trinity College, showing the superior advantages these institutions offer.

In the absence of Bro. Barnes, and at the request of the presiding elder, Rev. C. A. Jones spoke in behalf of the Methodist Orphanage.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: M. J. Grant, J. M. Parker, Dr. M. Bolton, W. L. Knight, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, J. C. Hardy, Z. G. Mann and J. T. Flythe. Alternates, B. F. Tennille, W. T. Shaw and Broadie Jones.

Bro. W. Norman Vaughn, of Northampton circuit, was granted license to preach.

The conference listened to helpful sermons delivered by Rev. G. B. Starling, Dr. J. T. Gibbs, Rev. F. M. Shamburger and Dr. W. B. North.

The next session of the conference will be held at Whitakers.

Conway appreciated the conference and proved it by the comfortable and pleasant manner in which they entertained.

Marvin Self, Secretary.

IS IT TOO LATE?

The Conference on Evangelism to be held at Lake Junaluska August 10-17, will afford the preachers of the Western North Carolina Conference the greatest opportunity that has ever been placed before them. Just a glance at a partial list of the speakers will support that statement. Among them are Bishops Darlington and Ainsworth, Drs. A. C. Dixon, George Stewart, Gypsy Smith, H. C. Morrison, Paul Kern, together with the most noted evangelists of our Church.

Waynesville District has made arrangements to have all the pastors attend this great conference. Is it too late for other districts to do the same thing? A small investment will bring in large returns.

The Sunday School Training School, now in session, has brought together the finest array of experts ever assembled for a like conference in the South. It is a wonderful intellectual, spiritual, preparational (to coin a word), and inspirational feast that every pastor and Sunday school worker should avail himself of.

Come to the Evangelistic Conference and go back home a more efficient soul-winner. Make your reservations early.

Robert E. Hunt.

Clyde N. C.

TRY THE COMBINATION

The Conference for Social Workers will be held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, August 17th to 24th. The Conservation Conference of the Centenary Commission will be held August 26th to 28th. Combine attendance on these meetings, getting a full week or ten days of helpful conference in a delightful climate in beautiful surroundings, at a minimum of cost. Board can be had at from $12 to $15 per week.

Or combine Conference for Social Workers with the Bible Conference, August 10th to 17th, staying for both, or for part of both.

For information concerning the Conference for Social Workers, address the writer,

James Cannon,
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

NOTICE

I am now returned from overseas, and am open for dates, preferably for revival work, until conference. Address me at New Bern, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

Daniel Lane.
1st Lt. Chaplain.

A GOOD BOOK ON REVIVALS

I have just read a good book on revivals. It is a great book. It says nothing about the coming revival, as planned by the Evangelistic Commission, but would help one to know what it is when it comes (if it should come).

It is the Epistle of Paul to the Romans.

R. M. Hoyle.
Newton, N. C., July 30, 1919.

BEAUFORT

We've had a great year in Beaufort. First, we had the Centenary—five months of it. That woke up the preacher, and the folks got busy. Then we had Raymond Browning—five weeks of him—in a big tent on the court house square. Meetings twice and thrice daily; attendance three, five, eight hundred and more; lively singing; souls converted; the whole community blessed. That's Raymond Browning, God bless him forever! The people in these parts will not soon forget him, and look forward to his return. The religious interest of the community has deepened, and the churches have taken on new life.

To God be all the glory.

Robah F. Bumpas.

THE A. D. BETTS LOAN FUND

Dr. W. P. Few proposes that a loan fund for young preachers be established at Trinity College in memory of Dr. A. D. Betts, one of the best loved Methodist preachers that has ever lived in North Carolina, and a man who for years gave out of his limited income an annual contribution for the use of some ministerial student.

Now that the college has from other sources replaced these gifts of Dr. Betts to become the foundation for a Memorial loan fund to this good man, his multitude of friends and admirers should not be slow to add thereto. I am informed that in response to Dr. Few's suggestion some impressive gifts are already coming in. Others should hasten to make their contributions.

Some one with the time and talent for such work should write the life story of this unusual man who so wonderfully impressed the people of his generation in North Carolina, and his friends—what man, woman or child who knew him was not his friend—should without delay establish a loan fund at Trinity College that would become a perpetual and fit memorial to his great and good name.

Why not effect an organization to canvass this matter in every section of the state and thereby secure funds to help every young minister seeking preparation at Trinity College for his life's work?

A. W. Plyler.

CONTEST ON WAUTAUGA CIRCUIT

The Sunday schools at Mabel, Henson's Chapel and Valle Crucis of the Watauga charge, will enter a contest during August and September. The contest will be by points and in proportion to church membership. The points will be counted as follows: Each officer and each teacher present at a session of the school will count 20 points. Each regularly enrolled pupil present will count 10 points. Each visitor present and in a class will count 5 points. Each penny in the collection will count 1 point. Each baby enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department will count 50 points. Each Wesley Bible Class organized will count 500 points. Each one enrolled for the Teacher Training Course with the Correspondence Department at Trinity College will count 500 points. Each pupil entering any one of our Church schools will count 1,000 points. Each new subscription to the North Carolina Christian Advocate will count, six months, 100 points; one year, 200 points; five years, 1,000 points.

Let each one who is a member or interested in any one of these churches count the most points possible for his church.

J. W. Bennett, Pastor.

ROCK SPRINGS CAMP MEETING

Plans for a greater camp meeting than usual are being made at Rock Springs, Denver, this year. Two of the ablest and most popular preachers of Western North Carolina have been engaged to do the preaching; Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Church, Gastonia, and Rev. Loy D. Thompson, pastor of Broad Street Church, Statesville. Mr. Robert Milam, a widely known gospel singer and chorus director of Atlanta, has been invited to lead the singing.

It is estimated that, in August, 1917, there were more than ten thousand people in attendance on Sunday, and last year there were nearly as many. This year, with the boys back from France, and with conditions again normal, a record-breaking attendance is expected.

The campmeeting has come into renewed favor in recent years. With the coming of prohibition, there has been less and less disorder and lawlessness, and for the last three or four years, the services have been as quiet and orderly as in any city church anywhere. With the passing of other campgrounds, Rock Springs abides and increases in popularity. The committee is busy this week putting the grounds in order and getting ready for the crowds to move in Thursday and Friday. Services begin Thursday night, August 7, and continue for ten days.

John F. Kirk.

MEMORIAL FUND TO DR. A. D. BETTS

The suggestion of Dr. Few in the Advocate of July 10 that a fitting permanent memorial of the late beloved Dr. A. D. Betts be established in the form of a memorial loan fund for the use of young preachers at Trinity College, is meeting with hearty approval and a generous response. Those of us who have long come in close touch with young men struggling under almost heartbreaking difficulties in the effort to fit themselves properly for the greatest of all work believe that no tribute to "our friend" could be more fitting than this foundation handsomely endowed. It will keep his memory ever fresh in the minds of the oncoming generations and will continue forever in increasing power his unselfish service in this special field of his interest. And there is surely great and pressing need that generous provision be made for just this part of our educational work. While necessary it is also peculiarly appealing to all persons interested in the most vital problem of our life.

Among the fine letters that have come to Dr. Few in response to his suggestion is one from a consecrated young pastor and his wife. It interprets in spirit so finely the feeling Dr. Few experienced on reading Dr. Rhodes' tribute to Dr. Betts that it may well be published.

Kannapolis, N. C.
July 29, 1919.

Dear Dr. Few:

Mrs. Vick and myself have thought for some time that we would like to give something to Trinity College.

We have just read in the Advocate that you propose to raise a memorial fund to the great Dr. A. D. Betts which is to be used to help young preachers in their struggle for an education. We are enclosing a subscription to this memorial of $1,000. We wish that we could make it more and hope that we can in the future.

We feel that we want to leave some of the fruits of our labor upon earth to be a power in the world for good after we are dead and gone. The best way to do this, according to our judgment, is to leave something that will aid young men to prepare themselves for the ministry.

Then we want to honor Dr. Betts because he was so good to us and to our parents.

Dr. Few, may the good Lord, who loves and keeps us, bless you in this new effort of yours to honor the saints and help mankind. We are

Your faithful friends,

(Signed) Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Vick.

There are thousands of others in our state and elsewhere who will be glad to see offered in this way the opportunity to give expression to the love they and their families and friends felt for this kind good man and who now cherish his memory. In order that the many friends of good causes may see what is being done in this work a list of the contributors to the A. D. Betts Memorial Loan Fund will be published in the Advocate.

W. H. Wannamaker.
Trinity College, August 1, 1919.

NEW BERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In spite of the fact that it was a busy season of the year, when Rev. J. B. Hurley, presiding elder of the New Bern district, called the conference to order at Newport on June 24, there was a splendid gathering of ministers and laymen.

Rev. T. M. Grant, of Hookerton charge, preached the opening sermon, setting the pace for the conference at a very high standard.

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, of LaGrange charge, was elected secretary.

The roll call revealed the fact that all the preachers in the district were present except Revs. E. C. Durham and K. F. Duval, both of these brethren being detained by sickness in their homes. Evangelism was the key note of the excellent program arranged by the presiding elder. This program was followed throughout the conference and a deep spiritual atmosphere seemed to dominate the entire conference.

Evangelist Raymond Browning was present part of the time and delivered a very interesting sermon in connection with the program of the elder. Rev. A. D. Wilson also preached a highly interesting sermon.

The presiding elder appointed committees as follows: Missionary Committee, Revs. A. D. Wilcox. T. M. Grant, L. M. Hall, H. B. Hill. On Quarterly Conference Records, Revs. F. C. Noblett, F. E. Dixon, L. M. Hall, Guy Hamilton and H. B. Hill. To examine applicants for license to preach, Revs. R. H. Broom, R. R. Grant, Frank Culbreth.

The preachers submitted written reports of the work done in the district thus far during the year. The facts were that progress is in all the fields of service.

The characters of thirteen local preachers were passed and their license renewed.

Guin Gladstone Whitehurst, of Straits and Atlantic charge, and Rodger Cobb Hinson, of Elm Street charge, Goldsboro, were licensed to preach.

Rev. Frank Culbreth spoke of the feeble health of Bro. F. S. Becton and offered a motion that the conference send greetings along with a collection. $67 was received and forwarded.

B. W. O'Neal, of Oriental was elected lay leader for the district.

Prof. F. S. Aldridge represented Trinity College and Trinity Park School. Rev. F. S. Love represented Louisburg College.

Rev. G. T. Adams represented the Church schools of the state and our orphanage.

The following were elected delegates to the annual conference: L. A. Mann, Y. T. Ormond, J. E. Cameron, T. O. Green, H. T. Davis, J. J. Dixon, B. W. O'Neal and J. S. Hargett.

The presiding elder announced that the following would compose the li-

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Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

The following beautiful poem comes to us from Mrs. E. M. Anderson, of St. Petersburg, Florida. For several years Mrs. Anderson lived in Greensboro. N. C., and was prominently identified with our Woman's work:

"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"

John 14:1

O restless, anxious heart, be still,
Thy God is on His throne;
And He will always give that which
Is best, unto His own.

O traveler on the mountain way,
Though path is long and steep,
Thy God knows well how weak thou art,
And He a watch will keep.

O sailor, on life's troubled sea
Without a guide, afloat,
Be still though waves may rise and fall,
Christ is within the boat.

O weary one, hold fast thy faith,
Although dark be the night;
God rules, and He is over all,
And saith "I am the light."

Our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to Mrs. J. V. Wilson, District Secretary of the Greensboro District, in the death of her brother, Mr. Don Kirkman, who was drowned at Wrightsville Beach a few days ago while trying to rescue a young lady friend from drowning.

Mr. Kirkman had very recently returned from overseas, where he had been with others of our brave soldiers in the discharge of his duties to his country. Spared to return home to his loved ones, how sad that he should so soon be taken from them.

What a comfort to know that he met death bravely and that his last act was one of service to others. May God comfort the hearts of the sorrowing ones.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

What a great privilege to our workers it will be to attend the great Missionary Conference that is to be held at Lake Junaluska, August 27-28-29. Some of the formemost speakers in Southern Methodism, as well as from other denominations will be present and make addresses on this occasion. Cannot a number of representatives from our Western North Carolina Conference take advantage of this opportunity. By writing to Mr. Dale Stentz, Lake Junaluska, N. C. full information as to this meeting may be obtained.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

We are always glad to announce new organizations, for these organizations show that our work is growing and we gladly welcome each new society. The following are reported as of recent organization:

Junior Society—Patty's Chapel, near Fletchers, N. C., Asheville District.—President, George Seak; vice-presidendent, Lloyd Ward; corresponding secretary, Lire Souther; recording secretary, Earl Patillo; treasurer, John Claud Sales, Jr.; superintendent Mission Study, Loula Cunningham.

Young People's Society—Trinity Church, near Derita, N. C., Charlotte District—President, Miss Myrtie Hilton, Charlotte, N. C., R. 6; first Vice-president, Miss Katie Carr, Charlotte, N. C., R. 6; Corresponding secretary, Miss Zada Hucks, Derita, N. C., R. 13; recording secretary, Miss Effie Carr, Charlotte, N. C., R. 6; treasurer, Miss Minnie Alexander, Charlotte, N. C., R. 7; superintendent Mission Study, Miss Grace Downs, Charlotte, N. C., R. 10; superintendent Social Service, Miss Mary Dowson, Charlotte, N. C., R. 10; superintendent supplies, Miss Oltie Hilton, Charlotte N. C., R. 6.

FROM CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

We are glad to have the following communication from our Conference Corresponding Secretary and to know of the encouraging work that has been done during the first two quarters of this year. May this be an incentive to us to put forth a greater effort during the remainder of the year:

My Dear Co-Workers

I want to share with you the joy that came to me as I received the second quarter's report, and took time to compare the work accomplished in the first two quarter's of 1919 with that of the first months of 1918.

Our Conference in common with the rest of the world seems to be inspired with missionary zeal. We have gained thus far this year 43 new organizations—15 more than we gained during the first half of last year. We have sent our Council treasurer over $2,000 more than we did the first six months of last year.

This means faithful service on the part of both officers and members, and if we can make as fine increase for the remainder of the year, not only will your Conference officers be made happy, but I believe the Master, whom we serve and whose we are, will rejoice that we are willing to work and sacrifice for His sake.

As we come to the work of the new quarter let us see that every society has a missionary study class, and if in your Church there is only an adult society, let us look over the territory and see if the children and young people should not be gathered into these organizations.

The work is made so easy for a leader, everything having been planned to help, not only in organization, but in programs after the work is organized. We owe to the young life of the Church the instruction and pleasure that will come to them by being connected with a live society which reaches their spiritual, mental, and social life as the missionary society does, if all departments receive proper attention.

A live Missionary Society would give to many a woman in the rural district much of cheer while she is doing the worth while things which the missionary society gives her the opportunity to do.

Let us see if our neighboring towns or Churches have a missionary society, if not, let us each sow good seed by at least telling those who are deprived of these splendid privileges, what the Missionary Society has meant to our homes and our Church.

If each one of us will feel the individual responsibility which is ours, at the end of the third quarter our hearts will be made to rejoice with the report of new organizations, and the great work accomplished by the members.

Most sincerely yours,
Mrs. H. A. Dunham.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

By Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Murphy, N. C.

Whereas our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our society and Church, our beloved sister and coworker, who was our first president and the oldest member of our society, Mrs. R. M. Patterson.

First, The detah of our sister removes from our society and Church one of our loyal and useful members, and her children and grandchildren a devoted mother. She was also a great friend of the needy in her community, and was of a cheerful disposition.

Second, That we, with humble submission, bow to our Heavenly Father's will, knowing that our loss is her gain. We will ever cherish her memory and strive to imitate her noble, Christian character.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, one sent to the Christian Advocate, and one to the Scout for publication.

Mrs. E. B. Norvell,
Mrs. A. M. Brittain,
Mrs. J. E. Fain,
Committee.

N. C. CONFERENCE

LEND ME, LORD

BY MRS. W. M. WALLACE.

Lord, of thy light but lend me
One little ray,
Lest from the path, uncertain, stumbling,
My poor feet stray.
O'er my doubts and fears let fall
Faith that overcometh all.

Lord, of thy strength but lend me
To persevere,
E'en though the ones I love the best
Should mock and sneer.
Give me strength to bear for thee;
Thou wast mocked and scorned for me!

Lord, of thy patience lend me
To learn of thee,
That in every cross that frets me
Thine I see.
Let me not self-glory seek;
Thou didst say : "Blessed are the meek."

Lord, of thy heart but lend me
One tender throb,
That love may bring the priceless peace
No thief can rob;
Then from my heart will jealous hatreds flee
And I will feel that I am nearer thee.

Atlanta, Ga.

CENTENARY OFFERINGS AND BRIGHT JEWEL FUNDS

All money raised for missions during the five year period, 1918-1922, will count on the Centenary. But these funds are of two kinds. First, the Centenary fund, a special free will offering additional to all money raised by conference assessments, or through the ordinary channels of the Woman's Missionary Societies, specials already established, etc. Second, these funds, estimated at the time of the drive on the basis of past experience and counted as "credits". It is evident that if these ordinary activities cease or are lessened, these "credits" will not materialize and the hoped for Centenary Offering will fail. If on the other hand money subscribed at the time of the Centenary Drive as a part of this special free will offering is paid through the ordinary channels, then the Centenary Fund will fail. It is therefore necessary to keep these two funds separate.

All money received by the Bright Jewels for dues, pledge, and for other missionary purposes is Centenary, and will count as Centenary money. But it is not a part of the Centenary Fund. That must be paid through the Centenary Treasurer, go through Centenary channels, be divided on an agreed upon Centenary basis, and can not be counted by nor credited to the Children's societies.

Several of the Superintendents of the Bright Jewel Bands have sent amounts which they have asked shall be credited on the Centenary. As all the money raised by the Bright Jewels during the five year period is Centenary money and will be so counted in making up the final total, I have carred such amounts to our Pledge account.

This I will continue to do. But as these cannot be counted thus and also on the Special Centenary Offering (but on the Credits) if any one who has sent such money wishes to withdraw it and pay it, not through the Children's Societies, but through the local Centenary Treasurer on the Special Centenary Fund and will so notify me, I will return the money to them; but if they do this it can not count on the children's work.

Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson.

THE TASK BEFORE US IN JAPAN

By Mabel K. Howell.

The work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Japan covers three districts, the Kobe, the Matsuyama, and the Hiroshima. These districts comprise a compact area around the Japan Inland Sea and are very thickly populated. The Kobe District alone has a population of 5,000,000. The Hiroshima and Matsuyama districts have each about 3,500,000 people. There are, therefore, about 12,000,000 people in the territory in which the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is at work.

Not only is the territory of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thickly populated, but it is a territory full of cities, almost contiguous cities. Five of the seven largest cities of Japan are in this territory. In Kobe District alone there are seven large cities, three of which, Osaka, Kioto, and Kobe, have a population of over 6,000,000, one, Osaka, having 1,500,000. The problem of the evangelization of Japan is, therefore, largely a problem of city mission work, of evangelizing these great centers of population.

It is an interesting fact that the largest cities in which our Church is working in the world are in Japan. In Japan we must work out a policy of city evangelization commensurate with our marvelous opportunity. City mission plants are needed in the following centers of our Church work. In Kioto, Osaka Kobe, and Himeiji, of the Kobe District; in Oita, Nakatsu, Beppu, Uwagima, and Matsuyama, of the Matsuyama District; and in Okayama, Yansi, Hamada, and Kure, of the Hiroshima District.

The hope of the evangelization of Japan lies in the children. Japan is a land of children. Over nineteen million of these children of Japan do not yet know of Jesus Christ. The children are most easily reached through the kindergartens and Sunday schools. The Buddhists are already awakened to the hold that Christianity has on the children and are increasing their efforts to attract them and threaten them away from Christian centers. The parens are often reached through the children. There should be a kindergarten at every preaching point of the Church in Japan. This is our task.

Japan is also a land of great industrial development—a land of factories. One of the open fields for work in Japan is in these industrial centers. We need to build centers for women's work near the great factories employing women and children, and in many cases we need to build hotels, or cooperative homes, where the factory girls may live under Christian auspices. Factory life for women in Japan is almost sure to result in a moral breakdown. Here is a great untouched field for preventive work.

It has become almost a proverb that "As goes Japan, so goes the Orient." If this is true, the sooner we evangelize Japan, which is so progressive, so capable, and so ambitious, the sooner will the Orient be evangelized.

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

LIST OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS REPORTING SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

Asheville District

G. W. Owenby, Acton ss., Sulphur Springs	$10.50
Wm. N. Jones, Central ss., Asheville	53.40
Miss Ava Lankford, Saluda ss., Tryon	6.00
J. D. Pullen, Hendersonville ss.,	10.00
Rev. R. P. Fikes, Mills River ct.,	8.87

Charlotte District

C. B. Laney, Central ss., Monroe	13.29
Mrs. E. W. Russell, Harrison ss., Pineville ct	10.00

Greensboro District

W. C. Massey, Trinity, Randolph ct.	1.60
Rev. Ira Erwin, Asheboro ss.,	6.00
Rev. J. M. Varner, Uwharrie, ct., Oak Grove	4.25
C. L. Firesheets, Reidsville	15.00
J. W. Zink, Zion ss., Greensboro ct.,	3.25
W. H. Rees, W. Market St., Greensboro	28.01
Miss Rena Kruger, Antioch, Rural Hall	4.09
Jno. T. Stewart, W. Greensboro	5.50
Edward Jordan, Oakdale, Jamestown	2.11
R. E. Lowdermilk, Holt's Chapel, Greensboro ct.	6.09

Marion District

R. E. Ward, Rutherford College, C. Springs	6.01

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Rev. Z. Paris, Central, Concord	8.00
A. F. Ross, Norwood	4.40
W. P. Whitley, Kerr St., Concord	1.73
E. Morgan, (?) Badin	7.00
Rev. J. C. Brown, Reboboth, Cottonville	4.03

Shelby District

Neel Sherrill, Rehoboth, Rock Springs ct.	4.60
J. C. McIntosh, Denover, Rock Springs ct.	3.15
Rev. J. F. Moser, Cherryville	4.20
S. A. Goforth, El Bethel, Kings Mt. ct.	8.75
F. R. Howard, Bethany, Rock Springs ct.	1.50
L. P. Eckard, Mt. Pleasant, Rock Springs ct.	2.00

Statesville District

L. G. Sloop, Triplett, Mooresville ct.	4.33
J. B. Readling, Mt. Zion	6.00

Waynesville District

Mrs. F. W. Cole, Cashiers, Glenville ct.	4.80
Mrs. D. T. Knight, Marie Memorial, Sylva ct.	2.63
W. J. Jenkins, West Mills, Franklin ct	2.30

Winston District

Jas. A. Gray, Centenary, Winston	29.66
E. Seurliss, Fair Grove, Thomasville	5.00
G. S. Kimel, Bethel, Forsyth ct	2.00
T. S. Everhart, Jackson Hill, J. H. ct.	5.00
D. C. Moire, Loves, Walkertown	11.82
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G. F. Ivey, Treasurer,
Sunday School Board.

July 22, 1919.

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The Raleigh District Conference which met in Cary last week, was a very interesting occasion in spite of the excessive rains, which prevented large crowds from assembling. Brother Royal and the good people of Cary proved themselves ideal hosts under very trying circumstances. Brother Underwood is closing his fourth year as presiding elder of the district. He has been in labors abundant and has always had before his vision the glory of God and the highest and best interest of his Church. Many tender and beautiful tributes were paid him because of his pure consecrated life which he has lived among us during these years. No one ever comes in contact with this holy man without instinctively feeling that they are in the presence of a man who lives in conscious fellowship with his God. Brother T. J. Dailey, one of our honored and greatly beloved superannuate preachers, makes Cary his home. It was my happy privilege to be his guest for a few hours. His life, so fragrant with the spirit of the risen Christ, is a benediction to the North Carolina Conference.

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LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN

Dear Friends:

I hereby wish to express my appreciation to the Orphanage friends, and especially to Mrs. Jenkins, our head matron, and Mr. Barnes, who is at the head of the home, for the care and watchfulness over me for five years, which I have spent at the Orphanage. It has been a great privilege and much pleasure.

I am sure that the absence of myself will bring great sorrow to my little sister and brother, and also to my girl and boy friends, but I must close my happy stay with the intention of making good in life.

I remain thankful to my orphanage friends,

Marvin Sanford.

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Miss Mattie, Mr. Barnes, Sisters and Brothers:

As my time is nearly out and I am about to take leave from a home I do so much appreciate, I will speak some of my thoughts in a letter.

When I was a small girl my uncle sent me to the Orphanage under the care of Mr. Cole and Mrs. Jenkins. After I was here about two years Mr. Cole died and Rev. A. S. Barnes took charge of the Orphanage and he has been until this day, a father to the fatherless.

One day Miss Mattie sent for me and told me that I was to be clothed by the ladies of South Mills Missionary society. I am more than thankful to these people for their interest in me and hope to do something to prove myself worthy of the good opportunities I have had.

I have enjoyed the great care and protection I have had while here.

I want to thank Mrs. Jackson for the nice home she has given to the "Jackson girls," I have been in the Jackson building most of the time while here. Mrs. Jackson is one of the best friends the Orphanage has.

Faithfully yours,
Neta Skittletharp.

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It is with the greatest pleasure that I thank my friends for their care of me during my Orphanage life. I was very unfortunate to have lost my mother when very young, but very fortunate to find this good home among so many good Christian friends.

The Orphanage has meant everything to me. "Miss Mattie" has been a mother to each and all. Mr. Barnes, the kindest hearted man that he is, has shown great interest in me and has made me feel that I will make a great success in life.

I am completing the High School this year and next fall I enter Greensboro College to complete my education. I am going to try in every way to make my friends feel proud that they had a hand in rearing me.

The Orphanage life is a beautiful life and the nearer my time comes to leave the better I understand what it has really meant to me. It is hard to realize just how much the Orphanage has done for you until you start to leave and look back over it all and think what good friends you are leaving.

I also want to thank the outside friends of the Orphanage for what they have done for the home. We are very lucky to have so many friends to take an interest in us and it makes you feel like doing your best.

Thanking you again,
Elizabeth Cooke.

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AN APPRECIATION OF THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE

After having made my "home" at the Methodist Orphanage for nearly eleven years, I am indeed glad to have an opportunity to thank the dear friends who have been not only a help but an inspiration to me. I wish to thank each and every member of the "Men's Bible class" of Trinity Church, Durham, for their aid in supporting me during my stay here. Then, too, the members of the Woman's Missionary society of Farmville have been mighty nice and sweet to me. They have given me my clothes ever since I first came to the Orphanage. I was then a tiny little tot not quit seven years of age.

Any one who comes among us finds the surroundings real homelike. Our superintendent, Rev. A. S. Barnes, is the best in the land, and our matron, Mrs. M. A. Jenkins, better known to us as "Miss Mattie", is loved by all who know her. They have indeed helped us on to a higher plane in life.

I have spent many happy hours here and I never will forget the kindness and love shown me by all. Let me say in conclusion that I think our Orphanage is the best place at all. I am indeed grateful to every one who has helped me in the least. I commend to you the love and friendship of those connected with the institution in any way.

May God's blessings ever rest upon those at home.

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If every individual were to stop winning any one else to Christ, a single generation would leave the world without a Christian. If every individual Christian were to win at least one other to Christ, two generations would be sufficient to make the whole world Christian. We do not claim mathematical accuracy for this statement, but the principle itself is true, and this is sufficient to show the importance of individnal soul-winning.

The Necessity for Vision.

The vision which Paul saw at Troas was not dependent upon physical sight. It is generally supposed that Paul had some defect of physical vision, but no other man of his day could see what he saw. There were some others in the party travelling with Paul on this second of his great missionary journeys. They were with him in Troas that night, but they did not see the vision that Paul saw. There were many others in that city, but this vision was seen by no one of them. Nor was it an arbitrary favor of God that Paul was given to see it. He had the vision that was necessary. He had those qualities of mind and heart which enabled God to reveal certain things to him that He could not reveal to the world. Above all things else it was the attitude of his heart toward Christ that made this vision possible. God always reveals to us all of the truth that we have the ability and the willingness to receive, and this vision of God and the world's need is essential to successful soul-winning.

The Necessity for Divine Guidance.

Paul would not have gone into Europe of his own accord. He was naturally the best equipped man of his day for leadership, but he was blundering in his plans for extending the gospel. He tried to go into Asia, and God had to head him off. Then he attempted to go into Bithynia, "but the Spirit suffered him not." He had long before sought to spend his life among the Jews, and God had pulled him away from them to preach to the Gentiles. Paul did not know where to go until God showed him. Here is the philosophy of the truth which Christ taught: "He that loseth his life shall find it." It is the divinely guided individual, and not the self-guided one, that reaches the goal of true life. And this is pre-eminently true in soul-winning. The reason which God gave for sending Paul away from the Jews was that they would not hear him. Paul thought they would listen, and he wished above everything to repair the wrong he had done in persecuting Christ among them; but God knew the path of greatest fruitfulness and guided His faithful servant into it. If Paul had not met and solved the problems arising out of the conflict of Christianity with the heathenism of his day, who would have done it? His work stands as the very background of Christian conquest through all the ages; but it could not have done so, if he had confined his labors among the Jews. God is just as ready to guide us today as He was to guide Paul nineteen hundred years ago. His guidance is just as real now as it was then, and it is just as necessary. Many of us are so fruitless today because we are so stubborn in following our own bungling plans.

Entrance of Paul into Europe.

The "Macedonian Call" that carried Paul into Europe has become the rallying cry of missionary effort throughout the world. It was an epochal event in the religious life of the world when Paul crossed over the Hellespont. A new type of life and a new race of people who were destined to dominate the world was reached, and to Paul was given the honor first to preach the gospel to them. It was the result of his yielding to the divine guidance. His own inclinations did not lead him that way; but, in the school of a bitter experience, he had learned obedience to the divine will as God gave him to understand it. Who knows that we would have been Christians today, if Paul had not followed that "Macedonian Call?" Of course, no one can say that we would not, but it was at least a step in the way by which we have come to be Christian.

The Sabbath and Soul-Winning.

God is not limited to any day of the week to save a soul, but even Paul found his opportunities on the Sabbath day. Phillipi had no blue Sunday laws, and probably most of the business of the city went right on as any other day; but there were a few Jews over there and they observed the Sabbath. They had no synagogue—perhaps because they were too weak—but they gathered down by the river side for prayer and fellowship. They were not Christians, but they were Jews and worshipped the true God. While they did not know the story of Christ, Paul would not be speaking in altogether an unknown tongue to them. He was familiar with their religious ideas, and would thus have a point of contact. But it is worth noting that it was the Sabbath day that gave him the opportunity of speaking to them. Not many in proportion to the population were observing the day, but it was among the few who were that Christianity got its start in Europe. And it is the Sabbath day that has ever given religion a chance to make its impress on human life. Beware of that which tends to destroy its sanctity.

The Early Church and Children.

The family unit is strongly marked in the Book of Acts. The "households" came into the Church together, and this specifically included any children that might be in the home. We assume that no adult was thus baptized who objected to following the faith of their parents, but there would naturally be no hesitation on the part of children. The Jews were familiar with the idea of including their children in their religious life, for their law required them to circumcise every male child at eight days of age and this was the symbol of their covenant relations to God. When any of these accepted the Christian religion, they would naturally expect their children to come along with them; and any change from this custom would have occasioned discussion and would necessarily have found a place in the Record. It is not there and this fact almost compels the conclusion that they were included.

Hiding a Multitude of Sins.

This occurs with every genuine conversion. "If any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." Sin and death are ever associated in Scripture. One never exists without the other, and we cannot separate the two. The gospel provides for the forgiveness of sin and this hides, as it were, the sins that a person has committed. It likewise prevents many that individuals would otherwise commit. And then how many others the influence of that person is liable to lead astray. It is easy to see how the "multitudes of sins" develop that are hid by a simple conversion. Be a soul-winner.



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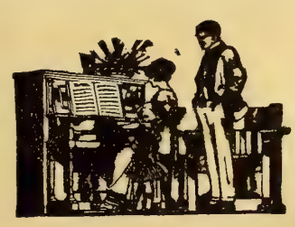
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With Rev. C. M. Short as traveling companion, I left Columbus Monday night for the great American wonder. At Buffalo we took an early morning trolley car for the Falls, twenty-two miles away. Our first sight of the Falls is to be put in a class by itself among the great experiences of life. At Columbus we had been viewing the achievements of men, here we were wondering at the works of God. It brought afresh our boyhood debates on the question, Resolved, That the works of nature are more wonderful than those of man. This morning we voted with the affirmative.

We were not long in seeing Goat Island, the Three Sisters, and were off for the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side. Many consider this more beautiful than the Falls on the American side. "Isn't it cute?" is the comment a child is said to have made when looking on the Falls for the first time. We felt more like making the Irishman's comment. He said: "Well, what's to hinder it?" The most doing with the least effort is the way you feel as you look upon the torrents and hear their continuous thunder. There are so many different angles from which to view the Falls that a whole day may be spent without exhausting the possibilities. One wonders what were the feelings and emotions of the men who discussed this marvel of God's handiwork.

A little steamer called the "Maid of the Mist" plies below and under the Falls and gives one a pretty exciting experience as he makes his way almost into the torrent itself. Rubber coats and caps are furnished each passenger to prevent them from getting wet. Short and I held a consultation and decided to make the trip.

A few hours spent on the Canadian side enabled us on our return to tell our friends that we have been to Canada. Wheat and grass are the principal crops. Much hay was being harvested but the wheat was not yet ripe enough to cut. Fruit trees were to be seen on every farm.

Washington

Two days were spent in the Capital City on our return. It so happened that our stay in Columbus included July 1 and 4, two of the greatest days of the celebration. By chance we were in Washington on the day Mr. Wilson delivered his message to the Senate. Through a downpour of rain we went to Senator Overman's office to get tickets for this occasion, only to learn that all tickets were already disposed of. We were in the Capitol building while the speech was being delivered, we could hear the applause of the fortunate ones who got entrance, and we found it hard not to be a little bit envious of those more fortunate than ourselves.

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ECHOES FROM COLUMBUS

"The best thing this side of heaven is a good woman and the meanest thing out of hell is a mean woman, and I am converting three men to one woman."—Bob Jones.

Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, of Brevard Institute, was in charge of the exhibits from our mountain schools. It will be remembered that Brevar Institute was once the Brevard Epworth School.

On Life Service Day the call was made for volunteers for mission work to come on the stage. The first two to present themselves were Misses Mabel Cocke and Gertrude Falls from Mooresville, N. C.

Mr. J. B. Ivey, of the Hawthorne Lane League, was found by this writer at League headquarters, gleaning information for League work.

A layman is a man who is in danger of laying down on his job.—Josephus Daniels.

A neighbor gave a little boy a pig. Seeing the boy a few days later he asked, "Sonny, how's your pig?" The reply: "All right, thank you. How are all your folks."—Geo Stewart.

A lonely and bereft husband put on his wife's tombstone: "The light of my life has gone out." Soon he married again. Some one asked him about the inscription, to which he replied: "Yes, but I have struck another match." Many a League needs to go do likewise.

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Then our prayers should be made for a million new members in a year's time. The raising of millions in money must fail if we fail to save the lost. To launch a great campaign for souls, we need intelligent, trained workers. These must be trained in the Sunday school and Epworth League.

Will not every pastor with a dying League inject some fresh blood and thus become a life preserver? Will not every pastor who is shepherd of promising young people and who has no League, set about and organize one? Will not those pastors whose Leagues died in the last year undertake the work or resuscitation? The interests of the kingdom demand it, the success of our work requires it, the young people themselves need it.

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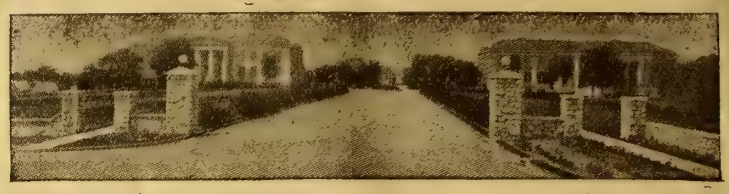
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busy greeting me.

Then when he sees me get my hat,
but thinks he can not go,
His ears get limp, his tail drops down,
and he just walks off—slow;
But if I say the magic word: "Well,
Brownie, want to come?"
Why, say, you'd know he answered
"Yes," although at speech he's
dumb.

—Exchange.

HOW THEY MADE UP

It was hot and muddy, a very trying day. Even the grown-up had found it hard to keep sweet and pleasant, so one could not be greatly surprised that Bobby and Betty had given up the effort soon after breakfast and things had steadily gone from bad to worse. The climax came when Bobby insisted on playing railroad and having a terrible wreck in which Arabella Sophia and Gertrude May, Betty's best-beloved dolls, must suffer.

"I just will not play with such thing, Bobby Martin. You can be smashed up yourself if you want, but I am not going to have them, so now!' declared Betty very decidely, gathering her family in her arms and going sewing.

"You're a mean, selfish thing, and I won't play with you any more," retorted Bobby.

"Girls are no good anyway. I wish I'd had a brother instead, then I could have had some fun."

"Girls are lots better'n boys," responded Betty promptly, detemined not to be outdone. "I never would have gone and had a brother if I could have helped it. I think they're just horrid!"

"Children," said mother very gravely, "that is enough. I did not think my dear little boy and girl could possibly say such dreadful things to each other. You must not play together any more, nor speak to each other until you have apologized for talking so."

"Which of us has got to do the 'pol ogizing?" asked Bobby.

"Both of you," answered mother.

"I think Bobby was the worst, so he ought to 'pologize first, oughtn't he?" asked Betty. But mother made no reply to this query.

At first Bobby made a great show of enjoying himself playing smash-up alone, and Betty talked and laughed with her dolls at a great rate; but before long they both gave up the struggle.

Bobby sat on the steps and wondered if the morning would ever come to an end.

Betty betook herself to the hammock with Arabella and Gertrude; but for some unexplainable reason she found them very tiresome company, and she too thought it was the longest morning she had ever known.

"I—wish I had let Bobby have his old smash-up," she said to herself.

If she could only have known it, Bobby was deciding within himself that it was very much more lonesome without Betty than he had thought it would be.

"She's—awful good for a girl," he thought, "and—I don't really b'lieve—I'd want to swap her for a brother, after all—he might want to boss me."

He glanced furtively over at Betty and was almost sure that there were tears in her eyes. Being a boy he could not relieve his feelings by crying, of course, but there was a big lump in his throat, he wished he had not spoken as he had.

"It is sort of mean in me to make her speak first. Father says boys must always be very courteous and thoughtful of their little sisters if they want to be gentlemanly, I'm—glad he didn't hear me."

"My head aches ever so hard, mother," said Betty plaintively, and Bobby was sure now of the tears. His heart gave a distressinng thump. What if Betty should be sick? Five—ten minutes dragged slowly by, then Bobby jumped up and ran to the hammock where Betty was curled up among the pillows.

"Shut your eyes tight," he said.

Betty obeyed promtly and Bobby bent down and kissed her.

Instanly Betty sprang up and threw her arms round his neck.

"I didn't mean what I said, not one single word," she sobbed.

"And I didn't either," answered Bobby. "Have we 'pologized, mother, and can we play now?"

Mother smiled a little as she kissed them both. "Promise me first that the next time you get angry you will stop and count ten very slowly before you speak."

"All right, we will try to remember, only I don't b'lieve we will get angry again right off," said Bobby.

"You can have a perfectly dreadful smash-up if you want, Bobby," said Betty as they went off hand in hand. "I don't care if Arabella and Gertrude are scared to death."—Kate S. Gates

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

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First. That we place upon record our high appreciation of her Christian character and her unselfish devotion to her church and friends.

Second. That we strive to cultivate the graces of gentleness and cheerful, unselfish service to others which was so beautifully exemplified in her life.

Third. That we cherish the sweet privilege which was ours to know her intimately, as a friend and neighbor, and thank God that the ties of love and friendship are not broken by death but abide forever.

Fourth. That we extend to her sorrowing loved ones our deepest sympathy and love in their loss, and pray that their hearts may be comforted by the words of our Master, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Fifth. That a copy of this tribute of love be sent to the family, a copy to the Kinston Daily News and the North Carolina Advocate for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of our society.

Signed:

Mrs. N. B. Moore,
Mrs. J. C. Hewitt,
Mrs. J. L. Parrott,
Mrs. O. C. Stroud,
Committee.

IN MEMORY OF J. T. BROUGHTON.

On January 13th, 1919, in the fullness of a well-spent life, J. T. Broughton died, being in the 74th year of his age. At the early age of 18 he enlisted in the Confederate service, and his comrades in arms say that he was faithful in the discharge of every duty required of a soldier. At the close of the bloody struggle between the states he came back to his home the citizen of a country conquered and devastated to an alarming degree by the armies of the North.

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But honorable as his career was as soldier, as business man and as citizen, he will be loved and remembered longer for his devotion and loyalty to the church. Serving continuously for fifty years as steward, he was ever responsive to the demands of the church. It was largely through his loyalty and liberality that the church at Garner was built. And such was his great love for his home church that he remembered it in his will.

In view of the long and valuable services rendered to the church by our deceased brother, we, the Board of Stewards of Garner Circuit respectfully recommend, as a fitting tribute to his life and character, that this appreciation of our love and confidence be inscribed upon the minutes of this Quarterly Conference and that a copy be sent to his family, and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

N. L. Broughton,
Garner, N. C.

MARSHVILLE.

The devival services that closed in the Marshville Methodist church last Sunday morning were productive of much and, we trust, lasting good. The pastor, Rev. R. S. Taylor, was assisted by Rev. E. R. Welch, of Wadesboro, who preached the old time gospel in a most forceful and convincing manner.

The short series of one week's meetings was greatly interfered with by rainy weather, but notwithstanding this the ressults were very satisfactory indeed. The church was wonderfully revived and twelve or fifteen conversions were witnessed.

The people of Marshville were greatly impressed with the ability, piety and earnestness of Rev. Mr. Welch. There are a number of powerful ministers in the conference and among them towers the Wadesboro preacher.

L. E. Huggins.

GILLETT—On the morning of April 18th, 1919, the spirit of little Annie Laura, the daughter of D. L. and Josephine Gillett, went home to God. The end came in the New Bern General Hospital. She was a bright child and bore her suffering well, though only seven years old. The funeral services were held before a large concourse of loving friends, and interment made in the family cemetery near her home in the New River section of Onslow county. May God bless the bereaved ones. W. C. Benson.

KING—William R. King was born June 17, 1839, and died at Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, May 16, 1919. He was happily married in 1867 to Sarah E. Bule, who, with four children and several grandchildren, survives him. He feared God with all his house. He was a faithful soldier the four years of civil war. From early life to the end he was an active member of the Methodist church, serving much of the time as leader. He was devoted to the work. The last great call found him waiting his Father's will. enthused for the work of the Master in the Centenary drive. His soul doubtless rejoiced as he witnessed the success of that great move the week following his release. W. F. Craven.

GATES—On the 24th day of June the soul of little Robert Henry Gates went to heaven. His stay in this world was short, only eleven months and two days, but long enough to scatter sunshine in every life that he met and to gladden every heart that he touched. In the home he stood in the very center of affection, and took hold of the altar of the soul. A flower just beginning to bloom with all beauty, sweetness and glory, has been transplanted in the flower garden of heaven. Surely the world is a little brighter because he came into it. The father, mother and little sister have our earnest prayers and deepest sympathy. "As ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation."

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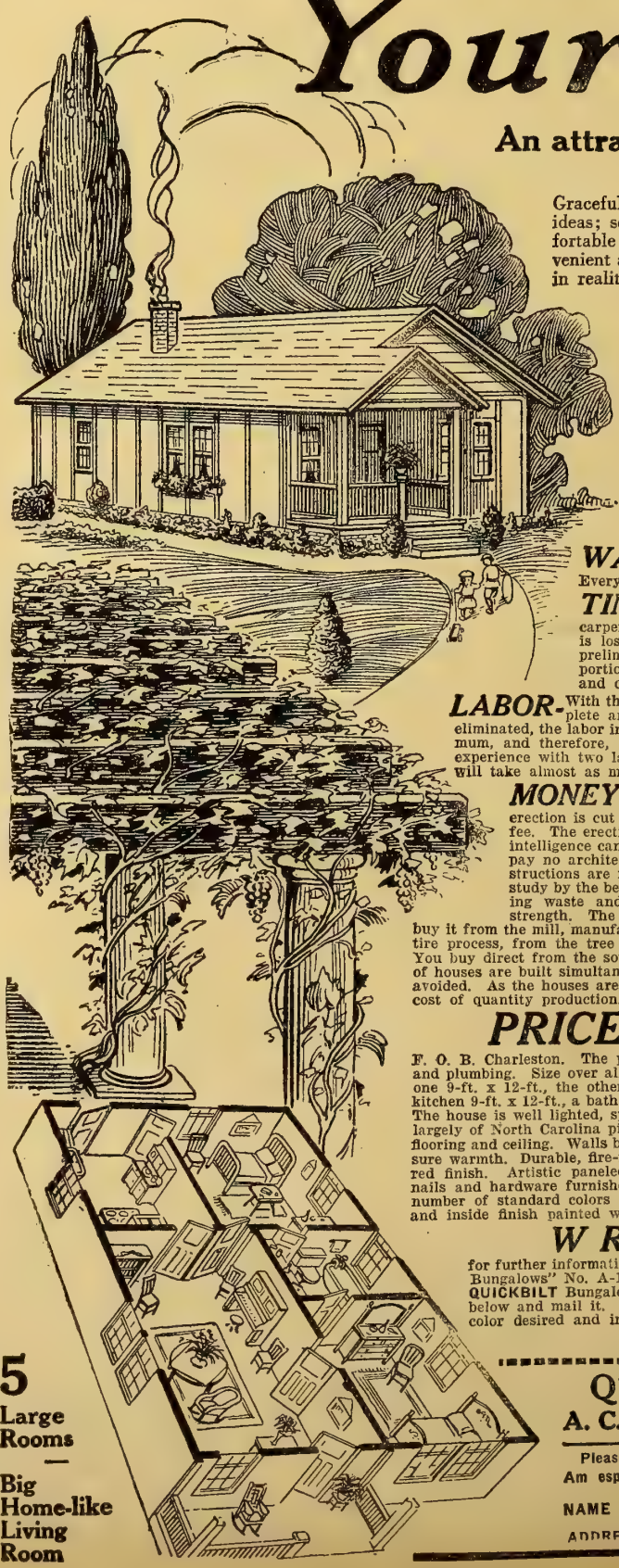
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Third Round

	August
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 a. m.	9-10
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Third Round

	August
Columbia, Wesley's Chapel	9-10
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	19
Dare, Stumpy Point	19
Hatteras, Buxton	21
Miyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	28
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Carthage, Center, 11 a. m.	8
Hemp, Mount Carmel	9-10
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
	September
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek	9 10
New Bern, Riverside (night)	10
Grifton Circuit, Epworth	10
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferenme (A. M.)	18
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	21
Caledonia, at Caledonia	22
Raeford	23-24
Red Springs	24-25
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
	September
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Tar River, Trinity	8-10
Louisburg	8-10
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
	September
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WILMINGTON DISTICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Onslow	9-10
Town Creek	15
Shallotte	16-17

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Roanoke, Bethel	9-10
Littleton	10-11

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WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Ayden Circuit, Crimesland	9-10
Stokes	10-11
Mt. Pleeasant, Horne's	16-17
Wilson	17-18
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	22-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
	September
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Bethel, Asheville	17
Swannanoa, Bethel	23-24
Chestnut Street, a. m.	24
Black Mountain, p. m.	24
Spring Creek, Balm Grove	30-31
Antioch, Walnut Circuit	30
	September
Fairview, Sharon	6-7
Mt. Pleasant, night	7
Mars Hill, Beech Glen	13
Weaverville Circuit, 4 p. m.	13-14
Marshall, night	14
Sulphur Springs	20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m.	21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m.	21
Weaverville, night	21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
	October
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Tryon Street, 11 a. m.	10
Calvary, night	10
Chadwick, Moores, 11 a. m.	17
Belmont, night	17
Hickory Grove, 11 a. m.	24
Brevard Street, night	24
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m.	31
Dilworth, night	31
	September
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	6
Matthews, Matthews, 11 a. m.	7-8
Prospect, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	13
Monroe, Central, 11 a. m.	14
North Monroe, night	14
Lilesville, Lilesville, 11 a. m.	20
Wadesboro, Concord, 11 a. m.	21
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m.	27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.	28
	October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	1
Morven, 11 a. m.	2
Wadesboro, night	2
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	10
Greensboro, Walnut St. and Carraway Memorial at Carraway Memorial, night	10
Pleasant Garden, Bethlehem, 2 p. m.	28
High Point, East End, 11 a. m.	31
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night	31
	September
Randleman, Naomi, 11 a. m.	7
Ramseur and Franklinville, Franklinville, night	7
Greensboro, Circuit, Zion	13-14
Greensboro, Centenary, 11 a. m.	14
West Greensboro, Jamestown	20-21
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m.	21
Coleridge Circuit, Concord	27-28
Deep River Circuit, Central Falls	28
	October
Randolph Circuit, Trinity	4-5
Asheboro, night	5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m.	19

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round

	August
McDowell Circuit, Nebo	30-31
Marion Mills, East Marion	30
	September
Old Fort Circuit, Bethlehem	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night	7-8
Table Rock Circuit, Arney's Chapel	12
Morganton Circuit, Bethel	13-14
Morganton Station, night	14-15
Cliffside Circuit, Cliffside, Saturday night	20-21
Henrietta and Caroleene Circuit, Caroleene, night	21
Forest City, at Forest City	27-28
Broad River Circuit, 3 p. m.	28-29

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Stokesdale, Eden	9-10
Summerfield, Summerfield	16-17
Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain	23-24
Rural Hall, Macedonia	30-31
	September
Yadkinville, Center	6-7
Jonesville, Ebenezer	13-14
Elkin	12-14
Spray, 11 a. m.	21
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 4 p. m. and 11 a. m.	21
Leaksville, night	20-21
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	27-28
	October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Bethel, Loves	9-10
Albemarle circuit, Zion	12
First Street, night	13
Kannapolis circucit	16
Kannapolis station	17
West Harmony, night	17
Salisbury circuit, Providence	23-24
East Spencer-North Main, night	24

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Mount Holly, 8:30 p. m.	10
Belwood, Fallston, 11 a. m.	16-17
Shelby, Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Cherryville, Beulah, 11 a. m.	23-24
Crouse, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	24
South Fork, Plateau, 11 a. m.	30-31
Linolnton, 8:30 p. m.	31
	September
Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 a. m.	6-7
King's Mountain, El Bethel, 4 p. m.	7
Shelby Circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m.	13-14
Eighth Street, S. Gastonia, 8 p. m.	14
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m.	20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m.	20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
North Lenoir, Mt. Zion,	16-17
Lenoir Circuit, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	16-17
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Whitnell, night	16-17
Lenoir First, Lenoir, night	18
Catawba, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Maiden, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	30-31
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 4 p. m.	30-31
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night	30-31
	September
Hickory Circuit, West Hickory, 11 a. m.	6-7
Hickory First, Hickory, 3 p. m.	6-7
Newton, Newton, night	6-7
Stony Point, Midway, 11 a. m.	13-14
Race Street, Marvin, 3 p. m.	13-14
Statesville Circuit, Chapel Hill, night	13-14
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night	20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m.	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
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Winston-Salem, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Lewisville circuit, Doubs	23-24
West End, 11 a. m. (Quarterly Conf., Oct. 8th) night	31
Walkertown, 3 p. m. and night	31
	September
Hanes-Clemmens, Hanes, night	3
Linwood circuit, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	4
New Hope Circuit, Center	6-7
S. Thomasville, night	12
Thomasville circuit, Fairgrove	13-14
West Davie, Zion, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	16
Davie circuit, Center, 11 a. m. 1 p. m.	17
Mocksville station, night	17
Cooleemee station, night	18
Farmington circuit, Farmington, 3 p. m., night	19
Advance Circuit, Cornatzer	20-21
Kernersville circuit, Sedge Garden, 4 p. m. and night	21
Denton circuit, Newsome	27-28
	October
Davidson circucit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circuit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

The Annual Conference meets in Greensboro this year on October 22, one month earlier than last year.

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Third Round

	August
Judson, Fontanna	9-10
Fines Creek	13



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Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement Filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash,	$ 500,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previouce year, $.....; Increase of Capital during year, $....; Total,	$ 789,661.15
Income—From Policyholders, $8,351.46; Miscellaneous, $2,173,353.80; Total	$2,190,705.26
Disbursements—to Policyholders, $1,000; Miscellaneous, $1,573,893.88; Total,	$1,574,893.88

ASSETS

Premium notes on Policies in force (of which $..... is for last years' premiums),	$ 25.50
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$1,039,495.60
Cash in Company's Office	$ 616.52
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 3,752.99
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 84,172.40
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 8,794.01
Premiums unpaid	$ 1,546.06
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 277,409.52
Total	$1,415,812.60
Less Assets not admitted	$ 22,419.38
Total Admitted Assets	$1,393,393.22

LIABILITIES

Net Reserve, as computed	$ 8,532.82
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc	$ 203.07
Commissions due to Agents, etc.	$ 1,295.00
Estimated Amount payable for Federal, State, and other Taxes	$ 739.86
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	$ 865,711.36
Total amount of all Liabilities, except Capital	$ 876,302.11
Capital paid up in Cash $500,000.00	
Unassigned funds (surplus) $ 17,091.11	$ 517,091.11
Total Liabilities	$1,393,393.22

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, March 19, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the Maryland Assurance Insurance Company, of Baltimore, Md., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

Jas. R. Young,
Insurance Commissioner

STATEMENT
Mass Fire & Marine Insurance Company
Boston, Mass.

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement Filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	$ 500,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increase of paid-up Capital, $..... Total,	$1,877,134.03
Income—From Policyholders, $1,264,428.18 Miscellaneous, $ 68,876.01; Total	$1,333,304.19
Disbursements—To Policyholders, $.....; Miscellaneous, $550,149.86; Total,	$1,348,488.34

ASSETS

Value of Bonds and Stocks	$1,512,285.40
Cash in Company's Office	$ 3,457.33
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 146,844.38
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1918	$ 193,914.93
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1918	$ 2,549.84
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 12,093.36
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 41,043.17
Total	$1,915,086.41
Less Assets not admitted	$ 71,727.24
Total admitted Assets	$1,843,359.17

LIABILITIES

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	$ 340,593.55
Unearned premiums	$ 793,202.37
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued	$ 1,617.98
Estimated tax amount for Federal, State, county, and municipal taxes due or accrued	$ 26,997.32
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued	$ 662.47
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	$1,143,073.69
Capital actually paid up in cash $500,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities $200,285.48	
Surplus as regards Policyholders	$ 700,285.48
Total Liabilities	$1,843,359.17

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Premiums received	$ 13,345.43
Losses incurred—Fire $7,481.76	
Paid	$ 7,381.19

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INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
(Seal) Raleigh, N. C. April 7, 1919

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New Bern District Conference
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T. O. Green, of New Bern, presented a resolution of thanks and appreciation for the life and service of Rev. J. B. Hurley, the presiding elder, whose quadrennium expires at the approaching session of the Annual Conference.

Newport, with its beloved pastor and people, entertained the conference well and the vote of thanks was heartily given.

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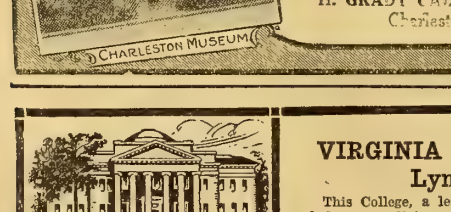
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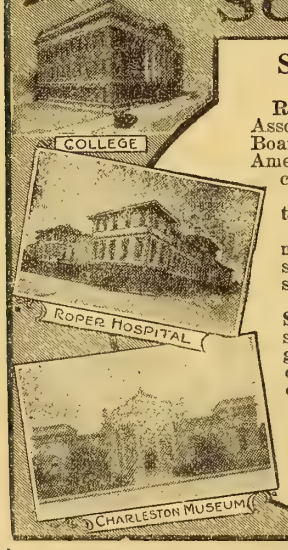
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Editorial

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY AS A LIFE-WORK

The most important question any young man has to decide is what he will do with his life. This is true in any age and in any condition of society. It is still more imperative that he decide this question wisely in this age of restless change and perilous adventure. Every life should be made to count for the most possible, and especially is this true of every trained life. The present chaos must be reduced to order, and that kind of order should be sought that will set the world farthest forward toward the goal for which human life was designed. For the accomplishment of this great end, each individual must decide in what way he can most successfully perform his part—in what field of endeavor he can make the largest contribution.

The Diversity of Gifts.

The world's work is varied, and it is a wise providential arrangement that men have special adaptation to different kinds of work. Even in the limited field of specifically religious work, God has called some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, some evangelists, etc. It is not wise to try to do that for which we are not adapted. By training and persistent effort some measure of success may be attained, but it will never equal the success we could attain in the field for which our natural gifts adapt us. But for the present we are concerned only with those who may be qualified for the gospel ministry. There is everywhere a shortage of men who are applying for admission to this work.

The Ministry Divinely Called.

The ministry is distinct from every profession or other field of human endeavor in that God reserves to Himself to extend a special call to the men whom He would have in this work. There may be a sense in which a man is called to practice medicine, or the profession of law, or to serve in any other capacity in the work of the world; but the call to the ministry is different from that. He makes an inward impression upon the heart of those whom He would separate to this field of endeavor more distinct than He does with reference to other work. We must not get away from this truth. Nothing would be more fatal. And yet the real call may be resisted and obedience to it refused. It is important that the individual should keep his ear open to this divine call, and that he should maintain that attitude of heart and life that will give the voice of the Holy Spirit entrance into his life.

The Ministry Appeals to the Heroic.

The work of the ministry today is not mere routine and commonplace. There is no field which the fiber of one's manhood will more surely be tested. There is no room here for mere driftwood. Struggle, privation, achievement—these are the characteristics of the life to which it calls. The military figure may be overworked just now in some respects, but there is a warfare that is real and that calls for the highest courage involved in it. The work of the Church will not be accomplished on the German drive plan. It is not by massing forces and manipulating material that the world is to be saved. "We wrestle not with flesh and blood," and as a consequence, "our weapons are not carnal;" but to maintain the truth of the revelations of God in the face of the world's unbelief, and to enforce upon the consciences of men the principles of right living in the face of the clamors of passion and appetite and the wisdom of the world—this calls for a heroism of a higher type than that which is manifest on the field of carnage. Here is a vast field for heroic endeavor.

The Ministry Offers the Opportunity for Self-Cultur.

We use this term here in its best sense, and call attention to an ambition that is altogether worthy. The gospel ever holds before men the highest personal attainments. This is altogether legitimate. Some shallow sophists in these latter days have assumed an air of superiority to the old gospel call for individual salvation on the ground that it is selfish. Such criticism is puerile. There is a wide gulf between selfishness and self-interest. The former always defeats its own ends by clutching at self-indulgence to the detriment of self's own good. It thinks to find satisfaction in wresting from others that which it conceives to be desirable that it may be consumed upon self. This is a very fountain of evil. But self-interest never ignores the interest of others, or even comes in conflict with the good of others. We cannot pull down our neighbor without pulling down ourselves, and no more can we build up ourselves without building up our neighbor. We rise or fall together, and self-culture in the true sense is always desirable. The gospel ministry furnishes abundant opportunity for it. It calls for the constant study of the highest themes. The minister dwells perforce upon the noblest truths that ever claimed the attention of men. He must hold converse with the most enobling books, and his life calls him to move among the best people that the earth affords, though he must ever stand in readiness to mingle in tenderest sympathy and with keenest interest among the lowly and the sinful. All this makes its daily contribution to the highest character and the noblest culture.

The Ministry Offers a Wide Field for Service.

No other field of endeavor makes such an important contribution to the lives of men. The very name "Minister" carries with it the idea. Christ "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and gave His life a ransom for many." The physician ministers to the comfort of the body. The lawyer ministers to the maintenance of justice between man and man—if he is true to his calling. The business man aids in the distribution of those things which his community needs. The teacher devotes his life to mental culture and the inculcation of proper ethical ideas. The minister of Christ sweeps the whole circle of human life, and sounds the call of God for men to hear Him and so to correlate their lives with Him that they shall come into the fulness of His own life. There is no service higher than this; there is none other that is in fact comparable to this, and the measure of blessing to the world that it brings is far beyond all the calculations of mathematics. No other vocation of life appeals to the desire to render service as does the ministry.

We trust that many young men whose eyes shall fall upon these lines will at least give God a chance to call them into this ministry. Do not quench the still small voice of the Spirit. Beware that you do not refuse obedience to the divine call. The work is freighted with great responsibilities, but it has the assurance as no other calling has: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Use of the American Revised Version in our Sunday school literature has been adversely criticised by a number of our correspondents recently. Our surprise is that this criticism has not arisen earlier. A few years ago new versions of the Scriptures became a fad. Almost every writer upon the Scriptures felt impelled to give us a different version from the one with which we had become familiar. Of course, not many of them were intended for general use. They were not so ambitious as that. It goes without saying that what is known among us as the Authorized Version is not an inspired translation. It was made at a time that the religious world was dominantly Calvinistic, and it is colored at places by that school of thought. The marvel is that it is not more so. But despite that fact, we regard it as by far the best version of the Scriptures into English that we have ever seen. There is something about it—something that has an inexpressible charm—that the others do not catch. We tried the American Revision in our daily reading one time, and stuck to it till we completed the journey from Genesis to Revelation; but it was not satisfactory. We never use it now except for purposes of comparsion, and we do not recall that it ever helped us to get at the meaning of a passage that was obscured by the St. James Version, and at many places it seems to us very inferior.

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The Fellowship of Intercession has an enlistment week August 24-31. The whole month of August is taken during which to give special emphasis to prayer, and this is to culminate in a special day of fasting and prayer August 29. There is nothing we need more than the Church upon its knees. The spirit of prayer is the vital thing in our life. We started to write it, our religious life; but it is certainly true of our life as a whole. There is nothing in the whole sweep of our mission in this world prayer does not make us better fitted for doing it well. It is the vital connecting link between us and God. It is our cultivation of the presence of God with us in all that we do. It is fellowship with Him in His purposes and in the spirit of His life, and nothing else can have such a formative influence in making us like Him. We are not claiming this for a mere form of words that we may repeat on our knees, or for any formal exercise that we may force ourselves to go through at set intervals. Times and places for regular vocalized prayer are profitable in many ways, but it is possible to do that and yet miss the real value of prayer. O that the Church might swing its membership into vital communion with God, that we might undertake the daily tasks of life under the constant influence of the Holy Spirit!

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The Strike of Railroad Shopmen which took place last week was evidently an ill-considered movement. It was called without authority from the heads of labor organizations and against their protest. It is exceedingly unfortunate that labor organizations have thus brought upon themselves the disapproval of the great majority of American citizens. The plea that this strike was justified on account of the high cost of living meets with little sympathy for the reason that all wage earners as well as those working on salaries are quite as hard hit as are these shopmen. To undertake to deal with the situation as these men have is another case of blind Samson pulling the house down upon himself. President Wilson wisely suggested that there could be no consideration of the demand for increased wages till all return to their work. We are glad to see that his suggestion is being heeded and most of the men have returned to their work. Meantime the government seems to be moving in the right direction in its effort to punish profiteers and hoarders. Public opinion will not much longer tolerate packers or retailers who combine to hold up the public for extortionate prices of the necessities of life. The day of reckoning is not far distant for all organizations, whether labor or trade, that use their opportunity for holding up the public in order to rob them of their daily bread.

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When Andrew Carnegie Passed into the great beyond on Monday August 11, one of the most noted characters in the business life of America went out. He was born in Dunfermeline, Scotland, November 25, 1835. He came with his parents to America when he was 11 years old and settled at Allegheny, Pa. His first job paid him 20 cents a day. He was never ashamed that he was born in poverty, for he says of that fact: "I was born in poverty, and would not exchange its sacred memory with the richest millionaire's son. Give me the life of the boy whose mother is nurse, seamstress, washerwoman, cook, teacher, angel and saint, all in one, and whose father is guide, exemplar and friend." There is a good deal of truth in that philosophy, but neither the poor mother nor the poor boy will ever learn it from millionaires. Beginning as a telegraph operator, he soon came into the railroad business and later into the steel industry out of which he made his vast fortune of more than half a billion dollars. His income reached as high as $25,000,000 a year, and for a time he gave away nearly that amount. He has given most largely to libraries, peace and education. His largest outlay in the last named field has been in the establishment of his educational foundation which was marred by his discrimination against schools and colleges under the control of any branch of the Christian Church. What his religious conviction were, if he had any, we are not able to say. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Margaret, 22 years of age who now becomes the heir to the Carnegie millions.

The A. D. Betts Memorial Loan Fund is a most commendable undertaking on the part of Trinity College just at this time. It gave us sincere pleasure to carry last week the announcement of a thousand dollar subscription from Mrs. and Rev. G. W. Vick, of the Western North Carolina Conference and now stationed at Kannapolis, for this fund. This is a very worthy contribution, and should stimulate others to do likewise. It will be an unusually appropriate memorial for one of the widest known and best loved ministers who have lived and labored in the North Carolina Conference. His was an undivided life. He had no worldly ambition to gratify. He kept the vow which he made to draw all his thoughts "this one way." He was never content to spend a day without being about the Master's business, and he never conversed long about anything that did not concern personal religion. He was always especially interested in young men who were looking to the ministry as a life-work. He prayed for them daily, but his interest in them did not stop there—he aided many of them financially in a way that the world knew nothing about. The fact develops that he gave annually to Trinity College money with which to aid young men. It is fortunate that Trinity College has been able to keep this money intact and that it can form the nucleus of a permanent loan fund for this special purpose. It makes a two-fold appeal. It gives an opportunity to the friends of "uncle Betts," whether they have large or small means, to contribute to a permanent memorial for him, and then there is the consciousness of knowing that the money is to be permanently used in one of the most worthy causes to which we can contribute.

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Coca-Cola Advertising has been coming in for a good share of criticism in recent weeks owing to its appearing in our Sunday school literature. This advertising is gotten up in good style, and is designed to break down the opposition to its use that has been expressed in certain quarters by teaching the innocence of the drink. It is being carried by a large part of the Church press, as well as by the Sunday school literature. Personally, we have time and again declined to carry the advertising of this drink because we have believed it to be a hurtful drink. It is claimed that it contains only caffeine which is also in coffee and in larger quanity than in Coca-Cola. This may be true; but, even granting it to be true, it does not change our conviction. Coffee is often hurtful; and, if used at the fountain in such quanities as Coca-Cola is used, it would be universally harmful. We have to pass judgment on things as they are, and according to our best light. We venture the prediction that the Coca-Cola advertising in the Sunday school literature will cease at an early date, but that will not settle the question of advertising. Hardly any two persons will reach the same conclusion about every piece of advertising copy that is presented. What one will think legitimate another will think scandalous, and both will be equally sincere and equally intelligent. This is where the difficulty arises, and there is danger of developing an overcritical attitude to what the Church press does or does not do. We have met a few who felt aggrieved that the Church paper carried any avertisement of any sort. Why? Well, not all criticism is reasonable. A salesman cannot describe a piece of goods to a customer over the counter, be he ever so honest, but that somebody will go home and say that he lied about it. The same principle extends to advertising, and we can never hope to satisfy everybody.

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Louisburg College is just now undertaking an enterprise that ought to receive, it seems to us, the cordial support of the entire North Carolina Conference. She is fearfully hampered in her work for lack of dormitory space. This was true before the burning of Littleton College that had served through the years a large number of girls of very much the same class, as to educational requirements, as go to Louisburg. The natural alternative to many who have patronized Littleton would be to go to Louisburg. It seems very unfortunate that we have not the dormitory space there to take care of them. To relieve the congestion slightly it is proposed to put up a building for about fifteen thousand dollars that will accommodate the teachers and perhaps a few of the pupils. This would give additional space in the dormitories heretofore occupied by teachers for the accommodation of students. Raleigh District in which the College is located is undertaking to raise half of this amount, while the appeal will be made to the rest of the Conference to raise the other half. If this is to accomplish the end in view, it must be done at once. Our cause there will suffer if it is not done. In the great educational drive to be conducted next year, we are planning for much larger things than this, and hope to make of Louisburg one of the leading Junior Colleges of Southern Methodism; but we feel that this present matter cannot wait for that without serious loss. We may add that this movement has the endorsement of Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Secretary of the General Education Board, and of Bishop Darlington. Our information is also that the money raised now on this project will be counted as a part of our contribution in the great educational drive that is coming. We trust that our pastors and laymen of the North Carolina Conference will give to this movement their cordial support.

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FLASHES FROM THE ANVIL

The glory of the life that shall be is beyond all human measurements. The apostle John gloried in the fact that "now are we the sons of God." This was evidence of a love that he could not describe, and so broke out in the exclamation: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us!" But when he turned his telescope upon the future in the light of his inspired vision he affirmed: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." No, he could not measure it; but he was satisfied with this assurance: "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him."

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Goodness and softness are in no sense synonymous. The indulgent parent who spoils the child is not a good parent, and an indulgent God who would permit men to indulge the evil with impunity would not be a good God. The specious theory which some in these modern days have promulgated that God is too good to allow any one to suffer eternally is based upon a total misconception of goodness. In His attitude toward sin, God is "a consuming fire;" and no other attitude is possible for Him without the total destruction of His goodness. To be otherwise would involve the surrender of moral quality, and make heaven impossible in the attempt to blot out hell. No, God is too good to do that.

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Stedfastness is a cardinal virtue of the Christian life Not stubbornness, but steadfastness. Not bigotry, but steadfastness. Not stagnation, but steadfastness. The stubborn man may not change; but, if he is found to be in the wrong, steadfastness would demand that he change. The bigot may hold on to his opinions even when those opinions are shown to be false. A condition of dead stagnation may not change, but the onward movements of life call for changes of a certain sort and the steadfast man must make them, but in the midst of all these condition sounds the admonition of the apostle: "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

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The heart thrills under the inspiration of those sublime descriptions of heaven that the apostle John gives us in Revelation, "I, John saw"—and what wonderful things he saw! We almost envy him the glory of those transcendent vision that opened to him the beauty of the neavenly world and the glories that await the saints. But did you ever think that the man who saw those wonderful visions was a poor, persecuted saint, cast out from human society, and was spending his time upon a desolate and barren island? It was out of his Patmos experience that came those Patmos visions; and one reason that more of us do not see similar visions is because we are unwilling to submit to the experiences that must precede them.

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We have grown callous to the awfulness of sin. It entered into human life through deception, and it has ever thrived on it. It has robed itself in sensuous delights. It has ever thrown about itself some shreds of an angel's garment. Men who have indulged it have seemed to flourish as the green bay tree, while the righteous have often felt the pinch of poverty and endured the hardships of life. All these things—and more— have served to throw sin in a false light before men and led many to look upon it as a light thing. It is not so. All the agony of Gethsemane was born in sin—not the sin of Christ certainly, but in the sin of the world that was in some way rolled upon the spotless holiness of His own soul in that tragic hour.

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"Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin," was the monition of Paul to the Hebrews. Many of us feel that the struggle against sin is tense and persistent. We are disposed to "grow weary" in keeping up the struggle and to excuse ourselves if we allow the tides of the world's life to turn us aside at times. But God does not admit that there is any rightful place for sin in human life. It never has any contribution to make to man's well-being, and there is never any justification for yielding to its seductions. We may feel that the struggle is hard, but we "have not yet resisted unto blood;" but Christ did that. Paul did it, and a host of the martyrs did it. Their blood has been the seed of the Church, and we ought to be ashamed of our timidity in the face of the world's frown.

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Truth is never finally defeated. Evil has reveled many a time over its victory and boasted of its achievements; but its very victory turns to defeat in its hands. When it has accomplished its purpose, it finds that its purpose defeats its own ends. Never was there a greater seeming victory for the world than when it crucified Christ, and yet in that crucifixion was wrapped up the final overthrow of Satan and the destruction of the dark empire of death. Many men since Christ have fought their battles bravely, and yet have gone down in apparent defeat. Men have looked on at the burial and said, What a pity that he should have spent his life for nought. Yet out of that grave has sprung the vindication of the truth for which he struggled, and the world has been greatly enriched by the sacrifice which he made.

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God mocks the wisdom of the world. Men have ever plotted and schemed to accomplish their unholy purposes, and in some measure they have succeeded. Germany had made a great name for herself in the earth. Men from all nations flocked to her universities to learn the last word in science, philosophy, art. She laid her plans shrewdly, maliciously and skilfully. She was teaching the world the doctrines she wished taught, and insidiously injecting her propaganda into the very thought-life of every people on the face of the earth. She had perfected her war machinery, trained her war lords and her soldiers and set the trap to catch the world in her grasp. Looked at simply from the standpoint of human skill, we cannot discount the genius displayed in it all. Yet see how God in His providence has put her to confusion! Her name is a by-word and term of contempt among the civilized peoples of the earth. That she gave the world a shock is altogether true, but all her boasted greatness is utterly humiliated.

CONTRIBUTIONS

LETTER FROM CHINA

By A. P. Parker

It is much more difficult to go to China these days than in the days "Before the War." In former times it was only necessary to go to the ticket office and buy your ticket, and, when the day of sailing arrived, go aboard the steamer and take your departure. But in these troublous times, it is by no means so simple. Now you must book your passage many weeks, indeed months, ahead of the date of sailing. But in order to book your passage you must first get your passport. As this takes from four to six weeks' time, it may be seen how long ahead one must begin to get ready.

When I decided, in September, 1918, to return to China on the "Korea Maru," I was told that the steamer would probably sail from San Francisco about February 2nd. In due time I put in my application at the customs house in San Francisco for a passport, for myself and family. These passports were sent to me in due time from the department of State at Washington. About six weeks before the date of sailing I got word from the office that the date had been postponed to the 22nd of February. A month or so later word came that the date had again been postponed. The postponements were made five times, so that we did not get away until the 29th of March! Added to this delay I found that the "Korea" did not go further than Kobe, and that I would have to change steamers there for Shanghai. When I learned this, I tried to get passage on another steamer, but they were all filled up and there was no room for us. Travel is so congested that it is impossible to get passage on any steamer unless you apply months ahead of time you want to sail.

The "Korea" is a fine 20,000 ton ship. She was formerly owned by the Pacific Mail Company, and sold to the Japanese Toyo Kisen Kaisha Company a few years ago. She can carry 1,600 persons, all told, including crew and passengers. She had 900 people aboard this trip, her first class and second class cabins being full, but the steerage cabins only partially filled. She was well loaded with cargo for the Far East, especially Japan. Among other articles she carried about 7,000 tons of structural steel which was landed at Yokohama. Japan imports great quanities of steel from the United States, for her shipbuilding and other industries.

We had seven "kings" among the first-class passengers—a tea "king" from Formosa, a shoe "king" from Chicago, a barrell "king" on the way to Manila. One of the "kings" was making his nineteenth voyage across the Pacific in the interest of the business in which he was engaged.

While the "Korea" tarried at Yokohama three days, we spent the time visiting the cities of Yokohama and Tokyo, and in going to Kamakura to see the big image of Buddha. This image of Buddha is done in bronze and represents Buddha in a sitting position as in meditation. It is 50 feet high and was built more than 800 years ago. It is a striking expression of the stronghold that Buddhism has had on the Japanese in the past. Will their faith and devotion to the Christ ever find expression in such an image, or its equivalent in Japan?

We had to change steamers at Kobe, and the only boat we could get passage on for Shanghai, within any reasonable time, was a little freight steamer of 2,500 tons, only one-eighth the size of the "Korea." All the big steamers going to Shanghai within the next few weeks were filled, and there was no room for our party. Indeed there was only one vacant cabin left on this little steamer. If I had waited another day to take it, I could not have secured it.

On our way across the Yellow Sea, a storm struck us and knocked us about considerably. Everybody but this scribe was sea-sick for two days. But in the good providence of God we arrived safely in Shanghai, April 24. We found the friends all well, and we were thankful to the good Lord for bringing us back again to the scene of our labors.

I have resumed my literary work, and am now revising the Chinese edition of the Discipline, translating the changes that were made by the General Conference in 1918. Every four years we have to make the changes in our Chinese Discipline to bring it into harmony with the new laws and modifications made by the General Conference. It appears that the changes made in the 1918 Conference are much more numerous than usual. When the revision of the Discipline is completed, I shall resume work on the Commentary in Chinese on the Gospel of Mark which I had already begun before I went home on furlough.

Shanghai, China.

SERVICE GOD ACCEPTS

By Rev. Zeb B. Pyatt

In years gone by there prevailed through our country an idea that when a man was too ignorant and useless for any thing else he could become a farmer. But the deductions of science have proved the falsity of this idea and the farm is becoming a center of education, preparation and efficiency.

So in the service of God we have in the past labored under the delusion that God winked at ignorance and accepted the desire of the heart and not the act. This in rare instances may be true, but a careful study of God's word and a close observance of prepared and unprepared service will reveal to us what a sad mistake all have been making in the past and no doubt reveals one of the prime reasons for God's Church making no more progress.

A careful study of the word will show us as follows, that God demands of us a very careful and prepared service:

1. **Undivided Service**—He calls for you to serve Him at the plow, in the store, in the kitchen, in the school room, in and wherever you may be; for He says we can't "serve God and mammon."—Matt. 6:24.

2. **Efficient Service**—Many so-called Christians seem to think a kind of haphazard, a little here and there, kind of service, putting forth such effort as they feel inclined to is acceptable with God. They act as if God was a helpless beggar anxious for any little assistance, they may see fit to render. But He forever drives home the fact in John 15:8 that He is satisfied with nothing outside of our very best. No half crop of fruit is acceptable, but He wants a full crop on a well-pruned tree by the Holy Spirit.

3. **Constant Service**—We can't become a servant of God and quit when we get ready and then take it up again when and where we please, and expect God to smile on us and make us a power for Him; for He says that "no man man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God"—Luke 9:62.

4. **Endless Service**—Our service of God must begin at our adoption into His family and must continue constant until He calls us to our mansion in the sky, where we continue to praise and serve Him throughout eternity; for He says, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."—Mat. 24:13.

5. **Instructed Service**—Are we not to go to the work of the Lord like shoveling coal, but we are to go at it under His instruction; and, if He seems a little severe at times, we must not become discouraged nor weary, but remember He says if we bear fruit He purgeth us that we may bear more.—John 15:2.

6. **Obedient Service**—When Christ commissioned His disciples each one meekly went to work without a single word in reply as to the mission He had given them. So each of us must go quietly to work in the place open to us and make no complaint, but render the very best service possible.

7. **Devoted Service**—Our service of God in His vineyard working to save lost souls must be for love of God and humanity. Service rendered for any other purpose amounts to little; for Christ in speaking to Peter says: "Lovest thou Me?" and when Peter said that he did, then Christ said "feed my sheep."

8. **Willing Service**—We can make no conditions and render unto God a service to which we connect up a lot of our desires and ambitions, but it must be a service in which we willingly and fully give up our every wish and idea and follow the Spirit of God.

9. **Cheerful Service.**—David worshipped and served God with song and musical instruments and with shouting and sounding of the timbrel and trumphet. So let our service of God be rendered in a spirit of cheerfulness and joy and not with mournings and groanings.

10. **Free Service**—Our service of God must be rendered without any set price or hope of reward on our part. We must give Him our very best according to the above rules and leave the price we are to receive to our Father, resting assured we will be well paid.

Goldsboro, N. C.

SUMMER REVIVALS

By O. E. Goddard

A friend of mine writes that he thinks he ought to proceed at once with a revival campaign in his circuit. I hasten to say to him and to all others, "go to it at once with all your might." Never in public or private, speaking or writing, have I suggested that any one wait a moment to put on his revival campaign. I have said everywhere, to all, that we want every pastor and presiding elder to proceed with his revival campaign at his own time, in his own way, and command us and we will help him all we can with our organization, our literature, our evangelists. We are hoping and praying that such summer revivals as were never witnessed on American soil will be held this summer. It never gets too hot to hold revivals. During a recent hot Sunday I had the previlege of seeing twenty-six professions of faith at the altar on one Sunday morning. It was the joy of my life to conduct that service. Now as we have said from the first announcement, after all the pastors have held their meetings in their own way, at their own chosen times, if there still remain unconverted people in our territory for whom we are responsible, we ought to put on another campaign, Church-wide and simultaneous, to reach those not reached in the regular revival efforts. Should our regular revival efforts result in the conversion of three million souls (what a joy that would be to all God's children), there would then remain at least one million who were not reached in the regular revival. What shall we do about this one million? Do just what Christ commands us. "Preach the Gospel to every creature." The great simultaneous campaign is to reach those not reached by regular revivals. No one needs to lose any sleep about this being unscriptual, superficial, for the method by which we propose to present Jesus Christ to every one of our unsaved constituency has not yet been published. Let all be calm and prayerful. When the plan has been announced, if it is not scriptual, then the objectors may turn loose on it with all their fury. Until it is announced they are fighting a ghost created by their own imagination. Let all who love the Lord and want to see souls saved be in much prayer for the greatest revival in our history.

A MILLION INTERCESSORS IN METHODISM

By S. A. Neblett, Intercession Secretary

The remarkable success of the first year of the Centenary served to emphasize very clearly Methodism's unfinished task. Every man, every woman, and every dollar enlisted for definite service stand out in bold relief against the larger background of the unenlisted. It is because a few have been enabled to do so much, and because so very many have apparently not been actively engaged in the fundamental Christian labors which the Centenary has undertaken to promote, that the second Centenary year must of necessity be a very intense and busy period.

First of all comes prayer, intercessory prayer. The permanent conservation of every benefit that has come to the Church as a result of the Centenary depends upon our success in getting a large portion of the membership of the Church to engage more constantly and systematically in prayer. No amount of money subscribed and paid can be made to do the work of prayer. Indeed the working power of our money is enhanced by the volume of prayer that is back of it, while money

without prayer accomplishes little. We cannot substitute service for prayer and expect to satisfy God's demands upon us.

There is no substitute for prayer. Pastors recognize this, and therefore take frequent occasion to pledge people to pray for specific objects. Evangelists for the same reason, at the beginning of a meeting, or before, insist that people pledge themselves to pray for the meeting. On the same principle we deem it essential to the success of the cause represented in and encouraged by the Centenary that a very large per cent of the Church membership be pledge to participate by prayer in them.

During the past year fifty-three per cent of the pastors and ten per cent of the members of the Church enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession. Even that result, while far short of what ought to have been done, is gratifying as a beginning. But with the larger work before us of more completely manning the foreign fields, discovering a host of laborers and co-operating with them by prayer; with an enlarged view of the home mission problem demanding hundreds of trained workers to be supported by prayer and in many sections by intelligent, personal co-operation; with a Church-wide revival just in the first stages, the aim of which is to make the part of America Christian in which we live, is it too much to expect that a million Southern Methodists will give themselves as never before to interecssion?

To the end that this additional seven hundred and seventy-five thousand Methodists may definitely associated themselves together in the Fellowship of Intercession, the last week of August has been designated as "Enlistment Week." All pastors have been supplied with intercession literature and enrollment forms. They are requested to utilize their committees on Spiritual Resources and Intercession in the distribution of literature among Methodist families and in personally canvassing the membership enlistments. August 24 to 31 should be even more memorable than May 18 to 25, because the Church shall in prayer, "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

SOCIAL STUDIES OF THE WAR

By Elmer T. Clark, Litt. D., D. D.

Southern Methodists who have come to know and appreciate Dr. Clark through his efficient conduct of the Publicity Department of the Missionary Centenary will welcome this volume from his pen. The book is not only valuable from a literary standpoint but presents in a very practical way social conditions of the warring nations, and gives the reader first hand information of some of the things that went on behind the scenes in the great war.

Scarcely less interesting than the printed page itself is a glimpse into some of the conditions under which Dr. Clark collected his material. Under the escort of officers and through the courtesy of the government he was enabled to pursue his investigations of social and moral conditions in scores of cities. He lived in the slums of the east end of London, mingling with the people in their daily life. As the guest of Sir John Kirk he visited and investigated institutions for the care of illiterate children. He sought information in munition factories, training centers, homes of all classes, on the streets of the leading cities of England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Italy. He was assaulted on the streets of Cork by the Sinn Feiners because he was wearing the American uniform.

As a war correspondent for leading daily papers of America, Dr. Clark had opportunity for seeing every side of the great struggle. He drove an automobile all through England and Scotland and a part of France. He was in more than forty air raids and in eleven gas attacks on the American front. He drove a truck through the lines at night over roads swept by the enemy's shell fire, served as a stretcher bearer and ministered to thousands fallen on the field. He spent months in the trenches with the American army, and in short, experienced all of the activities of the war.

As a result of his wide and varied experience we have "Social Studies of the War." The book is unique in its conception and presentation. No other published work covers the same field. As an addition to the home library or a text book for clubs and study classes, it will prove equally valuable. This book is just off the press of George H. Doran and Company and can be had from leading book dealers all over the country. Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Dallas and Richmond, are prepared to fill orders, net, $1.50.

REMINISCENCES

Since most of our fighting men are home now the greatest movement in history is largely memories to them, and soon will be chiefly history to us all. Two and one half millions have been demobolized from our thirty-two immense cantonments and the returned A. E. F. These fellows now back in civies are recounting the life in camp and field, the radical change of conditions accompanying the change from civies to khaki. It is hard to estimate, even the intensity of the camp-life experience and training in adaptability and endurance of hardships. Most of our support army of one hundred million civilians visited one of these cantonments which gave them a faint idea of what must have been the main arena—France.

The Incarnate Son of God once told the talkative Peter that the truly anointed of God should receive one hundred fold more in this life, and in the end—well, there wasn't to be any end. If the truth were only known there have been those above classified who, at times were unorthodox enough to doubt the temporal phase of this infallible statement and if sufficient grace of God still remained in their fainting hearts they consoled themselves in believing the end justified the means and with a roll of the eyes heavenward prayed, "Lord, increase our faith."

As one of the most favored of those unclassified bi-peds called "chaplains" in the army regime, I am forced through the succession of events to accept through reason this statement which I am inclined to accept in faith. Though drawing the pay of commissioned officers we were required by the powers that be to dispense with our bars which deprived us of the lordship, the salutations in the market places, and the vain pomp and glory of the world, but with their removal the last material barrier between the chaplain and the doughboy was gone. The chaplain is peculiary placed in a position of service to study the inner, uncamouflaged life of the soldier.

I am now closing a year of foreign service, one-third of which time has been spent in Sorbonne University, Paris. Now that examinations are over, while waiting for sailing orders my mind turns retrospectively to the study of the unprecendented happenings within one fleeting winter. Especially significent has been this fitting climax of an educational summary of the whole, from the vantage position of study in the tradition center of learning in Europe, and of the inner life of the present world capital in and about which the flood tide of counter currents centered. I shall attempt, as soon as I am settled, articles giving brief summary of the things of chief interests to us from over there.

We all feel that the cyclonic happenings of recent days mean more in the world's life than a mere succession of events. They mark the end and the beginning of an era. They formed a world-training school in which we all were driven by necessity, more or less willingly accepting and making the best of a bad situation, not realizing at the time that we were co-laborers together with God in flogging the devil. Nor is the job finished. The world's S. O. S. call to the Church in its hour of need has awakened the latent powers dormant in the Church and bids fair to save the Church and the world, as before, God takes hold of human affairs more than human interest in divine affairs seem to justify. Our hard school of experience has brought us to a better understanding comradeship of all peoples and must necessarily turn out thinkers who can think and act collectively for the mutual benefit of all.

Our university term closes today. You can hardly know the anticipation with which we all, especially some of us, look forward to our return to "God's Country." A month ago the many places of amusement, the beautiful boulevards, and throngs of people were dotted thickly with our boys in khaki. But now in the metro, subways, and all meeting places the O. D. is sadly missed. The few still remaining are the more homesick. No more do we hear those stirring songs, "Over There," "Liberty Bell," "Joan of Arc." Occasionally we hear, and ever will hear, "The Stars and Stripes." As upon the old campus green, the officers gather around the sweet toned piano in the hall-way and join their mellow, rich voices with the plaintive notes from the instrument to such dreamy strains as "When we Come to the End of a Perfect Day" and others of Cary J. Bond's "graveyard pieces, "One Solemn Thought," "Loves Old Sweet Song," "My Little Grey Home in the West." Some times they sing those grand old hymns which have to us new meaning. Once the player attempted "Home, Sweet Home" and I think they would have lynched him had he not stopped from the lesser forces brought to bear.

At last we are home-ward bound. Our faces are turned west-ward, following the course of civilization and the sun. Though we hate to leave a land and people we have learned to love, our hungering eyes instinctively turn toward our native land.

Leave tonight for Brest, where I hope to catch a ship sailing **tout de suite.** I have had a life-long ambition to cross the ocean. I still have that yearning desire. Then I am through.

Paris, France Yours in Christ,
1st Lt. Chaplain.
Daniel Lane.

A METHODIST PENTECOST

By O. E. Goddard

The outstanding need of Me[illegible] is a genuine revival, prerequisite to [illegible] a revival is that the leadership of the[illegible] have the pentecostal experience in the present tense. We have some who have it, but the cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, the love of ease, money, or power, or some other of the sublte sins, that, like a vampire, extract the spirituality of the man, have left but an echo of a former experience. Burnt out enthusiasm, experiences that exist only in memory, will not suffice for the present struggle. Neither will pre-pentecostal experiences answer the present distress. Many are longing for it, but longings and moanings must be turned to actualities. Those with the pre-pentecostal experiences and those with the post-pentecostal experiences must meet at the altar August the 29, our day of prayer and fasting, and get a present pentecostal experience that will qualify them for the oncoming revival campaign. Pentecostal power in the present tense is the purpose of the prayer program.

There is no use in our having any controversy about this pentecostal experience. Let every man have his own way of numbering and naming his. It is not the theory but the fact that we want. Not an argument to establish any man's or any sect's theory, but the fruits in our lives that were manifest in the early disciples who were at Pentecost. The Word says, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalm, and all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Witnessing power is all the power herein mentioned. When the power came they began at once to witness. How gladly they witnessed for Christ! Christ needs just such witnesses today. It is not a new theology, not a new form of Church government, not new machinery, but witnessing power, such as came to the disciples at Pentecost, that Methodism needs today. Now a day has been set apart for prayer and fasting. Why not make this the time to seek the Pentecostal power? Come to this day cleansed from sin, living the justified life, and get this pentecostal infilling that gives witnessing power. Call it what you may. Number it as you please. Put your own interpretation on it, but get the power. It will be a joy to tell what the Lord has done for you. Let the congregations assemble at the Church for a sunrise prayer service. Read Matt. 17:21, Acts 1:18, Matt. 9:29.

Let every member of the Church seek definitely this induement of power. Every member shall need it in the coming revival. This day ought to go down in the history of Southern Methodism as a second Pentecost. Will all our pastors endeavor to make it so? Will our members join heartily to make the most of this day. Is not this the need of the Church? Has not the soul of every devout member longed for it? On this morning may we all hear the Master say: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

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Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. T. J. Rogers was engaged in revival services at Muir's Chapel on the West Greensboro charge last week.

—Rev. L. B. Pattishall announces a change of postoffice address from Bridgeton to Raleigh, N. C., 710 Devereaux street.

—Rev. E. P Stabler is in revival services this week at Franklin Avenue, Gastonia. Rev. F. W. Bradley, Rev. E. S. Jenkins and Rev. E. S. Bradley are assisting.

—Rev. R. H. Dougherty, pastor of West End Church, Winston-Salem, is on a vacation of one month. He preached to his old parishioners at Franklin last Sunday.

—The Randleman people did the handsome thing in furnishing their pastor, Rev. J. A. J. Farrington and wife a purse for expenses to the Wesley Bible Federation at Lake Junaluska.

—Rev. J[illegible] Graves, pastor of our church in [illegible] at Washington presided in the Social Work Conference sailing I [illegible] at Chapel Hill July 13-20. The [illegible] Fence was largely attended and was said to be one of the best held during the Summer School.

—Mrs. J. C. Williams and two children, who had been visiting relatives and friends near Reidsville, made a pleasant call at the Advocate office last Friday. Mrs. Williams is the wife of Rev. J. C. Williams, the very popular pastor of Mill Brook charge.

—We congratulate our good friend and brother, Mr. J. W. McCrary, of Lexington, on the privilege of celebrating his eightieth birthday, on Sunday, August 3rd. Many friends and relatives gathered to congratulate him and to show their appreciation of his long and useful life.

—Miss Eugenia Rowe, daughter of Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., who has been in France, engaged in war work, cables that she sailed for home, August 3, and she is expected home in a few days. Rev. Dr. Rowe is spending a while with relatives at Bryson City.

—Rev. J. H. Ball, presiding elder of the Shawnee district, East Oklahoma Conference, is spending a few days visisting his mother in this city. Mrs. Ball is now more than ninety-two, but seems as bright and happy as ever. Brother Ball is always a welcome visitor at the Advocate office.

—One of the most attractive little congregations in Guilford county is that at Jamestown. In fact we know of no finer community. On a recent visit to this church we found a very live Sunday school in charge of Mr. R. E. Bundy, who seems to have the special tact for handling the school. It was a delight to preach to them.

—Rev. H. P. Lewis, of the Mississippi Confernce, passed away at his home in Jackson, Miss., on Sunday, July 27th. He had been a leader among Mississippi Methodists for more than fifty years. He leaves five sons who are Methodist preachers, four of them in the Mississippi Conference and one in the North Mississippi.

—Rev. M. G. Ervin, of the Marion Circuit, reports a ten day's meeting just closed at Capernaum on that charge in which there were twenty-six conversions and sixteen accessions to the Church. There was splendid co-operation on the part of the congregation and great spiritual power manifest among them. Some praised God aloud.

—The Atlantic Bank and Trust Company is the name of a new corporation just authorized for Greensboro. Officers were elected a few days ago. Julius W. Cone is president, William Simpson, vice president and secretary. J. E. Latham is a director. The full board of directors has not yet been announced. They will do a general banking business beginning early in the fall with a capital stock of $1,000,000 and a surplus all paid in of $250,000.

—A press special from High Point, dated Aug. 7, says: "Dr. Dred Peacock, of High Point, a trustee of Trinity College, notified President Few several days ago that Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Terry, of High Point, had made it possible for Trinity College to come into possession of the valuable library of the late J. F. Heitman, who was for many years a professor in the college. To Mr. and Mrs. Terry and the other members of Prof. Heitman's family the college is very grateful for this gift, which is prized both for its intrinsic value and for reasons of sentiment."

—The annual camp meeting at Bethlehem, on the Pleasant Garden charge, will embrace the fourth Sunday in this month. Rev. C. F. Sherrill, the pastor, will be assisted in the meeting by evangelist Rev. Jim Green, who will do the preaching. This camp meeting is located near Climax, and is one of the few old-time camp meetings which has not been suspended. The place is noted for orderly and attentive congregations and the occasion is greatly enjoyed both on account of social opportunities and religious benefits.

—We acknowledge the courtesy of Mr. Henry M. London, Legislative Conference Librarian, in furnishing us with a copy of the "State and county officials of North Carolina." a very convenient little hand-book which has just been issued containing the names and addresses of all the state officials, heads of state departments, boards and commissions, judicial officers and of county officials, with their postoffice address. It gives for each county the name and address of the clerk of court, register of deeds, sheriff, treasurer, coroner, surveyor, superintendent of health, superintendent of schools, and county highway commissioners. You can get a copy by writing to Mr. London, Raleigh, N. C.

—Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coburn, of Hendersonville, in the death of their only child, Scott Knox, who died on Tuesday of last week, at the hospital in that place, from injuries received in a fall from his bicycle on June 27th. Falling from his bicycle, his head struck the curbing and his skull was fractured. Everything that skilful physicians and nurses could do was done for him, but nothing availed. In great suffering he lingered on the borderland, quietly falling asleep on Tuesday, August 5th. The deceased was a bright and promising boy and the parents and relatives are deeply grieved. He was a grandson of Rev. A. L. Coburn. May the comfort of divine grace be given to the bereaved.

A CAROLEEN CALL

Congratulations and thanks are due the editor of the Advocate upon that strong and opportune editorial this week on "The Church and the Social Order." It is a nail hit on the head and driven in the right place. Brother Weber's fine letter brings to this heart superannuate fellowship, uplift and love these times of high prices when superannuate steps have to be low.

S. M. Davis.

MILTON CIRCUIT

Two gracious revivals have been held in our charge resulting in a number of additions on profession of faith, the reclaiming of many backslidden members and a great quickening and deepening of the faith and consecration of our people. Sinners came to the altar in the old-fashioned way and found pardon and received the conscious witness of sins forgiven. Many souls were made happy and gave expression to their joy in shouts of praise as our fathers and mothers were wont to do in days gone by. Through it all there was no excitement, no high pressure; men and women were filled with the spirit of God and a consequent joy that would not permit of suppression. Rev. J. W. Bradley, of Elizabeth City was with us and did the preaching.

This is the fourth and best year of our pastorate on the Milton Circuit. There are many good things our people have done which deserve mention. New Hope Sunday school has assumed the support of an orphan. Our quota of subscribers to the Advocate was doubled. Our Centenary campaign was a success throughout, resulting in practically a two hundred per cent subscriptions without credits. As a fitting climax to this achievement our churches made up a liberal purse and sent us to the great World Centenary Celebration at Columbus to celebrate our victory and to get information and inspiration that will better fit us for the tug before us during these coming years. For this thoughtful and generous provision we shall never cease to be grateful to our good people. We are constantly the recipients of gifts in kind, a sort of continuous pounding, which contribute materially to our comfort and relieve us of anxiety about the high cost of living. May our Father richly bless these and all His faithful ones everywhere.

J. E. Blalock.

"HURRAH FOR SHEPHERD!"

On last Sunday, Shepherd Sunday school organized a Teacher-Training class consisting of eighteen intelligent young people.

The Shepherd people are enthusiastic over this work and we are expecting great things from them.

The members are as follows: Mrs. O. P. Walker, president; Miss Ella Halcromb, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Walker, teacher; Mrs. Lula Kearns, assistant teacher; Miss Maie Rush, Miss Lula Rush, Misses Bessie, Lyde and Verda Morgan, Miss Mary Robbins, Misses Pallie and Stella Parrish, Misses Pearl, Dora and Clara Kearns, Lewis Snyder, O. P. Walker, Mrs. Geneva Briles.

W. H. Davis, District Supt.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS' SLATE

August 24, Bethlehem camp meeting.

Sept. 7, Union tent meeting, with Bros. Wood and Williams, Shelby, N. C., for three weeks.

October 5-15, tent meeting, Belmont, with Rev. J. E. Thompson.

I take this means of saying to several other brethren whom I have conditionally promised to help, that the sickness of my wife has delayed my plans so that I will not be able to help any except the above before Conference. I regret it, but you will see I could not help it. Maybe I can help you next year.

Mrs. Green is improving rapidly, thanks be unto God.

Sincerely,

Jim Green.

MEETING CLOSES AT BENSON

The revival campaign held in the Benson church by evangelist Rev. Thurston B. Price and his singer, Mr. F. W. Rollins, was the greatest ever held here. The whole community was profoundly stirred by the logical, forceful, deeply spiritual presentation of the Gospel. All the churches were greatly helped, and there were about an hundred professions of faith and a greater number of church members who came forward for a definite consecration to live a more active Christian life. Since the meeting each of the churches have received new members. The Benson church has baptized ten and received fourteen, mostly adults, into the membership. Others are expected to join later.

The church, which was badly damaged by fire on the 22nd of July, will be repaired at once. In the meantime the congregation is meeting in the Sunday school rooms.

The pastor, Rev. E. M. Hall, who was injured on the night of the fire, is now on a vacation, and it is hoped he will soon be restored to his usual health and strength.

This church is the proud owner of a three gold-star honor flag for its contribution to the Centenary Campaign.

E. M. Hall, P. C.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Over against the highest mountains lie the deepest valleys. Despite the joy occasioned by optimistic reports, and the fine feeling of fellowship at our District Conference, there comes the tinge of sadness as we are confronted with the consciousness that this is the last district conference of the quadrennium in the Raleigh District, over which Rev. J. E. Underwood, presiding elder, will preside.

There is no man who has served more faithfully as elder than he; ever alert, deeply sympathetic and thoroughly alive to every interest of the church, he has been active in the prosecution of his Master's cause as the Centenary movement so ably demonstrates.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we express to him our sincere appreciation of his efficient labors in the district, and pray God's richest blessings to rest upon him.

Further, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on a page of our minutes and a copy be sent to our conference organ for publication.

Signed:

T. A. Sikes,
G. B. Perry,
R. C. Craven.

FROM DAVIDSON

The Presbyterians and Methodists have recently closed a very successful revival at Davidson, a revival that will be long remembered by the people of this excellent town.

We were very fortunate in securing the services of two invincible Methodist preachers. Rev. L. D. Thompson, of Statesville, did the preaching, and Rev. H. G. Allen, of Granite Falls, led the singing. These two men worked in perfect harmony, and they made fine impressions on both the Presbyterians and Methodists. Thompson and Allen are hard to beat.

All denominations worked their organizations in such perfect harmony that one could not tell who was who, and as a result of the great revival there were over two hundred reclamations and conversions. So far twenty-four have joined the Methodist church, and 21 have joined the Presbyterian church. This was the greatest revival that Davidson has had in about 15 years.

M. B. Woosley.

GARNER CIRCUIT

Just a few words from Garner Circuit.

We have just closed a glorious meeting at Ebenezer Church. The Lord gave us twenty-four souls on profession of faith, and the Church was greatly revived. Numbers were reclaimed and expressed themselves as going to do more in the service of the Lord.

The pastor, with the help of the Church, conducted the meeting. We will be busily engaged in meetings the remainder of the month.

Will you please embody the following announcements: Garner meeting begins Sunday, August 10th, closes Sunday, August 17. Hollands meeting begins Sunday, August 24th. Mt. Zion meeting begins Sunday, August 31st. Closes Sunday, September 7th.

We desire the prayers of all those who are interested in the kingdom of God. That there will be a great ingathering of souls in the charge this year.

Yours and His,

M. B. Cox, P. C.

TO THE PASTORS OF RALEIGH DISTRICT

I can never tell you how much I appreciate the faithful work you have done, along every line of endeavor. Your work in the great Centenary drive has challenged my admiration. many of our people to commit themwhat I had hoped or expected, and I know that this success has been born out of a life of prayer "Let us not grow weary in well doing," but continue to emphasize the prayer-life as the one absolute essential for the accomplishment of the work before us. Let every pastor see that a committee on "Spiritual Resources" be appointed in every congregation, and get as many of our people to cimmit themselves to intercessory prayer by signing the pledge cards as possible. Let me call special attention to the splendid editorial in the last issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate on "The Deepening of our Prayer-Life." That the power of God may come upon all the Church, in a mighty revival of genuine spiritual life, let us devoutly pray.

J. E. Underwood, P. E.
Raleigh, N. C.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE CENTENARY NEWS

R. M. Courtney, Missionary Secretary.

Treasurer

Mr. James A. Gray, Winston-Salem, N. C., is the Conference Centenary treasurer, and to him should be sent by the local church Centenary treasurer a complete list of all pledges. Also to Mr. Gray should be sent a monthly report of collections for the Centenary.

District and Sub-District Group Meetings

The collection of the pledges to the Centenary fund calls for as complete organization and as thorough-going effort as were found in the drive. In order that there may be complete understanding of the organization and plans and thorough co-operation in the work we are to have a series of district and sub-district group meetings to be attended by the presiding elder, and the local church centenary treasurers. It is important that every pastor and every local church centenary treasurer attend one of these meetings. The dates and places of these will be announced at the earliest possible date.

Charlotte District Group Meetings

Three sub-district group meetings will be held for the Charlotte district as follows: At Wadesboro, Tuesday, August 19th, at 10 a. m.; Central Church, Monroe, Tuesday, August 19th, at 3:30 p. m., at Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Wednesday, August 20th, at 3 p. m.

Fellowship of Intercession

A report by charges on the signers of the pledges for the Fellowship of Intercession from Dr. S. A. Neblett, Nashville, Tenn., shows that excellent work has been done by the pastors of the Western North Carolina Conference. But there is still room for work along this line of the great forward movement in our church. Let us all fall in line and have

1. Every preacher and every official member of the church, and a minimum of 40 per cent of the membership enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession.

2. At least 5,000 family altars established in the Western North Carolina Conference.

3. A genuine day of fasting and prayer, August 29th.

4. A general observance of "Enlistment Week," August 24-31.

NOTICE

Mr. J. G. Brown has resigned as Centenary treasurer of the North Carolina Conference, and the Conference Centenary Commission has elected Mr. D. H. Dixon, Goldsboro, in his place. J. C. Wooten, Chm'n.

REVIVAL AT MT. ZION

Rev. L. L. Smith, assisted by Rev. O. W. Dowd, of Roxboro, has just closed a very successful meeting at Mt. Zion church, on the Mt. Tirzah circuit. The church was greatly revived and thirty-seven were received into the church on profession of faith and by letter. All denominations took part in the meeting and all felt the blessings that came to them through the great messages.

L. L. Smith.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

The subscription for our Administration Building is steadily climbing upward. There are difficulties in the way, but we are greatly encouraged with the results to date. Our cause is a great one. Our aim is unselfish. We are going to win. Let us thank the pastors who have so graciously responded to the call. We sincerely request a word of encouragement from all the pastors.

Our desire is that the letter which was sent to all the pastors be read before the congregations so that our interests may be known by the masses. We ask nothing more than that the Methodist of North Carolina know the possibilities of a dollar spent here.

Sincerely,
W. L. Scott.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

I desire to say that, as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson School, I endorse most earnestly the plan to raise $40,000, with which to better equip the school. This school gives promise of doing great work for Methodism and for Christianity in the three counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga. These are three of our very best mountain counties. They are among the best from several standpoints. In the first place, nature has been favorable to this section, the soil is better than is the average. Land in these three counties, remote as they are from main line railroads, is now valued around $100 per acre.

Again, the people of this section are more prosperous and more progressive than in the average hill section. To show by example that they are progressive, these three counties are each now engaged in building a network of hard-surfaced roads, with surface binder. They propose to spend something over $600,000 in this work in the next twelve months. Within two years at latest, they will have better roads than any three contiguous counties in

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CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Western North Carolina Conference.
Report to Monday, Aug. 11, 1919.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Reid Harris	1
M. F. Moores	29
W. B. Thompson	11
E. K. McLarty	44
E. W. Fox	13
J. O. Ervin	41
D. R. Proffitt	2
W. I. Hughes	13
D. Atkins	16½
C. A. Johnson	13
J. J. Gray	10
O. P. Ader	14
C. M. Carpenter	10
R. P. Fikes	4
Layman Central Church	10
J. M. Green	1
W. E. Poovey	14
J. G. W. Holloway	5
J. L. Teague	10
J. O. Banks	5
O. J. Chandler	1
D. R. Proffitt	10
C. M. McKinney	1
E. M. Jones	2
C. M. McKinney	2
J. C. Postelle	4
	285½

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

E. R. Welch	29
Jno. W. Moore	35
S. T. Barber	26
H. H. Jordan	103½
J. E. McSwain	15
M. A. Osborne	12
A. R. Bell	9
L. T. Cordell	12
R. L. Forbis	10
T. J. Huggins	14
T. F. Marr	8
Seymour Taylor	7½
Z. E. Barnhardt	20
W. F. Elliott	10
E. Meyers	39
B. F. Hargett	15
C. L. McCain	13½
G. W. Fink	1
R. H. Kennington	11
L. B. Abernethy	32
W. S. Cherry	2
L. H. Griffith	31
C. M. Campbell	2
A. R. Surratt	1
A. L. Aycock	7
	451½

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

W. C. Jones	19
J. T. Stover	20
H. H. Robbins	15
A. W. Plyler	39
J. E. Woosley	18½
T. B. Johnson	20
F. L. Townsend	14
C. F. Sherrill	21
Ira Erwin	15
C. S. Kirkpatrick	20
T. J. Rogers	25
W. A. Lambeth	7
F. W. Cook	9
E. L. Bain	78
H. C. Sprinkle	53
A. C. Gibbs	24½
W. M. Smith	19
A. P. Ratledge	10
J. M. Varner	11
Frank Gurley	1
J. A. Farrington	2
J. A. J. Farrington	2
	431

MARION DISTRICT

A. J. Burrus	11
T. C. Jordan	20½
M. W. Heckard	13
R. F. Mock	15
Joseph Fry	12
D. S. Richardson	27
W. R. Shelton	7
Theo. W. Hager	8
C. M. Pickens	15
N. M. Modlin	17
M. G. Ervin	10
J. S. Folger	14
E. L. Shelton	11
W. J. Hackney	10
J. S. Mitchell	1
M. B. Clegg	12
W. L. Hutchins	19
W. L. Dawson	1
J. B. Tabor	13
	236½

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

Geo. D. Hermon	30
J. J. Eads	28
J. H. Robertson	11
J. W. Combs	17
T. V. Crouse	29½
Geo. W. Williams	17
W. M. Bering	11
J. E. Gay	21½
Albert Sherrill	16
J. C. Mock	8
O. P. Routh	17
C. R. Allison	11½
G. A. Stamper	32
T. P. Jimison	11
G. W. Clay	10
G. C. Brinkman	10
J. F. Armstrong	12
	284½

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

D. G. Wilson	4
T. S. Coble	25
T. J. Houck	13
W. R. Ware	3
R. F. Wellons	4
O. D. Stacy	6
L. C. Delp	12
J. D. Pyatt	5
J. W. Bennett	1
J. M. Barber	4
J. C. Cornett	1
Dora Tucker	2
J. S. Stanburry	2
H. L. Powell	12
	94

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

D. H. Rhinehardt	8
D. F. Carver	26
L. A. Falls	20
E. N. Crowder	21
R. L. Melton	3
J. A. Peeler	4
J. F. Ratledge	32
J. C. Keever	19
R. A. Swearingen	51½
W. B. Davis	21
J. J. Edwards	6
J. W. Williams	16
Jno. M. Price	12
H. G. Allen	14
Loy D. Thompson	17
M. B. Woosley	10
A. G. Loftin	18
R. M. Hoyle	26
John H. Green	6
R. D. Sherrill	17
W. O. Goode	14
Elmer Simpson	½
	361

SHELBY DISTRICT

J. F. Moser	24
E. L. Kirk	45
E. P. Stabler	12
W. B. Shinn	23
D. P. Waters	21½
H. C. Byrum	9
D. M. Litaker	10
J. E. Thompson	11
T. A. Plyler	15
J. W. Kennedy	25
C. R. Canipe	9
C. M. Short	46½
R. A. Taylor	14½
J. A. Sharpe	5
L. L. Smith	10
O. C. Fortenberry	12½
N. C. Williams	73
D. W. Brown	23
S. M. Needham	14
C. A. Wood	58
W. T. Albright	12
A. L. Stanford	1
J. W. Atkins	1
	474

SALISBURY DISTRICT

R. C. Kirk	55
R. S. Howie	16
E. E. Yates	13
E. M. Avett	27
M. H. Vestal	12
E. J. Poe	4
S. E. Richardson	27
P. L. Shore	17
E. E. Williamson	7
W. F. Sandford	11
J. S. Gibbs	13
J. E. B. Houser	20
R. M. Taylor	17
Z. Paris	15
B. Wilson	3
J. A. Bowles	29
P. W. Tucker	15
J. W. Strider	2
G. W. Vick	16
A. S. Raper	11
W. S. Hales	11
H. F. Starr	4
R. K. Brady	14
J. C. Brown	15
J. E. Abernethy	12
R. F. Hunnycutt	1
	387

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Fred O. Dryman	33½
J. C. Umberger	17
C. E. Stedman	17
J. A. Cook	15
Jno. I. Spinks	11
W. B. West	18
J. E. Womack	8
G. A. B. Holderby	6
W. J. Baker	11
A. L. Latham	5½
L. B. Hayes	13
A. A. Godfrey	10
J. W. Campbell	14
R. E. Hunt	15
T. L. Noble	4½
D. V. Howell	10
J. H. Bradley	26½
John Cline	22
M. N. Hildebran	4
M. T. Smathers	1
L. P. Bogle	29
R. L. Foster	6
J. W. Ingle	11
	307

WINSTON DISTRICT

W. M. Robbins	19
R. G. Tuttle	35
J. W. Vestal	24
T. J. Ogburn	8
J. P. Hipps	14½
P. E. Parker	12
H. H. Mitchell	4
E. O. Cole	4
C. P. Goode	13
N. R. Richardson	25
Z. T. Bell	2
D. C. Ballard	3
C. O. Kennerly	3
C. C. Williams	14
J. H. Brendall	11
J. B. Fitzgerald	12
A. S. Abernethy	11
W. J. S. Walker	10
P. W. Brittain	10
R. H. Daugherty	9
J. S. Hiatt	14
A. C. Swofford	28
J. C. Harmon	13
P. L. Terrell	14
G. T. Rowe	14
W. R. Jenkins	3
	329

Total from Districts	3641
Miscellaneous	15
Grand Total	3656

HOW WE STAND BY DISTRICTS

	Apportioned	Secured
Asheville	282	285½
Charlotte	317	451½
Greensboro	256	431
Marion	348	236½
Mount Airy	205	284½
North Wilkesboro	167	94
Statesville	283	361
Shelby	253	474
Salisbury	284	387
Waynesville	258	307
Winston	296	329
Total	2849	3641

The foregoing report has been held back from week to week for lack of space. We give it this week subject to correction and hope any one detecting an error will notify us at once. This shows fine work for the Western North Carolina Conference, and it is the more remarkable because it follows immediately one of the best years in the history of the paper. The circulation in this Conference reached over 10,200 at the time of our consolidation, June 19th.

Now we appeal especially to the pastors in the North Carolina Conference to bring up their quota and look after their renewals, so that by the time the Annual Conference convenes we may have a combined circulation of 20,000. This should be our goal and we can reach it if all will co-operate. Let pastors arrange for the canvass and write for lists when ready for the drive, giving list of postoffices for the charge. We cannot send out these lists intelligently without being furnished a list of the postoffices by the pastor.

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

AN INTERESTING OCCASION FOR EDENTON STREET AUXILIARY

Rev. Tokio Kugimiya, of Japan, who was in the city, the guest of Rev. W. W. Peele, kindly consented to talk to the Edenton Street Auxiliary at their regular monthly meeting, Monday afternoon. It was especially of interest to hear him talk with us at this time, since the topic for the month was Japan.

He spoke joyously and forcefully of his conversion, and his subsequent growth in grace, of the conversion of his mother as a direct answer to prayer continued for seven years, of his great hope for Japan in the next three years. We were all uuch impressed when he told how he felt when he first understood. There was only one God, the Japanese having many gods. The Bible teacher wrote on the black board the first verse in the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," and then explained it, and as he listened there came into his heart and soul a desire to know this great Creator. He was then only sixteen and continued to hear this Bible teacher until he was converted. Rev. Kugimiya is a Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, of Japan, and as one of its strongest and most consecrated men, was sent by the Church as its representative to the Columbus Centenary. He was a graduate of Trinity College, and a class made of Rev. W. W. Peele.

RICHLAND AUXILIARY

That ever faithful recording secretary, Miss Nettie DeFord, send the following notes for that society.

Let us ask ourselves the question at this, the close of the second quarter, "What have we done more to advance the Master's work in any way than we did last year?"

At the June meeting our devotional exercises were conducted by our President, Mrs. G. B. Whittsed and Mrs. W. J. Watson, and we had a good attendance. During these two quarters we had added three new members, and are coming on nicely with our pledge, which places us in a good condition financially. The Centenary movement was a great benefit to our Church and society. We hope to see good results all along our work. We feel proud of our own Methodism. Those of our members who attended the Annual Meeting brought us interesting reports and many helpful suggestions.

The superintendent of Bright Jewels, Mrs. Broch, is full of enthusiasm and reports nine new members for first quarter meeting, a total of twenty-three.

Mrs. Norwood Cox, superintendent of our Young Peop e, reports twenty-eight members and $85 collected these two quarters. There can be nothing more gratifying to any auxiliary than for its young people and children to be at work for the Master.

Besides our financial report, which was $21.55, we sent a box of supplies and had other expenditures to the amount of $17.75.

We feel and hope that this year will be one of more activity and real advance in mission work than any previous year. Let us all pray and work today, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

On June 30, after a brief illness at Rex Hospital, one of our members, Mrs. M. B. Terell, was called from this life. A faithful Sunday school teache", a teacher and friend of the youth of this city. She touched life in many places and always to serve. Cheerful and brave she numbered her friends by her acquaintances. We, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, of Edenton Street Church, in manifestation of our loss and sympathy, submit the following resolutions.

First, That we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, and pray the Great Comforter to sustain them.

Second, That these resolutions be recorded on our minutes, and copies be sent to her family and to the Woman's page of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Ivan Proctor.
Mrs. Thos. Powell,
Mrs. V. Royster,
Committee.

LETTER FROM CHINA

Huchow, China, May 25, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Royster:—I am enclosing an account of a new piece of work that has recently been opened in Huchow. Perhaps some of the readers of "our page" will be interested in it. I am teaching one night a week, in the night school, and I find it wonderfully interesting.

I have just read in the Advocate, a letter written from the council, and we have just received too, a copy of The Council Bulletin. All the good news makes me most happy. I know I am waiting for news from the conference in Rockingham. The prospective program promised a most interesting meeting.

We are entering the last month of the Spring term and naturally, it will be a busy month, with commencement and examinations. Then two months of vacation in the mountains before the fall term begins. This year, I am planning to go to Kuling. Miss Brittian, Miss Blankford, Miss Lipscomb, Miss Booker and I have a house together for the vacation. We are also expecting a young Chinese lady to be with us and Miss Gray from Korea. I know we shall enjoy it.

Sometime soon, I want to write a real letter to the Advocate, but will just send this account of the work at I Laung Ko this time. I Laung Ko is the name of the street on which the work is located. It means clothes St.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Sallie Lou MacKinnon.

(I am sure the writer will excuse me for publishing this letter which will be read with so much interest by all of this fine Woman's Missionary friend.—Editor.)

THE CENTENARY PROGRAM FOR JAPAN

The Centenary program for Japan has enough in it to cheer every heart. One dreads to think of the result if it is not realized in full. The scant little picket line of eight missionaries is looking with appealing eyes to the home Church to see if we are really going to stand by Japan in these days of her intense need.

The Centenary program for Japan calls first of all for a new building to cost $18,000 for the Lambuth Memorial Training School for Bible women. The present building is unsanitary and inadequate and is greatly needed for another purpose in the work of the Council. Our first Centenary duty in Japan is to provide for this new training school building. It will be a beautiful memorial to Miss Maud Bonnell, who gave her very life to this institution.

The second great Centenary call for Japan is for buildings for social evangelistic work in thirteen large cities of Japan. Three of these cities have over half a million population, and one, Osaka, a million and a half people. These city plants will cost all the way from $5,000 to $50,000, according to the size and need of the city. The Centenary is calling for a program for each of these cities of Japan such as we have in this country in Wesley Houses and Institutional Churches.

The Centenary program for Japan also embraces a kindergarten in connection with each of our churches in Japan. This in itself is a very large program, but a very vital one, as Japan is to be won through the children, and as yet there are nineteen million children in Japan who do not know about Jesus Christ.

The greatest Centenary asking for Japan is for workers. Two missionaries are asked for each of the thirteen evangelistic city centers as a minimum. The total number asked through the Centenary for Japan for women's work is twenty-nine missionaries for evangelistic work alone, and at least six trained kindergartners. Where are these workers?

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

For God so loved the world not just a few,
The wise and great, the noble and the true,
Or those of favored class or race or hue,
God loved the world. Do you?

God loved the sinful world, not just the good.
Ah! none were good till they understood
His love for them, and felt the power that could
Make all of life anew.

God loved the world. He saw that we might be
Made like Himself. He stopped to set us free
And did not spare the cost of Calvary.
God loved man so. Do we?

O God of love, sweep over every soul
Cast out our pride and envy, take control
Of every passion, lead us to the goal,
Where we shall love like Thee.

—Grace E. Uhler, in Missionary Tidings

NEW ORGANIZATION

Recently there was organized at Waynesville on the Waynesville District, a Junior Missionary Society with 19 members and the following officers—President, Miss Eleanor Bushnell; vice-president, Elizabeth Matney; corresponding and recording secretary. Miss Alma Duckett; treasurer, Miss Harriett Boyd. These children have for their leader, Mrs. W. B. West, who is superintendent of Children Work in the adult society. We trust this auxiliary may grow until every child in the Church is a member.

CHANGES IN OFFICERS

At the 1919 Council meeting there were some very important changes made in the officers of the adult, young people and Junior societies and we feel that it will be well to call attention to these changes as a large number of our auxiliaries might overlook this important matter in our Council report. In the future the officers of the adult societies will be president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, superintendent of Young People's Work; superintendent of Children's Work; superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity; superintendent of Social Service and superintendent of Supplies. The only change is that instead of two vice-presidents as heretofore, having charge of the work of the Young People and Children there is now a vice-president and the officers in charge of these two departments (Young People and Children) will be known as superintendents of Young People and Children's Work.

In the Young People and Junior societies the officers are: President, vice-president, corresponding and recording secretary, treasurer, superintendent of Mission Study, superintendent of Social Service and superintendent Supplies.

Let us make a note of these changes and in organizing new societies or electing new officers elect according to the new By-Laws and Constitution.

MRS. V. L. STONE

Friends of Mrs. V. L. Stone, District Secretary of the Asheville District will be interested to know that she is in Jamestown, New York, for several months nursing back to health her father and mother, both of whom are in feeble health. We wish for them a speedy restoration and trust that their lives may be spared a long time.

THE CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

The records of the year 1918 show a growing consciousness on the part of the membership in missionary societies to meet in full the Conference Expense Fund. A number of reasons contribute to this much-desired end. An increased sense of obligation and better methods of organization are probably the most potent ones. No better evidence of the stabiliity of any institution can be found than lies in the safe methods by which it conducts its business life. This is as true of Churches, missionary societies, and all forms of philanthropic agencies as it is of great business corporations. The societies which compose the Woman's Missionary Council may thank God and take courage that the enterprise to which they have devoted themselves and for which they stand committeed has so strengthened its bulwarks that it makes a stronger appeal than ever before to the best element in society. The consecration of talent as applied to the business of missions, and being used in the offices of auxiliary and conference treasurers is bearing large fruitage.

These words, from the report of Mrs. P. N. Peacock treasurer of the Western North Carolina Conference, furnish a case in point:

"We women are just getting awake. We are just learning the power that lies in our hands. We are learning to conduct our business in a business-like manner. You have not heard a complaint from me in a long time about the Conference Fund not being sufficient to defray the expenses. Our societies as a rule are paying their pro rata of this fund."—Missionary Voice for July.

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HIGH PRESSURE

By Rev. R. M. Taylor

Methodism is a wonderful organization. This is specially true of Episcopal Methodism. Perhaps there is no other such ecclesiastical organization in existence, if we except the Church of Rome. There are many advantages in this great "iron wheel." It serves to unify the Church, and enables it to concentrate on a given point as would not be possible with any other system known. The wonderful power of this system has just been demonstrated in the Centenary drive. Who thought a year ago that we could and would do what we have done, An organization without the cohesion of our connectionalism could scarcely have accomplished this wonderful result. It demonstrates the wisdom of "team work." The result is cause for rejoicing and giving thanks to our God for His wonderful blessings on His Church.

Now we are to have the machine continued in operation to secure another, and a much more important result. We are to have another campaign, directed against the powers of darkness. We are to have a "drive" against the battlements of evil and sin, an evangelistic campaign for the conversion and salvation of the unsaved millions all about us. This next campaign will be strictly a spiritual one. The financial campaign had much of the spiritual in it, but this is altogether spritual. In this we will be strictly on Methodist grounds, for Methodist was, in its incipiency, simply a revival of relgion. The results of the revival were organized, hence the existence of the Methodist Church. Those who doubt the efficiency of revivals are not Methodists, strictly speaking. Of course when Methodism came to have an ecclesiastical existence it was something more than an organized revival. But that was its primary significance.

In all this there is a "key man." This key man is the pastor. All other agencies are simply auxiliary to the pastorate. This key man is primary in the system. He is the contact point where the power is exerted. He is the spark plug of the engine. If the spark plug fails to furnish a rich full flame the engine fails to function and no progress can be made. The Ford driver understands this, and the pastor in Methodism is a Ford driver, as a rule.

In the Centenary campaign we have seen how well all organs performed their functions. We have seen how well the machine was geared, oiled, and furnished with "gass." And we have seen how well we reached the end sought in the campaign.

Will we do as well in the coming drive? Not without a spiritual preparation greater than we now have. In the former campaign we made good use of the laymen, and they became the "connecting rods" of power transmission, and you know these are necessary if we are to "get there." Let us make full use of them in this campaign. Let us fully correlate all the forces at our command and take up the slack and lost motion. We simply must succeed in this campaign. We cannot do less without dishonoring our Lord who gave His life for us.

When this writer is getting ready for a hundred mile drive he "goes over" the Ford and corrects all blemishes, tightens up all nuts, oils all bearings, and fills the tank with "gas." So we should be now going over the Church machine, correcting all we can of the working parts. We should overhaul all parts of the engine, and refit it so it will properly function. Several months of preparation will not be too much to get the Church ready for this drive.

Meantime let us remember that the pastor, this "key man" may be overworked by high pressure exerted from all directions. The last two years have been years of terrific pressure on the pastors of Methodism. The government has called upon us without stint and we have responded without stint. Every week, and sometimes every day the coming mail brought urgent and insistent demands for service to Uncle Sam in the prosecution of the war. Before this was over here came the Centenary drive campaign, and we were sometimes "swamped" with incoming mail. All of it seemed necessary to success, and we are not complaining of having done too much responding to all this high pressure. But we pastors must learn to discriminate in this matter. We simply cannot respond to every thing that comes along. We must learn what is worth while and let the others go to the waste basket. Every letter makes the subject of it the "most important" matter of the year, according to the view of the writer. But we must have a correct view point, and respond to the things demanding our pastoral attention and let the others go to the waste basket. By so doing we can conserve all our energies and direct them towards the desired end.

We should have half a million additions to the Church on profession of faith before the coming drive spends its force. But why not a million? Available material crowds our streets, and walks by our Churches, but does not enter. We must go after them. We must "compel them to come in." A small revival with a dozen additions a year in a Church having 500 members, and paying a salary of fifteen hundred dollars, is not enough when we consider the hundreds unsaved in easy reach of the Church. No man of us should be satisfied with such small results amid such large opporunities. Let us wake up lest our crown pass from us to a Church or a movement more worthy of it.

Concord, N. C.

CONCORD CHURCH DEDICATED

The following is taken from the Gasinota Gazette of August 4th:

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the history of Concord Methodist church, located on the Bessemer-Cherryville road about five miles north of Bessemer City, the occasion being the dedication of this handsome church edifice, which was completed in the year 1916. Rev. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, pastor of Centenary church Winston-Salem, preached the dedicatory sermon Sunday morning. Following the sermon he and the presiding elder, Rev. John F. Kirk, formally dedicated the edifice to the worship of God.

Following a sumptuous basket dinner served on the grounds a communion service was held in the afternoon, participated in by the membership of the church and many visitors. Rev. J. F. Kirk had charge of this service and made a short and appropriate talk.

* * * Concord church, accoring to the general board of church extension, is one of the handsomest and best equipped country churches in Southern Methodism. In the handbook issued by the board last year, covering the entire territory of the church, this was one of three or four country churches which were described in detail as models. It cost something over $10,000. It is of pressed brick with stone trimmings and is handsomely finished and furnished inside. The grounds are also in most attractive shape.

Concord is one of the most historic Methodist churches in this section. The first religious services in this immediate neighborhood were held in an old log school house which stood a few hundred yards from the site of the present building. It stood on the side of a hill in the woods near a bold spring where the W. A. Jenkins home now stands. The only sign of the old log school house remaining is the foundation of the old stone chimney, now overgrown with moss. It was about ten feet wide. There was no organization then though occasionally a circuit rider came by and held religious services. Mrs. E. P. Clarke, now in her 90th year, and who was an interested spectator at Sunday's service, told the writer that she remembered atending services at this old school house when she was just a small girl. This building may have been erected something like a hundred years ago.

In 1848 the second log school house was built and it was in this structure that the first organiezd Methodist sociey had its being. No evidence of this house remains. In 1872 a frame structure took the place of the second log school house. It was distinctly a church building and was used as such until the new building, just dedicated, was ready for use. Then the frame structure was torn down. It stood near the cemetery, which is a few hundred yards from the new church.

This new building was made possible through the untiring efforts of Mr. T. S. Royster, Mr. Sidney Kiser and several other earnest and loyal spirits in this congregation. Rev. H .C. Byrum is the present pastor and all the work of the church is progressing nicely.

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Our Orphanage Work

METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Raleigh, N. C.

A. S. Barnes .....Superintendent
Mrs. Mattie Jenkins .....Matron

In conversation with a prominent layman last week he expressed the opinion that the Orphanage campus would be an ideal place for the Sunday schools of our Conference to have their picnics. It is my sincere desire to have as many as will to visit the Orphanage and see something of our work at close range. Most Sunday schools have had their annual outings earlier in the summer, but we hope they will bear in mind that we will expect them next summer. A warm welcome awaits one and all.

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An unexpected vacancy has occurred among our corps of matrons. If any of our pastors or members know a suitable person for such a position I shall be very glad for them to put me in communication with such. We desire a person of sterling character, education, refinement and one who knows how to interest and control a large group of boys from ten to fourteen years of age. If there are individuals who think they have qualifications for this kind of work I shall be glad for them to write me at once and give reference.

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The following Sunday schools and organized classes made glad our hearts by sending us monthly offerings: Hebron ss, Currituck charge; Asbury ss, Rowland Ct; Tabernacle ss., Ridgeway Ct.; Wesley Bible class, Sunbury ss., Gates Ct.; Trinity ss., Magnolia Ct.; Ormond's Chapel ss., Hookerton Ct.; Shady Grove ss., Parkton Ct.; Hamilton ss., Williamston and Hamilton charge.

Such beautiful devotion makes our burden lighter and the future brighter. There are many other schools that might do as well as those just mentioned. All they need is for their leader to swing them in line. Hundreds of our schools and thousands of our members are just waiting for the word o be spoken that they may fall in line and make our Orphanage work a greater success. A majority united in this sacred cause would enable us to care for scores of destitute orphans who are clamoring for admission into our Home. Let me urge our superintendents to rally their forces and get solidly and enthusiastically back of our Methodist Orphanage. Since our need is greater and the demands most urgent for help it seems that this is the opportune time of all times for all to come to our relief.

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The erection of an Industrial Building for the vocational training of our children is the thing we need just now above everything else. For the past few years the necessity for such a building has grown upon me until I feel that it is imperative that we secure it at the earliest possible date. My recent visit to Oxford Orphanage gave me a fine opportunity to see something of the industrial side of this great institution. After seeing the work in operation, I am more convinced than ever that we need to follow along the same line. I do not believe our Methodist people are less interested in the development of the industrial side of life than our good Masonic friends are in the Oxford Asylum. We ought to put at least $35,000 or $40,000 into a great Industrial Building so that we can teach several vocations and thus prepare our children for efficient service when they go into the big world to battle for themselves. How my heart yearns for some one to come forward and erect it as a Memorial Building. It would perpetuate the memory of some dear loved one and at the same time be a benediction to our fatherless and motherless children. May God place this responsibility and privilege on the heart of some one who has sufficient means to erect such a building.

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No one but an old pastor knows the strange emotions that are experienced upon returning to a former pastorate after being away for a decade. Of course he misses many familiar faces in the congregation as well as their cordial greetings. He is also struck by the number of new faces that appear before him. Such were the feelings I experienced last Sunday on the Oxford circuit as I preached at Shady Grove in the morning and Gray Rock in the afternoon. Not knowing that I could go until Saturday, I took most of the people by surprise. The congregation at Gray Rock was as usual very large. It was a source of genuine joy to me to look into the faces of many whom I am happy to number among my best friends. The visits to these churches were necessarily short, but gave me time to renew the friendship of other days. Each church, without solicitation upon my part, took an offering for our two hundred and thirty-five children. Brother B. C. Thompson, my Conference class mate, gave me a cordial welcome and called upon the congregation to give of their substance to a cause that lies so close to his big, sympathetic heart. He is deservedly popular among all of his people. The circuit would feel badly hurt if the Conference should send him elsewhere.

I spent two delightful nights in Oxford. Sunday with Brother Bradsher and Monday with Brother Lyon. At each of these homes genuine hospitality was extended. I never go to Oxford without receiving a contribution from Brother Zack Lyon. It is a source of deep sorrow to his many friends that his health is so poor. May a kind Providence restore him to his accustomed good health.

I must mention before closing that I had a most delightful hour with Brother and Sister West Brummitt Sunday morning. It was fortunate for the Gray Rock congregation that I had to ride fifteen miles after having enjoyed such a sumptuous dinner. Another pleasant experience I had was a visit to the Oxford Orphanage where I enjoyed dinner on Monday. Lack of space forbids me going into details about this great institution. Not only is every Mason justly proud of this Home, but every citizen of North Carolina. May her thousands of staunch friends throughout the State give her ample support in these trying days through which every Orphanage is passing.

From the Field

MT. TIRZAH CIRCUIT

We have just closed a great revival at Mt. Zion Church. Brother O. W. Dowd, of Roxboro, did the preaching. His sermons were plain, simple and full of truth. There was no attempt on his part to preach great sermons, and yet the preacher and his message were on fire. He had one great objective, and it stood in full view from the beginning to the end. The secret of his zeal and power was that he was preaching to help some body, and he knew and every one else knew to whom his message was directed. He had a message for children, one for the young people and a message for the parents. He had a message for the Church and a message for the unsaved. His sermons were great in spirit and power, but his ability to draw in the net was fully as great. Some way and some how the people for whom he was especially working were always ready to respond when he made has appeal. His labors were not in vain.

The Church rendered whole hearted support. The people sang with the spirit, they prayed at home and at the Church, and when the invitation was given they did personal work. Some of the oldest men and women down to the teen age a great many boldly walked out in the congregation and pleaded with the unsaved to surrender. The Holy Spirit was with us.

At our service for the young people, fifty-five young men and women stood around the altar and dedicated themselves to any service to which the Holy Spirit may call them. Many said that was the greatest day in the history of that Church, and it is a great Church and has had many great days. Two of these young ladies have since that service, come to the pastor with the great secret that God has been talking with them about going to the foreign fields. I believe it took this service to give them the courage to come even to the pastor with this profound secret. May God bless them and lead them wherever He would have them go.

We had another great joy day, when twenty-seven boys and girls stood around the altar and were received into the Church. Somehow God just had His way every day.

The last day, we had a love feast and a consecration service for the parents. There were a number of unsaved men, some young men and some fathers at this service, and every unsaved person present made a profession. People frequently said they never saw it in this fashion before. God gave us a great revival and to Him be the glory. There were added altogether thirty-seven during the week, We have received into this Church since last Conference forty-two members. We asked this Church to subscribe twelve hundred and fifty dollars to the Centenary cause and they subscribed twenty-seven hundred and fifty.

L. L. Smith. Pastor

SPECIAL—RALEIGH DISTRICT

At the recent session of the Raleigh District Conference held at Cary, a resolution was passed endorsing the movement of the board of trustees of Louisburg College to erect a dormitory costing $15,000 and pledging the district to the raising of half that amount, $5,700. The presiding elder appointed the following committee to assist himself and the president of the college in arranging for the securing of that amount: Revs. W. W. Peele, D. N. Caviness and T. A. Sikes. The full committee met at the Edenton street parsonage on July 29th and went over the matter fully. It was the consensus of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to raise the amount asked for and as soon as possible. The needs are urgent. The present equipment is entirely inadequate, and the new building must be erected or the institution, and the church will suffer.

The committee decided that the amount should be divided among the several charges on the basis of the pastor's salary, and the secretary has pro rated the amount and sent to each pastor in the district the quota of each charge. It is hoped that all the members in the district will co-operate with the pastor in raising this money, and thus relieve an embarrassing situation. Please let this matter have your earnest attention and prayers.

T. A. Sikes,
Sec. to the Committee.

AN INQUIRY

One of the most neglected elements in church work and one of the most important is organiezd finance in country charges. Will not some of our circuit preachers tell us if they have found anywhere anything written on the subject which they have tested and found helpful? Or perhaps better still, will not some of our pastors who have successfully organized their circuits give us their financial methods? It will help us all.

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The Sunday School Lesson

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

Improved Uniform Lesson for Sunday August 17, 1919.. Scripture Passages, Acts, 1:8; 14:8-20.

Exposition by the Editor

We have almost perverted the significance of Christian Missions by the technical interpretation that we have placed upon them. The whole work of the Church is the fulfillment of a mission. We sometimes speak of the Great Commission with reference to Christ's parting command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." That is the sum total of the work with which Christ has charged His Church. The essential nature of it is not changed by the field that it occupies. The work and purpose of the Church is the same whether in a field that is self-supporting, or whether it is supported from some external source. To oppose Christian missions is to oppose the gospel. The two are essentially one.

Divine Power Necessary for Missions.

The disciples were cautioned not to rush hastily into this work. The strange command flung in the face of the world's need was: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." No earthly power was sufficient for the task that He had given them. The work of the Church must ever have in it a divine element, and this element must be dominant. No one can read the history of the conquest of the Holy land under Joshua and not be impressed with the fact so frequently emphasized that Jehovah was *giving* them the land. It was not the force of Joshua's army, and yet the army had its part to perform. The work of saving lost men has ever been done on this principle, whether it was under the Old Dispensation, or the New; and it is never more so than when the Church presses out into the frontier where the gospel must win its way in the face of ignorance of revealed truth and long established customs and prejudices. We must have the power that comes from above; and now, as in the first century, "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." It is not by mass movements, not by show of numbers to impress the heathen with our greatness, not by social prestige and influence, not by Western civilization, or civilization of any other sort, not by the might of wealth and commerce, not by political revolutions or social readjustments—not by any or all of these things that the heathen world is going to be converted to Christianity. The power of the Holy Spirit working through consecrated men and women alone can do it. "It is not by might, nor by power; but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." "Ye shall receive power" before you can be used of God in saving lost men.

The Place of Witnessing in Missionary Work.

The recorded sermons of the apostles were exceedingly simple. There was nothing in them that is not known to every Sunday school boy today—save the tremendous power and personality of the Holy Spirit. Their chief business was to be witnesses. "Ye shall be witness unto me." That is all there is to it, and they were to bear this witness "to the uttermost part of the earth." The greatest soul winners of every age have been very simple in style and subject matter of their sermons, and the secret of their success has been the "witness" they have borne. To exhibit the dynamic power of the gospel to save from sin in a pure life, and to bear witness of that fact to men—this is vastly more effective than learning and eloquence and logic. Tell the people what Christ has done for you, and then so live as to prove it before their eyes—there is no answer to this argument. It will win the heathen—anywhere.

The Manifestation of Power.

That was an unusual incident at Lystra, a small town in Lycaonia, Asia Minor. It was on Paul's first great missionary journey. The Jews were hounding his footsteps everywhere and stirring up opposition to him. He preceded them to Lystra, and was preaching the gospel with great zeal to the people. By some inspiration of the Spirit, we know not the details, he perceived that a certain cripple in his audience had faith to be healed and shouted to him in a loud voice: "Stand upright on thy feet." The command was given before there was any visible evidence of the ability of the cripple to obey. The order was given in such a way that the whole multitude could hear it and know it. The cripple had never walked in his life, but immediately he "leaped and walked." The people spoke a dialect that Paul could not speak. They had probably not understood a great many things that he had said, but they could see this living, acted parable; and it had its effect. It was a manifestation of the power of God, and was recognized as such.

The Tenacity of Prejudices and Preconceived Ideals.

The healing of the cripple was recognized as a manifestation of the power of God, but their conception of God was very crude and perverted. Getting them away from those conceptions was a very slow and tedious work. Before Paul and Barnabas discovered what they were about, they had made preparations to offer sacrifices to them as gods; and, while they were attempting to bring them to the true knowledge of God for which the whole incident had only prepared the way, the enemies of Paul arrived and interfered with his work. It is ever thus. The work of God does not go on in this world unhindered, but nevertheless, the seeds of truth are sown and the harvest of varying richness matures. Opposition and the seeming tardiness with which the work goes forward must not discourage us. If the same people who praise us one day stone us the next, it is no more than the servants of God have ever suffered. When error thinks it has triumphed it is only to see the truth rise again and go on its way.

There Is Always Some Way of Approach to Men.

Paul was not preaching to Jews at Lystra. There was no synagogue into which he could go and find a company of people in some measure informed of the true God. He had been accustomed to appeal to men from the Old testament Scriptures, but these men had no Old Testament. The way of approach had to be different, but it was not therefore impossible to preach the gospel to them. God had not "left Himself without a witness" to those people; for He had given them "rain from heaven and fruitful seasons," filling their "hearts with food and gladness." It is a striking characteristic of the gospel of Christ that there is ever a way of approach to present it in an intelligent way to men. It is a mark of its universality. It is essential to the missionary operations of the Church that it is so. It has knocked with its message at the door of every nation, and its appeal has battered down the walls of opposition. Not that there are no longer any opposing forces, but the messengers of the gospel can now have access to the people in all parts of the earth. The time is ripe for a great advance. The demand for it is urgent. Our Christ has opened the way, and is calling upon us to enter. May there be no delay!



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The problem of the Church today is not the Epworth League, the Sunday school, or the Woman's Work, but the great problem is the young life of today. The Church that aims at nothing will surely hit it. The majority of people join the Church while young or in childhood, and yet a vast number of them are lost to the Church. It is said that seventy-five per cent or seventy-five out of every hundred boys who join the Church are lost to the Church in their "teens" (from statistics gathered at Centenary celebration). This is the high cost of very low living. The greatest investment we can possibly make is the investment of a life; this is the reason that the saving and conserving of young life is our greatest problem and greatest task. Is it a hard task? Yes; it is the hardest as well as the best. But it is our task, a God-given task; and God does not give us impossible tasks. Many of us, because it is a hard task, have taken a course of less (not least) resistance, and "preached at" them for spending their time and energy in other fields, in the lighter things of the world. It is not so hard to preach the Gospel, with the power of God and under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to the people who are religiously inclined and who go to Church anyway whether cold or hot, rain or shine, or awake with a headache or feeling fine. But we, the pastor and religiously inclined have a task in the highawys and byways—on Fifth avenue, First streets, and Boulevards and also in the lane and alleys, on the East sides and West sides, North sides and South sides in the city and in the country.

The Church and its machinery are chiefly for the young people. Many of the greatest achievements of the world have been accomplished by the young. Two of the greatest captains of ancient or modern times captured Italy at the age of twenty-five; extreme youth overthrew the Persian Empire; Gaston de Foir was only twenty-two when he stood a victor on the plain of Ravenna; Gustavus Adolphus died at thirty-eight; Maurice, the great captain and statesman, of Saxony, died at the age of thirty-two; Cortes was a little over thirty when he gazed on the golden cupolas, of Mexico; the youth of the world and specially of America accomplished a human—impossible task in the great world war. It was the youthful private, lieutenant, and captain that really went over the top into the very jaws of death and won the victory for humanity and God; David, the strong, pure, ruddy shepherd lad, slew the mighty giant, Goliath, who defied the whole army of Israel. Raphael painted the beautiful palaces of Rome and died at thirty-seven; Ignatius was only thirty when he made his pilgrimage and wrote the Spiritual Exercises; Joseph had the dreams of his manhood life in early youth; Loyola, Luther, and Wesley worked and wrought eternal things with youthful brains. It was the youth and vigor and vision who listened not to the maiden of ease, the rabble of ignorance, and the old man of doubt, but bore the banner "Excelsior" to the summit of the Alpine mountain peak; and whose voice was heard from the far away sky "Excelsior"—higher, still higher. Jesus of Nazareth had finished His work, had conquered death, hell, and the grave, and died a victorious and glorious death at the age of thirty-three.

Does this mean that the older people have no place in the Church? By no means; on the contrary, from the very fact that the young are to be the object of the Church and its machinery, they have a very vital place in every department of its work. To keep youth from being a blunder, manhood a great struggle, and old age a regret, the older ones must be the breastworks and bulwark to ward off the forces of sin, they must be the very soil in whose fertile spirits the young are to grow into full corn in the ear, they must be the tillers or cultivators to remove the stones of stumbling and the roots of evil and select the ingredients needed to make the plant thrive, they must be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their pathway, a light to shine along the unseen road of life, they must be the leaven to promote the three measures of physical, mental, and spiritual, meal of youth; they must be the very salt applied to the young life to save it from decay, and preserve its spiritual soundness and strength for the Master's use.

CENTRAL EPWORTH LEAGUE RALEIGH

I was a delegate from the Central Church Epworth League to the Conference at Louisburg this summer. While there I learned that the North Carolina Conference is supposed to furnish 14 volunteers for missions as its quota in the Centenary. Of this number 12 are to come from the Epworth Leagues of the Conference.

We have a live, wide awake League here and all seemed to take the matter of our part in furnishing life s part of our Centenary obligation very seriously. The fruit is beginning to appear. At our Missionary monthly meeting this evening the supt. of our fourth department, Mr. S. W. Phillips, announced to the League that he has definitely decided, in the past two weeks, to offer himself for service in the foreign field wherever the Mission Board and God need him. Mr. Phillips makes us an exceptionally zealous League worker and we regret having to give him up. He is deeply consecrated and we realize that he is going away to give the best that is in him for the promotion of his Lord's kingdom.

Mr. Phillips expected to enter the ministry and last week he was given license to preach by our District Conference. He expects to leave us soon to take up work and study that will better fit him for his chosen work.

So far as I know, Mr. Phillips is the first Leaguer this League Conference year to dedicate his life for service in foreign fields.

I feel that it will be of value to the other Leagues to know how seriously and enthusiastically our League is taking the matter.

With best wishes, I am
Very truly yours,
V. S. Caviness.

WANCHESE CHAPTER

Our League at the regular business meeting in June elected the following officers for the coming year:

Mr. Allie C. Daniels, president; Miss Mary Daniels, vice-president; Miss Sophronia Meekins, secretary; Mr. Tom Daniels, treasurer; Mrs. Gertie Simpson, superintendent of First Department; Miss Rolla Melson, superintendent of Second Department; Mrs. Carrie Daniels, superintendent of Third Department; Miss Rena Baum, superintendent of Fourth Department; Miss Edna Simpson, Epworth Era agent; Miss Rena Baum organist; T. H. Baum, corresponding secretary.

This is a good working team. I regret however that some of the younger ones could not have been put in the place of old worn out fellows like myself. They claim they cannot do the work, but we are doubtful of any such thing for we are very certain that many of our young Leaguers are better fitted for the post we fill than we are. You young fellows ought to be doing this; why you ought to be anxious to take up such great work for in it lies the stepping stone to a higher Christian life.

I beg to ask all the Conference officers to take note of the names of our newly elected officers and in communicating please address the right one.

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—A. W. McCullough.

THE BOY THAT STAYED AT HOME

"Oh, mother, please let me go"

The tears that he was bravely holding back made Robin's voice sound husky. A boy of ten ought not to cry just because he couldn't go to help put out the fire. That was what Robin would have done a week ago, when he had been nine, but a boy of ten was supposed to have self-control enough to choke back a few tears, even if it did sting his throat a little to do it.

"Mother, why can't I go?" he pleaded. Zenas Parsons passed the window on a run, waving a beckoning hand.

"I have told why, Robin," his mother answered in a firm tone.

"Luther always gets the best of everything! He doesn't have to ask, either, he just pitches in and goes," the boy passionately burst forth.

"Why didn't Robin 'pitch in and go?'" the mother asked, with a tender note in her voice.

"Because—because, well, because I knew you didn't want me to. Luther just went, as he always does, without asking," Robin stammered, as if almost ashamed to confess his loyalty to his mother's wishes.

"Luther is nearly four years older than you are, my son, and will be of great assistance to the men who have gone to the rescue of lives that are in danger. Besides, the fire may spread; should it do so and reach our wood lot I should be alone but for you. Do you care to listen to a story?"

Robin's brown eyes answered by their sudden look of interest.

"Once, very long ago," began the mother, "there was a great war. Young men were enlisting by the thousands. The son of a village blacksmith felt his young heart burn to join the little company that was forming in his own village; but the father had already joined, and the shop must be kept open. Horses must be shod to be of service; and this little lad, by a little practice, had learned his father's trade well enough to keep the business going during the latter's absence. So, smothering his own longing, this brave youth donned the blacksmith's apron and presented a cheerful countenance to the customers who daily brought their horses to be fitted with new shoes.

"One morning, in great haste a man in a splendid uniform dashed up to the door of this humble blacksmith's shop and begged this young boy to use all possible speed in shoeing the animal that he rode. A great battle was to be fought, and he, a general, must be on duty to lead his troops.

"You can imagine the feeling of pride with which this lad took in his hand the hoof of this restive charger and went immediately to work. Perhaps his father might be in this very battle—who could tell? He put forth his best efforts, and in a very short time the horse was made ready to continue his onward hurried flight.

"Had this little village shop been closed, the battle that ended so victoriously would have been lost, for a limping horse could not have covered the distance required to carry this brave general to his post of duty. So the boy who stayed at home that day and kept his father's shop open, in a way served his country better than did the father who had left his work to join the ranks."

As the last words were spoken, from the window near which he was standing Robin's eyes caught sight of a lurid flame that suddenly shot up into the sky, and discovered that the fire had already reached a wood lot very near their home.

Rushing to the door, the boy was met by sparks that at first caused him to shrink back, but only for a moment. Springing across the threshold, he shouted back to the mother who was watching him. "Mr. Hanson and Mr. Rhodes both have cows out in that wood lot," and he was dashing down the road before her answer could reach his ears.

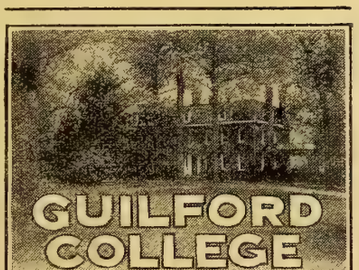
The timely warning and the aid of Robin in helping to get the cows home in all probability was the means of saving their lives, for nothing so terrifies animals as fire.

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When Luther returned, several hours later, to relate his thrilling experience, brave little Robin lined up beside him and told of his own.

The story that his mother had told him remained in his mind, however, and at night he said to her, "I suppose I was something like the blacksmith's son who stayed at home."

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The above also applies to tributes of respect.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

With sad hearts and bowed heads, we, the members of Philadelphia Sunday school, Gates charge, Elizabeth City district, desire to pay this tribute to the memory of Mr. John Franklin Cross, who died on the 5th of July, 1919, having passed his allotted three score and ten, by eight years. For forty-one years, and up to the time of his sickness and death, he served as our most efficient secretary and treasurer.

He was physically handicapped, having been wounded in the hip while fighting in defense of our Southland during the civil war, he lost the use of his lower limbs and was compelled to use a rolling chair, yet he was one of the most punctual members, never missing his Sunday school or church service unless providentially hindered. He was a fine business man, cautious, yet progressive, honest to the highest degree. In social life clever and agreeable, chaste in his conversation, a splendid companion. In his religious life he was a man of fixed convictions, yet tolerant and liberal to others. He made no display of his religion yet he was a man of deep piety, loving his Saviour with fervent love and trusting Him with an abiding faith. What a beautiful life.

Resolved that a copy of this tribute be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and to the Nashville Advocate for publication, a copy sent to the children as an expression of our sympathy.

Mrs. C. F. Copeland,
Mrs. L. Woolford.
Mrs. C. M. Manning.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Adopted by the Third Quarterly Conference, Northampton Circuit, Held at Pleasant Grove, July 11, 1919.

Whereas, Brother W. W. Draper departed this life on the third of July, 1919, in the 61st year of his age. and

Whereas, he was a faithful member of Rehoboth M. E. Chucrh, South, for 14 years, and a member of the official board for a number of years, having served the church as steward, S. S. superintendent and teacher. He was faitful in the administration of every trust committed to him. Zealous and untiring in his labors, an honest and upright citizen and a valuable man to the community in which he lived, manifesting a deep concern for the uplift of humanity and betterment of the community. And

Whereas, in the providence of our Heavenly Father he has been transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That in the death of Bro. Draper Rehoboth church has lost one of its best and most active stewards, Sunday school workers and teachers.

Resolved, 2. That the community has lost one of its most valuable and influential citizens.

Resolved 3. That by these resolutions we give expression to our sorrow and extend our sympathies to the grief-stricken family.

Resolved, 4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this conference, a copy sent to the family of Bro. Draper, and a copy to the N. C. Christian Advocate and Northampton Progress for publication.

Signed:

J. A. Boone,
K. B. Scull,
J. A. Futrell,
J. A. Boone,
B. F. Tennille.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

We, the Junior Philathea class of the Franklinville Methodist Sunday school, pass the following resolutions in memory of our beloved teacher, Miss Bessie Martindill:

We feel sure that a redeemed soul has fought the good fight, finished the course and gone to receive the reward promised the righteous.

A great sorrow was brought to all, a regret that will end only with earthly existence.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has taken from our midst one we love so well, be it resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to His will.

Second, That we do extend to the bereaved mother, brothers, and sisters our heartfelt sympathy for the vacancy in their lives, and pray Heaven's blessings on them.

Third, That her life was worthy of emulation, being marked by many kind deeds of thoughtful attention to others; that her influence in home, community and church manifested her implicit faith in her Savior.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our class minutes in memory of our departed teacher, that one be sent to the family, one to the North Carolina Christian Advocatre, and one to the Asheboro Courier.

Katherine Buie,
Julia Craven,
Ollie Fentress,
Committee.

RUSSELL—James L. Russell passed away early in the afternoon of July 5, 1919. A good man is gone from among us to his heavenly reward. Brother Russell was a faithful member of Calvary church in Durham and to the end of his life manifested a triumphant faith in God. He was married three times. First to a Miss Barbee, who died many years ago. He then married a Miss Nicholson to which union a son and a daughter were born: Lylse and Ethel, both of whom survive him, the mother having passed away. His last marriage was to Miss Rickard of Salisbury, who also survives the deceased. May God bless and comfort these sorrowing ones.

L. D. Hayman, P. C.

STAGG—Mrs. Cora Stagg, wife of J. H. Stagg, of Durham, N. C., departed this life July 21, 1919. For a long time sister Stagg was a great sufferer; but she bore her pain patiently until God took her spirit to be with Him. She was a faithful member of Calvary church in Durham, and her presence will be greatly missed. And while there is sorrow in her passing, yet we rejoice in her great hope and confidence in God. We commend her sorrowing loved ones to the heavenly Father who alone can sustain them in this hour of bereavement.

L. D. Hayman, P. C.

BLANKS—In the early morning last Thursday the chastened spirit of Brother Otis Blanks went up to the better world and his frail body to the grave. He was in the 45th year of his age. In company with a number of other persons he became a member of the Methodist church in Youngsville, Sept. 8, 1913.

He was most fortunately married to Miss Alice Lewis of Accomack county, Va., March 7, 1906. Her tenderness of devotion during the years of his need elicited the admiration of all. For a number of years before the last attack he had been frail and stood in need of constant and tender care which was always cheerfully rendered. If fidelity and devotion are deserving let the contents of the alabaster box be poured upon her head.

Amid flowers and showers, both in abundance, we laid him to rest in the city cemetery Friday afternoon, the writer, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Dowell, pastor of the Baptist church, performing the last sad rites. May the consolations of our holy religion be a stay and comfort to the sorrowing ones.

H. M. Jackson.

D. CREECH—AN APPRECIATION.

By E. C. Durham.

When the venerable Deveraux Creech quietly passed from this earthly life on July 5, 1919, Goldsboro lost its oldest citizen, the church militant lost a life-long laborer, and the church triumphant added a saint to her throng. He was in his eighty-ninth year, for he was born October 25, 1830. He was active in his church as long as his physical condition would let him be active, having served as a charter member and for a long while as steward of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, N. C., and later as steward and Sunday school teacher in Elm Street Church, of the same town, of which church he was a member when he passed away. Heaven must be sweeter by his entering it; for his patience in tribulation, his brotherly love, his child-like humility, his Godly walk, and his Christian faith were as remarkable as ever on earth.

D. Creech went through life with one arm, having lost one arm by accident in his early years; but he went through with none the less energy, and he went through a successful business man and financier. He came to Goldsboro at the age of 18 years, in the year 1848. He soon went into the mercantile business, and he was a merchant until 1889, when his sons succeeded him.

In 1856 Brother Creech was married to Miss Annie Daily, of Lenoir county. To them were born five children, two of whom survive: W. D. and R. A. Creech, the former a merchant and the latter a jeweler, both of Goldsboro.

It is an inspiration to look back and behold the footprints of this great man. His life sweetened many other lives, and his monument of faith and good works still stands, and it will stand through the storms of time, to speak silently but forcefully to the travelers along life's way.

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L. D. Hayman, P. C.

AN APPRECIATION.

Does death oftener claim the choicest spirits, or is it that their very fineness emphasizes their going? This thought arises again and again, as we think of the going of John F. Cross, our co-worker, our friend and neighbor, who on July 6th, 1919, passed from mortal sight.

Mr. Cross was born April 8, 1841, served his country in the civil war, where he was wounded, which was a physical handicap to him all his life, but his great spirit arose above physical limitations, and with a dauntless courage, more heroic than that which made him follow the fortunes of Jackson and Lee, from his rolling chair, he administered to the needs and comforts of his family, was a prime mover in every civic advancement, in his county and neighborhood, was a steward in Philadelphia Church, secretary of the Sunday school for more than 40 years, a true friend, a ready helper in every case of need. Could the sum total of human life desire more? No wonder that even nature mantled her faced in clouds and mingled her tears with ours at his going.

Mr. Cross was an optimist. His bright outlook kept him from growing old and grouchy. He had a lively interest in the gigantic struggle through which we have just passed, and often expressed a desire to live to see the peace treaty signed. Therefore in recognition of his strong Christian life, we, the members of the Quarterly Conference of Gates Circuit, desire to place this tribute of love to his memory. We are bereaved, and mourn with his loved ones.

We request the secretary of the Quarterly Conference to record this appreciation on the record, to send a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication and to send a copy to his family.

His going was characteristic of his life, quiet and unafraid.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me.
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Again turns home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have passed the bar.

S. I. Howell,
C. F. Copeland,
J. B. Hathaway.

Sunbury, North Carolina.

RAND—Brother Chancy P. Rand was born June 14, 1849, died June 15, 1919, aged 70 years and one day. He joined the Methodist E. Church at Holland's when quite a boy and served as a steward for a goodly number of years. He was still in this rank when our heavenly Father called him home.

His home was always the preacher's home. His pastors always looked to Brother Rand for information and advice in matters which involved the spiritual and financial interest of the Church. The writer remembers his faithful instructions and friendly advices the few months it was his privilege to know him. Rev. G. W. Starling, of Littleton, one of Brother Rand's former pastors, assisted in the funeral services. After brother Starling preached a short sermon the Masonic order, of which Brother Rand was a member, bore the body to the grave for interment, where they held an interesting service. The large congregation which witnessed the occasion showed that he had numbers of friends.

May his dear children, with their many friends who mourn their loss, ever be comforted by the presence of the Holy Spirit till they meet their father and loved one in the city of God.

His pastor.

M. B. Cox.

STATEMENT

Mass Fire & Marine Insurance Company Boston, Mass.

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement Filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash ....$	500,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increase of paid-up Capital, $.....	
Total, ...	$1,877,134.03
Income—From Policyholders, $1,264,428.18	
Miscellaneous, $ 68,876.01; Total ...	$1,333,304.19
Disbursements—To Policyholders, $.....;	
Miscellaneous, $550,149.86; Total, ...	$1,348,488.34

ASSETS

Value of Bonds and Stocks	$1,512,285.40
Cash in Company's Office .....$	3,457.33
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest .....$	146,844.38
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1918 $	193,914.93
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1918 .....$	2,549.84
Interest and Rents due and accrued ....$	12,093.36
All other Assets, as detailed in statement .....$	41,043.17
Total	$1,915,086.41
Less Assets not admitted .....$	71,727.24
Total admitted Assets	$1,843,359.17

LIABILITIES

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims .....$	340,593.55
Unearned premiums .....$	793,202.37
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or acrued .....$	1,617.98
Estimated amount for Federal, State, county, and municipal taxes due or accrued .....$	26,997.32
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued .....$	662.47
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	$1,143,073.69
Capital actually paid up in cash $500,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities $200,285.48	
Surplus as regards Policyholders .....$	700,285.48
Total Liabilities	$1,843,359.17

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1918

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Paid .....$	7,381.19

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I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Mass Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Boston, Mass. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

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District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, 11 a. m.	16-17
Pearl and Eno, Eno, 8 p. m.	17
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Third Round

	August
Kitty Hawk, Nag's Head	16-17
Roanoke Island, Manteo	17-18
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	19
Dare, Stumpy Point	19
Hatteras, Buxton	21
Miyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Pantego and Beihaven, Pantego	28
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Parkton, Sandy Grove	16 17
Hay Street (night)	17
Lillington, Parker's Grove	23-24
Person Street, Calvary (night)	24
Siler City	31
	September
Siler City	1
Stedman, Cokesbury	6-7
Goldston, Fair Promise	13-14

NEW BERN DISRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Vandemere Circuit, Vandemere	17
Hookerton Circuit, Rain Bow	22
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle	23-24
Cartaret Circuit	30-31

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Biscoe, Marcus	16-17
West End (night)	17
West End, Quarterly Conferenme (A. M.)	21
St. Johns and Gibson, at Gibson	22
Caledonia, at Caledonia	23-24
Rasford	24-25
Red Springs	30-31
Montgomery, Flint Hill	31
Troy	September
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Zebulon, Middlesex	17-18
Benson, at Benson	23 24
Four Oaks, Corinth	24-25
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
	September
Epworth (at night)	7
Garner	6-7

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Wilmington, Fifth Avenue	23-24
Wilmington, Grace	23-24
Wilmington, Trinity	30-31
Wilmington, Bladen Street	30-31
	September
Clinton, Clinton	5
Kenansville, Kenansville	6-7
Faison-Warsaw, Warsaw	7-8
Southport, Trinity	13-14
Jacksonville-Rich, Richlands	21-22
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill	27-28
Wilmington Circuit, Wesley Memorial	28-29
	October
Burgaw, Burgaw	4-5
Tabor, Tabor	10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn	11-12
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
	November
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Mt. Pleeasant, Horne's	16-17
Wilson	17-18
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	22-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
	September
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Bethel, Asheville	17
Swannanoa, Bethel	23-24
Chestnut Street, a. m.	24
Black Mountain, p. m.	24
Spring Creek, Balm Grove	30-31
Antioch, Walnut Circuit	30
	September
Fairview, Sharon	6-7
Mt. Pleasant, night	7
Mars Hill, Beech Glen	13
Weaverville Circuit, 4 p. m.	13-14
Marshall, night	14
Sulphur Springs	20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m.	21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m.	21
Weaverville, night	21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
	October
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Chadwick, Moores, 11 a. m.	17
Belmont, night	17
Hickory Grove, 11 a. m.	24
Brevard Street, night	24
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m.	31
Dilworth, night	31
	September
Marshville, Wingate, 11 a. m.	6
Matthews, Matthews, 11 a. m.	7-8
Prospect, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	13
Monroe, Central, 11 a. m.	13
North Monroe, night	14
Lilesville, Lilesville, 11 a. m.	20
Ansonville, Concord, 11 a. m.	21
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m.	27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.	28
	October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	1
Morven, 11 a. m.	2
Wadesboro, night	2
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Pleasant Garden, Bethlehem, 2 p. m.	28
High Point, East End, 11 a. m.	31
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night	31
	September
Randleman, Naomi, 11 a. m.	7
Ramseur and Franklinville, Franklinville, night	7
Greensboro, Circuit, Zion	13-14
Greensboro, Centenary, 11 a. m.	14
West Greensboro, Jamestown	20-21
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m.	21
Coleridge Circuit, Concord	27-28
Deep River Circuit, Central Falls	28
	October
Randolph Circuit, Trinity	4-5
Asheboro, night	5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m.	19

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round

	August
McDowell Circuit, Nebo	30-31
Marion Mills, East Marion	30
	September
Old Fort Circuit, Bethlehem	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday Night	7-8
Table Rock Circuit, Arney's Chapel	12
Morganton Circuit, Bethel	13-14
Morganton Station, night	14-15
Cliffside Circuit, Cliffside, Saturday night	20-21
Henrietta and Caroleene Circuit, Caroleene, night	21
Forest City, at Forest City	27-28
Broad River Circuit, 3 p. m.	28-29

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Summerfield, Summerfield	16-17
Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain	23-24
Rural Hall, Macedonia	30-31
	September
Yadkinville, Center	5-7
Jonesville, Ebenezer	13-14
Elkin	12-14
Spray, 11 a. m.	21
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 4 p. m. and 11 a. m.	21
Leaksville, night	20-21
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	27-28
	October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Spencer, Central, 11 a. m.	17
First Church, night	17
Badin, 11 a. m.	24
First Street, night	24
China Grove, 11 a. m.	31
Park Avenue, night	31
	September
Cottonville	6-7
Norwood, night	7
Woodleaf, Cleveland	13-14
South Main, 11 a. m.	14
East Spencer, night	14
Gold Hill, Liberty	18
New London, Bethany	19
Salem	20
First Street, 11 a. m.	21
Albemarle Circuit, 3 p. m.	21
Albemarle, Central, night	21
Kannapolis Circuit	27-28
Kannapolis Station, night	28
	October
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m.	5
Kerr Street, night	5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Belwood, Fallston, 11 a. m.	16-17
Shelby, Central, 8:30 p. m.	17
Cherryville, Beulah, 11 a. m.	23-24
Crouse, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	24
South Fork, Plateau, 11 a. m.	30-31
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	31
	September
Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 a. m.	6-7
King's Mountain, El Bethel, 4 p. m.	7
Shelby Circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m.	13-14
Eighth Street, S. Gastonia, 8 p. m.	14
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m.	20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m.	20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
North Lenoir, Mt. Zion	16-17
Lenoir Circuit, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	16-17
South Lenoir-Whitnell, Whitnell, night	16-17
Lenoir First, Lenoir, night	18
Catawba, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Maiden, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	30-31
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 4 p. m.	30-31
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night	30-31
	September
Hickory Circuit, West Hickory, 11 a. m.	6-7
Hickory First, Hickory, 3 p. m.	6-7
Newton, Newton, night	6-7
Stony Point, Midway, 11 a. m.	13-14
Race Street, Marvin, 3 p. m.	13-14
Statesville Circuit, Chapel Hill, night	13-14
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night	20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m.	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
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Winston-Salem, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Lewisville circuit, Doubs	23-24
West End, 11 a. m. (Quarterly Conf., Oct. 8th) night	31
Walkertown, 3 p. m. and night	31
	September
Hanes-Clemmens, Hanes, night	3
Linwood circuit, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	4
New Hope Circuit, Center	6-7
S. Thomasville, night	12
Thomasville circuit, Fairgrove	13-14
West Davie, Zion, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	16
Davie circuit, Center, 11 a. m. 1 p. m.	17
Mocksville station, night	17
Cooleemee station, night	18
Farmington circuit, Farmington, 3 p. m., night	19
Advance Circuit, Cornatzer	20-21
Kernersville circuit, Sedge Garden, 4 p. m. and night	21
Denton circuit, Newsome	27-28
	October
Davidson circuit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circuit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

The Annual Conference meets in Greensboro this year on October 22, one month earlier than last year.

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

	August
Helton Circuit, Methodist Chapel	9-10
Jefferson Circuit, Orion	16-17
Creston Circuit, Creston	23-24
Sparta Circuit, Cox's Chapel	30-31
	September
Boone Circuit, Bonne	6-7
Elkland Circuit, Pineswamp	13-14
Laurel Springs Circuit, Mt. Zion	20-21
Avery Circuit	26-27
Elk Park Circuit, Montezuma	28-29
	October
Watauga Circuit	4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Webster-Cullowhee, Loves Chapel	17
Bryson-Whittier, Shoal Creek	17-18
Sylva	20
Bethel, Harmony Grove, p. m.	24
Canton, night	24
Haywood, Parkers Chapel	30-Sept. 1
	September
Waynesville Station	1
Murphy	6-7
Andrews	7-8
Clyde, Longs Chapel	10
Franklin Circuit, Clarks Chapel	13-14
Macon, Union	14-15
Franklin Station	14-15
Glenville	20-21
Highlands	21-22
Hayesville	27-28
Jonathan Creek, Hemphill, p. m.	28
Judson	27-28
	October
Ranger, Ranger	4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree	5-6
Robbinsville	7-8
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Fines Creek	18-19

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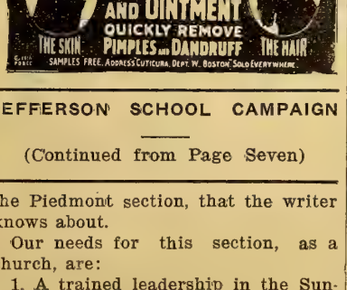
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Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increase of Capital during year, $.....; Total,		$ 789,661.15
Income—From Policyholders, $8,351.46; Miscellaneous, $2,172,353.80; Total		$2,190,705.26
Disbursements—to Policyholders, $1,000; Miscellaneous, $1,573,893.88; Total,		$1,574,893.88
ASSETS		
Premium notes on Policies in force (of which $..... is for last years' premiums),	$	25.50
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$	1,039,495.60
Cash in Company's Office	$	616.52
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$	3,752.99
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$	84,172.40
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$	3,794.01
Premiums unpaid	$	1,546.06
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$	277,409.52
Total		$1,415,812.60
Less Assets not admitted	$	22,419.38
Total Admitted Assets		$1,393.393.22
LIABILITIES		
Net Reserve, as computed	$	8,532.82
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc	$	203.07
Commissions due to Agents, etc.	$	1,295.00
Estimated Amount payable for Federal, State, and other Taxes	$	739.86
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	$	865,711.36
Total amount of all Liabilities, except Capital	$	876,302.11
Capital paid up in Cash $500,000.00 Unassigned funds (surplus) $ 17,091.11	$	517,091.11
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JEFFERSON SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

(Continued from Page Seven)

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Sincerely,
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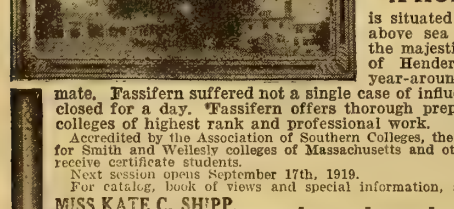
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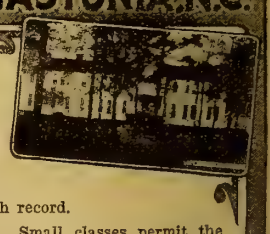
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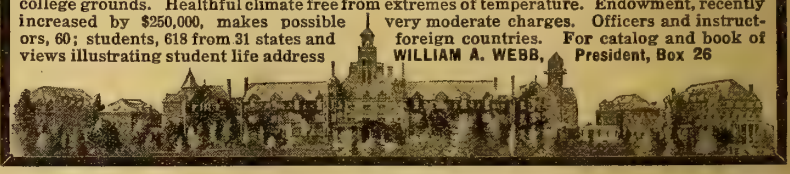
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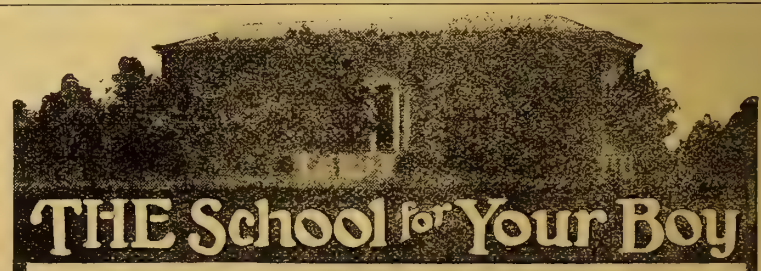
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WHOSE BOY?

LOST---a young man reared in a Methodist home by parents now heartbroken, who would give their all to have him back. While at home he was the idol of his mother's heart, the apple of his father's eye. He attended Sabbath school up to a certain age, when the school ceased to interest. The parents had failed to speak to him in heart-to-heart counsel—in fact, they themselves fell short of their religious obligations, and were ill prepared to call their son's attention to things of the Spirit. It was then he sought the great city. Today he is lost. The first Sabbath or two away from home found him in a great city Church, but he slipped out unobserved at the close. No one grasped his hand; no one gave him an invitation to return. He wandered out on the street with a feeling of loneliness. It has been reported that he was next approached by some young men of pleasing address who invited him to join them on their way to the park. Next day they were at a concert hall, next the saloon, all of which he yielded to because he was lonely, and his companions displayed such hearty interest in his comfort and pleasure he could hardly refuse. Though he continued to write home, his parents have finally discovered that their boy is lost. Letters are coming less frequently, and their beautiful and confiding tone is lacking. He enters no Church; the Young Men's Christian Association has not discovered him. He is lost—lost in a city of churches. Who will seek him? Who will go out after the lost? Who will locate him and endeavor to bring him back?—Western Christian Advocate.

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Editorial

THE NEGRO, UNIFICATION, RACE RIOTS

Here are a trio of themes either one of which suggests too large a problem for one editorial to suggest a solution; yet they are themes closely related in the interest of our Methodist people at this juncture. We do not hope to offer a solution of the problems involved, but we do feel an editorial responsibility for giving our readers a statement of the situation concerning them. To do this with judicial calmness in the midst of many irritating discussions concerning them is not easy, though it would be wise.

Why are we having race riots? We are not wise enough to know all about it, but others are kind enough to tell us. The following enumeration of the causes is given by the editor of the New York Christian Advocate:

> The fundamental cause is race prejudice, ancient and indestructible, and nowhere more active and pernicious than here and now. Recent events only emphasize the error of attributing this attitude of mind exclusively to the Southern States. (We are grateful for this concession.—Editor). Next is the burning sense of injustice perpetrated upon the Southern Negro by depriving him of his voting rights. We must also take into account the awakening influence of the war * * * * * Finally, there is the after-war propoganda * * * * Negro editors and orators have been telling their people that their hitherto recognized leaders in the colleges and churches are the tools of an exploiting capitalism.

These, then, are the causes of the race riots that have broken out in Washington and Chicago. To these given by the New York editor, Dr. William Fairfield Warren, of Boston, adds the "Jim Crow Car" regulations in certain sections of the country. After recounting the efforts that were made to get the government to abolish them, especially in the transportation of soldiers, when the government took over the railroads, Dr. Warren in Zion's Herald, issue of July 30, says: "The present outbreak of interracial war in Washington is one of the natural results of such neglects of golden opporunities to redeem past errors and wrongs." These may be taken as typical of the religious press of the North in stating the causes. We do not question that race prejudice, the war, and the after-war propaganda have all had something to do with these outbreaks; but, if the disfranchisement of the Negro in the South, the "Jim Crow" car regulations, and lychings of the Negro in the South (which ought to be added to the list above to make a typical), why did these riots break out in Washington and Chicago where these things are not supposed to be practiced? With respect to conditions in Washington, the editor of the Central Christian Advocate says:

> We are particularly disconcerted over the race war in Washington, and for a very great reason. The sociologists, when they want to name the city where in this country at least the relations between the two races are most satisfactory, point to Washington. **In Washington the races are nearest equal in number—there are something more than 100,000 Negroes, while the whites number not far from 250,000. In no other city in the world do the two races live side by side in such large numbers. Moreover, the Negroes there, all in all, are probably the most cultured and progressive of any large numbers of them in the world.** And again, in no section of the United States is there such provision for the Negroes in education and other matters. Only a few weeks ago this writer was driven to see one of the Negro schools in Washington. It was a marvel of architectural beauty, of completeness and an honor to any race. The races freely intermingle in public gatherings and on the street cars. It has seemed that here, in Washington at least, all friction between the two social groups had vanished.

Yet it was in Washington that the first race riot since the war broke out! We respectfully ask how that fact tallies with the theory that it is the uprising of an oppressed race against its oppressors? the same thing applies to Chicago. Of the Negroes in that city the Central Christian Advocate also says: "In Chicago, the Negro women who go out to wash, dress as if going to Marshall Field's to shop; and carry their washwoman's dress and shoes in a neat handbag. * * * They live in comfortable homes, sanitary, on good streets." The truth of the matter is that such charges of oppression as the religious press of the North is bringing against the white people of the South is doing more to fan the flames of race prejudice than any other one thing. It is a direct incentive to the Negro to flare up in utter abanddonment of self-control against the white race. And it is utterly unjust. The South has had to deal with the Negro as a race. It has dealt with him in Church and State as has seemed to it wisest and best for all concerned. It may have made mistakes, but does not take kindly to corrections from a people like the North who base their criticisms upon theory with no opportunity to learn the truth at first hand. Such dictation to the South of what it ought to do in the matter is a very fire in the bones of the Southern people. The colored migration to the North has in it at least the compensating fact that it will give the people of that section some experience at first hand with the race question, and we respectfully ask that they settle it at their own doors before they come South to tell us how.

But what is the remedy? Is there any? We of the South do not believe that there is any patented miracle-cure for this disease. It may be different with the theorist who sits in his comfortable study and works it out on paper. The editor of the New York Christian Advocate (we do not mean to class him as a theorist by quoting him here) says:

> It will not do to throw the whole blame of these outbreaks upon the vicious classes. The heaviest share belongs to the enlightened and moral classes who have been content to live their own pleasant and sheltered lives, neglectful of conditions that were ripening toward such a crisis. If men who profess to believe in freedom and pure democracy raise no protest when a race is systematically excluded from its legal rights, they are largely to blame if that race cherishes a sullen sense of injustice. If there is one standard of educational privilege for the boy with a dark skin and another for the boy with a fair face, a wrong is countenanced that will leave a smart. One race cannot monopolize hospital privileges without embittering the other * * * * So long as we love ourselves we do not fulfill the law of Christ and we cannot come off blameless when the victims of our neglect, indifference and injustice madly indulge in deeds of violence.

That is Dr. Joy's diagnosis of the source of responsibility, and his implied remedy is to take them to our hearts and love and serve them into peaceful relations. It is but just to add that he admits the North failed to do that in the case of the recent migrations of the Negro to that territory. Dr. Warren whom we have quoted would solve the whole problem apparently by having the railroad administrator with one sweep of the pen abolish "Jim Crow" cars, and we suppose he takes that as typical of all legal and social regulations concerning the Negro. The editor of the Central Christian Advocate is more specific and insistent in his remedy for the situation. We feel compelled to quote him at some length, in order to give his viewpoint, as follows:

> Looking at the race question therefore, with level eye, disillusioned by our studies and contact of any childish sentiment, we are convinced that American Methodism, north and south, must do two things: **First, it must give ample room for race consciousness, race soliddarity, race mutuality, race initiative, race self-help, race self-respect, race autonomy.** The Negro race must help itself. It must grow from its own roots. It must climb and expand from within. The history of the last forty years in this country proves that in the most emphatic, if not bitter, lessons.

With this attitude toward the race question we have no quarrel. We have heretofore contended that the Negro race cannot be coddled by any other race into the realization of its possibilities, whatever those possibilities may be. It must indeed "grow from its own roots." It must be given to understand that its progress depends upon its own efforts, upon its own initiative and upon the use of its own resources. It must begin where it is and show by its own efforts its capabilities. Following this line of development, the way will open before it as fast and as far as the race shows itself worthy and capable. But the editor of the Central is not willing to stop at this point. He proceeds:

> **But there must also be a provision made for actual, real, vital brotherhood, for a partnership that is basic, deeper than sentimental rhetoric, deeper than patronizing condescensions, flattery.** It must be a real partnership, a real, visible, working brotherhood. And we are sure that there is today no need greater than this, if the color question is not to remain insoluble and irreconcilable, and pregnant with hurricanes.

He boils all this down finally to providing for race solidarity and for inter-racial solidarity. The latter term he seems to explain with reference to the scheme for unification of American Methodism as follows:

> **The Methodist Episcopal program provides also inter-racial soliddarity, one General Conference, one connectional episcopancy, one connectional series of benevolences, one inter-racial brotherhood of hand-in-hand labors for evangelization, one inter-racial compact which gives the colored races, whether in China, or India, or our own land. identification, membership in the one family, a mutuality broad as the brotherhood of man which is thus more than a figure of speech.**

We have quoted the Central at this length becaue he is dealing not only with the race question which concerns our readers as it concerns all American citizens, but also with the question of the unification of American Methodism. We call attention also to the fact that the black face letters in the quotations were printed in italics in the original. In this latter provision it seems to us that the Central misses the mark as completely as he hit it in the first. Racial solidarity, which is only another name for race consciousness and the maintenance of race distinctions, is quite desirable; but inter-racial solidarity, which seems to us either a contradiction of the other or else a very tenuous myth, could not fail to lead to the mixing of the races, though our editor calls this "nonsense." Besides, how can the unification of American Methodism effect inter-racial solidarity, granting there is such a thing? It all sounds very beautiful, as he has phrased it; but only 2,000,000 out of the 12,000,000 Negroes have any connection with Methodism in all of its branches. Of these 2,000,000 Methodist Negroes, only about 50,000 are affected by Methodist unification, as it is now being considered. The other 1,950,000 are already in independent churches of their own and are going to stay there. Reunited Methodism, therefore, if the present scheme could be put through, would only have its hands upon 50,000 of this race of 12,000,000—a pitiably small bunch through whom to talk of solving the race question. There is another fact which the editor of the Central seems to have overlooked. If the program of the Methodist Episcopal Church with reference to the Negro in the matter of unification should be adopted, it would create a half dozen race problems where it would heal one. The Methodist Church would have a problem with the white race on its hands that would produce endless confusion.

But perhaps the climax of all this type of writing in the religious press of the North comes from the editor of the Western Christian Advocate in its issue of August 6. We do not think that it needs any comment from us. We give it to our readers just as it stands:

> **NEGROES SHOULD HAVE ASPIRATIONS**
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> The frank and even brazen attitude of many white people toward colored folks has been openly expressed by Governor Bickett, of North Carolina. When answering a query as to whether twenty-five thousand Negroes might return from the North to his State, he said that North Carolina could not absorb them "if they have become **tainted** or intoxicated with dreams of social equality or political dominion." That wasn't quite so bad as this statement, in further reference to the blacks: "Social equality and political power in the South are **forever** impossible." Granted that Negroes are not now ready for political dominion, or even political power, what right has any citizen to say of other millions of citizens in a democracy that they will "forever" be shut out of equal opportunity? Few people have had the courage to be so brutally frank, but many order their lives on this basis of racial prejudice while shouting like hypocrites for liberty for all. The same unprincipled condition is present with regard to lynching; talk loudly against it in general, but condone each case in particular. This is the baleful system of exceptions becoming the rule of action. Until the better class of the South actually wants the Negroes to aspire to equality of political power because of thorough preparation for the same, there is not much use to talk of unification of the two great Methodisms. Our Methodist Episcopal Church does not equivocate on this question.
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> Why should one hesitate to share authority with a colored man if he is educated, refined, honorable, talented, and self-controlled? Why shouldn't the black men of the South ultimately control certain sections where they have a preponderating majority? They may not be ready today, but when their people are on a higher level of education and morality they must be granted their rights or else we stultify our democracy.
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> It is plain that every school teacher, preacher, and social worker who with books, papers, and speeches aims to raise the standard among colored people is surely working toward an ultimate political equality to be granted, either gradually or by revolution.

We feel like apologizing to our readers for the length of this editorial, but we feel that it is due our people, under the existing proposition to bring the two great bodies of Episcopal Methodism together, that they should know the sentiment that is finding reflection in the press of the other Church. On the race question we believe that the quotations in this editorial fairly reflect that sentiment.

THE POWER OF INTERCESSION

The principle of prayer is inherent in the very constitution of man. He prays even when he is not reverent. He may blaspheme God, yet he calls upon Him. He may deny there is a God, and yet he calls upon Him in the hour of peril or suffering. We pray in some sense whether we will or not—it comes spontaneously from the heart. And our praying is a revelation of our character. We may pray for the things we ought not, just as readily as we may do or say the things we ought not. It takes color from the desires and aspirations of our hearts, and the right sort of praying is just about as rare as the right sort of living.

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Religion has ever been closely associated with prayer, and the men who have lifted the religious life of the world have been of the right sort of pray-life. Whatever else they may have, or whatever else they may lack, if their lives are to count in the promotion of the kingdom of God, they must be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of prayer. Enoch and Noah were men of prayer; and while the tide of the world's life in their day, as it has been in every age since, was running in the wrong direction, Enoch was translated that he should not see death. Even in the midst of the confusion of the times, he had the testimony that he pleased God—just as any man may have it irrespective of the circumstances of life in which he may be placed. Noah did not prevent the coming of the flood, but he did save his own household, which is more than

many are doing today. If every man would save his own household, the world would be in much better condition.

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An instance which shows the tremendous power of intercession is that of Abraham pleading for the cities of the plain. What the population of those cities were we do not know. There is probably no record as to that. But we do know that they were exceedingly wicked. They doubtless thought themselves great cities. They contained great wealth. Many of the people lived in splendid homes. They feasted upon the best that the world had to offer to eat. They visited the small settlements upon the mountains with patronizinng airs. Even Lot had been drawn into the current, and had probably built a fine mansion on a corner lot. The Bible does not say so, but he acted like that class. But the wickedness of those cities rose as a stench in the nostrils of God. There was a mountaineer who lived in a tent up on the hills. He was not a poor man, but he possessed his wealth instead of his wealth possessing him. He kept in touch with God, and the very Ruler of the universe had respect to him. The cities of the plain deserved destruction, but God would not destroy them without first letting Abraham know about it. He had a nephew in one of those cities! What a wonderful thing that was! Our readers know how Abraham interceded for those cities, and doubtless Lot was uppermost in his mind all the time. The world has never quite known why Abraham stopped his intercession when he got the promise that the cities would be spared if ten righteous men were there. Perhaps that was the number of Lot's family, including children and grandchildren; and maybe Abraham hoped that Lot had at least kept his family straight. In any case the intercessions of one gray-haired old patriarch who knew how to talk with God was holding back the fiery wrath of the divine indignation. Who knows how often this thing has been repeated during the ages since? Not everything that is done gets into the written histories of the world.

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Daniel was a man of prayer. Three times a day he opened the windows of his palace home in a strange land that looked out toward Jerusalem and prayed. Not a word that he uttered in one of those prayers is put in the record. What he prayed for was not nearly so important as the fact that he prayed—prayed with his heart open to God, prayed as the Spirit led him in his utterances. And who can measure the effects of those prayers on the life of Babylon—and the world? We know those prayers could stop the mouths of the furious lions which quickly tore in pieces the enemies of Daniel when they had to take his place in their den. How many lions' mouths have been stopped by prayer—lions of the type in which Satan personifies himself—will never be known in this world. Such prayers have often changed the current of the world's history—have had more to do with it than the sword and the bayonet.

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We have not space to trace the list. Jesus of Nazareth was, of course, the supreme example of prayer. It was no infrequent thing for Him to spend the whole night in prayer. It seems to have been His custom to do this in the crucial times of His public ministry. And He taught His disciples that the power of prayer was simply unlimited. "Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This, of course, was conditioned upon their abiding in Christ and His words abiding in them. Our will must not be the perverse will of selfish men, if we are to have them granted in answer to prayer, but it must be the will of devout men who are absolutely surrendered to God. It was this in the first century that made the gospel such a power to inject itself into the lives of men, and become the controlling factor in their thought and conduct and plans and purposes. A few men without wealth, without political power or patronage, without social influence and (with the exception of Paul) largely without the training of the schools, took this wondrous message to the world. It was a world that was dominated by passion and appetite and sin in every conceivable form. It was a world whose spirit and life were in direct conflict with the principles and teachings of the gospel, and yet the latter somehow won its way in the most marvelous fashion and actually transformed the habits and lives of men. Prayer was the great dynamic force in all this work.

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It is this that the Church needs today. We talk about the confusion and chaos of the times. We are deluged with description of conditions that never before existed and warned that the Church must face about and adapt herself to these new conditions. We must meet the ideas of returning soldiers and hedge against this influence and against that cross current that is cutting its way through our social life. Multitudinous are the snggestions that the worldly wise in the Church and out of it are giving those who are charged with the safety of the ark. But the fundamental thing that is more important than all of these is this spirit and life of prayer. If the Church will simply keep in touch with Christ, enthrone Him in its life and hold on tenaciously to the truth which He has revealed to men, the ark is safe. Some men who will not heed these things will be wrecked. Such men have existed in every age; we have no promise that they will not always exist. But the truth will go on making its conquests, and Christ will continue to save those who put their trust in Him; but if we fail here, there is no hope left for any one.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

A Day of Fasting and Prayer has been set for August 29. It is earnestly urged that this day be observed throughout the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. It is a call for our people to get seriously upon their knees and supplicate a throne of grace. Why should this be an unusual thing? the time was when such days were frequently observed. It is still in the Discipline that Friday before every Quarterly Conference be a day of fasting and prayer, but it has become a dead letter—a case where the law has survived the practice. But assuredly the necessity for prayer has not passed away. It was never more necessary than in these times of confusion. Men's minds cannot grapple successfully with the difficult situations that now face the world in either Church or State, and yet we fear there has never been a time when the Church was leaning more heavily upon the wisdom of the world pure and simple to find a solution for its problems. The Church has never come out of any struggle like the present according to any human program. We must depend less upon these and more upon the divine guidance. Fasting and prayer as a mere formal matter will not amount to anything. God does not care for a mere formal service, and such a service does not grip the heart and life of the one who renders it. But, if the Church will actually take upon its heart the burden of a lost world, and become so absorbed in the desire for its salvation as to forget even for a day the desire for food, there will come into its life a mighty saving power. Shall not August 29th be such a day? Is the heart of the Church really burning with desire to rescue the perishing? We cannot pray until that point is reached, and the formal observance of days will be disappointing in results. Let the Church gird herself for a mighty undertaking.

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The Centenary Bulletin of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) suspended with its issue for July 24. It was established to aid the Church in preparing the membership for the "Big Drive," and in putting over that tremendous task. In its last issue it says: "It has fulfilled its mission, and it now closes its career." It was a very vital factor in the accomplishment of that great task, for it did its work well. In its last issue it announces that their Centenary offering in cash and subscriptions amounted to $112,740,455. They started for a goal of $80,000,000. In our Church we started for a goal of $35,000,000, and many of us thought it was a perfectly wild undertaking; but we have rounded out the campaign at about $54,000,000. The two Episcopal Methodisms have thus laid on the altar $167,000,000 for her missionary enterprises within the next five years.

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The Question of Universal Military Training that is now pending before Congress has in it the most insidious danger of any question that is now waiting for decision by our lawmakers. It is true that only a short period of compulsory training is proposed, but that period is enough to fire the heart of young men with the military idea. It is an easy thing to argue the "disturbed conditions" that exist in the world, and the surface thinker may fail to see that these conditions have been brought about by just this military idea that will be fostered by military training. True we have not been at it, but Germany has; and there is the source of the conditions complained of. But it will be insisted that we are not proposing anything like the military system of Germany. Not in extent now to be sure, but the proposal involves the idea, and the idea will grow as surely as it is planted and nurtured. To establish the principle of military training at this time would be nothing short of tragic, and in absolute contradiction to the announced purpose for which we have sent our sons across the seas. The program mapped out will stultify us in the eyes of the world and make our whole course for the last two years ridiculous. Let us have none of it.

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Shall Our Young Life Be Protected? Social customs today are anything but re-assuring. There are in them perhaps the greatest perils to the life of our people, and this is all the more to be deplored because social influences reach the farthest into the conduct of men and women. "Everybody does it" is the argument that has stifled the conscience of many a young life to their eternal undoing. There is no logic, of course, in the argument. There is in it no mitigation of the evil that it seeks to cover. The conduct thus defended hurts the moral life none the less; and yet it sweeps many a life on into the whirlpool of immorality. Our thoughts were started on this line by a letter from an anxious father who was not writing for publication, but who threw his soul into words like these: "Pardon me, but I want to ask you what you think of the moving picture show of today? How do you campare the modern dance with the modern way of bathing almost naked, and what is covered is in tights—God save our girls!" The father who thus wrote went on to say that he had two daughters, and he wanted some restraint somewhere to save them from the perils of these customs. He was doubtless not alone in his anxiety about these things, but the multitudes are rushing on at reckless speed into the whirlpool of this sensuousness. We need to set ourselves like a flint to obey the command of Moses: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."

CONTRIBUTIONS

SHORT STUDIES ON GREAT SUBJECTS

By Rev. T. Fulton Glenn, D. D.

The Parable of the Mote and the Beam

The spirit of uncharitable judging has been the curse of human society in every age, and in every clime. This ugly vice is as widespread and universal as the human race. Some pious (?) people deem it their special mission to bring to light the faults and foibles of their neighbors. How forcible the metaphor used by our Lord in His Sermon on the Mount: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" This criticism is something more than a mere fragment, it has a vital and logical connection with the sublime theme of the sermon. He seeks to impress upon the minds of His disciples the superiority of His righteousness to that of the Scribes and Pharisees. These lordly churchmen assumed airs of superiority—looked loftily and proudly down upon their fellowmen; went about plucking at the tiny motes in the eyes of others, while huge beams were jutting from their own eye brows. This was the vilest and most contemptible type of hypocrisy.

We are incapable of judging our fellowmen, because we are governed largely by our prejudices in forming our judgments. The painters have thrown into the face of Judas, who betrayed his Master with a kiss, cupidity, rapacity, and meanness enough for a whole generation of Jews. The following story is in point: It is told by the celebrated J. F. Brady, whose brilliant oratory added so much lustre to the legal profession. When Know-Nothingism was so rampant in the United States, a man named Baker was killed by a man by the name of Poole. The feeling against Poole in the public mind was furious. He was defended by Lawyer Brady. After three trials the case was moved to Newburg. The judge and sheriff, the counsel and prisoner all went up to Fishkill by rail. As they passed to the boat on their way to Newburg the judge, the Hon. Charles A. Peabody, happened to take the arm of the sheriff. Some one in the crowd recogniizng the sheriff, pointed him out to the multitude who concluded that of course the man at his side was the criminal. All around the exclamation was heard, "Don't you see his cursed, blood-thirsty face?" They fancied they saw all the lineaments of a brutal murderer in the calm, bland, noble face of his honor, Judge Peabody.

"Give judicial measure and you will receive judicial measure. Give fraternal measure and you will receive fraternal." Jesus uses this proverbial maxim as a vital principle in the divine government. What He condemns is the unlovely spirit out of which these harsh judgments spring. This censorious disposition violates the beautiful law of love. We are allowed to judge a tree by its fruits. We are not to obliterate in our minds all distinctions between right and wrong, between merit and demerit, virtue and vice. This is not the meaning of the Great Teacher. He who would assume the office of censor on his fellowmen should not be guilty of tolerating and excusing worse faults in himself. He who would reprove others should first take himself severely to task. The doctrine taught by Jesus is that we should never judge a fellow mortal until compelled by love and duty. Then we are not to judge by appearance, but judge righteous judgment. He who would rebuke effectually needs double unction of Christian love and sympathy. If you would rebuke deeds of darkness, you must bring them to the light, and not to a darkness only less dense than their own.

We are told that when Miss Florence Nightingale went among the sick soldiers of the Crimean hospitals there was no need for her to rebuke them for profane language or obscene jests. Many of them folded their hands as if in prayer while this angel of mercy passed by their bunks. Let a pure, good woman, whose face is lit up with Christian love, and whose lips have been touched with a live coal from the heavenly altar, speak to a poor sinful mortal about his spiritual interest, and he will feel that she has a right to rebuke. And she will not be deemed a hypocrite for her pains. Let your own eye be single and pure, and then your appeals to sinners may be instrumental under God, in leading them to the Cross. God is judge. Let us not usurp the prerogative of the Almighty. It is worthy of note that Jesus uses the word "brother" three several times in the parable of the mote and the beam. He would have us come down from the judicial seats we have so proudly usurped and seek with loving hearts and kindly words to rescue our fellowmen from impending ruin. How sublime such a mission! How Christlike! Our Lord, however, in the next paragraph warns us not to prostitute holy things—we should discriminate character. "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine." Do not bring the Christian religion into contempt by forcing it upon those who are unwilling to accept it.

A PERNICIOUS PROPAGANDA

By G. B. Winton, D. D.

During the Centenary Celebration at Columbus I had charge of the building which housed the Latin-American and European exhibits. In the Latin-American section we had nearly a hundred workers representing the nine countries which took part. These people, from all parts of Spanish and Portuguese America, both natives and missionaries, were an interesting and wide-awake group. I found them alert to all sorts of international questions. They had opinions on the Monroe doctrine, the League of Nations, the controversy with Colombia, the meaning of the war, and so on. But the very livest of all subjects for them and the one on which their opinion was of the hair-trigger variety, was the question of armed intervention in Mexico. The careless and matter-of-fact way in which this thing is advocated in some American papers fairly rendered them frantic.

The reason is not far to seek. An unexampled era of good will toward the United States is on in all Latin America. Those countries at last look on ours as their friend. As a result, missionary work is prospering beyond anything we have ever known. The doors are wide open.

But—and here the opinion of my co-workers was unanimous, and agrees with what I have long held—if we go to war with Mexico (and intervention means war) not mere policing, as some would make out—every solitary one of those countries will take Mexico's side. The era of good feeling will depart, never to return. Our missionary enterprise will go into permanent eclipse. In view of this situation, is it not high time that the churches of our country were making their voices heard in Washington to offset the insidious, never-ceasing, cunning, well-paid and well-organized propaganda in favor of armed intervention?

There are plenty of reasons why we should not think of fighting Mexico, and really none why we should. The greatest of all is because we are a Christian nation and through our great President have committed ourselves to the cause of international justice. It was bad enough for the Kaiser, even with his ideals and standards, to violate little Belgium. For us to make an unprovoked attack on a weaker neighbor would be so contradictory an act that all our national standards would be nullified by it.

But it would not be unprovoked, some one will interpose. Certainly it would. Not a single thing has Mexico done, not a single thing will she do, to bring us down upon her. It is the one thing which she fears. Outrages by bandits are no cause for war. Controversies over oil wells are not a cause for war. Even if Mexico were in chaos, officious intervention from the outside would be resented and resisted by her people.

But Mexico is not in a state of chaos. On this point a lot of lying has been done, and it is still going on. It is widely asserted, for example, that even now the Carranza government controls only a third of Mexican territory. As a matter of fact it controls it all. There are bandits in various places where the rough nature of the ground aids them. There are a few rebellious Indians in the State of Sonora and a few others in Oaxaca—both of them remote and mountainous states. Altogether it amounts to about what Sitting Bull's rebellion did on our Western frontier. Neither Villa nor Felix Diaz has any longer an organized army, much less an organized government. They do not *control* anything. Manuel Pelaez, in the oil region, with the help of money paid by the oil operators and guns smuggled by sea from New Orleans and the coast of Texas, still manages to evade the Carranza soldiers. But he is proving a bad investment for the oil operators, and President Wilson has determined to stop this smuggling business. It has sprung up since the tension of war relaxed. Any man who now says that rebels control two-thirds of Mexican territory, is either a liar or an ignoramus, probably both.

And the man who says intervention would be welcomed by the Mexicans, or will awe them into immediate submission, is a plain donkey. I went to Mexico in 1916, just after the Pershing incident. Every one of my friends there had volunteered for service in the army. They greeted me with the same friendship as of old. "We do not want to fight," they said. "Especially do we not want to fight you. But if your country invades ours, we will fight." And they will, every man of them, and many women. They are intense patriots and have the Latin sense of pride. The French are their intellectual and spiritual guides. The Germans fancied that the French could not and would not offer serious resistance. The world knows now. Let us beware lest at some rugged Verdun South of the Rio Grande the embattled manhood of Mexico say of us "They shall not pass!" When we go to Mexico let it be with Bibles and schools as our arms, with brotherly good will and for friendly co-operation. Those who thus go will be made welcome. I can testify, for I have been there. But all this unchristian talk of war I hate from my heart, and I have made up my mind to strike this viper wherever it appears.

Nashville, Tenn.

AN ALTAR IN THE HOME

By Elmer T. Clark.

I wandered one day through the cell nouses of the largest state prison in America, a bastile in which nearly three thousand human beings were caged like the beasts of the jungle and denied the freedom of God's great out-of-doors. I was interested in their faces, in the occupations to which they had been assigned, in the stories they told, in the records of the crimes they had committed. But the one thing which attracted and held my interest more than any other was the very thing which I least expected to find in a prison: Nearly all of these felons had hung upon the wall of their cages a gaudy, betinseled, and multi-colored card bearing, in gay letters, some familiar quotation from the Bible.

Here was one which read: "God so loved the world." Another said: "Peace on earth, good-will to men." Still another carried the legend: "The Lord is my Shepherd." There were practically no exceptions to the rule; in every cell one of these cards kept its holy message always before the unfortunate wretch who occupied the place. Some mission worker had offered the cards, and the poor, caged criminals had eagerly received them.

It occurred to me that if these scripture cards had been hanging on the walls of the homes from which these men came, they would not then have been behind the bars. Criminals do not come from Christian homes, but from homes wherein the religious atmosphere does not prevail. And if we had some method of making Christian homes we would at once eliminate most of the crime from the world. So give us more scripture cards upon the wall. More great family Bibles on the center tables, more of everything in the home which remind the people of God.

It is a most unfortunate thing that the "Family Altar" has all but disappeared. There was once a time when parents gathered the children before the old hearth in the evening, and the day was closed with devotions. Then there was a real home life, then there was piety in the home, an evangelistic fervor in the Church, moral authority on the part of the parents, and a deep respect on the part of the children. And most of us believe there was a causal connection between the altar in the home and this situation.

At any rate, the decline in the practice of fam-

ily prayer has been accompanied by a corresponding decline in the quality of our home life. Indeed, home life is almost a memory among a large part of our population. When piety leaves the home, spiritual power leaves the Church. Now both parental authority and filial respect are on the decrease. We need to do something to revitalize the home life of the people.

If there were an altar in the home our difficulties along this line would soon end. For in those homes where families daily gather in prayer to God, where the old family Bible is not covered with dust accumulated through long disuse, where scripture mottoes hang upon the wall and influence the lives of the children—to such homes there is life and vitality. Criminals do not breed in such an environment.

A DAY FOR PRAYER AND FASTING

By O. E. Goddard

The Centenary Commission and the Home Department of the Board of Missions have agreed upon Friday August 29, as a day of fasting and prayer for a great church-wide revival. The additions on profession of faith to our church have not been what we should expect. Though we succeed in raising great sums of money, though we put over mighty programs, though we do many wonderful things, and do not bring trembling sinners home to God, our work is a failure. The Methodist Churnh was born in a revival. It was the distinctively revival Church in its incipiency. It made revivals respected. It gained thousands of recruits by fervent revivals. To be true to our history we must now be the most distinctively revival church on the continent. To fulfill our unfulfilled mission we must be a revival Church. The time for revival campaigns for adult conversions has not passed. There are perhaps fifty millions of unsaved adult people on the American continent at this hour. More than four millions of these, if they are ever reached, will likely be reached in a Methodist revival. The Spirit of God is moving upon our Church to put on an aggressive revival campaign. On Friday, August 29, let every Southern Methodist go down upon his or her knees in humble supplication for the greatest revival in our history. The Minute Men of the Centenary will call attention to this for some Sundays before the date. Wherever practicable, let the congregation assemble for a sunrise prayer meeting. Suggestive Scripture lessons will be given later. Where it is impracticable for the congregation to assemble in the church, let it be done by families. Instead of assembling at the table for breakfast, let the family assemble at the table and read God's word, and all the family who will, join in this prayer for a great revival. The old custom of fasting on Friday before quarterly conference is almost obsolete, certainly obsolescent, but once more let all our people have a day of fasting and prayer. Some reasons for fasting will appear in later articles corncerning this very matter.

Fix the date on the calendar now, August 29.

NORTH CAROLINA'S YOUNG WOMANHOOD

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A European visitor, looking over the sandhills of New England, asked his American friend standing near, "What do you raise in this country?" The reply was, "We raise great men."

Such has been the recognition of North Carolina's numerous staples that she has been called the "Sample State." It is claimed that all varieties of minerals, vegetables and animals found in the United States are found in North Carolina.

From the long-leaf pine to the balsam we can breathe the varied climate like unto that from Southern Texas to Northern Maine.

Though spiced with this variety of staples, yet such homogeneousness characterizes our yeomanry, that Dr. Charles W. Eliot, while addressing an audience at a North Carolina College for Women, said that he had never seen a more typical Caucasian congregation.

A prominent educator of this state in a recent address said that he asked a body of teachers to write the names of several citizens in our country most noted for valuable service. In the answers given by the women, he stated, every person named was a man; and he added not a single man had the gallantry to mention a single woman.

If the greatness of a people and the glory of national life are to be found in the character of its woman hood, can we read Carlyle's Heroes and Hero-Worship without some protest?

In searching for the philosophy of history he discovers that "Universal history is at bottom the history of great men who have worked here." It is remarkable that this Scotchman, Carlyle, failed to get a glimpse of the discovery made by the Frenchman, Lamartine, who gallantly said: "There is a woman at the beginning of all great things."

Thus we find a Jochebed closely connected with the beginning of Hebrew nationalism; an Ursula Cotta closely associated with the Reformation; an Isabella united with the beginning of the New-World discovery, a Sophia Cook originating the Robert Raikes Sunday School Movement; a Susannah Wesley forever linked with the origin of Methodism.

The supreme need to be recognized is that our youth should be established in the truth. Then the details of conduct should be regulated by the law of supply and demand.

We have just passed through an extraordinary period in humanity's history. While large numbers of our young men and others were called to serve on the battle-fields for the cause of righteousness, our women rendered unusual service equally important at the base of supplies. Such demands for woman's service, occasioned by war, should not uniformly prevail in time of peace.

A thoughtful North Carolina woman has said that one of the best by-products of the war is the discovery of woman to herself; that government is home-making on a large scale; that no conflict exists between home and the larger interests affecting home; that, accordingly, ignorance of great questions or indifference to world problems will not make a woman a better home-builder.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that whatever weakens the home weakens the very foundation of national life.

Closely connected with the work of womanhood engaged in homebuilding, is womanhood's work in teaching.

Before the recent war, about eighty per cent of the teachers in our secondary schools were women. There is a still larger proportion now represented in this field of service.

That was rather a gloomy picture of our national rural school conditions recently portrayed by Dr. Edgar W. Knight when he stated that fully twelve million country children now receive in one-teacher schools "practically all the educational advantages which they ever get. These schools are taught in the main by teachers of little, if any, professional training; and thousands of them have completed only the seventh and eighth grades!"

When we are told that eighty per cent of the population of North Carolina is rural, we realize that a momentous responsibility rests upon North Carolina's Young Womanhood in this fertile field, white unto the harvest.

A prominent educator said: "The life of the teacher in peace is perhaps more directly that of the patriot than that of any other profession."

North Carolina is spending money for what it wants, and provision should be made to employ teachers given wholly to the pursuit of truth and free from the worry of making a living.

The ten thousand school houses and fourteen thousand school teachers in North Carolina are exponents of indispensable power that we can ill afford to sacrifice.

Another great field engaging a large proportion of womanhood's service in teaching is the Sunday school. It is claimed that about ninety per cent of the Sunday school teachers in our country are women. Sixty-seven thousand officers and teachers working in over eight thousand five hundred (8535) Sunday schools in North Carolina represent a mighty force in the kingdom of righteousness.

When we realize that the most potent agency for recruiting the Church Militant is the Sunday school we realize again the grave responsibility with which our young womanhood is entrusted in this vast field of work.

Standardizing more thoroughly Sunday school courses of study, establishing Sunday school teacher training in college curricula, conference field secretaries working in co-operation with our General Sunday School Board, Training School for Leaders and our Wesley Bible Class Federation, are all evidences of the growing importance of this institution calling for skilled workers in the Master's Vineyard.

The average woman, as the average man, should not become so exclusively absorbed in any regular life-work as to let ignorance of public questions or indifference to public problems hinder a better all round service in such chosen vocation.

Among the actual needs for reform, is a better balanced program of work and recreation. Where there is a tendency to become fun-mad, the application of Goethe's philosophy would be beneficial: "Rest is a change of work."

Where the tendency is to become drudgery-mad, the old maxim slightly paraphrased would be: "All work and no play makes Jane a dull girl."

According to statistics, there are more women from the country in the insane asylums than any other class of people. Such condition is caused by the monotony of rural domestic life.

The co-operation of a well-balanced intelligent womanhood should be welcomed in stemming the tide against vicious amusements ensnaring the underworked classes; and in promoting elevating recreations for the over-worked masses.

Dr. George R. Stuart has well said: "The two great pillars upon which womanhood is founded are modesty and purity. Remove either one and the structure topples." Our women should proclaim the declaration of independence over every influence compromising womanly modesty, and should wage relentless war on every enemy of womanly purity. They should also require the same high and pure standard of morals for men that is required of women. A perverted human society has ever made such distinction; Christ never did.

We need to train a young womanhood that is capable of thinking straight through a proposition to a fair truthful conclusion.

Happy is the youth who has the vision of true ideas; happier still the youth who has become imbued with ideas energized into worthy motives to noble ends. The product of true education is the ever progressive, noble selfhood, empowered with inner strength for outer service. Such education should make vital Horace Mann's motto that no position is ignoble where duty calls; that the spirit carried into the work elevates or degrades it.

The agency needed to promote such standard of scholarship, character and conduct is the college possessing the atmosphere and equipment for such work. The very mission of the Church seeking the highest interest of the entire man, is consistent with the noblest policy of educational idealism, including among its text books the Magna Charta of national liberty, the Bible teaching of origin, duty and destiny. Mr. Gladstone said: "We talk about the questions of the hour. There is but one question—how to bring the truths of God's word into vital contact with the mind and heart of all classes of people." Here is the solution of our complex social problems. Wealth owned and controlled by the unscrupulous; poverty crying for life's necessities; ignorance associated with prejudice, vice and passion; intemperance ignoring law and defying both God and man—all combine to form the social explosives that imperil the weal of Church and State. Such evils must be overcome by the power of truth, wisely applied through the two-fold agency of education and evangelism.

The supreme need of religious or Christian education is more and more recognized. Whatever the agencies advocated, whether standardizing Sunday schools or whether other means are used, the fact still remains that greater responsibility is incumbent on the Church to furnish leaders and teachers adequately equipped for such work. The Church school is necessary to train leaders for the prime work of evangelism at home and abroad. Since the age limit of conversion is being reduced with each decade, it is a significant fact that the trend of evangelistic work is more and more concerned with younger life, involving the evangelizing and nurturing agencies of the home and Sunday school the Missionary Movement to evangelize the world challenges the admiration of Christendom. No less important is Christian education, the conserving power, securing the base of supplies for this divinely commissioned conquest of the world.

(Concluded Next Week)

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. J. E. Holden assisted Rev. W. C. Merritt in revival services on the Ridgeway circuit last week.

—Rev. Dr. Plato Durham of Emory University, preached the dedicatory sermon at Bessemer City on Sunday, August 10th.

—Evangelist B. F. McLendon, of Bennettsville, S. C., is holding a meeting in Wadesboro. He began on Sunday, Aug. 10th, and will continue four weeks.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Barker, of the Harrellsville circuit, have been visiting relatives in Asheville recently. Brother Barker is among old friends in the Asheville section.

—Rev. E. R. Leyburn, for the past eighteen years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Durham, has resigned the pastorate to accept work in Georgia. He will be pastor of the First Church at Rome, Ga., after October 1.

—Rev. F. F. Eure, of Ayden, has a special talk on The Making of Men the need of the Hour, which he would like to give wherever the way may be opened for him. He will be glad to correspond with any one interested, and will be glad to fix dates.

—On Sunday, October 26th, the one hundred fifty-third anniversary of the historic Old John Street Church, New York City, will be celebrated. The New York Christian Advocate announces that our own Bishop Candler will preach both morning and evening, and also the following day at 1 o'clock.

—Our congregation at Burkhead church, Winston-Salem, has recently spent $1,500 remodeling the parsonage. Brother Hiatt, the pastor says this gives them one of the best parsonages in the district. Brother Hiatt also reports ninety-one added to the church this year through personal evangelistic efforts.

—In an editorial note the Arkansas Methodist is authority for the following statement: "The Northern Methodists of Oklahoma, who were once associated with us in the management of Epworth University and who withdrew and organized a university at Guthrie, Oklahoma, have now abandoned that institution and will open a college this fall at Oklahoma City."

—Many friends deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner, of this city, on account of the death of their son, Meredith Turner, which occurred in Knoxville, Tenn., last week as the result of injuries in an automobile accident. The remains were brought to Greensboro where the funeral was conducted on Wednesday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Dr. E. L. Bain.

—Many friends will learn with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Matilda Moore Gilmer, widow of the late Samuel L. Gilmer, Sr., of Mount Airy, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Kennett, in this city on Friday, August 8th. Mrs. Gilmer had spent nearly all her life in Mount Airy, where she was reared and was universally esteemed. She was a life long member of the Methodist Church.

—We have before us a copy of the Catalogue of Brevard Institute for 1919-1920. This school will open September 4th. The catalogue has many attractive features and is pleasing to the eye of one who enjoys artistic printing. It bears the imprint of the Advocate Press, Greensboro, N. C. If the reader would like to see a copy it may be had by writing the Principal, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard, N. C.

—Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of Race Street Church, Statesville, was a welcome caller at the Advocate office a few days ago. Brother Williams was in the city looking for a carpet for his church which has recently undergone repairs and which is now almost equivalent to a new house of worship. They are preparing for a great re-opening service at an early date. Brother Williams is finishing a full quadrennium of very successful work.

—Rev. T. Kugimia, who is pleasantly remembered among us as a former student at Trinity College and for many years a faithful missionary to his people in Japan, was a visitor in the city last week and made the Advocate office a pleasant call. He visited the Centenary Exposition at Columbus and is visiting his old friends at different points before returning to his native land to resume his work. He preached a splendid sermon at West Market Street Church on Sunday night.

—Rev. J. H. Barnhardt and family are visiting relatives in Cabarrus county this week for a few days. While away, they will attend a family reunion at the old homestead, near Mt. Pleasant, where children and grandchildren will gather to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnhardt, who have long been identified with our Church and are now reaching the ripe age of more than four score years. Brother Barnhardt will return to Greensboro in time for his engagement the latter part of the week.

—Rev. John M. Price writes suggesting that in planning a church-wide revival a great praise meeting be held at some central point, perhaps Washington City. He says, "A universal Methodist revival followed by a pentecostal praise service will do more to check Bolshevism and settle all racial, industrial and political troubles than armed force. If we go at it with the determination manifest in the Centenary missionary movement it will be a success. The Day of Pentecost was planned in advance."

—Assistant Professor William H. Hall of the Department of Engineering in Trinity College has recently returned from France, where he has been for twelve months in the service of the Young Men's Christian Association in a business capacity. Professor Hall returns with the highest commendation of Mr. Alexander McNeer, Divisional Secretary, as to the most excellent record made while in the service. Many of our readers will be interested to learn that Prof. Hall is a son of Rev. John H. Hall, of the North Carolina Conference.

—Mr. M. F. Jones, for many years a citizen of Greensboro and a member of Spring Garden Street Methodist church, passed away at his home on Spring Garden street early last Sunday morning. Brother Jones had been in declining health for several months but his death came as a great shock to his friends here and elsewhere. He was the father of Rev. W. C. Jones, of the Western North Carolina Conference and had long been an official member of the church. He was a man of superb character and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The Advocate joins in expressions of sympathy for the bereaved family.

CORNER-STONE LAYING AT SPRING GARDEN STREET

The corner-stone of the new Spring Garden Street Methodist church will be laid with appropriate exercises at 11 o'clock on Sunday, August 24th. Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, the presiding elder, will have charge of the service. All former pastors invited to be present. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

SHELBY DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

All the pastors, the local church Centenary treasurers, and the church lay leaders are urged to attend one of the following group meetings: Main Street church, Gastonia, Thursday, August 21st, at 10 a. m.; Methodist church, Lincolnton, Thursday, August 21st, at 3 p. m.; Central church, Shelby, Friday, August 22nd, at 10 a. m. These meetings are for the purpose of conferring together about the conservation plans of the Centenary.

R. M. Courtney,
Conference Missionary Sec'y.

BETHLEHEM CAMPMEETING

The annual camp meeting at Bethlehem will be held this year beginning August 24, at 11 a. m. and continuing through Friday night the 29th. There will be held three leading services each day, at 11 a. m., 2 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Rev. Jim Green, of Lincolnton, one of the evangelists of the Western North Carolina Conference, has been engaged to conduct the services. He will be assisted by local brethren. Prof. E. C. Hamilton, of Greensboro, has been engaged to lead the singing as usual. Rev. C. F. Sherrill, the pastor, will be in charge. The public is invited to attend the services.

J. H. Barnhardt.

WEAVER HALL

We confidently expect our subscription list for Weaver Hall, water and lights, at Rutherford College, to pass the $35,000 goal by our Annual Conference. Considering that this is a memorial to Dr. James H. Weaver, considering what Rutherford College has done and proposes to do, it seems to me that every charge should be adequately represented in this list. I purpose to publish a list in September up to that time, and a complete list in October. I intend to bring to a close in October my work for this memorial. This work has been to me a labor of love and joy.

J. R. Walker.
Rutherford College, August 16, 1919.

CENTENARY GROUP MEETINGS

Rev. A. D. Wilcox, Missionary Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, will meet with pastors and local centenary treasurers at the following places in the Elizabeth City District on the dates named:

Elizabeth City, 4 p m., Sept. 5.

Center Hill, in connection with Quarterly Conference, Sept. 6.

Roper, 10 a. m., Sept. 8.

At these meetings full instructions will be given as to the collection of subscriptions to the centenary fund, and it is very important that pastors and local treasurers attend. Let each one attend the meetings most convenient for him to reach.

R. H. Willis,
Presiding Elder.

NORWOOD

We closed a very successful series of meetings in our Norwood congregation on Wednesday night, July 29th. The meeting continued ten days. Many delinquent members were revived, eight or ten conversions, and about the same number of names given for membership. Rev. C. C. Totherrow did all the preaching after the first Sunday of the meeting. Brother Totherow is an enthusiastic, earnest preacher and he did us good work. He fully believes in thoroughness against pretentions and shams. We have a fine loyal set of men and women, constant in their religious life, who do not rely upon special meetings to keep them in touch with God and active in His service. J. A. Bowles.

THE SHELBY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The twenty-ninth session of the Shelby District Conference was held with the Fallston Church, Belwood charge on July 28-30. The opening sermon was preached on Monday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. N. C. Williams, of the Shelby Circuit. On Monday afternoon the conference was properly organized, with Rev. John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, in the chair and the election of J. F. Harrelson as secretary and H. R. Thompson, assistant secretary.

There was a goodly number of pastors and laymen in attendance for the session of the first day. Each pastoral charge was represented by the pastor or laymen or lay women. Two pastors were absent, Rev. J. F. Moser, who is still in a hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and Rev. A. Burgess who was detained in a meeting.

The usual committees were announced by their chair and they at once began the work and were able to make their reports earlier than at any session for the past several years.

Each pastoral charge reported its work and condition at the Monday afternoon session, besides other business interests that were attended to. This is a record breaker for dispatch of work at any session of the conference and due to the way in which Brother Kirk handles matters, not only well but with dispatch.

The reports of the pastors of the district were encouraging in all lines of pastoral activity and showed that they have had the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord uppermost in their minds.

Miss Grace Bradley, Field Secretary of the Epworth League, Rev. John H. Green, from the Statesville District, Prof. J. R. Walker, of Rutherford College Prof. F. S. Aldridge, of Trinity Park School, and Prof. J. B. Craven, President of Davenport College, Rev. R. M. Courtney, Missionary Secretary, and Rev. J. P. Rodgers, Representative Superannuate Endowment Fund, were the visitors and very effectively represented their various schools and interests.

Embree Simpson Bradley, of Gastonia, and son of Rev. F. W. Brawley, was licensed to preach.

Rev. W. M. Jordan, a local deacon from the M. E. Church was received and his credentials recognized. The characters of all the local elders and deacons were passed and the license of all the local preachers renewed.

The Conference voted to raise $350 for fianancial assistance in Rutherford College, of T. W. Hager, a local preacher and also to raise a voluntary subscription for the family of Rev. C. R. Canipe, who died in Columbus, Ohio, and for Rev. J. F. Moser, who is still in the hospital in Columbus.

Mt. Holly, Belmont and Kings Mountain were hearty bidders for the 1920 session of the conference. Mt. Holly won out by a large majority and we meet there next year.

A feature of the conference that we have not heretofore had was the presence of a number of women delegates, in fact, every woman who was a delegate was in attendance from the first session until the close and were members of a greater part of the committees and thirty-seven per cent of the delegates to the Annual Conference were women.

A committee on license and admissions who shall serve until Annual Conference was appointed by the chair as follows: A. L. Stanford W. T. Albright. E. P. Stabler, C. M. Short, and J. E. Thompson.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: G. C. Andrews, Mrs. C. H. Hoey, Mrs. J. F. Kirk, C. S. Lee, D. E. Grigg, L. C. Palmer, H. T. Fulton, and Mrs. Emma Duncan. Alternates: R. K. Davenport, Marshall Dilling, Geo. A. Hoyle, J. D. Lineberger and B. C. Hicks.

The Conference also voted to proceed with the building of the district parsonage and let the committee build and furnish the parsonage to the best of their judgement.

The most friendly discussion of the conference came when a resolution was offered that we use the King James version of the Bible instead of the American revision. After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution was lost.

J. L. Beal, of Gastonia, was elected Lay Leader of the District.

Fallston, the host to the conference is a country village twelve miles

north of Shelby and located in the midst of one of the best farming sections of Cleveland county and among a very sturdy and progressive people. This little town was founded by the late John Z. Falls, and whose last work of masonry was the building of the nice little brick church in which the conference met. There are three mercantile establishments, marble yard, cotton gin, lumber and saw mill and a number of neat, comfortable homes. The widley known and well-established mercantile business of Stamey Brothers was the first to begin business at Fallston. The other two stores are E. H. Lutz & Co. and W. A. Gantt. All the denominati ns did themselves proud in entertaining the conference and in a way that proved surely their abundant hospitality. There are three churches in the town Baptist, Methodist Protestant and our own. Brother Brown, our pastor of Belwood charge and host of the conference is in fine favor with his people and serves them well. He was a very busy fellow during all the sessions and took great care to see that each delegate was properly cared for.

Preaching of the conference was very ably done by Revs. N. C. Williams, J. A. Sharpe, A. L. Stanford and Jim Green.

All the sessions were well attended and each expression heard was to the effect that this was the most pleasant and smooth running session that the district has had.

Brother Kirk, besides being a man of fine business judgment and good preacher certainly knows how to move along with a district conference. He is universally liked by the people of the district and his coming to any charge for the quarterly conference occasions is looked for with more than ordinary interest.

The closing of the conference was made more out of the ordinary than usual by the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

J. Frank Harrelson,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolved: That the Shelby District Conference is uncompromisingly opposed to our Church literature, including the Nashville Christian Advocate and the Sunday school literature, carrying Coca-Cola advertising, and that we earnestly request the appropriate boards to have this discontinued. (Signed)

Jas. W. Kennedy, C. M. Short, H. H. Thompson, W. L. Tucker, A. L. Stanford, W. L. C. Killian, W. T. Albright, H. C. Byrum.

GREAT REVIVAL ON CURRITUCK CIRCUIT

On Sunday, July 27, we closed a blessed revival in old Ebenezer church on Narrow Shore, North Carolina, the birthplace of the writer, and the church where he was converted in boyhood. He had not been back for twenty-nine years to the community. Many of the old people of his boyh od days had passed away, and the younger ones had grown to mature years, but not out of memory. It was a pleasure never to be forgotten t meet with so many friends and recall the days of yore.

Great crowds thronged the church twice each day to hear the message in song and sermon. Rev. S. P. Franklin, of Kentucky, and his splendid wife, with Mrs. Adams, the wife of the writer, conducted the music. Brother Franklin won the hearts of all his hearers with his beautiful messages in song. He is also a great cornetist as well as a great singer. Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Adams charmed their audiences with their skillful playing of gospel music on piano and organ.

Scores and hundreds were at the altar of prayer seeking to be reclaimed or saved, forty and fifty at a time. Many, if not all, professed to get through and touched God, and quite a number joined the church. Ffty or more promised to erect their family altars. The whole community was greatly moved to higher religious ground.

The pastor, Bro. M. W. Dargan, stood by us and helped to push the battle and lead his people on to a victorious life in Jesus. He is a faithful man of God and stands by the old fashioned doctrines of Methodism and the Bible. It was a pleasure to work with him. We was fraternal in every way, and is in splendid favor with his people.

At the unanimous request of the pastor and his official board, as well as the unanimous vote of the people, the writer has consented to return next summer for a union meeting of all the churches on Currituck circuit to be held in a large tabernacle to be erected at a central point for the special meeting. We are anticipat ng a wonderful revival.

May God bless the people of old Currituck. We shall never forget their love and kindness. They are pressing on to higher ground.

E. T. Adams,
Evangelist.

PERSON CIRCUIT

I suspect no pastor in North Carolina Methodism has a more splendid charge to serve than this pastor, who is now in the closing up f his third year. Refined, cultured, well-to-do, and, above all, a spiritually minded people, we are able to do things effectively for our Lord and Master.

We have just closed three truly great revival meetings on the charge, resulting powerfully in quickening the Church together with many conversions and accessions. At Concord, the pastor was ably assisted by Rev. O. W. Dowd of Roxboro. He is a most excellent expounder of the Word. It is the regret of every one that his term of years in town expires at Conference next, and that he will be assigned a pastorate elsewhere.

The Person charge is in good condition throughout, and the pastor, as usual, is happy at his task. Very many kindnesses have been shown us by this appreciative and generous hearted people during our sojourn here. The charge is located in perhaps the most prosperous section of the great county of Person, and the membership share their prosperity liberally in generously supporting the Church and looking becomingly after the comfort of their pastor.

We are spending something more than $3,000 in overhauling Concord and in placing a durable cement and rock wall around the church cemetery. At Oak Grove we are about ready to begin the erection of a modern and conveniently arranged new church building. We already have secured $4,000 in subscriptions toward possibly a $6,000 plant. Our people there are greatly interested in the proposition and likely the work will begin at a very early date.

May great success come to the Advocate under the present arrangement.

Fraternally,
J. A. Dailey.

AVERY CIRCUIT

We are making some progress, I believe. We have a real good people up here. They are coming right along with the collections.

We have had two Children's Days and one Educational Day. The Children did real well in their programs. All they need is encouragement, and I am sure they will make men and women who will stand by the Church when it falls into their hands. We are cleaning the cemeteries up at our churches, and having memorial services. We have had three of the services. They are something new in the charge, but the people are much delighted in helping carry them out. We have placed our Church paper in a number of new homes. The people say they find it to be a real help.

L. C. Delp, P. C.

WOODLEAF CIRCUIT

Our meeting at South River began the first Sunday in August, and closed Sunday night of the second Sunday. Rev. E. O. Cole, of Mocksville Station, preached every sermon but one, and in thirty-one years of revival work I do not think I have labored with a better all 'round worker than brother Cole. His sermons are well thought out and delivered with power. There were twelve bright young people received into the Church, and some others who ought to join. We begin a meeting at Woodleaf the third Sunday in August, to be assisted by Rev. N. R. Richardson, of Cooleemee. We begin at Gay's Chapel the fifth Sunday in August; others to be held later. The brethren at Gay's Chapel are putting in the new seats in the new church recently finished at a cost of about $3,000. Four of our Sunday schools have lined up with the Centenary; we have enough work for two or three men from this till we meet in Greensboro. Brethren, pray for me.

E. J. Poe.

ROBERDEL CIRCUIT

We have had a great week at old Green Lake Church, on the Roberdel circuit. During the past year we have been busy remodeling this old church, which is a landmark of Methodism in Richmond county, having been built in 1855. We completed this work at a cost of 1,200, at counting work, which was practically done by the members themselves. We completed this the latter part of July and on Sunday, Aug. 3rd., was our "Home Coming Day," Invitations were sent out to former pastors and members of the church for this event, and they came from all parts of this state, with many from S. C. and Ga.

We considered ourselves most fortunate in having with us Dr. E. C. Branson, dean of the Department of Rural Economics, at the University of N. C. He brought us a great message, using as his subject, "Wealth, Welfare and Willingness." He put great stress upon the country church and Sunday school, which he claimed was of a greater importance. "The Church cannot function on the highest level on a once-a-month plan. The time must come when the minister must live among and be a shepherd of his flock. The absentee minister is the country church's greatest drawback and problem today. At the close of Dr. Branson's address dinner was served on the grounds which was (as all country dinners are) greatly enjoyed.

The revival services began that afternoon by the pastor and continued through the week, closing Sunday night, the 10th. During this period we had fourteen reclaimed and conversions, five of whom were baptized and took the vows of the Church, for all of which we give the praise unto God.

E. L. Hill.

JENKINS MEMORIAL

The Orphanage Pastor Writes of His Reception There

We filled the pulpit at Jenkins Memorial yesterday, our second appointment since coming here to take the place of brother Robinson, who was forced, on account of failing health, to give up his work. I cannot express my feelings, neither the workings of my mind since our morning service yesterday. I am satisfied that I have all the while needed just such an experience. It was communion Sunday. Brother Barnes and his faithful assistants with the orphans were with us in full focre, and oh, what a communion service it was. The children came forward with the reverence of those of mature years, and with a humility peculiar to children who have the best training partook of the elements. My heart rejoiced as never before. Bless their hearts, the Church has embraced them, folded them to its bosom, not for charity's sake in the sense that the world uses that term, but for the Kingdom's sake. And to know that I am here to contribute my part as pastor of the Church to this great cause, it rejoices my heart and I cry mightily unto God for strength that I fail not. I wish that every Methodist could see the work being done at the Orphanage. If they only would make it a point to "come and see" there would be such a pouring out of wealth that not a single orphan in all the Church would grow up without a chance.

The people have received us graciously indeed and we are happy, looking forward to a great and successful work. There is no appointment in our Conference so important as this and it is entitled to the very best in the way of care and attention. These boys and girls are going out from the Orphanage to establish homes and take their part in the world's life. The beauty of the work and its permanency lies in the fact that, the Church takes them in childhood and does not relinquish its hold upon them until they are able to go out and play their part.

L. B. Pattishall,
Pastor Jenkins Memorial Church, Raleigh, N. C.

THE NEW CHURCH STARTS UP IN LINCOLNTON

In the early spring the Lincolnton congregation voted to expend $50,000 on their proposed new church exclusive of the lot which had already been bought and paid for at a cost of $9.000. In May the subscriptions were taken and most generously did our people subscribe. A large number of the subscriptions ran from $1,500 to $2,500 each, and those not able to give large amounts did their share.

The building committee had already decided upon the style of the building before the subscriptions were made, so the architect was at once instructed to execute the plans and specifications. These plans have just been received and the arrangements for beginning work will be rushed, for the committee hopes to get the building under roof before the winter weather sets in. The brick, both common and face, are on the ground, and much other material has been secured.

I have already intimated the generos'ty of this congregation. When it is considered that the salary was advanced to $2,000, the Centenary quota pledged, and the $50.000 church financed, those who know will admit that Lincolnto has taken the record for this Conference in generous giving.

D. M. Litaker.

THAT DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Let no church and individual forget that day, Friday, August 29. Every church is urged to observe it in its own way. Have the services at such hour as will best serve the interests in your community. One of the best hours will be sunrise for town and city churches. Rural churches might have it at 11 o'clock in the morning. On circuits the live pastor will have appointed leaders for all the classes which he cannot reach. Life in city or in country should not be so strenuous that we cannot pause for this day of prayer and fasting. Southern Methodism is facing the largest, the most important and the most critical undertaking in her history. Our Church is worldly, money-loving, pleasure-loving. To revive such a church and make it what a New Testament Church should be is more important than any other campaign ever launched in our history. If we do not have vital godliness in the church we might as well have no Church. Can Methodism be revived? Can we have such a turning to the Lord as has not been seen in our day? Let every soul which yearns for a genuine, heven-sent revival spend this day in prayer and fasting.

O. E. Goddard.

Woman' Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

WORKER AND SHIRKER

"Come on!" cried the brook, as it hurried along.
"There's ever so much that waits to be done;
There are meadows to water, and mill wheels to turn,
And more things to work as the farther I run!"

"You can go if you choose," said the pond; " for me,
I will stay where I am; I hate effort and strife;
I've no fancy for work—no, indeed, not a bit!
I shall lie here in comfort the rest of my life."

"Well, good-bye!" said the brook, and was off and away.
To play with the children and freshen the earth;
It dimpled and rippled and sang at its work,
And brightened the land with its toil and its mirth.

But the pond lay there idle, and slept at its ease,
And thought itself clever, until, one fine day.
The farmer espied it, all stagnant and green.
And alas for its comfort! he drained it away.

—Priscilla Leonard.

A PRAYER REMEMBRANCE BOOK

A Prayer Remembrance Book attractive in style and convenient in size is just ready for sale. It contains blank pages upon which to write the names and subjects that you desire to remember in your daily devotions. The book is intended as an aid to the promotion of the Fellowship of Intercession.

Urge your auxiliary members to supply themselves with A Prayer Remembrance Book. It is a good suggestion for a gift book.

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WHEREABOUTS OF SOME OF OUR CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President, who has been at Lake Junaluska for the past three weeks, passed through Asheville a few days ago en route to Richmond, Va., where she will be until the opening of the Greensboro College for Women where she is teacher of Bible. She goes to visit relatives and for rest after the strenuous days at Junaluska where she atended the Sunday School Conference.

Miss Amy B. Hackney, Conference Superintendent of Children's Work with her mother and sister, is spending several weeks at Andrews, N. C., for rest and pleasure. She says "tell the children I will be home in good time for their third quarter reports and am hoping that I will hear from every one of my Juniors when the reports are due."

ANOTHER SPLENDID MEETING AT THOMASVILLE

One of our active and interested members of the Woman's Missionary Society at Thomasville has written of a recent interesting meeting and in the Charlotte Observer of recent date we also find reference to this especial occasion the August meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of Main Street Church, Thomasville, which was held at the home of the president, Mrs. F. S. Lambeth, a few days ago.

The hour for the meeting was 7:30 p. m., and the place was the beautiful lawn where tables, chairs and flowers had been so arranged as to give a pleasing and effective setting. Rev. R. M. Courtney conducted the devotional service and after the short business session Mrs. Courtney gave a vivid description of "The Wayfarer" the wonderful pageant which was presented at the Missionary Centenary exposition at Columbus, Ohio, and which was one of the outstanding features of this great occasion. Mr. Courtney also talked on the exposition and his talk was greatly enjoyed.

After this spiritual and intellectual feast the members and guests were given a watermelon feast served by the hostess, assisted by her husband, sons and daughter.

We are glad to have the foregoing account of that pleasant meeting and we wish others of our societies would write us of the splendid meetings they enjoy from time to time. One of the duties of the superintendent of Study and Publicity is, as we understand it, to send items of interesting missionary news to the secular and Church papers, and we hope to hear from some of our superintendents right away. We are sure there are a number of interesting programs given in the various auxiliaries that would prove an inspiration to other auxiliaries if they only knew about them and the column of the Advocate is a splendid medium through which to give this information. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

TWO PICTURES SHOWING RESULTS OF MEDICAL MISSIONS IN CHINA

China less than one hundred years ago, with one-fourth of all the people in the world.

1. Without a physician, foreign or native, who had ever seen a medical college, or had medical training of any description.
2. Without a surgical instrument of any description other than needles.
3. Without an anaesthetic of any description.
4. Without a single dispensary or hospital.
5. Without a trained nurse.
6. Without a medical school or class of any grade.
7 Without any knowledge of scientific or research work.
8. Without any knowledge of quarantine or how to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
9. Without a Red Cross of any nationality.

You, who realize what the science of medicine and surgery has done and is doing to relieve sickness and suffering in the world, will agree that it was a dark, dark picture which was constantly kept on the canvass by one-fourth of the people in the world. The blind, the lame, the suffering, with no one to heal, makes the picture too dark to look upon long at a time. So let us turn away from it and see the picture of today.

1. Medical missionaries and trained nurses from America and Europe, native physicians and nurses, educated in America, Europe and China, healing the bodies of men and women in every section of this great country, and showing forth the benevolent side of our Christian religion.
2. Hospitals and dispensaries in many of the sections.
3. Scientific and research work being done in every important center.
4. Medical teaching in well-equipped colleges.
5. Qurantine being enforced to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
6. A well-organized national Red Cross.

For years this advanced medical work was confined to the medical missionary, but, thank God, the Chinese Government has caught the vision of what this work means, and it has caused her to arouse herself and shake off the dust of the ages as nothing else has done, and today we find the government hospital and dispensaries in every important center working along western lines. We find her trying to keep up with the advance in the science of medicine. As an example, after the fearful scourge of pulmonary plague a few years ago we see the ruler of this sleeping nation arise, shake off the dust, and assemble in Mukden leading scientists from all the nations of the world to find the cause, prevention and cure of this fearful malady. Leading scientists of the world assembled in China on the invitation of the ruler of this old country. Wonderful! Wonderful!

But more wonderful than the assembling of scientists in this old country is the fact that today in the government medical college in Peking there is a dissecting room in which the bodies of Chinese furnished by the government are being dissected. Wonderful! wonderful!! wonderful!!! The nation which holds sacred the bodies of her dead as does no other nation in the world, allowing them to be dissected to advance medical teaching!

This wonderful change has been wrought by the work of medical missions.

N. C. CONFERENCE

SOCIAL EVANGELISM

A Church held a great meeting.
It won many; many it did not win.
It did an unheard-of thing: it investigated why.
The gospel was the power unto salvation they said;
Yet that power had failed to reach many.
It had been powerfully preached and winsomely sung;
Evidently something was needed besides preaching.
They had talked with and prayed for many in vain;
Evidently something besides personal work was needed.
They found that few men past thirty-five had been won.
They concluded the man must be saved while a boy in the Sunday school;
But they found few boys past fifteen in the Sunday school.
And they found many boys in the town.
They found another town getting them with the Boy Scouts.
And another with the Junior Y. M. C. A.,
And another with organized baseball.
And others in other ways that the boys liked.
And they said, "We will get them too," and they did.
All it needed was a man and a plan.
So they added a social service to their evangelism.

—From "Social Evangelism," a pamphlet by Alva W. Taylor, Commission on the Church and Social Service, Federal Council of Churches, 105 East Twenty-Second Street.

EVERY QUESTION SOCIAL

Mazzini long ago wrote: "Every political question is becoming a social question, and every social question is rapidly becoming a religious question." In this connection we think of what Bishop Berkeley wrote: "To be a good patriot a man must consider his countrymen as God's creatures." The binding force in all stable communities is a genuine, if variously interpreted, religious life. Where this is lacking sheer autocracy or a rampant type of Socialism prevails. When men refer all their experiences to God for appraisement, review, and correction, when they think of one another as set in divine relations, civilization gets on because manhood gets on. Then "progress" progresses, and its shibboleths become transmuted into rigid principles and regenerating social motives.——Zion's Herald.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Saturday, August the 2nd, just as the golden rays of the rising sun was gilding the fleecy clouds of morning, God in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy, called the soul of our beloved sister, Mrs. W. A. Cade, wife of our bereaved pastor, to meet Him "face to face" in that "Home" beyond the sky, therefore be it resolved:

First. That not only the study class of the Woman's Missionary Society has lost a valued and efficient member, but the Church, likewise, and each department thereof.

Second. That, while we deeply deplore her loss, and will sadly miss her bright and helpful presence in our study class, yet we bow in humble submission to the Father's will knowing that "He doeth all things well."

Third. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the sorely grieved husband and little children, too young to realize their great loss.

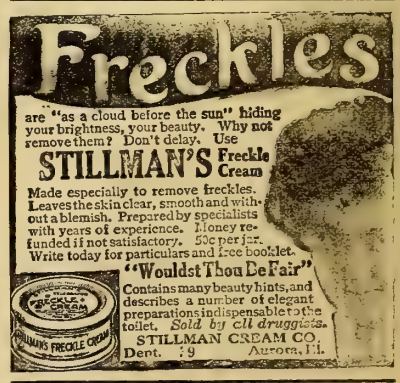
Fourth. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing family to the Advocate and Evening Telegram for publication, and spread upon our minutes.

Mrs. R. H. Moore,
Mrs. O. B. Harris,
Mrs. G. J. Mills.

FROM BURLINGTON

West Burlington Missionary Society of Front Street M. E. Church was organized a little over two years ago and now has only 17 members. All are working people, so we hold our meetings at night. At our regular meeting last night we had with us Miss Lena Isley from our orphanage at Raleigh, who gave a recitation and also talked to us about the orphanage work. She and her sister, Lydia, went to the orphanage from our community and we feel like they belong to us. We are very proud of them and the excellent training the orphanage gives them. Each year our little society sends a box to the orphanage and we are already getting things in shape for a Thanksgiving box. Our women are all interested in missions and are glad to give their little savings, hoping it may be as acceptable as the "widow's mite." Mrs. A. J. Whittemore is our president and we are planning a little surprise party for her birthday next week.

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

The first annual session of the Wesley Bible Class Federation of the Western North Carolina Conference held at Lake Junaluska August 7-9, was a great success. The most excellent program rendered proved a fitting climax to a host of other satisfactory accomplishments.

One hundred and fifty delegates from Wesley classes attended the Federation. These, with some four or five hundred other visitors from throughout the south, furnished an audience that seemed to draw from the fine list of speakers their very best efforts.

But for the threatened railway strike a much larger delegation from our constantly growing number of live Wesley classes would have been in attendance. But as it was there were as many visitors at the "Lake" as could conveniently be accommodated. First Church, Lexington, with twelve delegates, furnished the largest delegation from any single congregation. Charlotte led all centers with a delegation of twenty-five live boosters of the organized Wesley Bible class.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. M. Holland, Gastonia; first vice president, J. Milton Todd, Charlotte; second vice president, Mrs. Lloyd Ranson, Charlotte; secretary, L. L. Gobbel, Lexington; treasurer, J. E. Smith, Reidsville. These officers will constitute an executive committee, one of whose duties will be the selection of a place of meeting for the next year.

Associated with the executive committee will be the district Wesley Bible Class superintendents. Those selected are as follows: C. F. Bland, Hendersonville; Mrs. M. H. Stewart, Charlotte; A. T. Weatherly, Reidsville; T. A. Holton, Marion; J. W. Badgett, Mount Airy; A. S. Morgan, Salisbury; A. M. West, Hickory; E. J. Roberson, Waynesville; J. F. Spruill, Lexington. This splendid body of workers will advise with the executive committee in furthering the good work outlined for live Wesley classes.

Independentism.

There is much agitation going on these days tending to disregard denominational lines. There are some so foolish as to advocate the combination of all denominations into one body as unwieldy as it may become.

There are those too, who would organize all Bible classes into a given organization regardless of denominational programs and activities. Independentism is urged upon these classes until in many instances Bible classes become wholly or partly independent of the church and Sunday school of which they are a part.

Wesley Bible classes will never sever connection with the great church that John Wesley founded. There is a tie that holds them.

"ALWAYS FAITHFUL"

"Dear Mr. Woosley:

"Find enclosed twenty-five cents in stamps for which please see that "Always Faithful Adult Wesley Bible Class" of Wesley Chapel, Farmington circuit, is enrolled at the proper place with certificate attending.

"We are a class well organized and though we are small in number, we hope to live well up to our name. We have ten members and have all the officers and committees required.

"Hoping to get a certificate soon, I am,

"Very truly,
"Mary McMahan."

TEACHER TRAINING WORK

Teacher training credits are reported from Nashville as follows:

"The Pupil." one unit. Prof. C. H. Trowbridge and Amanda Stutts, Brevard.

"Learning and teaching," two units. A. C. Sherrill, Mildred Sherrill, Annie Cooke, Newton.

"Life in the Making," last half, one unit. Hazel Webster, Mrs. Mabel Michael, Roy Webster, Greensboro. Two Units, M. B. Andrews, Greensboro.

"The Pupil," one unit. Mrs. O. P. Ader, Elizabeth Tiddy, Asheville.



Mr. J. M. Holland, Gastonia, who was recently elected president of the Western North Carolina Wesley Bible Class Federation.

WESLEY PHILATHEAS, TRYON STREET, CHARLOTTE

The Wesley Philathea class of Tryon Street M. E. Church was organized about 7 years ago as the Philathea class and recently added the Wesley to its name. During the seven years we have had three teachers, namely: Miss Ella Dowd, Mrs. E. N. Clemence and Mrs. A. V. Bennett. We owe much to these teachers for their Christian teaching and prayers.

We have lost our teacher, Mrs. Bennett, by moving from the city. We miss her so much. Our girls are trying to follow her as she follows Christ. No one has done more for the class than she. Though past 70 years she is as young as we in her ways..

Our class has paid the tuitions of mountain girls for over five years. $78.30 per year. Two of these girls graduated and are now teaching. This year we adopted a French orphan, paying $36. We have heard from him and enjoyed the letter so much. We pay $3 per month, or $36 per year, on the salary of our city missionary of the Methodist Church of the city.

Our membership committee has gotten six new members. Our relief and sick committee has made many visits to the sick in hospital and carried flowers. Our visits range in number from 10 to 25 per month. We make our money by having the "Blessing Barrel," opening these twice a year. Our members all belong to the Church and are active in all church work. We have about 20 active members and about 15 associate members. We contribute $5 per year to Mr. Cram, the Church missionary.

We hope to accomplish many things for Christ in the next six months. Our motto is "Others," and we delight to do for others.

Mrs. Reid Patterson,
Retiring President.

UNCLE BILLIE AT THE TEACHERS MEETING

"Mebbe the Sunday school's done it's bit when it gets boys an' girls to jine the Church. But ain't the Church got a 'bit' to do for 'em after that?"

"If you've got no larger conception of God now than you had ten years ago, there's somethin' the matter with your spiritual diet or digestion."

"It's kind-a discouragin' to think ev'ry generation's got to be trained 'from the ground up,' 'cause the attainments of one generation ain't passed on to the next one by heredity."

"Christians is 'sposed to be Bible translators—they're to translate its words into deeds—an' if our Sunday schools ain't preparin' their scholars to do that we'd better change somethin'."

"Yes, sister Jenkins, some kinds of innocency *is* sweet; but the present *a*-dult generation's amazin' innocency of Bible knowledge ain't that sort. I do' know who's to blame for that; but I think you an' me'll be partly to blame if the next generation ain't an improvement on it."

"This yere Cent'nary business ought to've learnt us one thing, an' that is that the inspiration to do a big job follered the givin' of information 'bout the bigness an' neediness of the job. If we do the right kind of informin' 'bout missions in our Sunday schools the money'll come in all right afterwards."

FROM FIELD SECRETARY, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Dear Friends and Fellow Workers:

Your new Field Secretary enters upon his work with a mingled feeling of humility and pride. I am very humble when I think of this great task which confronts us in the field of religious education and immoderately proud when I begin to realize what great possibilities this work offers to everyone associated in the task.

I am beginning to realize that I have got a job and not a position. I am not going to try to visit every Sunday school in our Conference this year, nor even every charge. But if you have a Sunday school Conference or Institute in mind write me and if it can be arranged I will come.

The Training School at Lake Junaluska this year was a great success. If all of our pastors and superintendents could have attended that school our task would have been simplified to a great extent. We are all convinced that God expects His Church to build mightily for His Kingdom in this generation. In order to do that we must have leaders—trained, consecrated leaders. As I see it, this is the task of the Sunday school: To help in the building of His Kingdom by training boys and girls for leadership in the Church.

Before we can do much toward training boys and girls for leadership, we must have consecrated men and women who are willing to study the best methods of teaching and become themselves, teachers of training classes. Our immediate problem then, is to find men and women who will take a course in training for effective teaching of training classes. I wish every pastor and superintendent would get together and select one or more persons in each Church who would be willing to take this necessary course in training, and send the name and address to me.

We have a decided advantage in that Trinity College has been selected by the Department of Teacher-Training to be a Standard Training School. Trinity now offers the same course of study and the same cedits that formerly could be secured only from Nashville.

Please write me about your local Sunday school problems, and if I have any help to give, it is at your service.

J. T. Jerome,
Sunday School Field Secretary, North Carolina Conference, Durham, N. C.

$5000.00 FREE for Best Laying Hens

Now is the time to insure yourself an ample egg supply for the coming winter. Give your hens **"TWO for ONE,"** the tonic that makes them stronger, healthier and better laying hens. **Increase your egg supply and double your profits.** The price is small, the profits are large.

Don't wait. Begin now. Get your hens into condition so they will be laying **all winter** when your neighbor's hens have quit. **"TWO for ONE"** will be a greater profit-maker for you than you ever dreamed of. Order today and notice the immediate improvement in your flock.

Only $1.04 for trial box, or, $2.08 for large box containing as much as 3 trial boxes, which is enough for an entire season. This costs you 1/15 of a cent per day per hen, **or less than 1c per dozen for the additional eggs you will receive from your flock.**

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We will give 35 prizes each month to the owner of the flock of hens producing the most eggs in proportion to the size of their flock for the months ending September 30, October 31, November 30, December 31, 1919, January 31, February 29, 1920. Winners will be notified on the 15th of each month.

1st Prize	$250.00
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3rd "	75.00
4th "	50.00
5th "	25.00
10 next prizes, each	10.00
20 " "	5.00

3 Grand Prizes

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Our Orphanage Work

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Raleigh, N. C.

A. S. Barnes .....Superintendent
Mrs. Mattie Jenkins .....Matron

Among our many supporters is a long list of Methodist preachers. Right recently large checks from Reverends C. L. Reade and J. D. Bundy made our hearts very happy. Ever since I came to the Orphanage these two stronger leaders in our Conference have never failed us. Their experience must be rich in the consciousness of having shown such a tender, paternal spirit toward our two hundred and thirty-five fatherless children.

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During the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of seeing many of our friends who have called upon us. They are too numerous to mention them by name. Their visits have been a joy to us. All these good friends seemed well pleased with our place, and especially with the children. Every Methodist in the North Carolina Conference is cordially invited to visit us just whenever they have an opportunity It does our children good to look into the faces of those who love them so devotedly and who make so many sacrifices for them.

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At our annual meeting of Board of Trustees I recommended the erection of a great Industrial Building to meet an urgent need at our Orphanage. The Board of Trustees and all the leaders of our Conference are heartily in favor of this forward move. I hardly think this is the time for me to canvass the field in the interest of this undertaking. In view of that fact I am seeking some one with means who will furnish the necessary funds with which to put up the the building. I would like so much for it to be a memorial building that would perpetuate the memory of some one whose life on earth was a benediction and inspiration to all with whom they come in contact.

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About twenty of our children, who made the highest record in conduct and school, had the privilege of visiting friends, Sunday schools and missionary societies that are clothing and supporting them. All who have been thus honored speak in the highest terms of those who gave them such a grand time. So far there has not been seen any bad results from these visits. On the other hand, I believe the children have been made better because they have seen with their own eyes just how much they are loved by the people of our Churches. Am sorry that more could not visit their friends and kind supporters. Hope we can increase the number who will go next year.

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It is highly rgatifying to see more Sunday schools falling in line in reference to doing something for our Methodist Orphanage. I know of nothing that helps the schools more or promises greater things for the future of our Home than doing something for our children who are bereft of home and loved ones. Let me urge all other schools, which are not now doing anything, to begin giving us a monthly offering. We need the help and the schools will be the gainers by coming to our relief. May I urge other schools to remember our children, who are less fortunate than themselves. Below will be found a list of the schools who have recently begun sending us monthly collections: Carlton S. S., Magnolia Ct., Union S. S., Pasquotank Ct.

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Individual contributions for the maintenance fund would come in most acceptably just now when our receipts are so small. As our Orphanage work runs through the entire year our expenses go on the same in summer as they do the other seasons. Three meals must be provided each day and all other necessary expenses must be met regardless of the time of year. If our generous friends will bear these facts in mind, I am quite sure that every need will be cheerfully supplied. May I ask a large number of individuals to send me their personal checks or money orders by the last of August as we have a large amount to pay out the first of September. We are getting two car loads of coal every two weeks and this explains in some measure this appeal.

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The Boy Scout movement is an agency that is accomplishing marvels in the solution of the boy problem. Boys have a thousand springs to move them and not a single brake to stop them. An all-wise Being has decreed that it should be thus. To undertake to suppress or stifle this pent-up energy is suicidal to all that is good and noble in young life. The wise leaders of young life fully realize that this strong, wonderful life needs expression through sympathetic direction. As superintendent of our Orphanage I feel the tremendous responsibility that the Church has placed upon me. Day and night I am endeavoring to discharge this sacred obligation. If I could organize our boys into a Scout Troop I could be the Scout Master and get the very best results from this wise movement. Brother R. L. Brown, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, told me a few days ago that the Boy Scout Troop was proving a great blessing to that noble institution. Through Brother R. C. Craven, our pastor at Oxford, the Oxford Orphanage boys have been organized into a Troop. The different Masonic Lodges have furnished the Scout uniforms and the boys are happy and contented. I wish I had fifty schools that would agree to furnish the money with which to purchase these Scout suits and the necessary equipment. By so doing they would be rendering a much needed service to our Orphanage boys. What do our Sunday schools say to this suggestion? I believe that they will be more than glad to do this for our boys who have been denied the blessings and joys of home. Am I right in believing that the Sunday schools are back of me in this matter?

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I do not believe that there is any Orphanage in the state whose children are more neatly and becomingly dressed than those of the Methodist Orphanage. This is especially true of our girls. To see them all in one long line on their way to church is enough to thrill the heart of men and angels. Does the Orphanage furnish these dresses which are so attractive? No. There are scores of Missionary societies, aid societies, Sunday schools, organized classes and individuals who are making and sending them to us. Such tender love and kindly consideration upon the part of the dear friends is not only beautiful but most commendable. It seems a pity that those who are doing so much for our Orphan children cannot visit them oftener and witness for themselves how highly such devotion is appreciated by every one of the children. Often I lift my soul in silent prayer to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for a host of such sympathetic friends who have taken our children so close to their heart. By such tokens of love and deep interest these children are constantly reminded of mothers and fa-

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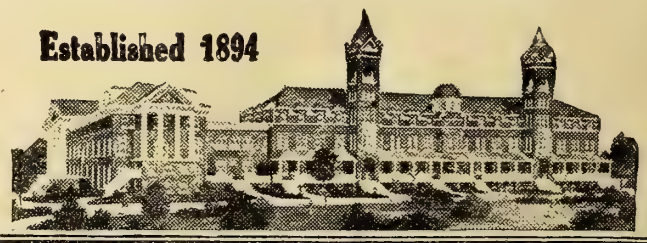
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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Improved Uniform Lesson for Sunday, Aug. 24th, 1919. Scripture Passages Isa. 58: 6-12; Jas. 2:14-16 Luke 10:25-37; Gal. 6:2.

(Exposition by the Editor.)

The general lesson topic for today very much needs definition. There are more varying shades of thought that go under the name of social teachings today than under any other general heading. The brotherhood of man which is usually taken as the basis for social obligations is likewise a very indefinite form of speech. It means one thing or another according to who is using it. There is, however, a very important sense in which the brotherhood of man is true and in which our social responsibilities are very real.

What Are Our Social Responsibilities?

This question cannot be answered in detail, and to indicate the general principles involved is not easy in the present confused state of the public mind. Of course, the great truth enunciated by Christ, and even formulated by Moses, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", is beyond the region of controversy. It is also clear that this principle in our heart must lead us to act toward our neighbor in such a way as will best promote his well-being. Our obligations to him all hang upon this principle. So far we are on solid ground. But when it comes to determining in any particular case what action this principle demands, we enter the realm of difficulties. It certainly does not mean that we should always do what our neighbor wishes us to do, for he may wish us to do what would in reality be most hurtful to him. The things that most gratify the will of the flesh are often most hostile to our highest good; and, when we so act towards our neighbor as to satisfy his selfish desires, we are running directly counter to his highest good. It is here that the interpretation of social responsibility runs upon the rocks. But we must adhere to our principle as God gives us to understand it.

What Is the Brotherhood of Man?

In attempting to answer this question we run upon precisely the same difficulty. The Bible assures us that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." That we are the descendants of the same stock, heirs of the same divine promises, the beneficiaries of the same atonement for sin, subject by nature to the same condemnation on account of sin, and have access to the same Father through the same Christ—all these things are clearly taught in revealed truth. But what does this brotherhood imply? If one person is allowed to vote to elect legislators, or to enact laws, does this brotherhood mean that every other person must also be allowed that privilege? If one person is paid a certain wage for his service, does it imply that every other person be paid the same wage? If one person holds certain friendships and moves in certain circles of society, does this brotherhood imply that all other persons must hold these same friendships and move in these social circles? Or ought there to be such a thing as a social circle? Such reasoning will run us into all sorts of absurdities, and forces us back to the conclusion that we must decide all these details in the light of that fundamental truth of the highest good of the individuals concerned in each particular case. The brotherhood of man does not imply a mechanical equality. Such a thing does not, and cannot, exist in a world of infinite variety like this.

Brotherhood Would Unfetter Men

Even this statement must be taken with some limitations. The criminal and the insane have sometimes to be confined, not through vengeance or ill will—sometimes not solely for the public good—but for their own good as well. They are not competent for self-government, and to allow them to have their own way would result in their own injury. Who of us does at all times know what is for our highest good? Hence God disciplines us through trials and self denials, and He sometimes puts fetters about us that are galling for the time. But the principle of brotherhood requires that we remove as far as possible all outward hindrances to our highest good. The spirit of man should have full play in so far as this will work out his best destiny. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke."

Brotherhood Would Help the Infirmities of Men

There is not much room for variation here. It does not so much matter what the cause of the suffering may be, it is for us to relieve that suffering. The need that appeals piteously to us may have been brought on by the unworthiness of the one who needs, but he is our brother in distress and the helping hand should be extended. It should be extended in that way that will help him most, but we may not withhold it. The lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple begged for money; Peter gave him that which was infinitely better. We are to do what we can, whatever that may be, to set the man on his feet and help him to realize his highest possibilities. "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" There is no mistaking the meaning of the prophet in these appeals.

Brotherhood Is Not Deterred By Artificial Barriers.

The story of the good Samaritan, familiar to every Bible reader, makes this clear. Our neighbor is not limited to our race, to our nation, to our Church, to our community, to our social circle. These things do not enter into the matter. He is the one to whom we can minister. The priest and the levite stood high among the Jews, and the Samaritan was almost devoutly hated. Of course, you can never reconcile those two words, but their hatred did grow out of religious convictions. Yet the Samaritan proved neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers. Differences of race and religion could not enter into it. All artificial barriers must be brushed aside. The nature of the ministry was determined by the condition of the man ministered to, but the spirit that seeks to help, and that in the best way, must ever characterize the child of God.

Brotherhood Reflects a Radiant Glory Upon the Actor

Not much is said about this today, but it is as true and as legitimate as the help it confers upon the needy. In the religion of Christ self is brought to the level of the other self, but we are not required to ignore ourselves. Isaiah was not unmindful of this truth. After having urged the duty of serving, he assured his hearers: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward." This motive is held out in Scripture time and again. It is said even of Christ Himself that "for the glory set before Him." He "despised the shame" of the cross. It is always true that the path of duty leads to one's own highest good. It is this truth that makes our obligations to our fellowmen and our obligations to ourselves come into perfect harmony in the end; and all the conflict we read about between social religion and individual religion is a pure fabrication.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Zion League, on the Greensboro Circuit, has recently elected officers as follows:

President, Wm. Zink; First Superintendent, W. C. Lambert; Second Superintendent, Miss Sallie Bailiff; Third Superintendent, Arthur Bailiff; Fourth Superintenednt, Orin Meade; Corresponding Secretary, Lillian Zink; Treasurer, Lillian Zink; Era Agent, Mrs. T. J. Weatherly. Zion Church is moving into the suburbs of Greensboro and is erecting a splendid house of worship. Rev. J. E. Woosley is the young pastor of this charge.

NOTICE, ERA AGENTS!

Mrs. S. M. Turner, of North Wilkesboro, is Era agent for our Conference. He evidently takes his election to this office seriously. Here is a request which I sincerely hope may be taken seriously also:

"Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

"I would like to get the names of all Epworth Era Agents in the Western N. C. Epworth League Conference. I hope they will co-operate with me in trying to increase the number of Era subscriptions and encourage the observance of Era night in January. I wish every chapter would send name of Era agent to me so that I may keep in touch with them and know what they are doing.

"Sincerely,
"S. M. Truner."

Planning for January in July has the right ring to me. Will not every Era agent report promptly to Mr. Turner?

AN ANNOUCEMENT

As president of our Epworth League conference which held its sessions in Charlotte a few weeks ago, I was empowered to name a program committee for the Epworth League Anniversary to be held in connection with our Annual conference at Greensboro. I hereby announce the committee as follows:

Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte, N. C., Mrs. Katherine Browning, Greensboro, N. C., and in addition the president of the Epworth League Conference and the President and Secretary of the Epworth League board of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Sincerely,
J. Frank Armstrong,
Former President of E. L. Conference.

CALL TO OUR LEAGUERS

Brothers all, God sounds the call
Through service to promotion;
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The heart's supreme devotion?

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Would move a heart of stone;
With life and treasure, in generous measure,
For past neglect atone.

Ye who have heard, come let us gird,
For service to the lowly;
Surrender all to God's great call
For labor high and holy.

Through trackless wave to lonely grave
May be the way appointed;
Through shame and loss by way of the cross
Lay the path of God's Anointed.

C. S. K.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT ON THE BOOM

At our District Conference at Murphy, the committee on Epworth Leagues reported four new leagues in the district, two at Andrews and two at Jonathan Creek. After this fine report, Rev. M. T. Smathers made a red hot appeal for Leagues in the district.

We are planning to organiez several more chapters in the district soon, especially at Sylva and Bethel. The following are the officers of the Andrews Senior League:

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Grace Bradley,
Field Secretary.

LEAGUE NOTES

Mr. R. E. Bundy went home from the District Conference to revive the League at Jamestown. Jamestown has a fine set of young people.

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Mr. L. B. Honeycutt reports a recent interesting service of their League at Cornelius. Ben Brown, a member of this League, and a candidate for the ministry, made an address at this service.

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We are pleased to learn that a new League has been organized at Pleasant Garden.

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President Edwards has just sent in his list of district secretaries. The small number of preachers in the list looks hopeful. Allen and Ervin are true and tried and can be relied on. More than any other person the district secretary holds the key to success in our work. Here is the list by districts:

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Larry and Max were a proud pair when their father said they might have the job of taking home Eliza, Uncle Alec's red heifer which had strayed to their farm in the night. As he wanted to send along a sample of his good apples and turnips, he told the boys that they might as well go in the buggy. They could put the baskets in front, he said, and lead Eliza by a long rope.

The boys decided to take turns at driving and leading. As they moved slowly down the road behind old Ben, with Larry driving and Max holding the rope and Eliza following, they wished that they might meet some one whom they knew. The wish came true for at the first turn in the road they met Clem Talley.

"Hello!" cried Max. "Want to get in?"

Clem looked surprised to see them driving alone, but all he said was that he had a new puzzle to show them and did not mind if he did get in. Clem was a fat boy, and to make room for him Larry and Max had to get out and move the two baskets to the back of the buggy. The space behind was small, but by raising the lid and putting up the buggy top they were able to wedge the baskets in. Then they themselves climbed in again and were soon busy with the puzzle.

It was such a wonderful puzzle that Larry and Max almost forgot to take turns at driving, and they quite forgot to keep an eye on Eliza, as their father had charged them to do. Once Max remembered to look out of the little window at the back.

"Eliza's all right," he said. "I can see her tail switching at the flies."

Old Ben turned in at Uncle Alec's farm before any of them knew they were there. Uncle Alec himself came out to open the gate.

"Well, well!" he cried. "I didn't know you two fellows could manage Ben alone!"

"That's not all," said Max, with pride. "Look what's back behind the buggy."

Uncle Alec looked. "Why, if it isn't Eliza!" he said, in a pleased tone.

"There's something else back there for you, too," Larry added, as he started to let down Ben's checkrein.

Uncle Alec was untying the heifer. "What else?" he asked; "I don't see anything but Eliza."

The boys laughed; even Clem had to smile. "How about all that stuff in the baskets?" Larry said. But Uncle Alec declared that he did not see any "stuff."

Max and Larry hurried round to the back of the buggy, still laughing. But their laughter stopped when they looked into the baskets. Both were empty. Not a turnip or an apple was to be seen.

"Why, they couldn't have just jostled out!" Larry gasped.

"And nobody took them," said Max. "We didn't meet a soul anywhere on the road."

"Did you keep a good watch behind you?" their uncle asked.

The boys did not understand. "Nobody crept up behind," Max insisted, "because we'd have seen him while we were watching Eliza." They all three seemed bewildered.

Uncle Alec was looking hard at the heifer. "So you watched Eliza, did you?" he asked.

Larry and Max grew slowly red in the face.

"I forgot to," said Larry in a low voice.

"I saw her tail—once," faltered Max, redder than ever.

"How about her head?" asked Uncle Alec; "her mouth, for example?"

He turned away and began to pull burs out of the heifer's red side. All at once the boys understood.

Max spoke first. "But, Uncle Alec, could a little cow like that eat all those apples and turnips?"

"Pshaw! That was just a lunch for this cow," was Uncle Alec's reply. "But never mind; maybe she needed it after going without her breakfast." He felt sorry for the boys, they looked so downcast.

"We'll have to tell father," Larry said bravely, and Max nodded. "He'll never let us drive again."

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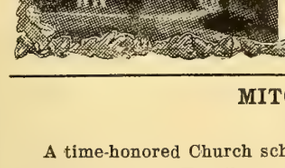
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WILLIAMS—David Williams, aged 66, died August 8th, 1919. Another pillar which supoprted and adorned the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ocracoke, has been removed by God's call.

Brother David Williams was a loyal and faithful member of Ocracoke Church for almost half a century, and during that time his religious zeal burned with great intensity. He was not ashamed of the religion of Jesus Christ, and through all the years of Christian service his faith never wavered, but was clinched in Christ through sufficient fruit bearing. He won for himself the old title of Wesleyan or shouting Methodist, because he felt that, if he did not testify for Christ and pour out his overflowing cup of blessings received from the Master, the rocks and mountains would cry out.

He never grew tired of the Master's vineyard, and in every class meeting—for he was a class leader—his great slogan was, "Arise from the vallev and climb the mountain of rich Christian experience.' He knew the religion of Christ as a "fire", consuming all dross, and in his characteristic phrase he advised. "Push the Church together and let the Holy Spirit burn with unabated zeal.

Some of the unbelievers and skeptics thought him an extremist, or called him half insane; yet he was very wise in that he won souls and turned many to righteousness—yea, he was wise after God's own definition of wisdom, and certainly he will shine as the firmament and as the brightness of the stars forever.

He was a great friend of the young people, and his beautiful and saintly example drew them with cords of love. Old people of the island say that his life was stainless. We all mourn his going and offer our prayers and best wishes for the consolation of his good relatives.

In his intense suffering of over one month he was patient like Job, and whenever asked about his spiritual state he would exclaim, "I am ready to be offered up, for my departure is at hand." He looked at death as a happy transition, or true unfolding of a more fruitful life. His hope of eternity was deep as the ocean. It is useless to attempt to eulogize him, for his life is an epistle known and read of natives and tourists—an epistle written not with ink on tablets of stone, but engraven by the finger of God Himself.

Let us pray God to raise up other prophets like unto him on the island that God's leaven may do its work, and the borders of His kingdom be greatly enlarged. Guy Hamilton.

McBROOM—Mrs. Ida McBroom passed to her blessed inheritance last Tuesday morning, July 29, after many months of great suffering. She bore her afflictions very patiently. His will was her will. She was ready when the summons came. In all the relationships of life she was a true good Christian character. She was a devoted mother, a kind neighbor, a consistent Christian.

The funeral services were conducted from the home. Rev. J. A. Dailey assisted the pastor in the services. She leaves six children and other relatives and friends who will greatly miss her. God bless and keep the loved ones.

O. W. Dowd, Pastor.

Roxboro, N. C.

HUGH SOUTHERLAND.

Hugh Southerland, born October 24th, in the year of our Lord 1845, died August 7th, 1919, in the ripe old age of seventy-three years, nine months and thirteen days.

At the early age of 17 the boy or youth, Hugh Southerland, answered the call of his own fair Southland and true to his Scottish birth served well as a soldier of the late Confederacy. As a member of Company "A" of the fifty-first regiment of North Carolina volunteers, he served until the "battle flag was furled, in the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

Early in life the call of the Kingdom of God around and within him, in answer to which a Presbyterian church of Duplin county in North Carolina received him as a member.

We remember him as a pioneer Presbyterian of this section of our state, he being one of the first enrolled in the organizing of a Presbyterian Church in Hickory, North Carolina.

Later in life he moved with his family to Lenoir, N. C., where he lived a Presbyterian until the spring of 1882, at that time moving to Connelly Springs, N. C.

On coming to the town of Connelly Springs he found no Presbyterian church, and according to a Christian spirit united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Here he was loved by those who knew him, and served his Sunday school as superintendent for twenty-five years.

In 1875 Hugh Southerland and Miss Katherine Mobley, of Fairfield, S. C., were united in matrimony to which union were born five children, four sons and one daughter, who together with their mother and his fourteen grandchildren survive him.

Life bloomed once in youth upon him, the call of home, country and Church was answered by him, a love for the suffering mankind flourished within him, associates were blessed by an association with him, and as he had finished serving his generation well, the working tools of life slowly dropping from his trembling grasp, the Master called him from labor to refreshment in that city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

CARR—On June 1st, 1919, the sweet little spirit of Luby Dail Carr winged its flight from earth to his home in the skies, to live with Christ and to associate with other angelic beings, and await the coming of father and mother.

The following day, (June 2, 1919,) I found his parents, Luby C. Dail, Sr., and Mary Frences Dail, almost heart-broken to have to say to their little darling good-bye.

We laid the little remains away in the little white casket, covered in a bank of flowers, to await the great resurrection morn. May God bless and comfort the bereaved parents.

Their pastor,
W. A. Piland.

OBITUARY.

LONG—Martha Speck Long departed this life July 25th, 1919, at the home of her nephew, Hayward Barnette, near Chub Lake, Person county. She was born October 14th, 1834, thus nearly 85 years old. She was converted and joined Oak Grove Methodist Church in 1888 and lived a faithful Christian to the end. She had a fall three years ago and never was able to walk again. Though a great sufferer, she bore it in Christ and died in sight of heaven. She leaves one sister, Mrs. H. S. Barnette, and many relatives to mourn her going. May our Father sustain them all by His grace.

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DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder
Third Round

	August
Yanceyville, Shady Grove, 11 a. m.	23-24
Pelham, 8 p. m.	24
Person, 11 a. m.	30-31
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	31
Orange, Massey's, 4 p. m.	5

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Third Round

	August
Mlyock, Sharon	22
Camden, Wesley's	23-24
First Church (night)	24
Pantego and Belhaven, Pantego	28
Roper, Pleasant Grove	29
Plymouth, Siloam	31
Fourth Round	**September**
Chowan, Center Hill	6 7
First Church, morning	14
City Road night	14
Perquimanns, Oak Grove	20-21
Hertford, morning	28
Edenton, night	28
	Octobe
Pasquotank, Union	4-5
Moyock, Perkins	11 12
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates, Zion	19-20

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Third Round

	August
Farmville	23-24
Greenville, night	22-24
Ayden	25
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
	September
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	5-7
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Swannanoa, Bethel	23-24
Chestnut Street, a. m.	24
Black Mountain, p. m.	24
Spring Creek, Balm Grove	30-31
Antioch, Walnut Circuit	30
	September
Fairview, Sharon	6-7
Mt. Pleasant, night	7
Mars Hill, Beech Glen	13
Weaverville Circuit, 4 p. m.	13-14
Marshall, night	14
Sulphur Springs	20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m.	21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m.	21
Weaverville, night	21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
	October
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Badin, 11 a. m.	24
First Street, night	24
China Grove, 11 a. m.	31
Park Avenue, night	31
	September
Cottonville	6-7
Norwood, night	7
Woodleaf, Cleveland	13-14
South Main, 11 a. m.	14
East Spencer, night	14
Gold Hill, Liberty	18
New London, Bethany	19
Salem	20
First Street, 11 a. m.	21
Albemarle Circuit, 3 p. m.	21
Albemarle, Central, night	21
Kannapolis Circuit	27-28
Kannapolis Station, night	28
	October
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m.	5
Kerr Street, night	5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Cherryville, Beulah, 11 a. m.	23-24
Crouse, Pleasant Grove, 3 p. m.	24
South Fork, Plateau, 11 a. m.	30-31
Lincolnton, 8:30 p. m.	31
	September
Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 a. m.	6-7
King's Mountain, El Bethel, 4 p. m.	7
Shelby Circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m.	13-14
Eighth Street, S. Gastonia, 8 p. m.	14
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m.	20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m.	20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Catawba, Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Maiden Balls Creek, 11 a. m.	23-24
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	30-31
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 4 p. m.	30-31
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night	30-31
	September
Hickory Circuit, West Hickory, 11 a. m.	6-7
Hickory First, Hickory, 3 p. m.	6-7
Newton, Newton, night	6-7
Stony Point, Midway, 11 a. m.	13-14
Race Street, Marvin, 3 p. m.	13-14
Statesville Circuit, Chapel Hill, night	13-14
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night	20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C
Fourth Round

	August
Creston Circuit, Creston	23-24
Sparta Circuit, Cox's Chapel	30-31
	September
Boone Circuit, Bonne	6-7
Elkland Circuit, Pineswamp	13-14
Laurel Springs Circuit, Mt. Zion	20-21
Avery Circuit	26-27
Elk Park Circuit, Montezuma	28-29
	October
Watauga Circuit	4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Bethel, Harmony Grove, p. m.	24
Canton, night	24
Haywood, Parkers Chapel	30-Sept. 1
	September
Waynesville Station	1
Murphy	6-7
Andrews	7-8
Clyde, Longs Chapel	10
Franklin Circuit, Clarks Chapel	13-14
Macon, Union	14-15
Franklin Station	14-15
Glenville	20-21
Highlands	21-22
Hayesville	27-28
Jonathan Creek, Hemphill, p. m.	28
Judson	27-28
	October
Ranger, Ranger	4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree	5-6
Robbinsville	7-8
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Fines Creek	18-19

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thers whos supreme joy it was to minister to and sacrifice their lives for their dear children. To be the channel through which to touch and bless these fatherless children is to have in some measure the experience that our Lord had in ministering to others and not to Himself. I covet for others a similar experience so that their cup may run over with joy also.

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Editorial

THE CHURCH AND HER CRITICS

Just about the easiest intellectual exercise anybody ever undertook is to criticize, in the sense of mere fault finding. Constructive criticism is much more difficult, and a certain amount of it is very helpful; but the world is full of the other kind, and the Church is the never failing object of its spleen. The grouch is never satisfied with the state of the Church, and so long as he is in it there is room for improvement.

But criticism of the Church springs up at times from unexpected sources. Right out from its own bosom the—what shall we call it?—sometimes thrusts its head and utters strange sounds. We were rather surprised the other day to read from the School Standard, published by our own Publishing House at Nashville, the following paragraph: "If in the Church there is a smaller demand than formerly for preaching, there is certainly a great and increasing demand for virile and capable leadership. If the day of the eloquent divine is passing, the day of the strong leader of men is arriving. The laity are taking a constantly increasing interest in the work of the kingdom of God; and if the ministry fails in its opportunity to encourage and direct this new interest, its glory will fade, and the Church will follow the laity." What does the writer mean? That paragraph is taken from an editorial on "What Is Wrong With the Church?" the whole trend of which is to charge an element of weakness to the clergy, as shown in the small attendance upon the preaching service, and intimates that the drift is toward laity leadership. And we quote this, not so much because of this single utterance, but because it is typical of a certain type of criticism of the Church today.

This type of criticism is serious because it assumes, perhaps unconsciously, that the Church is only one institution among many in the world, and that the ministry is a mere profession into which men go through their own choice as they enter any other vocation or calling. There is no small amount of the discussions about methods of work and policies that the Church must follow that is based upon the same assumption. It is being driven home to us in many ways that the operations of the Church are being planned and its purposes laid out on no other basis than that it is a human institution, and that to succeed it must adapt itself to public sentiment precisely as a political party or a fraternal organization.

If it is true that "the laity are taking increasing interest in the work of the kingdom of God," it is cause for sincere thanksgiving. Certainly no one will take exception to that. Since our boyhood days, the pulpit has been seeking to bring about just that situation. The indifference of a large per cent of the laity has been a source of keen regret to the ministry, as well as to the element of the laity that has been all the while interested. We sincerely pray that this interest may attain unto 100 per cent. But why should this fact, if it is a fact, be held up as a peril to the leadership of the ministry? Why should leadership be aspired to by the ministry, or why should they be supposed to be jealous of their leadership? It all sounds like a sympton of an unholy state of mind. If God calls men to preach the gospel, it is their business to go and preach it, whether they lead anybody, or whether the crowd breaks with them as it broke with Christ. The suggestion so often thrown out these days that preachers must so conduct themselves as to keep the crowd at their heels finds no support in the written Word.

Christ did not keep the crowd at His heels. They fell away from Him in serious disappointment. He did not have what the multitude was clamoring for. They followed Him while He fed them on "loaves and fishes," but He did not care for that kind of following. There are those now who insist that the Church today ought to do just that thing—insist, indeed, that the Church must do it, if it is to maintain its hold upon the world—and their mouth is filled with solemn warnings of coming disaster to the Church if it insists upon placing the paramount issue of life somewhere else. The people will not hear you, if you do not feed them—that is the substance of their cry. And suppose they do not hear the message? Many of them—the majority of them—in Christ's day would not hear Him when He tried to turn their thoughts to something higher than the physical and the temporary. If He would deliver them from the political yoke of Rome, they were interested; but, if His effort was to deliver them from the yoke of Satan, they were not concerned. "They went back, and walked no more with Him." There are just thousands of this class to day, and the Church will probably fail to bring many of them to the higher things. But shall the Church therefore itself give up the higher things? Shall it come down to the level of the world's life and of the world's purposes in order to keep the world at its heel and maintain its leadership of men?

"The people's will is supreme," is a popular doctrine today. It may do for politics, but it will not do for religion. God has spoken concerning the eternal verities, and He has spoken with authority. It was characteristic of the utterances of Jesus. "The people were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." He spoke the message upon which their eternal salvation depended—and eternity covers the time on this side the grave as well as the time on the other side. He alone "had the words of eternal life." The people could hear and accept those words and live, or they could refuse to accept them and die; but they could not refuse to hear and nevertheless live forever. The world need not dream yet that it can do that. The Church did not originate the message that it delivers. She makes her appeal to the world under the impulsion of a great commission. She declares the terms of her King, and her King is not a hater of men; but He sends the only message that has salvation in it. If they refuse to hear him, even though He weep over them, they must die.

HOW SHALL WE DEAL WITH THE SITUATION?

The Annual Conference season is on again and, as heretofore, many pastoral charges are wondering what can be done to quicken interest and build up the Church. The Methodist system of supplying the pulpit is, admittedly, the finest in the world, but no one doubts that it opens the way for a good degree of hurtful unrest. While it easily adjusts itself to the task of supp'ying every charge with a pastor and every pastor with a charge, the fact that the pastor is subject to removal each year makes him a convenient scape goat, and it is not infrequently true that the sins of others are laid upon him and he is sent away to the wilderness. On the other hand, a minister who finds himself beset with difficulties, will exhibit unusually heroic qualities if he does not invoke the friendly offices of the Bishop to rid him of conditions with which he ought to grapple and endeavor to set right.

The moral to this little tale is, that the removal of the pastor is not always a wise remedy for a situation apparently hard to deal with. Instead of being a panacea for all ills, it is frequently the cause of more ills than it cures. Every man has his friends and in case of removal without the behest of the time limit all these friends will want to know why.

We have a growing conviction that our pastors should not be changed except for very serious reasons till they have completed the quadrennium. We believe the time limit has been a blessing, and that it will be wise to continue it, but the fact that we have a time limit emphasizes the importance of allowing a preacher the maximum so that he may have a chance to do some constructive work.

As we have intimated there are two reasons for a state of restlessness among preachers and pastoral charges. The first is a tendency on the part of the people to magnify little defects, real or imaginary, in the pastor. They dwell upon these things and agitate them until, however, insignificant they may be the people become dissatisfied and the usefulness of the man, though a man of God, is at an end. It may be only the swing of his coat tail, or the nervous twitch of his face, or some peculiarity of enunciation; no matter how insignificant the thing may be in itself, the hyenas keep on the trail until the victim of their gossip must needs move to other parts.

The second cause of unrest is in the pastors themselves. For various reasons almost any man might find himself at the end of one or two years ready to give up his work and try a new field. There are plenty of ills anywhere to make one wish that he might be permitted to "take the wings of the morning" and fly away and be at rest; but such conduct is not heroic, to say the least, and why fly away from ills that we know, only to come face to face with others of which we knew nothing.

We exhort preachers and people to do all possible to steady the situation by ignoring the little foibles that so often make a breach, and let us see if we can not have an itinerancy that will lend itself to the stabilizing of our institutions. A restless, disatisfied ministry, trying to serve a fault-finding congregation, holds out little promise of being a ministry of power.

THE DEGENERACY OF THE DANCE

Dancers are usually a little over-sensitive to criticisms of their performances, and pass it by with a curl of the lip; but their attitude toward the truth does not change the truth, nor does it relieve the Church of the obligation to proclaim the truth. We are no more personal when we denounce the dance than we are when we denounce lying, or dishonesty, or the biting tongue of slander. These are all wrong, and there are a thousand other things that are wrong; but the fact that these other evils exist does not change the fact that dancing is wrong. If it is wrong, it should be condemned and Christian people should cease to practice it or to give it their moral support.

The dance has always tended to develop the grossly immoral. That is the simple fact of history which its staunchest apologist cannot deny. It is a custom that has come up from the lower stratas of society and found its way into the parlors of the respectable, the well-to-do, the rich. Through the patronage of the better classes it gains respectability to be sure, but its essential moral quality is not changed. The public dance hall is just on the border of the under-world. The social purity of its atmosphere is infected. People indeed, go there who have no thought of entering the under-world and who never actually transgress the inviolable demands of society; but those who have crossed, and do cross, that forbidden line are also there. It is the largest recruiting station in American life today for that under-world.

Of course, not all public dance halls are of exactly the same quality, and there are semi-public dance halls, shading all the way to the parlor or private dancing with invited guests. We do not deny that some of these are worse than others, but they are all bad and they all belong to the same stream. They all belong to that so-called social institution known as the dance, and they are all closely and insidiously linked together. Not all who enter the parlor dancing pursue the stream to the public dance hall—and beyond, just as not every man who takes a drink becomes a drunkard; but the tendency is that way, and it is easier and safer not to enter than it is to toy with the serpent and escape being bit.

One recalls the furor of reform that struck North Carolina women a few weeks ago on the dance question. Only a few weeks ago it was—but no one hears of it any more, while the dance goes merrily on. It is like a thousand other reformations that the dance has had—along with the theatre and some other irreformable institution that thrive on the destruction of human character. Yes, the modern dances were "indecent" and must be reformed—that since the ides of March—; and yet we read the other day an editor's description of the dance given at the Lumina, near Wilmington, for the special benefit of the press association—a specially nice dance it was going to be—that would make the imps of the lower regions chuckle with delight. Perhaps the description would not, but the thing described would. We wish we had clipped it for insertion here, so we could have given it verbatim; but the substance of it was that the white shirt front of the gentleman was press-

ed against the exposed bosom of the girl with their faces rubbing against each other, while the lower limbs were weaving in and out between each other. Shocked to read it! God grant you may be. Something needs to shock the sentiment of our homes upon this question till something more than an impossible reform of the dance is undertaken. That editor was not a preacher, and we suspect was not much of a puritan; but the scene was too much for him.

And he is not alone. The indecent tendencies of this fad is getting the attention of many who are not particularly engaged in religious work. The Alabama Christian Advocate copies from the Houston Post through the medium of the Birmingham Age-Herald as follows: "The jazz dances, shimmies and other lewd and semi-lewd shuffles are to be barred, say the dancing masters. We might rejoice to hear this, except that generally the abolishing of an indecent dance means the introduction of something infinitely worse." That is not the raging of a narrow minded Puritan either. These are editors of secular papers who have eyes to see the truth concerning the quality of the dance. We have often wondered why mothers who love their daughters—and they do love them after a fashion—would rush them into such known dangers; but it seems that some mothers will take any chances in order to have their daughters "in society (?)."

Perhaps we could not close this editorial better than by quoting from the Alabama Christian Advocate as follows: "In the name of virtue we beg our Church people to keep our young people away from entertainments flung on such a low plane that the daily papers speak of them as 'lewd and semi-lewd shuffles.' Those who know say that immorality was never so prevalent as today. We believe that the dance craze that has swept the earth is partly responsible for such conditions. The 'lewd and semi-lewd shuffles' are at the same time a result of vice. These dances must have originated in places where virtue is unknown, to be carried by the 'dancing masters' into 'polite society.' Surely decent people, even though they may not be religious, will cease giving their patronage to the dance when its every change 'means the introduction of something infinitely worse.' As to Church people encouraging such things, it should be an unthought of proposition."

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Progressive Farmer speaks a strong word for the increase of teachers' and preachers' salaries. These are conceded to be the poorest paid classes of workers in the field of human endeavor, and at the same time they are doing the highest class of work of any people in the world. The Progressive Farmer does not mince words, but speaks plainly as follows: "We say double and we mean what we say. We might as well face the fact that these salaries must be actually doubled—and the communities that get and keep the best teachers and preachers will be those that have the grace and grit to act first in this matter. And these, too, will be the neighborhoods which will most easily attract settlers and laborers and renters, and where land values will advance most. People worth while will go where they find good schools and churches, good teachers and live preachers. And people will move away from communities where their children must go to school to scrub teachers and where churches and other civilizing agencies are most poorly supported." We are glad that the Progressive Farmer that reaches such a large class of people who constitute such an important element of the country has spoken thus strongly upon this important subject.

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The Situation on the Mexican Border is one of peril to both countries. The Mexican government seems unable to prevent the raids of bandits on the American side of the line. and these raids are a source of constant irritation to our government, and especially to our people on the border. Added to this is a constant and insidious propaganda carried on, designed to bring about American intervention in Mexican affairs. This is probably instigated by American owners of oil interests in Mexico, and the enemies of the Carranza government in Mexico are their willing allies. American troops have just made an incursion into Mexico in search of bandits; but, like the former expedition after Villa, it has not resulted in capturing the bandits to any large extent. If newspaper reports are to be believed, the Mexican federal troops co-operated with the American soldiers in this punitive expedition, as they did in the former one; but all such excursions across the line are full of danger. They do not seem to be fruitful of such results as to justify them. It would seem that the two governments ought to come to some well defined agreement for co-operation in protecting the American border from these bandit raids and relieve the tension between the two governments.

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The Japanese Persecution of Christians in Korea is getting to be serious. We have seen accounts of trials and imprisonments under pretext of disloyalty to Japan, but under date of August 20th Dr. S. A. Neblett telegraphs from Nashville, Tenn.: "Japanese persecution of Church in Korea is menacing the lives of missionaries and native Christians and hindering the work. Tuesday, September 2, I have appointed as a day of prayer for Korean ministry and Church. Please give same editorial announcement. Prayer and publicity are great companion agencies of God's Kingdom." Japan is clamoring for a place among the foremost civilized nations of the world, but her persistence in such a course as is indicated in this telegram, and as other evidence that has reached this office indicates, will make it impossible for her to hold that position. The time is passed when the world will stand for that type of persecution. We are disappointed that Japan should even attempt it. Of course, she will try to cover it with some excuse, but no one will suspect that our missionaries, or the native Christians of Korea as a class, will be guilty of any real crime against Japan. Korea unquestionably desires independence, and it is quite possible that the native Christians and even the missionaries, may sympathize with that desire; but these are the last parties there who would go about securing it in an improper way. Our Church will go on its knees in behalf of these persecuted Christians, and will especially remember the request for special prayer on Tuesday, September 2nd.

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The Iniquitous Postal Law now on the statute books with reference to second class postage ought to be repealed. It is an unjust handicap upon the publishers. Some of these publishers may be making money. We do not know what their profits are. We hope that most of them are making more than we have been able to see on the right side of our own account, though the worst features of this law do not apply to us, as a Church-owned publishing company. But it must be said for the press that uses the second class postal rates that it does an incalculable amount of free work for the public generally and for the government directly. Without this service the government simply could not have marshalled the forces of the nation for war in the great struggle in which the United States played such a conspicuous part in bringing to a close. What that service was worth to the government cannot be calculated in dollars and cents. It was during this war that the increase in the postal rates came and the zone system was fastened upon second class matter. There was protest made, but the exigency of the times was recognized and the press continued its loyal support of the government. Now the emergency is passed. According to this law the publisher has to arrange his mailing list in zones—no little trouble to papers of general circulation. Then he has to calculate the per centage of advertising and reading matter in each issue. Think of what that means to a large daily paper for instance. And the advertising carried is a service to the public, as well as a profit to the publisher. But you say they are making large money and ought to pay the extra cost. But the publishers are not going to pay it. **The consumer ultimately foots all bills, and of necessity must do it.** What has sent the subscription prices skyward? Postage is a consierable item of it. Many of these publications are issuing subscription prices according to the zone in which the subscriber lives. That custom will have to become general, if the iniquitous law stands—thus introducing another element of confusion into the business. We have said that the most objectionable features of this law do not affect us, but there has been a flat increase in the postal rates on the Advocate of 1-4 cent per pound, and of course its readers will have it to pay. We cannot help ourselves. A universal protest should be sent to Congress against the continuance of this law.

FLASHES FROM THE ANVIL

Signing an intercession card does not necessarily make one an interceder. Methodism is seeking to enlist her entire membership in a league of intercession. It is a great purpose. If the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, could be led to real, earnest, persevering intercession for a lost world, the life of this globe would be revolutionized. Our Church alone could do this, if all its spiritual forces could be thus marshaled. You will be asked to sign a pledge card to do this thing. We trust that you will sign the card but do not let it stop with signing the card. Better not sign that card than to sign it lightly.

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We believe in the Church. We have devoted our life to its service, and we believe that it is the agency through which the world is to be saved. But it is altogether possible to put your name on the Church register and live a respectable sort of life, and yet be eternally lost. The Church is a means to an end not an end itself. The ordinances of the Church do not have in them any inherent virtue of salvation. There is no priestly function lodged in any human being today whose intercession or sacrifice in our behalf can effect our salvation. In its final analysis, this is an intensely personal question between every individual soul and God, and it depends upon our personal acceptance by faith of the atonement of Christ in our behalf. Any hope of salvation that is based upon anything else is a false hope and doomed to disappointment.

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The hunger of David, expressed in some of the Psalms, for the House of God and the indifference of many people today toward the service of the sanctuary are in marked contrast. "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord," was the cry that came from his heart during the bitter period of exile when he was fleeing for his life from the persecutions of Saul. He almost envied the sparrows which could build their nests about the altars of the Lord, while he was denied the privilege of worshiping there. Today there is no such reason for staying away from the services of the sanctuary, yet multitudes of even Church members habitually absent themselves from the place of worship. Needless to say there is tremendous spiritual loss in this, but many people do not seem to have much desire for things spiritual.

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Christ nowhere promises to make this earthly life comfortable and easy to the flesh. The Jews were disposed to lay more emphasis upon earthly prosperity as a mark of divine favor than is the thoughtful Christian today; but even Job, who was characterized as the "perfect" man, bowed his head to the storm of adversity and bereavement as no other man of his generation. Yet he came out of it all with the declaration: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." The apostle to the Hebrews had learned: "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." It is difficult to look out from the shadows and recognize this truth, for "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous." It is only another instance in which our human vision sees things contrary to the truth.

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"The love of Christ constraineth me" reveals the secret of Paul's unquenchable zeal in preaching the gospel. No other motive could have been sufficient for the tireless energy with which he labored. "The love of Christ"—what did the apostle mean by it? Was it his love for Christ? He loved Him devotedly and such love is a great motive for service. What is it that a devoted mother will not do for her son? What privation will she not endure, or what effort will she not put forth? Paul's love for Christ was doubtless of this type, and he found it joy to be in His service. But the love which Christ bore to Paul was a tremendously greater impelling power in his life. What a grasp Paul had of this love, and how it stirred his soul through every waking hour! The love which carried Christ to the cross and to all the depths of suffering involved in the atonement so overwhelmed him with its greatness that there was nothing in his power that he would not do for Him. Life itself was not counted dear unto himself, but he freely put it upon the altar in behalf of his Lord.

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NORTH CAROLINA'S YOUNG WOMANHOOD

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Our last General Conference made this significant utterance: "The two great Methodisms are now very properly calling in the Centenary movement for over a hundred million dollars for missions; but our mission boards would be powerless with this money unless our colleges and universities are enlarged and equipped for the development of an ever-growing stream of educated leaders."

In other words, the Church school is to the evangelism of the Church what the base of supplies is to the firing line of an army.

It is claimed that nearly ninety per cent of the educated leadership of the Church, ministerial and missionary, is the product of the Church college.

The Church and State must harmoniously, yet distinctly, work out the salvation of our national life. The Church is the source from which saving influence is to be communicated to a nation's life. The Church must furnish the Christian who, as citizen, will exert this Christian influence through varied channels of civic conduct; who as statesman or jurist will administer the righteousness that exalteth a nation.

The Church school then claims to be a needed comrade in the crusade against illiteracy. Its claim to exist depends not so much upon its likeness, but rather its distinctness of mission and method. It stands specifically for the type of liberal culture, including Christian truth, where the prime end is developing Christian character for true service. The end thus sought is to train for making a life as well as a living; emphasizing what one is to be as well as what one is to do.

We believe, then, in an intelligent piety which gives a true reason for the hope that is in us. We spurn the idea that ignorance is essential to piety; because we believe that there is a close connection between the education of the heart and the mind. We hold that such piety should anchor its faith and reason in the Bible. We advocate the type of culture that seeks to promote the largest life and freedom of both womanhood and manhood.

In proportion as we prize Christian womanhood, our richest asset, as the most potent agency in moulding and training the future generation, every possible opportunity should be provided to develop the true womanly woman in the college home of Christian culture and refinement.

Our duty to womanhood will not be fulfilled till the university for women has been established like the institution described by Cornell, where "Anyone may study anything;" or like the democracy defined by Napoleon: "Every career open to talent."

The true college, then, should breathe the atmosphere of academic freedom, where the humble, inquiring mind, with open vision, is trained to careful, honest thinking and investigation; should teach the fine art of living, blending individual character and happiness with unselfish, efficient social service; should be the alma mater welcoming alike the rich and the poor into the noble fellowship of Wordsworth's "Plain living and high thinking," admonishing that idle luxury and true learning are ill mated companions.

The college mission, then, is to solve the problem of preparing the masses of youth to meet the demands of the world's life and work, training in the chivalrous spirit of self respect that triumphs over the proscription of fashion, the ridicule of folly and the sneering of vanity; ever maintaining that the true democratic nobility excels in correct ideals and delicate tastes, worthy motives and meritorious deeds.

We would, accordingly, build beautiful Christian womanhood capable of being adapted to any of life's conditions, whereby woman has been put in sympathy with town and country, wealth and poverty, culture and work; the womanhood blending modesty and frankness, gentleness and bravery, magnanimity and self reliance; the womanhood portrayed by Horace Mann as a child of God; "to have a face that never pales at the accuser's voice; a heart that never throbs at fear of exposure; a soul turned inside out and showing no trace of dishonor; to have done no one a wrong; to have lived unseducted, within arm's length of what is not your own, with nothing between your desire and its gratification but the invisible law of rectitude."

If I had only one word to place before the view of aspiring youth, I would paint in unfading letters that word which Ralph Waldo Emerson said America represents—"Opportunity."

During the recent world conflict President Wilson well said: "Service and sacrifice must come from every party and every creed and every profession." No response to such duty was nobler than that of our young women.

In the momentous work of reconstruction, they will not fail to clearly see and heroically follow the vision of duty and destiny expressed in the watchword:

"We can only go forward, with lifted eyes and freshened spirit, to follow the vision. —— America shall in truth show the way. The light streams upon the path ahead, and nowhere else!"

IN MY NAME REBUILD THE WORLD

W. W. Pinson.

The significance of this topic lies in the two facts —That the world is to be rebuilt, and that if it is to be rebuilt securely it must be done on the foundation of Christianity. The world is in ruins and the name of Christ is its only salvation.

The need of a reconstructed physical and social order from the top to the bottom is evident to all thinkers. The ideals of international relationships which have prevailed in the past mean conflict and war, as has been clearly demonstrated. The persistence of these ideals has been manifested in recent months to a marked and discouraging degree The substitution of new ideals rather than reliance on new forms is a necessity that wise men everywhere recognize. The same thing is true of the social and industrial life that underlie national life. A new spirit of brotherhood must be introduced. The conflict and antagonism between interests and classes must be eradicated, not by force but by the substitution of the spirit of brotherhood for selfishness and greed. Unless this is done the most stupendous structure of civilization that can be built by human genius and toil will in the end crumble and leave the world in blood and tears.

There is not only need for rebuilding civilization. There is such an opportunity as never before existed. The whole world is humble and plastic in the presence of the awful catastrophe that has just befallen it. Men are crying for light as never before. The things on which they have depended have fallen in a heap of ruins at their feet. They are trying to find a way out, and all human ways seem vain and insufficient. There is only one teacher who stands unchanged and unchanging at the cross roads of history pointing the way to safety. That teacher is Christ.

Christianity alone has come out of this war resplendent and strong, stripped of the mere external forms in which men have clothed the Gospel in the easy-going times of peace, and breaking forth upon the world in her spiritual strength and glory as its only help and hope in its darkest hours. Christianity has had a sort of rebirth to the faith and hope of mankind. This is true, specifically, of Protestant Christianity. Romanism had a great opportunity. There was a revival of faith in her leadership at the beginning of the war, but the vacillation and uncertainty in the attitude of the Vatican shook this confidence later, and finally, the very definite indication of the sympathy of the Vatican for the Central Powers caused a depressing reaction. Once again the Vatican threw its shadow on the Church. Now that Germany is defeated and utterly discounted among the nationas of the earth, and Austria dismembered and reduced to an uncertain, even negligible factor, France more resolute and determined than ever against the temporal power of the Pope, and Italy having learned her lesson in the bitter hours of the war, the Church of Rome is not in a position to take even the share she might have been expected to take in world reconstruction.

The Greek or Eastern Church whose chief stronghold is in Russia, is unfortunately more allied with the ruling dynasty than with the masses of the people. It was connected in the thought of the people with the Government now so thoroughly discredited.

Unfortunately the Church was thrown into the scrap-heap along with the old regime so utterly despised by the people. In the midst of their confusion and disorder unfortunately the Church had no message of restraint and carried no steady light of guidance. It found itself without any adequate voice of command or comfort. This leaves many millions of people, who still believe in Christ and who still hold fast to their traditional mysticism, without religious guidance.

Mohammedanism, which has lain as a menace across the path of Christianity, has been smitten with a deadly blow. The Turk has been driven out of Europe. His empire disintegrated in the East. He has lost Arabia, Mesopotamia, Syria and Armenia. Its horrid threat is no longer held over the heads of millions of Christians. Its numbers are reduced to a mere handful. It is no longer a power to be dreaded. Likewise Mohammedanism lost its dominance over its own people. The shock of a great world tragedy loosened its grip on Egypt and India that not only made a holy war impossible, but brought millions of Moslems to the side of the allied Christian nations.

Thus the pathway to the East is cleared of this great obstruction. Let it be remembered that the nations that won in this war were Protestant nations; that the strength and capacity of these Protestant nations has been thoroughly demonstrated; also that by every token of the hour, the hope of the future lies in Protestant Christianity. The United States, England, Australia, Canada, English speaking Protestant peoples, face an unparalleled responsibility. The war-stricken nations of Europe, crushed and torn and weakened, cannot be counted on in any large way. Among them all the United States of America is the only nation which stands out as the hope for leadership in world reconstruction. Her losses in the war, compared with those of the other allies, were negligible. Her war debt is proportionately not more than one-eighth that of France or Italy. She was spared the destruction of her young men and boys, while the other allies sacrificed their young manhood on the altars of liberty. We have grown immensely in our commercial power in the world, and are in a position to maintain our commercial supremacy. God has in His providence put us as a people in a position to finance the Kingdom in a large way without heavy sacrifice. The hour is such as to call for any sacrifice which men can make. Our young men are filled with the ideals of service, the war has glorified the spirit of sacrifice. It will no longer seem a hard and unreasonable thing to ask men to devote their lives to preaching the Gospel in foreign lands. Volunteers are crowding to the front. If ever in human history a nation was called upon to stand for God and His Kingdom it is this nation at this hour. If the Christian Church in America fails, then by all human indications the cause fails. If we rise to our duty it is possible to rebuild the world in the name of Christ.

All this for Methodism has special significance. In the very moment of this great world catastrophe and awakening we are celebrating our Missionary Centenary. Methodism has rediscovered her power. She has reassessed her responsibility, and has been thrilled by a new world vision. It is as if the Master had laid upon her special responsibility and entrusted her with the measureless honor of a great opportunity. Will Methodism respond? In the answer to that question lies the whole future of the Church. Answered in the affirmative it gives to Methodism an honorable place among the forces that count for the world's redemption. Answered in the negative it will leave Methodism a discounted and dishonored Church, whose shame will be proportioned to the magnificent and compelling call which is now ringing in her ears.

SUNDAY QUARTERLY CONFERENCES AND SHORT DISTRICT CONFERENCES

By Rev. J. D. Bundy.

Very greatly to the detriment of both the spiritual and social life of the Church, conferences as above designated are becoming more and more a custom, and are therefore having less and less weight on the masses of our Methodism. Exceptionally there may be circumstances that make advisable a Sunday Quarterly Conference, but they are extremely rare, and the Presiding Elder who holds one only under such exceptional circumstances, throws away his regard for the Sabbath day. If home is so dear to him that he must hurry back each time to the neglect of the importance and possibilities of the Quarterly Conference, and thereby lead in Sabbath desecration by riding needlessly on Sunday trains, he should ask the Bishop to relieve him of district work and give him a charge which he can serve without leaving home. I believe any of our Bishops would be kind enough to grant the request.

A prominent layman recently told me that he explained to his Presiding Elder his absence from a Sunday Quarterly Conference with the statement that when he held his Quarterly Conference on Saturday he would make an effort to attend. May God speedily multiply the number of such laymen that disapprove of such hurtful administration of Church affairs. And, if laymen say have the Quarterly Conference on Sunday, as many with loose ideas of consistent Sabbath observance may, the the Presiding Elder should lead in an effort to tone them up in Sabbath reverence by a refusal to do so. God pity our Church if we have fallen on a time when Quarterly Conferences must be held on Sunday to get our lay members to attend. I don't believe it, but I do believe that the continuance of this hurtful custom will mean such decline upon attendance that eventually the Presiding Elder and pastor will most generally constitute the conference. And when this comes, the Presiding Elder doing it with a pastor favoring it, will be held responsible for the death of this important conference of our Church. I am glad to say, however, that every expression of every pastor I have heard declare himself has been a disapproval of the custom, and I want to suggest to any Presiding Elder practising it, that he ask his preacher what he thinks of it before he arranges his Quarterly Conference for Sunday. The present spiritual chill on the Church finds at least a part of its explanation in the growing disregard of the Sabbath by many of the ministry and prominent laymen of the Church.

The short District Conference, during which no time is taken to emphasize the spiritual life of the Church, becomes simply a business body and is destroying all interest in this important conference. The work of this conference, well and efficiently done, requires at least three days, and when Presiding Elders and pastors together lead in emphasis of this fact, most of the laymen will follow in remaining that long. The present hurrry District Conference has so dried up the interest in it as that sometimes it goes begging for a place of entertainment. I don't wonder at this, for the people soon conclude that there is so little of it that there's no use of fooling with it. This decline of interest must be arrested, or the General Conference had just as well abolish it, so far as any good it accomplishes. Interest in it can be restored at least gradually, but only by prayer and persistent effort. If Bishop Darlington remains with us four years and restores appreciation of the importance of these two conferences in this discussion, gets the needless hurry out of our Annual Conference and brings them all back to the emphasis of the spiritual with business as secondary, he will prove himself a God-send to us, whether he accomplishes more or not. Individually we must take time to be holy, and in conferences we must tarry longer together to have power. These are my convictions expressed to hit nobody, but with a desire simply to help remedy a growing hurt to Christ's Kingdom and our beloved Church.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

By Rev. R. E. Pittman.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

It seems to me that the need of opening our ears to these all-important words is as great now as at any time in the history of the world.

Today we are complaining because of the scarcity of labor, but I am wondering how our Heavenly Father feels while the call goes forth, "Son, go work today in my vineyard," and so few are responding.

How sadly He says, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Then see how quick we are to condemn the poor service we see on every hand when men are collecting their wages day by day and many giving as near no service as is possible in return. But how, think you, does God Almighty feel toward us as he looks into our hearts and sees indifference written everywhere and sees us doing as little as possible in His service—interested in everything except the business of the King? Then, see how quick we are to condemn our public officials when they fail to carry out the wishes of the very people who gave them the office. Out of our own mouths we are often judged by the Almighty, for we are as guilty as they.

Then how sad it is to see those who have known Him in His forgiving power turn their backs upon Him and take service with the devil. But sadder still the picture, when men have been public laborers for God, even preaching His Gospel to lost men, lay aside their clear call to His service and enter into other walks of life. I can almost hear Him say, as He said to His disciples of old, "Will ye also go away?"

I know that we are living in a day when a common laborer can earn more than a minister of the gospel, and I know that old H. C. L. is trying us as never before, when we are sometimes called upon to wear frayed clothing, and set our tables with dishes of flowers rather than with bacon and beef; but none of these things move me.

"A man said to me, "I know why so many men are giving up the ministry and finding other occupations; we are not paying them enough to live on." I said to him, "Well, that is your job, and you ought to attend to it; ours is to preach the Gospel if you pay us well, and also if you do not." Jesus did not say, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature, provided they pay you well," however, He did say, and I believe the laymen are hearing it,"The laborer is worthy of his hire." So, amidst all our discouragements, "The best of all is God is with us," and our hope of Heaven still outweighs all the promised successes of Satan, and will still obscure the hardships of life as it did in the days of Asbury. We must not, however, lose sight of the condition "Faithful unto death". Our successes in the past will not cover up our responsibilities of the present or our duties for the future; and if we want to wear the crown, we must certainly bear the cross. But how delightful is this cross-bearing, even amidst these disturbing times of wars and riots, strikes and days of reconstruction, when amidst their cares and pleasures, men so often lose their pathway toward the Holy City. It is still delightful to labor for the Master.

The highest ambition of the writer is to fill his place here the few short years allotted him, leading some straying ones to the feet of Jesus, and then be translated from actual labor here to sweet reward there.

Mt. Olive, N. C.

OUR TWILIGHTS

By Wm. C. Allen.

Hail, Twilight, sovereign of one peaceful hour.
—*Wordsworth.*

To most of us life, with its alternating delightfulness and darkness, presents an ever shifting scene. The intervening periods are often in very truth as twilights to our souls.

It is good to think of the solft illumination that is poured across the sky at break of dawn. How fascinating it is—how full of promise! Possibly we stand on a mountain top and watch the shadows flee away. Distant crags and fruitful valleys are unfolded to our view. Mother Nature discloses her fantasy and charms to her watching children. Just so after we have passed long nights of doubt and gloom does the sun of God's infinite love arise and spread His illimitable light at our very feet. Clarity of vision and judgment as to what lines of action should be followed are restored to us. We learn anew that, "weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning."

The children of men still linger in the twilight. We understand more than our fathers did but know less than our children will tomorrow. Humanity long ago, was plunged into deeper blindness than we can experience under the black dome of a stormy night. As a man laboriously hews his pathway through the gloom of a tropical jungle, until he sees in the distance a ray of vivid light, so is it with us today. Civiilzation alone will not conduct us out of our partial darkness. Inventions or culture can not deliver us. Unfulfilled ideals of themselves will not meet our needs. We shamefully continue to sin against Jesus but He patiently leads us toward the brightness of the morrow. He is the Light! Whatever we do we must loyally submit to the divine illumination in our hearts. As we are obedient to this we contribute our little share toward helping humanity out of the wtentieth century twilight into God's unbroken day.

Those who permit themselves to be dragged into the pit of fear lose sight of their Savior and of His luminous hope. Those who wander through the forest of doubt make sad footsteps because the guidance of heavenly light is denied them. Those who suffer from human ills apparently have no way of escape—they often seem hopelessly enmeshed in the toils of disease and pain. But to all these—in God's own way and time—deliverance can come. Sorrow is the twilight of the soul, but does the twilight last forever?

Most of us enjoy the sweet beauty of the evening, whether it be from the window of a rushing railway train, in the hurried streets of the city or as we note the speckled splendor of the western sky fading into night. Perhaps we have watched the calmness of the countryside when the gentle stars appeared amidst the dull gloom that softly enfolded us in its strong embrace. So, in a sense, may be the twilight of our lives. After the sunshine and the battle shall we dread the evening of our day? Do we wonder how it will be with us when we shall enter the dark valley? Are we affrighted as we near the deepening shadows? Shall we tremble as we go out into the final twilight? If we have honestly made our peace with God all will be well—there is a glorious radiancy beyond:

"Though I walk through the valley,
.....Thou art with me!"

The souls of God's children live forever—their last twilight becomes the harbinger of perpetual day!

San Jose, Calif.

COUNTERACTING BOLSHEVISM AT THE ROOT

The Moody Bible Institute, in co-operation with one of the largest religious organizations in the Middle West, is about to introduce a Russian course in its curriculm, designed to afford those who have accepted the Christian faith an opportunity to prepare themselves, free of charge, for Christian work among their own people wherever found. The proposed course will cover from two to three years and offers a thorough training in Elementary and Secondary English, Bible Study and Gospel Music, enabling such as complete the course to reach their fellow countrymen with intelligent effort.

Partial or entire self-support will be made possible for those who desire it. The home life of the Institute will afford separation from former atheistic and undesirable influences and surround the students with all the helpful atmosphere of a Christian home.

The education of young Russians in our country is a subject of compelling interest to every Christian patriot. There are 30,000 Russians in Chicago alone. Fewer than 100 of these are known to have become Christians. Other cities and industrial centers hold large numbers of them.

These thousands of Russians may be a power for good here and in their own land, or they may become an increasing menace to us. Through them Bolshevism is being disseminated and many of the same causes of unrest and disorder prevailing in Russia are working in our country today. If the trend toward anarchy and infidelity is to be checked and their antagonistic attitude toward law and order is to be changed, definite efforts are called for. Such Christian educational centers as the Moody Bible Institute can help to meet this need.

The slogan of the Centenary from the beginning has been "Make God First." It has been well said that the primacy of prayer in any heart means the primacy of God in that life.

Notes and Correspondence

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Patten, of Greenville, have been spending a while at Lake Junaluska.

—Rev. F. M. Shamburger and family, of Weldon, were visitors in Oxford last week.

—Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Daugherty and family, of West End, Winston-Salem, returned from their vacation last week.

—Rev. N. E. Coletrane has held one of his meetings on his work in which there were eight additions to the Church.

—Rev. D. N. Caviness, pastor of Central Church, Raleigh, was absent from his pulpit last Sunday. He is taking his vacation.

—Rev. Albert Sherrill, pastor of Summerfield circuit, was with Rev. T. J. Rogers, of the West Greensboro charge in a meeting at Oak Dale last week.

—A correspondent writing from the Bakersville circuit tells of a good meeting conducted at Oak Grove church on that charge, by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Lucas. He speaks in high praise of the preaching of the pastor.

—Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, presiding elder of the Washington District, is in attendance upon the Conservation Conference being held at Lake Junaluska this week. His wife is spending sometime at Chapel Hill.

—Rev. W. W. Peele, Edenton Street, Raleigh, is in the midst of his summer vacation. His congregation is also taking a vacation, and no preaching services were held in his Church the third and fourth Sundays in August.

—Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of our church in Washington, N. C., was a welcome caller at the Advocate office on Friday. He and Mrs. Tuttle were in the city on their return from Lenoir and other points in the Western part of the state where they spent their vacation period.

—Rev. D. H. Tuttle and family, of Washington, N. C., and Rev. R. G. Tuttle and family, of Thomasville have been visiting their old home near Lenoir, recently. These family reunions are kept up each year and are greatly enjoyed by those still at home as well as those now widely scattered.

—We regret to learn that Rev. N. E. Coltrane, Carthage Circuit, has been confined to his bed with an inflamed knee. A note from him under date of Aug. 22nd brings the information that he is some better, but that he could not at that time stand upon his feet. We trust that he will soon be entirely well.

—Henry Daniel Litaker, second son of Rev. D. M. Litaker, of Lincolnton, was among the successful candidates for law license before the Supreme Court last week. Mr. Litaker was in the aviation branch of the service, and returned to his law studies at the University on being discharged last December.

—The Central Carolina Fair has published the date of its annual exhibition, October 14-17. As usual the management seems to be emphasizing the horse racing attraction. We have long hoped some time to see a real agricultural and mechanical exhibit free from all forms of gambling sports. Shall we ever see it?

—We note with deep regret the death of Judge W. H. Lewis, of Gastonia, which occurred suddenly in his law office in that city on Monday morning, August 18. Judge Lewis was a native of Halifax county, but had lived in Gastonia for some 35 or 40 years with the exception of a few years spent in Greensboro. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle recently assisted the pastor of Ruffin circuit in a revival at Ruffin. Eleven were received into the Church as one result of this meeting. The pastor reports that Brother Sprinkle did some exceptionally fine preaching, and held two of the very best children's services that he ever attended. The pastor reports a splendid meeting at Hickory Grove church with fourteen conversions.

—Mrs. Blanche B. Carr, who, by the way, is a daughter of the late Rev. M. W. Boyles, of the Western North Carolina Conference, gives up the work as secretary of the Board of Public Welfare for the City of Greensboro to become County Superintendent of Public Welfare for Guilford county. Mrs. Carr has done very effective work for several years in this city and is expected to do a still more effective work for the county.

—Two revivals have been recently held on the Ruffin circuit. Rev. H. C. Sprinkle assisted the pastor at Ruffin. He did some exceptionally fine preaching. As a result of the meeting there eleven members were added to the Church, and all who attended were advanced in the Christian graces. The pastor did his own preaching at Hickory Grove. The attendance was good and the interest encouraging. Four joined the Church, with several others to follow.

—The City of Greensboro was very greatly shocked on Thursday of last week on hearing of the death of one of her most prominent and wealthy citizens, Mr. L. Richardson, which occurred in San Francisco that morning. Mr. Richardson was for many years in the wholesale drug business, but for several years had given his entire attention to the manufacture of the Vick remedies, having organized the Vick Chemical Company and built up a large manufacturing plant. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and is said to have been quite liberal with his means. He was a man of attractive personality and was much liked by the people generally, who knew him. Mr. Richardson was a native of Johnston county coming to Greensboro more than thirty years ago.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

The pastors, church treasurers and lay leaders of the Fayetteville district are called to meet Secretary A. D. Wilcox and myself at the following places the following dates, for the purpose of more thoroughly organizing for the prompt collection of the Centenary subscriptions.

The meeting for those of the Duke, Dunn and Newton Grove charges will be at Dunn, 11 a. m., Wednesday, Sept. 10th, Methodist Church; for those of the Fayetteville, Bladen, Hay Street, Lillington, Parkton, Person Street, Roseboro and Stedman charges will be at Fayetteville, Hay Street Church, 11 a. m., Thursday, Sept. 11th, and for those of the Buckhorn, Carthage, Goldston, Haw River, Hemp, Jonesboro, Pittsboro, Sanford and Siler City charges, at Sanford Methodist Church, 2 p. m., Friday, Sept. 12th.

All parties named above will keep in mind their place and date of meeting and arrange to be present, since the meetings will not consume much time.

J. D. Bundy.

REVIVAL AT WILKESBORO

We have just closed a series of glorious revivial services, Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of Burkhead Church, Winston Salem, doing the preaching. Brother Hiatt touched the hearts of the people with his messages of the cross. He has won for himself a host of friends. There were a number of reclamations and conversions and many were received. Some were taken into our church while several go to others.

Prof. T. O. Pender, of Mebane, conducted the song services. Under his skilled leadership the song services were always inspiring.

Much of the success is due to the hearty co-operation of the people of the town, regardless of denomination.

Last Sunday morning just before the 11 o'clock service, we had an inspiring love feast. Many partook of the bread and water and then testified as to what God means to them. This was a scene that should have moved the vilest sinner.

Sunday was a glorious day for us in many respects. The song services, the messages, the Lord's Supper and the love feast, all combined to make it sacred in our hearts. It is said by many that the Wilkesboro church was filled as it has not been in a long time.

J. H. Lanning, P. C.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

I am proud to relate that on last Sunday Hopewell Sunday school organized a Teacher Training Class with the following members:

Mrs. J. D. Brown, president.

Miss Ruth Sapp, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Claude Jones, teacher.

Mrs. Daisy English, assistant teacher.

Mrs. Vera Jones.
Miss Viola Albertson.
Mille Albertson.
Mr. L. N. Caudle.
Mr. Charles Floyd.
Miss Hannah Brown.

W. H. Davis, Dist. Supt.

MEMORIAL TO FATHER BETTS

Just a few lines to say that I most heartily endorse the movement to raise a memorial fund in memory of "Uncle Betts." I know of nothing that will be more fitting than that this fund shall be a loan fund, to assist young preachers to secure an education at Trinity College.

Uncle Betts not only gave his life to the service of humanity, but gave largely of his meagre income to assist others in preparing to carry on the good work when he should cease to live and work.

No more deserving or appropriate memorial will be erected to the memory of any of the many heroes than this memorial fund, dedicated to the memory of this mighty hero of the faith.

By all means let us make it a large fund, so that, while he being dead, shall continue to speak to great multitudes of the generations yet to come.

H. H. Jordan.

UWHARRIE CIRCUIT

Just closed a good meeting at Farmer. Quite a large number of professions and reclamations. Sixteen added to the Church on profession of faith. Church greatly revived. Several family altars established. Rev. C. C. Williams did most of the preaching and did it well.

J. M. Varner, P. C.
Farmer, N. C.

DYSORTVILLE

The revival services that closed in Trinity Methodist church on last Monday night were productive of much and we trust lasting good. The pastor, Rev. M. W. Heckard, was assisted for a few days by the Presbyterian minister, Rev. Mr. Beaty. Both preachers preached the old time gospel in a very forceful and convincing manner. The church was wonderfully revived and seven professions were witnessed. Three joined the Methodist Church and two joined the Baptist.

We needed a revival to kindle the fires upon our home altars and we trust this has been accomplished. Let us all join in a covenant of prayer for such revivals everywhere, and may God unite our hearts to this end.

A CONFERENCE MAP

Each year since I have been a member of the Western N. C. Conference I have been more and more convinced of the need of a special map of the Conference territory.

In addition to the things plotted on an ordinary map, such as: County boundaries, postoffices, rivers, railroads, etc., this map should show the boundary lines of districts, circuits, etc., the location of churches and parsonages, and the most important public highways .

Such a map would soon become indispensible to the Cabinet and the pastors, especially in the readjustments during, and following each Annual Conference session. It would reveal to a new Bishop the geographic situation in every charge, as well as the distances each pastor who was changed would have to travel to reach his new field. It would show to each new presiding elder the location and bounds of each charge on the district, the routes of travel from one to the other, and the unoccupied mission territory within the bounds of the district. It would also be invaluable as a guide to the new pastor, especially on a circuit, acquainting him with the location of the parsonage, together with each preaching appointment on his new field, and also the most convenient route by which each could be reached.

This map, made on a scale of 10 miles to the inch, would be about 15 by 30 inches for the W. N. C. Conference, a size convenient to fold within when attached to the front cover of the Conference Minutes. The cost of preparation and printing would be very slight compared with its practical worth. Shall we put the W. N. C. Conference "on the map."

W. E. Poovey.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMISSION

The Educational Campaign Commission provided for by the Board of Education, held its first session beginning August 12th, at Lake Junaluska. The commission organized by electing Bishop James Cannon. Jr., president; Dr. J. H. Reynolds, vice president; Dr. H. N. Snyder, secretary, and Dr. Stonewall Anderson, treasurer. These, with Drs. Paul H. Linn, A. F. Watkins and C. C. Weaver, were constituted its executive committee.

The following is a statement of the most important items of business transacted by the commission at this session:

First. The time for beginning the educational campaign was fixed as May 1st, 1920, and the time of the financial drive was fixed for April or May, 1921.

Second. The method of financing the campaign was determined upon, the basis of which is that the expenses incident to the campaign shall be borne by the institutions participating in the campaign in proportion to the approved askings of said institutions.

Third. The committee labored faithfully to adopt a method by which the campaign for the universities and the campaign for the schools and colleges might be merged in a way satisfactory to both classes of institutions. While the commission found very real difficulties in finding a method just and equitable to all interests concerned, it took the position unqualifiedly that the colleges and universities are under the compulsion of a high moral obligation to conduct but one campaign of such character as to absorb the whole energies, and all the forces, of the entire Church for the realization of the complete educational program, and in which no beneficiary institution should have agents in the field making appeals for its special interests, and that the campaign should be popular, intensive, church-wide, for the whole budget. Involved in merging the two educa-

tional campaigns are the two important matters, (1) of determining the askings of each institution and (2) the apportionment to each Annual Conference its share of the whole amount. The method so far as developed by the commission for accomplishing these two important results is as follows:

1. The executive committee was instructed to give careful consideration to the askings of the institutions of the Church for the purpose of making such adjustments as seemed advisable and necessary. These adjustments are to be made on the basis, approximately, of the total figures approved by the General Conference for the schools and colleges and for the two universities.

2. When the allotments have been made by the executive committee to the several institutions concerned and reported to them, each institution shall then have opportunity, if desired, to discuss its askings and needs before the executive committee.

3. The executive committee will pro rate the total amount of the askings when approved by the commission among the various Annual Conferences on an equitable basis.

4. When the askings of the several institutions have been determined by the executive committee and the apportionment of the whole amount to the several annual conferences made, the executive committee will report to the campaign commission for its final approval.

Fourth. The commission expressed its appreciation to the Sunday School Board for its cordial and genial effort of co-operation made through Dr. E. B. Chappel, and the executive committee was instructed to take up with the committee of the Sunday School Board the matter of the most effective methods of co-operation.

Fifth. Action was taken relative to the establishment of an "A"grade college in the State of Oklahoma.

Sixth. The commission endorsed the evangelistic campaign now being carried on by the Centenary, and pledged the cordial co-operation of the educational forces of the Church.

James Cannon, Jr.,
President Educational Campaign Commission.

Stonewall Anderson,
Cor. Secretary Board of Education.

NOTES FROM GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The campus of Greensboro College for Women presents the appearance of substantial improvement. During last Commencement five hundred dollars was given by Mr. K. M. Barnes, Lumberton, N. C., and five hundred dollars added by Mr. D. M. Balsam, Brooklyn, N. Y., to be applied to the improvement and beautifying of the college campus. Soon after Commencement the campus was plowed up and sown in buckwheat. A luxurious crop is now being turned under to be followed soon by sowing of blue grass. Other features of ornamentation are to be added which will greatly contribute to the beautifying of the college campus and premises.

Material for the new pipe-organ has arrived from the factory of M. D. Moller, Hagerstown, Md. Work is expected to begin promptly in the erection of this organ which is said to be first-class and up-to-date in every respect. The new pipe-organ will add efficiency to the College of Music, and is gladly welcomed by the lovers of music, especially for public occasions.

Substantial improvements have been added to the physical equipment of the college otherwise, including valuable improvements for better service of the college kitchen and dining room.

The summer edition of the Bulletin of the college has just been issued, giving cuts of the three new teachers and cut of the proposed Odell Auditorium and Music Conservatory.

Almost the entire faculty of last year were re-elected for the ensuing scholastic year. Sketches of the three new teachers contained in the Bulletin follow:

Miss Ida G. Rees, of Texas, teacher of home economics, was graduated from the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, and also holds the degree of A. B. from the University of Texas. Miss Rees has successful experience in teaching home economics and comes well recommended.

Miss Mary L. Auld, commercial teacher, a native of South Carolina, was graduated from Williamston (now Lander) College, of South Carolina; from Macfeat Business College, Columbia, S. C.; holds teachers' certificate Phonographic Institute, Cincinnati, O., Boston, Mass., in shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial law, business English, and methods of teaching commercial subjects. Miss Auld was for eight years head of commercial department, Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. Miss Auld has traveled extensively and is highly recommended as thoroughly equipped by culture and experience for this important position.

Miss Ida M. Bridgman, of Massachusetts, was graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music and has successfully taught music for a number of years, including piano and pipe organ for two years at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. Miss Bridgman has successfully served as church pipe organist, is an excellent accompanist and is recommended as a fine musical artist and efficient teacher.

The new dietician and supervisor of kitchen and dining room is Miss Bessie Barber of Alabama, who was graduated from the Battle Creek School of Economics, has taught home economics in college, and has had practical work in dietetics and in institutional management.

A number of the members of the faculty have been attending summer schools at various institutions. Miss Elizabeth A. Weber, at George Washington University; Miss Marguerite Tuthill, at the Columbia University; Miss Linnie M. Ward, at the University of North Carolina; Mr. Mortimer Browning, at Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore. Mr. Benjamin S. Bates is attending the Chicago Musical College, of Chicago University, taking both private and class lessons under Mr. Herbert Witherspoon of New York City, a guest teacher during the summer in that institution. Mr. Leonard B. Hurley is pursuing his Ph. D. course at the Chicago University.

Miss Elizabeth C. Hamilton is in New York City taking practical lessons in hospital work.

Information is received that the dormitories will be filled to the fullest limit, and prospects for a prosperous year's work, beginning September 10th, are most encourgaging.

BURKHEAD CHURCH PLACES MEMORIAL WINDOWS

The Winston Sentinel of a recent date says:

Six beautiful memorial windows were installed at Burkhead M. E. church, this city, the past week. They bear the following inscriptions of persons well known in this community:

"Rev. Harold Turner,
1869-1914.

"Rev. William Monroe Biles,
1871-1915.

"'Aunt Clara' Thomas,
1844-1918.

"'Uncle Sam' Thomas,
1842———

"James Alexander White,
1834-1898

"Louise Marion White,
1834-1877.

"Boyd Yancey Magee,
1885-1908.

"Mrs. Sarah Catherine Dowdy.
1849-1908."

NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPLER

We are having a great meeting at Cedar Grove Church on the Hillsboro Circuit. There were 18 conversions last night. The people are coming for 10 miles around. We close Monday night and then go to Hebron Church to assist Dr. Gibbs, pastor of Warrenton Circuit. Brother Marvin Hester, pastor of Hillsboro Circuit is standing by us in the battle, and is a fine worker. I have a splendid singer, Brother R. L. Milam, of Atlanta, Ga., who has contracted to work with me all the fall. I can lend him to some of the brethren who may need a good singer for a meeting from August 27 to September 12. He is tip top as a Gospel singer and a worker in a revival. I am to rest during this time and could lend him. Any one needing his services will write to me at once.

A. B. Crumpler.

Clinton, N. C.

COCA-COLA

I asked a druggist in Wilmington if Coca-Cola wouldn't get a man if he stuck to it. His reply was that it would get him certain.

A young man remarked to me on Fayetteville street, Raleigh, as two girls passed, that they had drunk Coca-Cola until they couldn't hold themselves still.

A young man, now a missionary in Cuba, said to me, "I was sitting in a drug store in Greensboro one day when a man came in and called for a glass. When he had retired the druggist remarked, "that man drinks sixteen glasses every day, and is just as much under its influence as any man ever was under the influence of whiskey."

These facts stare us in the face whatever may be the analysis by government or else.

I will not make, sell, drink or advertise, or in any way influence another to drink Coca-Cola.

I think all our Church and Sunday school periodicals ought to be *above* advertising it.

Geo. T. Simmons.

"AN AUTOMOBILE THAT WENT TO CHURCH"

No, I am not a Ford. I'm a big, red auto, and if I had my way, every car would be red. It's such an inviting color, and, when I speed up and go through the country like a streak, there is nothing somber about me. An auto should suggest the power and joyous abandon of life, anyway. I'm a high-powered car, of classy model, and paid for without a mortgage, and, what's more, I go to church regularly, as every decent, self-respecting car should.

I didn't always go, but I've reformed. When my owner first got me he could hardly wait until Sunday came. He was up at six, tuning me up and getting ready for a run in the country, for fishing, golf or a picnic. He generally invited some other church members and I'm not saying it did them much harm, yet the day's pleasure always ended with a question mark—was that really the best use to which I could be put on the best day of the week?

Coming home one Sunday from a fishing trip, I was caught in a rainstorm without chains. I skidded on the country road (I didn't mean to), and slipped over a bank and pitched the whole party out. Fortunately none was hurt, but my owner was badly shaken. He was quite sober and his only remark on the way home was, "Thankful I didn't break my fool neck."

Next Sunday he surprised me by going to church. The service must have gripped him, for I heard him say to the missus: "We've missed a whole lot recently, haven't we?"

Now every Sunday I go to church, picking up tired women and children, taking old people home from service and shut-ins out for a ride in the afternoon, if the weather is pleasant. I am having the time of my life and have begun to believe that even an auto can have "a conscience void of offense toward God and men."—C. L. Kloss, Oakland, Cal.

GASTONIA

Our meetings at Franklin Avenue have just closed. It was a glorious time. We had some old time shouting. there were thirty-two conversions and eleven additions to the church. We will begin at Tates Chapel on Tuesday of this week. Rev. J. W. Moore, of Trinity, Charlotte, will preach and lead in the revival work there. Pray for us.

Sincerely,
E. P. Stabler.

AN ENDORSEMENT

The Educational Campaign Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at their recent meeting at Lake Junaluska, N. C., most heartily and enthusiastically passed resolutions approving the Centenary Evangelistic Campaign, and pledged their support and loyalty.

By this action the Commission recognized the fact that the Church's next great task must be undertaken with the wholehearted enthusiasm and unity that marked the successful financial drive. They are behind the great revival just as sincerely, and are willing to work just as vigorously to "put it over" as they did to raise the $35,000,000.

The resolutions are as follows:

"Resolved, That the Educational Campaign Commission hereby heartily endorses the Evangelistic campaign now being carried on by the Centenary Movement, and that it pledges to said campaign the cordial co-operation of the entire educational forces of the Church."

PRAYER

Not what I will, but what Thou wilt.—Mark 14:36.

Send me that which Thou knowest is blessing, though it may not seem blessing to me; and deny me that which Thou knowest is not blessing, however ready I, in my ignorance, may be to think is so. This is the spirit of prayer. When we are praying for blessings, we ought never to pray for them absolutely; we ought always to pray for them, if they be truly good for us; if not, God in answering our prayer would not be blessing us indeed.—A. K. H. Boyd.

FORGETFULNESS OF SELF

Not when we are determined, come what may, to have a pleasant and a happy life; not then, as the reward of that insistence, does God bestow the music of the heart. He gives it when there is forgetfulness of self, and the struggle to be true to what is highest, though the morning break without a glimpse of blue, and the path be through the valley of the shadow. The one sure way to miss the gift of happiness is to rise early and sit up late for it. To be bent at every cost on a good time is the sure harbinger of dreary days. It is when we have the courage to forget all that, and to lift up our hearts to do the will of God, that, like a swallow flashing from the caves, happiness glances out with glad surprise.—G. H. Morrison.

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Theme: Conservation of Human Life.

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Christian Americanization the Task of the Churches. By Dr. Charles A. Brooks. Price: Cloth, 75c.; paper, 40c.

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Textbook Supplement, 10 c.; Bible Message, 15c.; Pageant of Democracy, 15c.

Medical Missions. By Bishop Walter R. Lambuth.

A scientific study of medical missions by a medical missionary. This book sets forth with clearness and persuasiveness the aim and methods of work of this branch of missionary service, and abounds in vivid pen pictures. It combines scholarship and human interest.

The Crusade of Compassion. By Dr. Belle J. Allen. Price: Cloth, 60c.; paper, 40c.

The appeal of this book is wider and greater since it brings to our attention an almost wholly neglected class of women and children who have never known medical aid of any kind. Every Woman's Society will find it a valuable book for study.

Money the Acid Test. By David McConaughy. Price: Cloth, 75c.; paper. 50c.

The first study of stewardship available in any branch of the Church anywhere in the world. This book is peculiarly opportune today for those who would know and do the will of God in relation to "things," especially as represented by money. This book should be studied by every auxiliary in the Church.

Young People

Adventures in Faith in Foreign Lands By Edward Leigh Pell. Price: Cloth 60c.; paper, 40c.

A history of the missionary work of our Church in foreign lands. A book which thrills while it instructs. It contains valuable information which should be in the hands of every Methodist woman.

Making America Safe. By O. E. Goddard and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. Price, Cloth, 60c.; paper, 40c.

The Christianization of this nation is the greatest and most urgent missionary enterprise at this moment in the world. This little book of eight chapters is a study of home mission promblems. Every Methodist should have a copy.

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Making Life Count. By Eugene C. Foster. Price: Cloth, 60c.; paper, 40c.

This is a vocational book from the Christian point of view, planned to meet the needs of boys and girls who leave the grammar school to go to work.

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ATTENTION AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND MISSION STUDY LEADERS

The new study books are all ready, and most interesting. Some of course have been ready for some time, and many classes have been found using them.

Our own Bishop Lambuth is author of "Medical Missions." I want to urge the use of this book. And "Money the Acid Test" is another I must call to your attention. If you have no study class, organize one and get this book. If you cannot organize a study class, start a reading class, and get this book. You want this book in your home.

Some of you will recall that your orders last year for "Working Women of the Orient" could not be filled on account of supply being exhausted. A new edition has been issued, a limited number for each board. Please order promptly, as it will not be reprinted when this edition is exhausted.

Bible Study:

In view of our Intercessory campaign, I am asking the Auxiliaries to make as large use as possible of the book "The Meaning of Prayer," by Fosdick. This book, it seems to me, would be most helpful just at this time.

Reporting:

Once again I must beg you to fill out report blanks and send to me on time. This is for Young People's and Junior Societies as well as adult. You will find blanks in back of your auxiliary corresponding secretary's book. While the second quarter's report was good, very good, there was a falling off of the Y. P. and Junior societies. A new book always entitles class to an enrollment card. Please send this card to Mrs. Steele at Nashville, but send the blanks to me.

And now I ask you to write to me and tell me how I may serve you. The cool days are approaching, and we must be up and doing. Wishing you every success.

Yours for service,
Mrs. T. A. Person.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great Fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere,
Their high communion find,
His service is the golden cord
Close bonding all mankind.

Selected.

AN INTERESTING COMPARSION

It will be gratifying to our workers, we are sure, to note the comparison of the amounts paid by our Conference during the second quarter for the three years, 1917, 1918 and 1919. This comparison comes from our Council Treasurer and we hope that these increased figures may prove an inspiration to greater effort and larger results for the remaining two quarters of the year.

In 1917 the second quarter report showed from Western North Carolina Conference $4,031.53; 1918, $5,079.24, while the past quarter of 1919 gives us $6,588.68.

From the Council Superintendent of Young People's Work, Mrs. J. W. Perry of Morristown, Tenn., we have the following encouraging figures as to the young people's department concerning the collections for second quarter of 1918 and 1919. For the Conferences in the M. E. Church, South, the gain is, $4,388.26, while in our own Conference there is the encouraging gain of $169.12 for the second quarter. We sincerely hope this good work may go on and that at the close of the year the records will show that in every department of the W. N. C. Conference we have gone "over the top". Let us make a united effort to that end.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE AHEAD IN NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS

As we read the quarterly report of Mrs. J. W. Perry, superintendent of Young People's Work of the Woman's Missionary Council, we are gratified to learn that the Western North Carolina Conference leads in number of new auxiliaries, having organized fifteen during the past quarter. The North Georgia has the largest increase in membership and numbers more study classes, while the Texas Conference can boast of three societies that have doubled their membership, with a large number working toward this goal. Mrs. Perry says "numbers of our young women are hearing the call for life service and are volunteering. There is much of encouragement in the young people's department, but so much lies ahead that the work seems just begun."

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

We are glad to chronicle the organization of a new Young People's Society at St. Paul's Church, Mt. Pleasant Circuit, Salisbury District, with a membership of 14 and the following officers: President, Miss Lenna Hartsell, Bost's Mills, N. C.; vice president, Miss Mary Stewart, Georgeville, N. C.; Sec. and Treas., Mr. Oscar Krimminger, Bost's Mills, N. C. This is a society in one of our rural churches and we are especially glad to welcome these young people into our missionary ranks, and wish for them abundant success.

Through Mrs. Vinnie Carter, corresponding secretary of the Bryson City auxiliary, we learn that the president, for ten years of that auxiliary, Mrs. J. R. Long, has been in the Mission Hospital of Asheville for several weeks having undergone a very serious operation. Mrs. Long is improving and we trust will soon be restored to health.

The Woman's societies of Park Avenue church, Salisbury, mourn the loss of one of their most faitful and efficient workers in the death of Mrs. B. R. Ketchie, who passed away recently.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His all-wise providence, to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Mrs. B. R. Ketchie, who passed to her eternal reward on Friday, June 13th, 1919.

Resolved, 1st. That in the death of our sister, the Woman's Missionary Society has lost one of its most loyal members, and the Ladies Aid Society has lost its true mother, and our church has lost a most lovable Christian character and her wise counsel will be greatly missed in all of our meetings.

Resolved, 2nd. That we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well. We will cherish her memory as the years go by.

Resolved, 3rd. That we commend to all the members of our societies and church which she loved so well, her life of marked devotion and self-sacrifice to the cause of Christ, and that we will endeavor to emulate her example of faithful, conscientious service and seek to catch inspiration from her life.

Resolved, 4th. That we spread these resolutions on the minutes of our Societies, send a copy to the bereaved family, and also to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed:

Mrs. E. M. Cauble,
Mrs. W. A. Smith,
Mrs. A. S. Raper,
Committee.

HOW TO USE THE LEAFLETS

Oftentimes as the Conference officers are arranging the literature for distribution to the various auxiliaries, the query arises in their minds as to whether it is worth while to send it out. Do the auxiliaries read the leaflets and use the programs that are so splendidly arranged for each department of our work? Or are the leaflets glanced at casually with a promise of a later reading? It seems to us that this year the leaflets and other literature that has been gotten out for our use in our our societies, is especially attractive, interesting and helpful and we would urge the auxiliaries to use it So apropos to this question is the article under the above heading which appeared in the Missionary Voice for August that we give it, hoping that it may influence a larger number to read and use the leaflets.

Read them and have other people to read them. A young girl was asked to read a leaflet at a missionary meeting. When she had finished the reading she said, "I must confess that I was coming to the meeting especially to ask the president to quit bothering me about attending this missionary society, but I have stood up here and answered with my own mouth every objection I had expected to make, and I have convinced myself that there is really no reason why I should not come and that there are so many reasons why I should."

At a certain Conference a demonstration was made of the possibility of having a leaflet read by everybody on the grounds within forty-eight hours. Six girls entered a contest to see who could secure the most readers. Each girl was given a card board folder attractively decorated on the back. On the inside were blanks for the signatures of the readers secured. Hither and thither the girls went in search of readers. When the reports were turned in there were more signatures than there were delegates, which, upon investigation, revealed not a stuffed ballot, but an interest which extended beyond the delegates to outside guests and to the force employed by the hotel.

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REV. E. R. WELCH, Wadesboro, N. C.

Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

HAYWOOD CIRCUIT

The third Sunday in this month found the Sunday school secretary over with the good people of Haywood circuit as they gathered in a charge Sunday School Day. The exercises of the day were held at Mt. Zion, the home church of Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, located in the beautiful Crabtree valley just under the shadows of Crabtree Bald, one of the highest mountains of western Carolina.

At the morning hour the children of the circuit performed to the satisfaction of the large audience present and in the afternoon following a fine picnic dinner your humble servant made a few feeble remarks. It was a satisfaction to be with the thrifty people of this section as they gathered together in the interest of better Sunday schools. Rosy complexions and sturdy features impressed one with the evident fact that health and happiness were proving a good foundation for Christian helpfulness.

The Haywood circuit is composed of four churches numbering 350 members and A. L. Latham, the pastor in charge for the past four years. The pastor and people have been getting along the best kind and as a result every obligation has been met as time presented it. There has been a steady growth on this charge for the past while. The people have been doing just a little bit better each year over the preceding one. With such a situation it is no wonder that pastor and people alike, look upon the four year limit with some degree of apprehension. Rev. A. L. Latham and the Haywood circuit are in love with each other. Both show good judgment.

CHARGE INSTITUTES

Thursday. August 28, is the date set for a charge Sunday school conference on the Franklin circuit. Pastor Umberger is anxious to get his Sunday school people together in an endeavor to better symstematize efforts.

The following Saturday Rev. W. S. Cherry has arranged for the Lilesville circuit to have a get-to-gether meeting of his six Sunday schools. Programs have been arranged and a good day is in prospect. The Sunday school secretary expects to meet with both these good meetings.

There have been uite a number of requests for meetings of this character and it has been a matter of regret that all charges desiring services could not be accommodated. Those who feel that they are ent'tled to services not yet rendered will please rest assured that all is being done that can conveniently be done for reaching them.

A FINE IDEA

Mr. J. R. McCrary, the resourceful teacher of the Men's Bible Class, First Church, Lexington, conceived of a fine idea while attending the Wesley Bible Class Federation recently held at Lake Junaluska. He thought it fitting to place a large electric cross on the promontory overlooking the beautiful Lake Junaluska as it nestles itself over two hundred and fifty acres of basin land. Mr. McCrary thought such a sign would be a fitting emblem to greet the ever growing number of summer visiters attending the various assemblies meeting at the Southern Methodist assembly grounds.

He accordingly presented the idea to the Federation and asked for a subscription to pay for the construction of the cross. In a shorter time than it takes to read the account the money was subscribed and by next summer a beautiful electric cross will shine out before those whose hearts are ever mindful of the Cross of Jesus Christ. It was fitting that the Wesley Bible Class Federation was given an opportunity to erect this emblem as a remembrance of its first annual session.

Since the closing of the Federation several requests have come along asking permission to subscribe towards a real good construction of the cross. Any who may want to add to the list may forward their amounts to the Sunday school secretary.

WANTED

WANTED—A Methodist congregation that will offer from actual experience a solution for the duplication of efforts dealing with the Christian organizations for Methodist young people. A well rendered service to the Methodist church will serve as ample reward to the congregation solving the problem.

As it is now there are several meriting organizations in our church for our young people. We have the Wesley Bible Class, the Young People's Missionary Society and the Epworth League. Each of these organizations has a department for those of junior age. Each of these organizations has field agents striving to get our congregations to organize their young people into their respective units. Naturally, in many cases, there results from this duplication of effort, in a measure a duplication of effort, a confusion that results in divided enterprise.

This situation will never be remedied by the top officers in charge. Each department is wedded to its program and can see a great need for its activities. It has officers and these officers must have something to do. There is a history behind its movement and history counts. There is a good aim before it and a good aim is essential. Why it would be foolish to talk about merging into anything to the people who are responsible for the promoting of our Societies, Leagues and Classes.

But if there were some congregation working its young people's activities into one federated unit there might grow up a disposition to follow the good patern. The name of the organization might be the least part of the enterprise. In one instance an Epworth League might cover the whole field, in another a Missionary Society might do all the work and yet in another the Wesley Bible Class might might enlarge so as to effectively promote the direction of the Christian influences of the congregation's young people. Whatever name would best please the workers on the ground should be the one to use. If there are congregations working on this principle let your good work be known. As it is there are too many organizations with too few participants.

NEWS NOTES FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

During the last four weeks the Wesley Bible Class Department has enrolled the following classes from the Western North Carolina Conference:

Philathea, First Church at Lenoir Adult Certificate No. 7536; a class of 36 women with Miss Grace Caroline Goforth, teacher, and Miss May Puett, president.

Junior Philathea, Brevard Street Sunday School at Brevard, Adult Certificate No. 7521; a class of 21 women with Rev. W. E. Poovey, teacher, and Miss Marion Youngue, president.

Earnest Workers, Waxhaw, Adult Certificate No. 7533; a class of 20 woment with Mrs. E. Myers teacher and Miss Lucile Niven, president. Watch for the next report.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"Trouble with lots of folks is they ain't had a good square meal of religious food since they lef' Sunday school 'bout the time they reached puppy-love age."

"I guess too many of us has been thinkin' if we filled our scholars' heads full of Bible facts an' verses they'd be Christians, without thinkin' 'bout their trainin' through worship. I'm goin' to make amotion that we stop sayin' 'Opein' Exercises' an' call it 'Worship Period,' an' that our superintendent be requested to arrange reg'lar programs accordin'ly."

"For nigh onto fifty year now I been observin' our public schools, an' I figger that the beter qualified the teacher is the better the school is. That's why I b'lieve we ough'to have a teacher trainin' class in our Sunday school. We ain't never goin' to get anywhere with unqualified teachers—no matter what our text book is."

"If you keep your soul down to peck size don't 'spect God to put a bushel o' blessin' in it at one time. Us teachers ough'to be growin' bigger souls all the while."

"When young folks quit Sunday school in their teen-ages they go out with ideas of God an' his religion as crude as their ideas of other things at that age, an' if they don't study Scripter any more they're not likely to become bright an' shinin' lights in the Church."

"Yes, I been over to the Lake Junalusky trainin' school, an' I certainly do feel sorry for you folks what couldn't go. It's better'n any farmers institoot I ever soon. In my humble 'pinion it's the most constructive single piece of work our Church is doin'."

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Mrs. Mattie Jenkins .....Matron

I am looking for more individuals who will cheerfully assume the privilege of supporting one of our children. Quite a large number are enjoying this Christ-like service. Judging from the letters they write me, I know that they are very happy over being able to take the place of parents to these dear little ones. Applications are being turned down every week all because our space is filled to overflowing. In this land of plenty it is pathetic that the cry of the Orphan should be heard and no relief offered.

Our boys are kept busy these hot August days hauling our winter supply of coal from the railroad siding. Hauling four hundred tons of coal for a mile is no small undertaking, especially as we have no dumping place to unload the cars. Generally in two days they have a fifty-ton car unloaded and in the coal bins ready for the coming winter. Coal is costing much more than it did a few years ago and freight costs us three times as much as it did two years ago. From this fact our friends can easily understand why we need more money than we did a few years ago. A number of checks would be very acceptable now.

Our children who need medical attention are being treated by the doctors of Raleigh. Quite a number are having their tonsils removed and their teeth filled. Last Tuesday Dr. M. R. Gibson operated on nine for diseased tonsils. Dr. John M. Wright does a good deal of work for us. Also Drs. McGee and Judd are ever alert and ready to give their time and skill whenever we have need of them. Our Home has a big place in the affections of the people of Raleigh regardless of Church relations. Such consideration at their hands is highly appreciated by officers and children.

RECEIPTS

Rowland ss., Rowland ct., $6.33; Wesley Bible Class of Fayetteville, $30; Asbury ss., Bath ct., $5; Trinity Church, Magnolia ct., $25.52; Person St. ss., Calvary charge, $10; Conetoe ss., Bethel ct., $2.30; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holleman, Apex ct., $5; St. Pauls ss., St. Pauls ct., $4.23; Oxford Baraca Class, $40; Grifton ss., Grifton ct., $10; Business Men's Class, Trenton, Jones ct., $10; Jas. B. Church, Southport, $10; Fred W. Bynum, Rockingham, $10; Center Hill ss., Chowan ct., $1.33; Jackson Baraca Class, $10; Warsaw ss., Faison and Warsaw charge, $5; Business Men's Class, Louisburg, $7.50; Burlington Baraca Class, $10; Ormond's Chapel ss., Hookerton ct., $20; Philadelphia ss., Gates ct., $5; Laskey ss., Northampton ct., $4; Miss Lillie Duke's Class, Memorial Church, Durham, $10; Eureka ss., Fremont ct., $1.50; Baxter's Grove ss., Moyock ct., $1; Mt. Gilead ss., Mt. Gilead, $3.68; Castle Heights ss., ch., Wilmington, $20; St. John ss., St. John and Gibson ch., $7.80; Sandy Grove ss., Parkton ct., $2.50; Rockingham ss., $11.65; Raeford ss., $20; Epworth ch., Perquimans ct., $7.30; Zion ss., Conway ct., $5; Stem ss., Granville ct., $5; Wesley Bible Class, Rowland, $10; Shady Grove, Oxford ct., $12.65; Gray Rock ch., Oxford ct., $18.50; Z. W. Lyon, Oxford Station, $25; Asbury and Edeth Classes, Branson ss., Durham, $10; Mrs. E. L. Hart, Grace Church, Wilmington, $20; Ridgeway ct., $2.75; Ebenezer ss., Currituck ct., $4; Mt. Bethel ss., Rougemont ct., $2.15; Baraca Class, Norlina, Ridgeway ct., $10; Hamilton ss., Williamston, Hamilton charge, $5; Wadeville ss., Troy Station, $5; High Falls ss., Carthage ct., $26.83; Parker's ss., North Gates ct., $10; Ayden ss., Ayden ct., $5.37; Newton Grove ss., Newton Grove ct., $1.20; Lakewood ss., Durham, $10; Campbell's Creek ss., Aurora ct., $3.74; Clinton ss., Clinton ct., $7.73; Goldston ss., Goldston ct., $3.60; Evans ss., Chowan ct., $10; Class No. 11, Roxboro ss., $10; Daniels Chapel ss., Goldsboro ct., $2; Fred Harrison, Rocky Mount, $5.

Donations in Kind

One quilt from Pleasant Plains ss., Lillington ct.; one box of wool sweaters, socks, etc., from Mrs. Josephus Daniels; one coop of chickens from Mrs. R. F. Taylor, Goldston, N. C.; three crates of canteloupes from W. H. M. Brown, Buies, N. C.

THE REV. DR. JAMES M. BUCKLEY
Evangelist J. V. Williams

Success is the thing the world is looking for whether in the line of material or spiritual work. The whole world is singing the praises of the man who is successful in any worthy enterprise, while the fellow who fails, is soon forgotten.

The most respected man of our Conference "The New York East" is now not in active work in any sense, but resting over in his Jersey home more than eighty and enjoying the memory of other days when his name was always the first to be named on all great occasions. That man is James M. Buckley.

I have just been reading the history of his remarkable life-work, by Dr. G. B. Mains.

James M. Buckley began life under adverse conditions. He was physically frail. His father had died from consumption while he was quite a child. His mother, not strong physically, but "strong in the Lord." And here we find perhaps the reason of the great success attained by Dr. Buckley's long active work as a preacher, a lecturer and editor.

He found himself too weak bodily to stand the strain of work he felt necessary if ever he should get above the ordinary.

So he began an active outdoor life and he compelled that frail body to train for action. For years he walked without thinking of giving it up, Walk! Walk! Walk. Everywhere and all the time.

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He was called "the bishop maker" by many. He was the greatest writer perhaps the M. E. Church has ever produced. He traveled much at home and abroad and wrote about all he saw.

They tell a good story on him down in North Carolina. He was at Trinity College, Durham, N. C., to make the Commencement speech. Of course he was entertained by Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of the college. Now Kilgo, and his family were from South Carolina and did love the plain corn bread. Now, when corn bread is plain and no extra fixing in it, it don't taste good to the northern folk. The custom is to put one cake on the table and each person break off a piece the size he wishes. Dr. Buckley, who knew everything did not know that, so when the corn bread was handed to him he took it all. He tasted but did not eat it But true to his life habit he took everything in sight..

East Meadow, L. I. N. Y.

STATEMENT
National Liberty Insurance Company
New York City

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement Filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	$1,000,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year $.....; Increas of paid-up Capital, $.....; Total	$8,196,168.98
Income—From Policyholders, $5,244,-641.38; Miscellaneous, $1,405,362.35 Total	$6,650,003.73
Disbursement—To Policyholders, $2,-523,514.60; Miscellaneous, $2,791,-284.68; Total,	$5,314,799.28
ASSETS	
Value of Real Estate	$ 663,500.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$ 766,100.00
Loans secured by pledge or Bonds, or other Callateral	$6,863,000.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 8,342.12
Cash in Company's Office	$ 12,766.52
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 454,494.56
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$1,094,338.73
Agents balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1918	$ 63,853.00
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 68,126.47
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 73,999.10
Total	$10,068,520.50
Less Assets not admitted	$ 63,853.00
Total admitted Assets	$10,004.667.50
LIABILITIES	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims	$ 637,551.85
Unearned premiums	$4,941,587.30
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued	$ 4,000.00
Estimated amount payable for Federal State, county, and municipal taxes due or accrued	$ 100,000.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued	$ 28,003.86
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement	$ 503,085 10
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	$6,214,228.04
Capital actually paid up in cash $1,000,000.00	
Surplus over all liabilities $2,700,439.39	
Sucrplus as regards Policyholders	$3,790,430.39
Total Liabilities	$10,004,667.50

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1918

Fire Risks written $2,750,943.00; Premiums received	$ 50,349.36
Loses incurred—Fire, $18,843.20; Prem-	
Losses incurred—Fire $18,843.20; Paid	$ 19,605.96

President—Geo. B. Edwards.
Secretary—G. H. Kehr.
Home Office New York City.
Attorney for service—Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, July 21, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the National Liberty Fire Insurance Company, of New York City filed with this department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.

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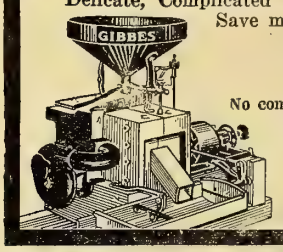
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Exposition by the Editor.

Daniel was the greatest man of his day. He was the last of the major prophets, and the only Jewish prophet who spent his life mainly outside of Palestine. He was a young man when the first deportation of Jews was carried to Babylon, and he was one of the choice young men who were carried at that time. He was the great prophet of the exile; and, even in a foreign country, he came into large political influence, as well as a religious torchlight in a dark land. The foundation for all this was laid in the deep purpose which he formed and executed at the beginning of his career.

Daniel Had Well Defined Convictions

An element of weakness in many men is the lack of any decided convictions of right. They allow themselves to be governed on the impulse of the moment and by the influences that are dominant at the time. They have not determined what is right for them to do and fixed upon the policy of holding themselves steadily to it. Yet this decision of character is essential to success. It was the dominant characteristic of Daniel, as his life is portrayed in the book that bears his name. At the beginning he had "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." He had been carried into a strange land. Customs were prevalent that ran counter to the law which he had been taught to obey as divine. Providence was throwing him into close contact with the powers of the kingdom. Life was programmed for him, and programmed in a way that his conscience could not allow. Yet he went into that situation with well defined convictions that he did not propose to surrender. It was upon this granite foundation that he built his character.

Daniel Made Obedience to Conscience Supreme

He lived in a despotic age. The word of the king was final, and religious freedom was not an established principle as it is today. The fact is there was not much freedom in the world of any sort. To refuse obedience to the powers that were was a dangerous thing. The steward who was to furnish food to Daniel recognized this truth. He knew that if the king found out that he was not literally obeying orders it would mean death to him. Still more would it have been fatal to Daniel. Yet the latter determined not to "defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." To the proposal he said, "No" firmly, courteously, finally. It was contrary to his conscience. He made no parade of his conscience in the matter, but he adhered to it. He had thought the thing through. He knew what he believed and he staked his life upon fidelity to his convictions.

Daniel Was Reasonable in His Proposal

He was conscious of the delicacy of the situation, and he had no purpose to throw his life away. Neither was he playing heroics. He knew that what the steward told him concerning the danger was true as it applied to both of them, and he was willing that his course be judged by the results of it. There were three years of training ahead of them for the positions for which the king designed them. Ten days could not make much difference in that time, and the king would not be bothering himself about their affairs so soon. So he made it safe for the steward and took his diet of pulse and water. The word translated "pulse" literally means seeds, and probably includes such foods as peas, beans and seeds that grow in pods. It was a vegetable diet. Jewish law did not require a vegetable diet, but it required certain regulations about the killing of meats to be used for food as were not likely to be carried out at Babylon. So Daniel adhered to the vegetable diet, and put himself on probation for ten days in order to establish its effectiveness in his case. This was certainly a reasonable request of the steward and it enabled Daniel and his companions to be true to their conscience without rushing into open conflict with the constituted authority of the land in which they dwelt.

Daniel Prospered in His Way

Our readers are familiar with the results as told in the history, and we need not repeat them here. Was the "fatter and fairer countenance" of Daniel the natural result of the diet chosen, or was it a divine interposition in the interest of Daniel for his fidelity? The naturalist will tell you the former, the religionist will be disposed to the latter view. Probably both are correct. The record does not say, and we see nothing to be gained by dogmatism on the point. One thing is clear—the program of feasting and drinking which the king was carrying out was not essential to the beauty or wisdom of his counsellors. Daniel traveled the road of temperance and outdistanced all of his competitors. He came to a position of great influence and power in the kingdom and maintained it for many years and under more than one sovereign, and he did this despite the scheming and plotting of his enemies. The whole history of his life is a demonstration of the fact that God was with him and honored him for his faithfulness.

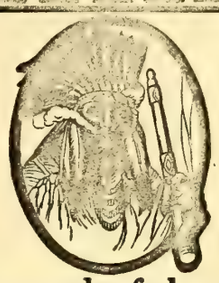
Alcohol Is a Poison

Whatever may have been true of the "portion of the king's meat" which Daniel refused, it is certainly true that the alcohol in the wine was and is injurious. It is destructive of all that is good. It is a poison to the body. It disturbs the entire nervous system, destroys the power of the body to resist disease, weakens its powers of endurance and hastens its course to the grave.

It interferes with the moral activities of the mind, produces temporary insanity, which in many cases becomes permanent, perverts intellectual conceptions and invalidates conclusions. It dulls and finally deadens the moral perceptions, destroys natural affections and wrecks the life for time and for eternity. On the other hand there is not a good thing that can truthfully be said in its favor for beverage purposes. The medical profession has at last learned that it is not needed in the practice of their profession. It has no place inside of a man.

Progress of Temperance Reform

The progress of temperance reform in the last few years has been wonderful—only the wonder really is that men have been so slow to see the terrible toll of human life and happiness that alcohol has taken. The traffic in this country has now been put under the ban of the law, but the final victory is not yet won. The monster beast is still withstanding the enforcement of the law by every means in his power, and it must be fought at that point. And then the Church must not lose sight of the sin of personal indulgence. After all this is the final battle. It is morally wrong to drink it, and the Church must never be satisfied until the individual *wills* not to drink, even though the streets ran full of it. It must be made a matter of conscience, as it was with Daniel.



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W. E. WEBB, Secretary, Statesville, N. C.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from Page Seven.)

THE DRIVE FOR A MILLION NEW MEMBERS

Don't like the word "drive" in that sentence. Give us "one accord in prayer and supplication," for a million members—no. Let us not limit the "holy one of Israel." Where there are millions to be saved it would be sin to limit the prayer to only a million. I Sam. 12:23. Let the call be for days, weeks, months of heart-searching separation from all known sin; of fasting, unceasing prayer; of faithful preaching, followed by personal work of the gentlest, most persuasive sort, and let the Lord do His own counting "when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psa. 87:5, 6. "By their fruits ye shall know them." The old six months probation rule was the best any church ever had for accurate counting of new converts, but we could not keep up with our Baptist brethren while using it, so we cut it out. It takes six months of human observation to know, with assurance, of the second birth. I hope we are not going to have the "quota" rule of so many converts to the charge, district, etc., and the offered banner to the one that "goes over the top" first. Let God do His own counting and banner-giving. We can all have our reward when Paul gets his. See II Tim. 4:8.

Our Church Debts and Revivals

Church debts are not in accord with God's will, therefore they are more or less a hindrance to revival work. "Owe no mon any thing," (but love) not even over night, Lev. 19:13. Why? Because the borrower is servant to the lender.. Prov. 22:7. Church debts have a tendency to soften our speech to rich folks and incline us to deal tenderly with corporation sins, hence revivals reach few of this class. Our Conference minutes for 1918 show indebtedness to the amount of $4,480,025 in all conferences of Southern Methodism. The amount $363,952 for our two conferences in North Carolina does not include the unpaid balance on pledges to representative church in Washington City. It is true that much of church debt is in process of payment, and too much of it is an old sore—a Bishop Smith's "old briar patch" into which the timed (very gentle word) financial rabbits always run when the Church calls for a forward movement. This church debt business is all the uglier when we think that while we have been creating it we have been robbing God of His tithes. Mal. 3:8-10. Read verse 10 over again—no chance for church-wide revival while such conditions exist. Brethren, we must get another move on us—one that will move church debts. Plenty of unpaid tithes to do it. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, saith the Lord, and prove me now—1919—if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Never had a blessing as big as that, have we? Why? Because we have never paid the price—never met the terms. Brethren, of the Board of Bishops and all other Boards, with all presiding elders and pastors—this last the most important of all—we have our centennial offering of $35,000,000, and more for missions, and we desire God's overflow blessing upon it; we are calling for a church-wide, soul-saving revival. Let us not hope to exercise wonder-working faith until we have at least treated God with common honesty by placing to the credit of His church enough of unpaid tithes, yet in our pockets, to liquidate the unpaid claim of every individual or corporation. Why not?

Our Board of Church Extension, along with the call for a week of Fasting and Prayer, by way of preparation for the church-wide revival, makes a call for one other offering, of $5,000,000, for the all-important purpose of simple obedience to God's word, and for placing the Church on a platform of permanent respectability before the eyes of all mankind. Awaken the conscience of the people on this matter and it will be done.

D. H. Tuttle.

Washington, N. C.

VISITING FRIENDS IN NORTH CAROLINA

On the 23rd day of June, 1919, I left Lincoln, California, to attend the Centenary celebration at Columbus, Ohio. Leaving there, I visited Niagara Falls and then made my first visit to Washington, D. C. I made an effort to hear the President's speech on the League of Nations but failed. I did see him as he passed out from the capitol. I went to Mt. Vernon and saw the home of Washington and also his grave. I visited the Arlington National Cemetery, where I had a view of General Lee's home. There are many interesting things at Washington about which I cannot write now.

I found nothing more pleasant than the visiting of my friends in North Carolina, where I lived many years ago. During my visit to Big Sandy Mush I saw the church where I first went to Sunday school and church. I also saw Colonel Lowry's old home where I was baptized in my childhood by one Rev. Mr. Kerr. My brother and I visited the old home place. It seems that the valleys have become more narrow and the hills have grown higher.

On Turkey creek we visited the mountain farm which our father bought and to which we moved from Sandy Mush. I preached in the old brick church which I helped to build when I was a lad.

I also preached twice at Leicester. I found brother J. M. Green and brother Carpenter in good spirits and in favor with their people. They are hard at work, holding meetings. Many remarkable changes have taken place in the community. I still hear the names of Methodist preachers who were pastors two or three decades ago. I must not forget to mention that I visited Weaverville and had the pleasure of seeing some of the teachers who were my instructors while I was in school there. Prof. Yost and Mrs. N. B. McDowell were the only teachers that I was able to see. This was my first visit to Weaverville since I was in school there.

R. L. Sprinkle.

Lincoln, Calif.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR TRACT LITERATURE

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of Tract and Evangelistic Literature held at the Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., July 30, 1919, it was voted to offer a first prize of $25.00 for the best tracts on the following subjects:

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Third, two tracts, one on baptism and the other on the Lord's Supper. These two tracts to be limited to 10,000 words each.

All manuscripts submitted in this contest must be typewritten and must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board not later than December 1, 1919. The name of the author must be placed in a sealed envelope accompanying the manuscript, but must not appear elsewhere. The Board reserves the right to purchase the second best manuscripts for the sum of $15 each. It also reserves the right to reject any and all manuscripts submitted. The Board would caution all contestants that while it values a scholarly presentation of Biblical truths, it must be borne in mind that these tracts are designed to convince men and women of varying intellectual grades and that therefore the presentation must be mainly to the popular mind and buttressed by Biblical quotations.

Signed for the Board,

A. J. Lamar, Chairman.

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"Neither do I," said James. "Thank you, Mr. Landers, for what you have said. When I am a man sixty years old, I, too, will have it to say: 'I have never tasted strong drink in my life." —Selected.

HOW GRACE SPELLED LOVE

A class of very little girls was learning to spell. "Etta, spell pig, and tell us what kind of noise little pigs make," said the teacher.

"P-i-g, pig," answered Etta, "and this is the noise they make, "Que, que."

"You may spell dog, Rosy," said the teacher to the next little girl.

"D-o-g, dog, and our doggie says Bow-wow-wow."

"Now, cat, Mary."

The next little girl said, "C-a-t, and my kitty says mew,-mew."

"Grace you may spell love," were teacher's next words. Grace didn't stop to give the letters, but ran and threw her arms around the teacher's neck, giving her a kiss on the cheek. "We spell love that way at our house," said she.

"That is a beautiful way," said the teacher; "but do you know another way?"

"Oh, yes," said little Grace. "I spell love this way." And she began putting the books in order on teacher's desk. I spell love by helping everybody when they need me."

"That's the best way of all to spell love, and now we will have it as the book spells it." Then all the class said together, "L-o-v-e, love."—Exchange.

THE GIRL WHO ENJOYED EVERYTHING

"If only we could have one of the bigger girls to help us, we could get along very well."

The small circle of Nimble Needles, engaged in Red Cross work, were planning a little entertainment and social, by which to earn money. The girls were not accustomed to such efforts, and felt their lack of experience, therefore the sigh for help.

"Let us ask Ruth Raymond," was the very first suggestion in response.

"She would be the best help of anybody. She always knows just how. But wouldn't it be asking a good deal?" This a bit anxiously. "She couldn't have much of a good time at such an affair as ours."

"Ruth makes her own good time, anyhow, wherever she is," said one of the older and more observant girls. "She just loves to help. Let's ask her and see."

So they "asked her" and they "saw." They saw how she could enter into the interests and efforts of a younger circle, and have a genuine good time. For evidently, Ruth's enjoyment was not veneer—it was solid.

"Did you go to the lecture last night?" asked one girl of another, after a somewhat noted scientist had been heard in town.

"Yes, I went, and I suppose it was all very good and improving, but it did not interest me very much. It was rather dry. The man knew almost everything about his subject, but he did not tell it with much animation. There was one hearer that enjoyed it, though. I saw Ruth Raymond there, and she listened with such a bright look that I spent part of my time watching her—and wondering."

"Oh," was the hearer's comment, "Ruth gets something out of everything. If there is a juicy morsel anywhere in a heap of dry bones, she is certain to find it and get refreshment out of it, and she always acts as if she had hold of something meant expressly for her."

About this time Ruth and her two sisters planned an outing together, in which the trio anticipated great pleasure. Just before the consummation of plans, an invalid aunt sent for Ruth to come and stay with her during her husband's two weeks' absence from home. Ruth was her choice, and of course it was Ruth's choice to go. The family knew that it would be from the moment the request came.

"How can you bear the disappointment and the difference in this way of spending two weeks and the way you had planned?" asked a friend.

"Oh," aswered Ruth happily, "if I can't have just what I like, I can like what I have, and there will be many pleasant things about this visit. I will enjoy the helping, and other things, too, all in a quiet way."

"I wonder how it is that Ruth makes good times out of the most unpromising situations and circumstances?" said one of her admiring comrades.

"I saw a saying lately which illustrates the truth about her," was the reply. "It was this: 'Every blade of grass has its own drop of dew.' Ruth's drop of dew, which freshens everything for her, is the faculty for enjoying the best in everything, and finding some good in all."—F. H. Sweet, in Northwestern Christian Advocate.

THE LITTLE PEBBLE

"Look how round and smooth it is! Isn't it pretty, mother." The little boy had picked up a pebble from the beach.

"How did the pebble come to be so round and smooth and pretty?" mother asked. "Has it just been lying here on the beach contentedly "

"It is so pretty maybe the children jump over it! but, then, so many of them are smooth. How is it, mother? Why are they not all alike?"

"It is in the roughest places, my little boy, that the smoothest pebbles are found. If we were on the shore of some quiet lake, you would pick up only rough stones. Here the waves are strong, and the shingles, too, dash against the little stones. These things make them beautiful. Hard things are sometimes good for little boys, too. It was a pretty hard thing for you to be sick last month, wasn't it? But it has helped mother's little boy to be patient and unselfish, and I think he loves the heavenly Father very much for making him well."

"Yes, indeed, I do, mother," the little fellow answered.



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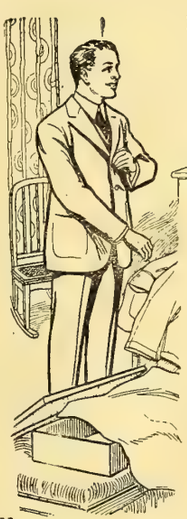
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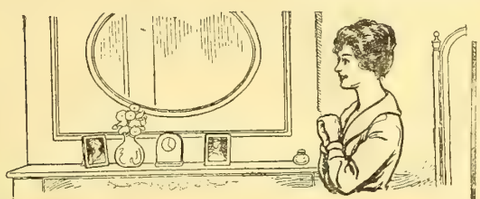


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TARKINGTON—James F. Tarkington was born April 29, 1849, and died May 30, 1919, aged 70 years, one month and one day.

In early manhood he married Miss Mary Smith, who survives, together with six children and fourteen grandchildren.. His home-life was beautiful and marked with strong devotion. For many years he was a steward in Pleasant Grove Church, which he loved devotedly. His home was always the preacher's home, and he was never happier than when his pastor sat by his fireside. He was a good man and a faithful soldier of the Cross.

Farewell till the morning.

L. E. Sawyer.

JENETTE—Robert Jenette was born near Lake Landing, N. C., Dec. 9, 1852, and died in Swan Quarter, N. C., May 14, 1919. Dec. 23, 1876, he was married to Veanna Benson, sister of Rev. J. M. Benson. To this union were born eight children, six of whom preceded him into the great beyond: Chas. L., of Norlina, N. C., and Edward T., of Washington, N. C., with the devoted wife survive him.

Brother Jenette had been in declining health for several years and had sought relief from many sources without benefit or encouragement. He had retired from business and was quietly awaiting the end. This came while he was talking to a friend, when it was thought that he had rallied from a very severe attack.

He joined Soule M. E. Church, South, in 1876, under the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Buie and lived a consistent Christian life until the end. He told the writer, less than one hour before his departure, that he would welcome death as a relief from his suffering.

He was a good neighbor and friend and was always among the first to extend the hand of welcome to a stranger. As a father and husband he was devoted and loving.

His body was buried at Soule church in Hyde county. The service was conducted by this writer and the Masonic Order and was attended by a large crowd of friends. There we left him under a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection.

L. T. Singleton.

Swan Quarter, N. C.

SINCLAIR—Catharine Sinclair, daughter of John and Diana Stewart, was born July 1st, 1848. Her parents were devoted members of the Methodist Church, and brought up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Hence sister Sinclair was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of twelve. In this communion she remained faithful unto death, June 8th, 1919. She was married to Daniel M. Sinclair Nov. 28, 1867. To them were born five children, two of whom died in infancy. Three of them survive their mother. Two sons, J. [illegible] and Chas. T. Sinclair are prominent business men of Carthage and one daughter, Mrs. U. L. Barrett, of Carthage, all of whom are members of the church of their parents. The husband and children, two sisters and many friends mourn their great loss. She was a kind neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand to the sick and needy; and speak a word of comfort to the sorrowing. She has served her generation well, filled her mission in the world and gone up to receive her reward.

Her greatest work in life was in the home. The State and Church are founded upon this institution. No people ever rise above the home. The mothers who have reared families and made homes of a high Christian character, have been the most potent factors in building nations and extending the kingdom of Christ. It was here and in her loyalty and faithfulness to the Church, that the nobility and greatness of her character shone so brightly.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her." The memory of her sweet and gentle spirit will linger long to cheer and brighten, strengthen and lighten the hearts of loved ones and point them to the home on high.

N. E. Coletrane.

GARDNER—F. T. Gardner was born Sept. 2, 1851 and died Apr. 22, 1919. He was sick several months and his sufferings were great, but he endured them with great fortitude. He professed faith in Christ when young, joined the Methodist Church and remained true and faithful. He was never married. He was a good neighbor and citizen and made friends. He has gone to a better world. His body now rests in the cemetery of the Pittsboro M. E. church, where he held membership. May God give his grace to the sorrowing. P. D. Woodall.

FAW—John Andrew Faw was born in Ashe county, N. C., Feb. 13, 1850, and died at Statesville, July 21, 1919. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1865 and lived the life of a faithful follower of our Lord till he was called to receive his reward in the Church triumphant. For many years he was a faithful and efficient steward, and by example and influence sought to meet the financial requirements of his Church. He was one of Wilkes county's best citizens, and a great asset to the community in which he lived. He enjoyed having the preachers in his home, and they enjoyed going there. It was a home of prayer. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. He left them the priceless legacy of a good name and godly example. May the stricken widow and children together with all who loved him so live that they will meet and rejoice forever together in the good world above, praising the Christ who has redeemed and saves all who believe and trust Him.

In the presence of a large congregation of his friends and neighbors we laid him away at Miller's Creek M. E. Church, South, beside his sacred dead.

W. R. Ware.

ELLINGTON—Mrs. Lois Ellington, wife of W. A. Ellington, was born Jan. 18, 1872, and died May 19, 1919. She was married Nov. 7, 1894, giving birth to two girls, Beaver and Lois, who survive her. She professed religion when quite a girl. Her Christian life was beautiful. She had a very sweet, amiable disposition, made no enemies, but a great many friends. Her illness was of brief duration. She was given every possible attention but the Master took her to be with Him in glory. Her funeral service was conducted by the writer and her body now rests in the cemetery of Hank's Chapel Christian Church. May God comfort the bereft husband and sorrowing daughters. P. D. Woodall.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE J. GRIFFITH.

We feel very keenly the loss of Mrs. [illegible] wife and daughter. She loved her Church and to it she literally gave her life. She had lived for 43 years in this world, and no one had gathered around them more friends, or was more universally loved. She joined the Methodist Church in early childhood, and her love and devotion for her Church was beautiful indeed. On Monday, July 21st, at one o'clock, surrounded by a crowd of friends and loved ones that taxed the seating capacity of Belmont Park Church, her funeral was conducted by her pastor and we laid her to rest in Elmwood cemetery. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Bro. [illegible] her aged father, D. N. Smith. Three brothers, John T. Smith, Jas. A. Smith and Will Smith, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Douglass, of Huntersville. May His grace comfort these loved ones.

A. L. Aycock.

Charlotte, N. C.

WHITEHURST—Mrs. Fannie Hooker Whitehurst was born on June 23rd, 1851. She was married to Capt. E. B. Whitehurst (then of Carteret county, N. C., but later of Kinston, N. C.,) on May the 2nd, 1883, and died on the 17th of July, 1919, at her home in Kinston, N. C.

She was the daughter of the late Rev. N. A. Hooker, of precious memory, who was for so many years one of the most faithful ministers of the N. C. Conference and one of God's own elect.

I had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with this elect lady and her family. I was her pastor for two years and an intimate of her home.

I never knew a purer, more consistent Christian lady than she was. Joining the church in early life she never took the gift off the altar. She was an industrious wife and mother, a good neighbor, and devoted to her husband and children and family.

No one who knew her doubts as to where she is today. May her husband and children imitate her even as she did Christ. J. O. Guthrie.

WILLIAMS—W. T. Williams was born Feb. 27, 1839, and died July 5, 1919. Thus he was 80 years, 4 months and 6 days old. He was converted in the year 1854 and joined the Methodist Church at Salem, near Reidsville, removing later to the church at Wentworth. He was first made class leader and later a steward, serving in that capacity till he finished his course on earth. He served in the Confederate army under Capt. John M. Galloway. He was for many years the trusted keeper of the county home for the poor of Rockingham county. He died at the home of his [illegible] daughter, Mrs. Cora Gunn, who ministered to him during the last years of his life with great tenderness and admirable devotion.

Uncle Billie was a man of many fine traits of character. His conversation was in heaven. Amongst his virtues I should enumerate his gentleness of manners, his purity of conversation, his sincerity of purpose, his patience in affliction, the steadfastness of his faith, the prayerfulness of his life, his love for God, his devotion to the church of [illegible] he was a honored member. He lived well, a good and useful life. He died well. He died in sight of heaven. Before passing away he mentioned some of his favorite songs, repeating lines from

"My latest sun is sinking fast," and "Amazing grace how sweet the sound."

Just before leaving he said: "My time has come; I am so happy, so happy!"

His death truly suggests the beautiful lines:

"How blest the righteous when he dies,
When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beams the closing eyes,
How gently heaves the expiring breast!
"Life's duty done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say
How blest the righteous when he dies."

F. L. Townsend.

STEDMAN—Mrs. Lizzie Stedman, wife of Rev. C. E. Stedman of the Hayesville circuit, was converted at the age of fifteen years and joined the church shortly afterwards. She had excellent educational advantages.

About twenty-five years ago she came to Western North Carolina as a music teacher and proved a great success.

Not a great while after her marriage to Brother Stedman, he received a call to preach and she gladly entered the itineracy with him. After great sacrifice and struggle he was prepared for admission into the Conference in which he has been successful in an unusual degree. But surely no preacher's wife ever stood by a preacher more faithfully than she. She had unusual preparation for her work; was highly cultured, deeply pious and thoroughly amiable. She was a woman of great faith; believed that God had called her and her husband to this work and that the outcome of it would be the fulfillment of His will.

She bore inconvenience and sacrifice without complaint, always counting it an honor to have a place in the Lord's vineyard.

The refining effects of her splendid life were an untold blessing to Brother Stedman, as well as hundreds of others.

Her personality exhaled a heavenly sweetness that made her company desired by people of every class.

Her musical ability as well as her culture stood her in great stead in her church work.

I never knew a finer example of Christian piety. This flower of grace had grown to full proportions. Their home was a Christian home indeed. Her husband testifies to this in the strongest words. But this testimony is superfluous in her old community of Sylva, as well as [illegible] needs no one to testify to the brightness of its light.

When she bore her only child to the grave, the spirit of sweet Christian resignation was apparent. On July 19th, after more than twenty years, she was laid beside her little one in the grave yard at Sylva.

We await the resurrection in confident hope. But meanwhile there has been a re-union in the home above. Think of it! Gave up her child a few years later gave up her little home for the homeless life of the itinerancy. Now she has her child free from corruption in a home of many mansions. Does it not pay to live the Christian life? May God give Brother Stedman many years in which to preach the glorious gospel of Christ.

J. J. Gray.

VICKERS—Mrs. Malissa Vickers, wife of Dr. G. C. Vickers, passed on to her blessed reward July 1. Her passing was sudden and unexpected.

She left six dear little children to whom she had been such a dear mother. [illegible] thy goes out to the sorrowing husband.

Mrs. Vickers was a good neighbor, a consistent Christian, a member of Edgar Long's Memorial Church.

We commend Doctor Vickers and the dear little children unto Him who has taught us that He doeth all things well, and that all things work together for good to them that love God.

O. W. Dowd.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

On July 23, 1919, God in His almighty wisdom saw fit to call unto Himself our beloved and faithful member, Mrs. E. L. Parker; therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Philathea class of the Methodist Church has in the death of this good woman lost one of its most loyal and useful members.

2. That we, the surviving members, feel sadly our loss, but realizing our loss is her eternal gain, we humbly submit to our Father's will.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the records of our class, a copy sent to the family, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson,
Mrs. G. F. Snead,
Mrs. Paul C. Hood,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Mt. Pleasant Church, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, that in the death of Mrs. Victoria Bristol Johnson, which occurred on the 19th of July, our society keenly [illegible] is the loss of a loyal and valued member, one whose friendship was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by her associates.

Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the One who doeth all things well, yet may we not give expression to the love and high esteem in which sister Johnson was held by our society. And that to the husband and four children who are bereft of a loving wife and mother, we assure them of our tenderest sympathy. And that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and to our county paper.

Mrs. C. C. Hensley,
Mrs. W. A. Hood,
Mrs. J. V. Powell,
Committee.

MERCHANT—John Hambridge Merchant was born in Bampton, Gloucestershire, England, November 23, 1845. Died at his home near Biltmore, N. C., July 31, 1919, age 73 years, 7 months and 8 days.

When he was nine years of age his parents came to America, making their home successively at Buffalo, N. Y., Concord, Ohio, Richmond, Indiana and finally at Brook, Indiana. While living at Richmond, Indiana, he joined the Union army in 1862, fighting side by side with his brother, Mr. Fred Merchant, to the close of the war.

In 1872 he was united in marriage to Jane Hess, of Brook, Ind. To this union was born seven children, one dying at the age of 5 years. In 1884 he removed with his family to Western North Carolina, making his home until 8 years ago near Hendersonville.

The deceased is survived by one brother and one sister, Mr. Sam Merchant and Mrs. Eliza Conn, of Brook, Ind., his wife, Mrs. E. J. Merchant, Biltmore, and six children: Mr. L. L. Merchant, Biltmore, Mrs. Jesse Gay, Allanstand, N. C., Rev. Grant Merchant, Toledo, Wash., Mr. Oscar L. Merchant and Miss Laura E. Merchant, Biltmore, and Mr. Clarence L. Merchant, Knoxville, Tenn.

Brother Merchant joined the Methodist Church at an early age and his life was one of consistent living with his profession and helpfulness to the community in which he chanced to live. Some years ago he moved near Biltmore and placed his membership with the South Biltmore Methodist Church and was identified with its activities until death. He was unassuming in his manner, a man of deep piety, and marvelous was his sense of Christian duty, many times when he was not physically able he would be in the little church he loved so well, conducting the Sunday school and teaching a class, willing to do even double duty. We feel that we have lost one of our best men, but our loss is heaven's gain. "Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past. The battle's fought, the victory won, and thou art crowned at last.

D. R. Proffit, Pastor.

ELLEN—Mrs. Tempie W. Ellen was born June 25th, 1868.

Early in life she joined Cokesbury Church, on the Warren circuit. Her life's story is also a part of the history of McTyeire Church on the Battleboro and Whitakers charge.

On Nov. 30th, 1897, she was married to Nicero F. Ellen.

She died Nov. 28th, 1918.

The writer, then her pastor, visited the home accompanied by Rev. R. F. Campbell. That night in the family circle we listened to her questions and saw her face illumined as our brother led us through the Holy Land. It was in the light of that hour that we knew her.

A small number of women, and they are called "The Basket Band," and they live around about a country church called McTyeire, and they meet in each others' homes, and they sew and talk and eat. But it's the talk that tells. Through the years they've talked of each others' virtues, of the sermon of last Sunday and their love for their preacher, of flowers for the pulpit, the new carpet making the house beautiful, of the new family in the neighborhood, of the orphan and of the cause of Christ in lands far away. Miss Nannie Whitaker and Mrs. Tempie Ellen, and those still with us, make one thirst for life—high, human fellowship and God.

It was a Sunday in Spring-time. And the windows of that church were open, and our hearts' windows were open, and the breeze that fanned our faces was not more felt than the Holy Spirit. That day Brother R. H. Willis baptized our little Frederick.

A baby's face, a baby being given to God. That baby life that day was the radiant focal point in that church of Christ's and God's light of love. And Mrs. Tempie Ellen's face and others like it was the fit setting for such a jewel.

Norman Harrison.

IN MEMORIAM.

In November, 1918, the Lord called to her heavenly reward, Mrs. A. G. Wall, of Lillesville, N. C.

Mrs. Wall, who was Miss Lucy Helen Radcliffe before her marriage, was born in 1845. She therefore lived to the ripe age of 73 years, 5 months and 12 days.

Mrs. Wall married at the tender age of 16. To her and her husband were born nine children, six daughters, all living, and three sons, two of them living.

In early life Mrs. Wall put her trust in Jesus Christ as her personal saviour, and lived a faithful Christian life to the end. She always took a great interest in the Methodist Church of which she was a member and labored for the salvation of the lost and the building up of God's kingdom. She loved to talk about the things concerning the great future life of the Christian. Mrs. Wall and her husband lived happily together until the Lord took him first. Her life in her home was one of love and duty to husband and children. So gentle in spirit, and so kind in expression was she, that all with whom she came in contact were made to feel that they were in the presence of a noble character. The town and community have suffered a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Wall, but it is her eternal gain.

We all feel keenly the loss, and we miss her, but if we put our trust in Jesus as she did we shall meet her again to part no more, no never.

To the dear children who are left behind we would point them to Jesus, their Comforter and may they follow mother's training.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, he praiseth her.

W. A. Elam.

GRAY—Louisa C. Gray was born March 14th, 1864, and died July 24th, 1919. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early life, and lived a consistent consecrated Christian life until the end of her earthly pilgrimage. She was married to Howard S. Gray and to them was born three children, all of whom with the father and husband preceded her to the grave except one girl, Miss Sabrah Gray, who survives to mourn her loss. Yet she has not buried her loved one as those that have no hope, they all having died in the faith. The weeping child looks forward to the day when father, mother and all the children shall be gathered together in heaven, never to be separated again, for there is no separation in heaven. Sister Gray was a great sufferer. She was confined in her home for nearly three years, and yet she endured all her afflictions with great patience and fortitude. May our dear heavenly Father comfort the bereaved, and may they all meet in heaven.

A. W. Price.

District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	September
Carr, 11 a. m.	7
Durham Circuit, Duke, 4 p. m.	7
Burlington Circuit, Bethel, 11 a. m.	13-14
Burlington, Front Street, 8 p. m.	14
Leasbury Circuit, 11 a. m.	20-21
Brooksdale Circuit, Allensville, 11 a. m.	27-28
East Roxboro, Grace, 6:30 p. m.	28
	October
Milton Circuit, Connally's 11 a. m.	4-5
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	12
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Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round	August
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Fourth Round	**September**
Chowan, Center Hill	6-7
First Church, morning	14
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Perquimans, Oak Grove	20-21
Hertford, morning	28
Edenton, night	28
	October
Pasquotank, Union	4-5
Moyock, Perkins	11-12
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates, Zion	19-20

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Roseboro, McGees	20-21
Bladen, Antioch, 11 a. m.	22
Duke, Duke	27-28
Dunn, Dunn, night	28-29
Newton Grove, Newton Grove, 11 a. m.	30
	October
Buckhorn, Cokesbury	4-5
Lillington, Lillington, night	5-6
Jonesboro, Broadway	11-12
Sanford, night	12-13
Fayetteville, Salem, 11 a. m.	15
Stetman	18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
	November
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary, night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Beaufort	7
Morehead City, night	7
Goldsboro, St. Paul	14
Goldsboro, St. Johns	14
Goldsboro, Elm Street, night	14
Kinston, Caswell Street, Woodington	20-21
Kinston, Queen Street, night	21
Mount Olive Circuit, Rones Chapel	27-28
Mount Olive, Calypso	28-29
	October
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora	4-5
New Bern, Centenary, night	5-6
Jones Circuit, Lee's Chapel	11
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe	12
Snow Hill Circuit	17
Hookerton Circuit	18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night	19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
	November
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carterett Circuit, Harlowe	8-9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15-16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round	August
Carey, Apex	30-31
Princeton, Fellowship	13-14
Fourth Round	**September**
Franklinton, Wesley	13-14
Smithfield	21-22
Clayton	21-22
Selma	28
Kenly	28-29
	October
Granville, Calvary	4-5
Oxford	10-11
Oxford Circuit, Salem	11 12
Louisburg	17-19
Youngsville, Noah's	18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove	19-20
Princeton	26-27
	November
Millbrook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	2-4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Memorial	10
Benson	11
Four Oaks	12
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16
Epworth	16

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Rev. H. M. North, Presiding Elder
Rockingham, N. C.

Third Round	August
Montgomery, Flint Hill	30-31
Troy	31
	September
Troy	1
Elizabeth, Purdis	6-7
St. Paul, at St. Paul	7-8

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
Wilmington, Trinity	30-31
Wilmington, Bladen Street	30-31
	September
Clinton, Clinton	5
Kenansville, Kenansville	6-7
Faison-Warsaw, Warsaw	7-8
Southport, Trinity	13-14
Jacksonville-Rich, Richlands	21-22
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill	27-28
Wilmington Circuit, Wesley Memorial	28-29
	October
Burgaw, Burgaw	4-5
Tabor, Tabor	10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn	11-12
Halisboro, Halisboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
	November
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Harrellsville, Colerain	5
Bertie, White Oak	6-7
Scotland Neck, Scotland Neck	13-14
Williamston & H. Williams Chapel	14-15
Rosemary, Rosemary	20-21
Roanoke Rapids	21
Garysburg, Garysburg	26
Conway, Sharon	27-28
	October
Battleboro and W. McTyeires	3
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield	4-5
Rich Square, Pinners	11-12
Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro	12-13
Henderson	19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson	19
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
	November
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	6
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Third Round	August
Stantonsburg, Lebanon	30-31
	September
McKendree, Temperance Hall	6-7
North and South Rocky Mount, Marvin	10
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
Spring Creek, Balm Grove	30-31
Antioch, Walnut Circuit	30
	September
Fairview, Sharon	6-7
Mt. Pleasant, night	7
Mars Hill, Beech Glen	13
Weaverville Circuit, 4 p. m.	13-14
Marshall, night	14
Sulphur Springs	20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m.	21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m.	21
Weaverville, night	21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
	October
Mills River, Chapel a. m.	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
Pineville, Harrison, 11 a. m.	31
Dilworth, night	31
	September
Marshville, Wingate, 11 a. m.	6
Matthews, Matthews, 11 a. m.	7-8
Prospect, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	13
Monroe, Central, 11 a. m.	14
North Monroe, night	14
Lilesville, Lilesville, 11 a. m.	20
Ansonville, Concord, 11 a. m.	21
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m.	27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.	28
	October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	1
Morven, 11 a. m.	2
Wadesboro, night	2
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
High Point, East End, 11 a. m.	31
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night	31
	September
Randleman, Naomi, 11 a. m.	7
Ramseur and Franklinville, Franklinville, night	7
Greensboro, Circuit, Zion	13-14
Greensboro, Centenary, 11 a. m.	14
West Greensboro, Jamestown	20-21
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m.	21
Coleridge Circuit, Concord	27-28
Deep River Circuit, Central Falls	28
	October
Randolph Circuit, Trinity	4-5
Asheboro, night	5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett 3 p. m.	19

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Yadkinville, Center	6-7
Jonesville, Ebenezer	13-14
Elkin	12-14
Spray, 11 a. m.	21
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 4 p. m. and 11 a. m.	21
Leaksville, night	20-21
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	27-28
	October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	September
Old Fort Circuit, Bethlehem	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night	7-8
Table Rock Circuit, Arney's Chapel	12
Morganton Circuit, Bethel	13-14
Morganton Station, night	14-15
Cliffside Circuit, Cliffside, Saturday night	20-21
Henrietta and Caroleene Circuit, Caroleene, night	21
Forest City, at Forest City	27-28
Broad River Circuit, 3 p. m.	28-29

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
China Grove, 11 a. m.	31
Park Avenue, night	31
	September
Cottonville	6-7
Norwood, night	7
Woodleaf, Cleveland	13-14
South Main, 11 a. m.	14
East Spencer, night	14
Gold Hill, Liberty	18
New London, Bethany	19
Salem	20
First Street, 11 a. m.	21
Albemarle Circuit, 3 p. m.	21
Albemarle, Central, night	21
Kannapolis Circuit	27-28
Kannapolis Station, night	28
	October
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m.	5
Kerr Street, night	5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
South Fork, Plateau, 11 a. m.	30-31
Linolnton, 8:30 p. m.	31
	September
Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 a. m.	6-7
King's Mountain, Eli Bethel, 4 p. m.	7
Shelby Circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m.	13-14
Eighth Street, S. Gastonia, 8 p. m.	14
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m.	20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m.	20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
Dudley Shoals, Cedar Valley, 11 a. m.	30-31
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, 4 p. m.	30-31
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night	30-31
	September
Hickory Circuit, West Hickory, 11 a. m.	6-7
Hickory First, Hickory, 3 p. m.	6-7
Newton, Newton, night	6-7
Stony Point, Midway, 11 a. m.	13-14
Race Street, Marvin, 3 p. m.	13-14
Statesville Circuit, Chapel Hill, night	13-14
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night	20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m.	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

Fourth Round	August
Sparta Circuit, Cox's Chapel	30-31
	September
Boone Circuit, Bonne	6-7
Elkland Circuit, Pineswamp	13-14
Laurel Springs Circuit, Mt. Zion	20-21
Avery Circuit	26-27
Elk Park Circuit, Montezuma	28-29
	October
Watauga Circuit	4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.

Fourth Round	August
Haywood, Parkers Chapel	30-Sept. 1
	September
Waynesville Station	1
Murphy	6-7
Andrews	7-8
Clyde, Longs Chapel	10
Franklin Circuit, Clarks Chapel	13-14
Macon, Union	14-15
Franklin Station	14-15
Glenville	20-21
Highlands	21-22
Hayesville	27-28
Jonathan Creek, Hemphill, p. m.	28
Judson	27-28
	October
Ranger, Ranger	4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree	5-6
Robbinsville	7-8
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Fines Creek	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W. 4th. Street Phone 853
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fourth Round	August
night	31
Walkertown, 3 p. m. and night	31
	September
Hanes-Clemmens, Hanes, night	3
Linwood circuit, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	4
New Hope Circucit, Center	6-7
S. Thomasville, night	12
Thomasville circuit, Fairgrove	13-14
West Davie, Zion, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.	16
Davie circuit, Center, 11 a. m. 1 p. m.	17
Mocksville station, night	17
Cooleemee station, night	18
Farmington circuit, Farmington, 3 p. m., night	19
Advance Circuit, Cornatzer	20-21
Kernersville circuit, Sedge Garden, 4 p. m. and night	21
Denton circuit, Newsome	27-28
	October
Davidson circucit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circucit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

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STATEMENT
Volunteer State Life Insurance Co.
Chattanooga, Tenn

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	$ 200,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increas of Capital during year, $.....: Total	$3,001,571.80
Income—From Policyholders, $911,564.84 Miscellaneous, $271,629.97: Total	$1,183,194.81
Disbursements—To Policyholders $358,251.90; Miscellaneous, $361,418.82 Total,	$ 719,670.72

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$ 471,062.40
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$1,306,477.15
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks, or other collateral	$ 696.74
Loans made to Policyholders on this Company's Policies assigned as collateral	$ 745,428.87
Premium notes on Policies in force (of which $.... is for first year's premiums)	$ 13,496.85
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 771,099.16
Cash in Company's Office	$ 200.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 19,068.11
Deposited in Trucst Companies and Banks on interest	$ 133,258.89
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 56,601.16
Premiums unpaid	$ 72,924.41
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 4,307.72
Total	$3,594,621.46
Less Assets not admitted	$ 9,342.10
Total admitted Assets	$3,585,279.36

LIABILITIES

Net Reserve, as computed	$3,044,276.00
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary contracts, etc.	$ 41,377.75
Liability on Policies canceled and not included in "Net Reserve," etc.	$ 5,030.00
Policy Claims	$ 85,270.52
Premiums paid in advance, including Surrender Value so applied	$ 1,970.52
Unearned Interest and Rent paid in advance	$ 22,150.43
Commissions due to Agents, etc.	$ 1,491.46
Estimated Amount payable for Federal, State and other Taxes	$ 10,000.00
Dividens due Policyholders	$ 17,903.70
Amounts set apart, apportioned, provisionally ascertained, calculated, awaiting apportionments, etc.	$ 36,753.00
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	$ 50,774.79
Total amount of all Liabilities, except Capital	$3,315,506.71
Capital paid up in Cash ...$200,000.00	
Unassigned funds (surplus) $ 69,772.65	$ 269,772.65
Total Liabilities	$3,585,279.36

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1918

Policies on the lives of citizens of said State in force December 31st of pevious year, Number 730 Amount	$1,821,576.00
Policies on the lives of citizens of said State issued during year, Number 218; Amount	$ 616,936.00
Total Number 948; Amount	$2,438,512.00
Deduct ceased to be in force during year, Number 136; Amount	$ 318,381.00
Policies in force December 31, 1918, Number 812; Amount	$2,120,131.00
Losses and Claims incurred during year, Number, 5; Amount	$ 15.000.00
Losses and claims settled during year in cash $.....; by compromise, $.....; Number 4; Amount	$ 14,000.00
Losses and Claims unpaid December 31, 1918; Number, 1; Amount	$ 1,000.00
Premiums collected or secured in Cash and Notes or Credits without any deduction for Losses, Dividends, Commissions, or other expenses	$ 62,026.58

President—Z. C. Patten.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, March 26, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company, of Chatanooga Tenn. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT
General Accident, Fire, Life Assurance
Ruth Scotland

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	$ 250,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increase of Capital during year $.....; Total	$ 3,827,047.16
Income—From Policyholders, $4,437,-484.96; Miscellaneouus $743,453.26 Total	$ 5,180,938.22
Disbursements—To Policyholders, $2,-176,280.44; Miscellaneous, $2,494,-240.72; Total	$ 4,670,531.16

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate	$ 181,068.52
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 2,883,126.31
Cash in Company's Office	$ 33,629.54
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 39,690.93
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 109,008,02
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 29,234.70
Premiumns in course of Collection	$ 988,391.26
Federal Taxes	$ 3,249.53
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 102,539.64
Total	$ 4,369,938.45
Less Assets not admitted	$ 889,921.43
Total admitted Assets	$ 3,980,017.32

LIABILITIES

Unpaid Claims	$ 1,459,435.41
Expenses, Investigation and Adjustment of Claims	$ 6,500.00
Unearned Premiums	$ 1,490,415.52
Commission, Brokerage and other charges due	$ 206,870.44
Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued	$ 14,836.01
Estimated amount for Federal, State, County, and Municipal Taxes	$ 90,000.00
Advance Premiums	$ 17,064.60
All other Liabilities as detailed in Statement	$ 11,379 03
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	$ 3,296,501.01
Capital actually paid up in Cash	$ 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	$ 433,516.01
Total Liabilities	$ 3,980,017.32

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1918

	Premiums Received	Losses Paid
Accidents	9,540.43	4,526.84
Health	7,516,33	4,979.56
Liability	28,650.08	18,720.38
Burglary and Theft	136.95	
Auto Property Damaged	4,134.70	840.34

President—F. Richardson.
Home Office—Philadelphia Home Office.
Attorney for service—Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.
Manager for North Carolina—Head Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, July 18, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the General Accident Fire and Life Insurance Company, of Ruth, Scotland, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December 1918.

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Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner

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Editorial

PRESS THE REVIVAL

The heated summer season is now over. The people who have been spending their vacations among the mountains or on the seashore are now returning to their homes to take up the accustomed tasks of life again. The organizations of the Church that become more or less inactive during the summer will resume full time operations with the coming of the fall days, and every interest of the Church needs to be pushed with renewed vigor.

In the rural sections the revivals are still largely held during the summer, but in the towns large and small the spring and fall seasons have become more popular for this work. Conference is now coming on apace in our territory. In Greensboro and Wilson the preachers will soon be telling the story of another year's work. What shall the story be? We venture that not much Church and parsonage building will be reported. The times have not been propitious for that. In other respects the financial exhibit will doubtless be a good one. Money is cheap. There never was an easier time to pay stated amounts than now, and there will be no excuse for a shortage on salaries or the benevolent collections.

But what about the revivals? How many souls have been saved on your charge? What are you going to do between now and the approaching session of your Conference to increase that number? These are questions that should search the conscience of every pastor.

The one work which the Church has to do is to save souls. All other things are secondary to this, and in so far as they do not contribute to this we may say that they are outside the province of the Church. We like to see large and beautiful churches. Good music, if it is of the right quality, is all right. Large congregations and enjoyable services maintain a sort of respectability in the community, and large financial returns look good in the Conference Journal. But none of these things is fundamental. As equipment for service, they are all desirable; but as an end in themselves, they would be a perversion of the kingdom of God. The Church does not live for success in any of these things; and, if these are all that we see in the Church, we need a better vision.

Then there is a smug, conventional revival that does not get far. It consists of a series of services of perfect decorum. The sermons have in them a certain amount of gospel truth. Some polite deferential propositions are made to which any worldly minded sinner can respond who has a common intellectual belief in Christ. The vows of the Church are assumed without any intention of keeping them and the pastor has a good net increase in membership to report at Conference. The whole process is very respectable, but very devoid of real religious purpose. The reservations of the worldliness of which they do not propose to deny themsevles are very clear cut, and unfortunately they have an abundance of example in the Church to follow.

We plead for a revival that believes that sin is real and that demands repentance. Because an individual has maintained a respectable place in society does not mean that no repentance is necessary when that soul thinks of its attitude toward God. The doctrine that any person out of Christ is without sin that needs to be repented of is at vital variance with the word of God. All men are sinners, and this applies to children as well. One of the most perilous and pernicious heresies that is invading the Church today is the doctrine that children may be so trained in the Sunday school or elsewhere that they will not need conversion. It is all well enough to say that Christ set a child in the midst of His disciples and said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." There is a wide difference between rebuking their pride and worldly ambitions by the humility and teachableness of the little child, and declaring that human nature in its beginnings is pure. We believe in saving the children, but we can never do it by teaching that they are already saved. We need the renewed preaching of a gospel that emphasizes the heinousness of sin, and that produces a conviction that stirs the deepest recesses of the soul. Saul of Tarsus had lived a very respectable life, and as touching the righteousness of the law was blameless; yet when he got the real vision of Christ, he cried out: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" We need a revival that brings men to see themselves in that light, And one reason for the shallowness of so much of our Church life today is because the reality of their sins has never become a heart rending experience with them. Christ cannot really save a man who feels that his own goodness has already saved him. Whether young or old after the age of personal responsibility is reached there is no such thing as salvation without repentance.

We need to put a new emphasis upon Christ as Savior. But you say our evangelical ministry has never preached any doctrine but that. In a sense that is true; but, unless we are mistaken, the truth needs to stand out more prominently before the mind of the unsaved sinner that it is through the supernatural power of Christ manifested through the virtue of His atonement for sin that the soul is pardoned for its offenses and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit so that the individual becomes truly "a new creature in Christ Jesus." The world needs to learn anew that this is not simply a theological theory to furnish subject matter for sermons, but that it is the most vital and real thing in practical Christian life. A revival that is lacking in this is a failure, no matter how many formal professions may be reported. The conversion that is genuine reaches the centre of the life and amounts to a revolution in the life of the best of men or children; and any plausible theory that evades this truth is a dangerous form of scepticism.

Once more we believe that the revival should put a new emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit. We are afraid that we are coming to trust methods of evangelistic campaigns, and organization, and music often of the rag time variety, and sensational bandying of epithets oftentimes vulgar and profane—we are putting more confidence in these o get results than we are in the work of the Holy Spirit. Men who are gifted in that sort of thing may get others under their influence so that they will go along with them and do almost anything they say do for the time being, but that is not conversion. It is not even conviction for sin. Here is a work that the Holy Spirit must do. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness and of a judgment to come. These things go together. Men who have never been convicted of sin have no faith in righteousness. They have no conception of it to begin with that is worthy the name, and they do not live with any view of a judgment to come. They have a sort of hazy notion that everything will work out all right in the end, and simply drift along through life. We need to hold up before men the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit who changes all these conceptions and who alone can change them. And when this type of revival becomes dominant again, we will have a revival that is genuine and that will change the life of men. To do this is the supreme work of the Church, and without this everything which the Church may do will leave it a failure.

MISSIONARY SPECIALS AND ELSE

We are giving much of our space this week to the subject of missionary specials. The Board of Missions is anxious to get as much of the Centenary money as possible assigned in the way of specials so as to get each individual into a more personal touch with the work that his own contribution is supporting. The idea is a good one, and we trust that our readers will give careful attention to the communications on that subject in this issue, and then get a copy of the list of specials that has been prepared and make such selection as appeals most to them. There are many advantages to be found in this way of giving that will readily occur to our readers.

In the first place, it makes the gift more profitable to the giver. We do not wish to make our giving selfish, but we do believe that God intends that our contributions to His work shall benefit the giver in the largest way possible. When we simply make our contribution to a cause, we do not follow the gift. We part with our money. We do it with a sincere desire to promote the kingdom of God. We have satisfied an immediate demand of conscience, and there the matters ends so far as we are concerned. In addition to this, when we make our contribution in the form of a special, our mind and heart goes along with the gift and we watch developments. If we build a Church, we want to know how that Church is prospering. If we support a pastor, or a Bible woman, or a teacher, we want to know how much that person is accomplishing in the particular work in which they are engaged. And this following up of our gift increases our knowledge of what that gift is accomplishing and our life thereby becomes larger and happier.

And then the knowledge that some one is keeping up with the work in this personal way and praying for its success keeps the heart of the worker warm and hopeful. He oftentimes feels quite lonely enough at best; but, when he has a living connection with the homeland and is conscious that some one there is still mindful of him, he works with more courage and faith. It is an inspiration to him, and this is of great practical value.

For another thing it will help to conserve the work of the Centenary that has already been done. The subscription of $53,000,000 for missions for a five year period is a great advance on anything previously accomplished in that line. It is no small thing that in these times of confusion and readjustment our Church should step forward with such a progressive program. Others are coming after us, and that will help us to hold on and press to still larger goals, but we must be careful not to allow any of this work to go to waste. Unless we can keep a large number of those who have given of their means in some sort of a living touch with their contributions, there is danger of a slackening of interest and a consequent failure to get the person after we have gotten his money. If we are to keep step with this forward movement, we must not only secure one contribution, even though it is to be paid in five annual installments, but we must hold the interest of the person who made the contribution. We need him or her to stand by the Church, not only for five years, but for life. A contribution of money after all is only a subsidiary thing. It is a means to an end and not an end in itself. What the Church needs is you, and the only way to conserve your contribition is to get you along with it and this the special will help to accomplish.

We would like to say further that the entire membership of the Church needs to guard against a letting down of effort. A tremendous drive of eight days preceded by an intensive campaign that keyed up the Church to an unusually high tension has been successfuly accomplished. That is epochal. The Church has had nothing like it before. But, if we are going to hold what has been gained by it, we must stand firmly by this movement to the end. We must stay by this work and see that it is not dissipated. We have just launched out into the stream, and we cannot turn loose the oars at this point and expect the boat to glide on across the current to the other shore. We cannot expect the heroic endeavor that put the drive across to go on simply by its own momentum to gather in this money and build itself into the kingdom of God without which what we have done will be of no avail. Every man in his place must continue to press the battle to the end.

If we had the ear of the leaders of the Church, there is one other word we would like to say. The Church has never been charged with such responsibility before. Those who are planning the work must know how to plan it wisely. We have told the people that a careful survey has been made; that the Centenary budget was not simply an aggregation of figures, but that it was a measurement of the definite needs of our work at home and abroad; that each field had been canvassed, and the wise development of those fields called for this amount of money. Our membership has loyally responded and supplied the funds. It is now the responsibility of our leaders so to plan the expenditure of this money that the greatest possible enlargement shall come to the kingdom of God. It is a time that calls for a leadership

that is sane and sanctified, that has both vision and common sense, that will hold a steady hand upon the helm and keep the middle way that will avoid Scylla on the one hand and Charybdis on the other and bring the old ship safely to port. To do this our leaders must follow the great Pilot.

WILLIAM T. USRY

Just as we go to press we learn in a note from Rev. W. L. Sherrill that Brother Usry passed to his reward at Rutherford College Sunday morning, August 31, after a long and painful illness. The body was taken on Monday beyond Raleigh to his old home for burial. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss, and a host of friends will share with them their grief.

Brother Usry joined the North Carolina Conference at Henderson in 1904, and for several years he took appointments in the North Carolina Conference. We have not the data at hand just now to give a list of the charges he served, but he made a record of faithfulness to duty. He transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and served charges at Marshville and at Cherryville. He also taught several years at Rutherford College. He sustained the superannuate relation to the Conference at the time of his death.

Brother Usry was a man of untarnished character. He took his place in the itinerant ranks and went cheerfully to the work assigned him. He preached a pure gospel. He held up Christ to dying sinners as their one hope of salvation. He lived the life of the Christian in their midst, and God owned and blessed his labors. A suitable memoir will appear later in our columns. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Strike Situation seems to be at a standstill just at this time. The serious disorder that prevailed in Charlotte for several days has subsided, and the street cars are in operation except in North Charlotte. The patronage is reported far below normal ostensibly because people are afraid to travel on them, lest they be the victims of violence. In High Point a number of the furniture factories are practically idle because of striking employees. The attitude of labor is threatening the country over, though the tendency just at this writing seems to be more conciliatory. It is a part of the general unrest of the country, but it has in it serious possibilities. It is to be hoped that wise counsel will prevail.

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The Repeal of the Daylight Savings Law had a rocky road to travel, but it has at last made the journey to our entire satisfaction. It was first passed as a rider to the agricultural bill and vetoed by the president. At that time the House had already passed a direct repeal measure upon which the Senate had never acted. When the president vetoed the measure the House attempted to pass it over his veto as a rider to the agricultural bill, but failed to get the necessary votes. Then the Senate passed the direct repeal measure and sent it up to the president only to get another veto. Following this the bill was passed by both branches of Congress over the veto of the president. So after October of this year, we will turn our time pieces back one hour with the happy feeling that we will not have to bother them again to adapt ourselves to an artificial time. We are persuaded that this act of Congress meets with general approbation.

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Koreans Promised Self-Government by the Japanese is the message flashed over the wires from Washington on the the morning of August 20. Last week we called attention to the persecution of the Korean Christians by the Japanese, and expressed our surprise that a nation that wishes to be recognized as one of the foremost civilized nations of the earth should pursue such a course. It must not be forgotten, however, that this promise of local self-government cannot be taken to mean that this persecution will necessarily stop. We shall have to await developments to determine that question, and our people should not fail to observe the day of prayer, Sept. 2nd, which has been set apart for these people; or, if we have omitted to observe that special day, let us make it a special subject of prayer until we know that relief has come. Korea has not even been promised her independence, and it is probable that nothing short of independence is going to satisfy the Korean people.

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The Opening of the Schools this week and next will call thousands of our youth in North Carolina to the study of text books. Many of them will be entering or continuing their studies in boarding schools and colleges, and will therefore be away from the restraining influences of the home. It is always a serious time in a boy's or girl's life when the old hearthstone is left for other associations. The time has to come. One cannot always live in the home in which he is born, but the departure from it is the first radical break in the young life. It is not, therefore, a thing to be carelessly done. Parents should be careful to throw around their children every possible safeguard at such a time. The youth who thus steps out into this new world should also be careful to keep the mind well poised, and to take a distinctly new hold upon their conduct. Teachers should feel a weighty responsibility for the young life that is thus put under their care. It is second only to the responsibility of parenthood itself. Much depends upon the first few weeks in school away from home. It is to be hoped that the school itself has been well chosen with reference to the highest things of character.

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The Attendance of President and Mrs. Wilson Upon a Sunday Ball Game will be deeply regretted by literally millions of the best people of this country. In many ways the government, under the pressure of war conditions, has given countenance to an invasion of the sanctity of the Sabbath. There was a serious drift from the proper observance of the Sabbath before the war came on. Then the war construction work employed thousands of men in Sunday work under the claim of necessity. It was also insisted that the amusements for the soldiers in camps should be permitted on Sundays under the specious plea that it was necessary for them to drill every day of the week. These all tended to destroy the sanctity of the holy day which God set apart from secular concerns for His worship. There has been going on a sort of propaganda in many sections for Sunday ball for sometime in our South land, and this unfortunate act of the President cannot fail to accentuate it. It seems to us that there could be no shadow of an excuse for it. It was a wanton disregard of the best sentiment of this country, and out of keeping with so much of high idealism that characterizes this great man.

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"Extreme Radicalism Organizing" is the head under which Zion's Herald in its issue of August 20 calls attention to the fact that "The Communist Party of America" was to be organized in Chicago September 1st. The call was issued in the name of the "Left Wing Socialists". They were not content with the name of Socialists. That was not radical enough for them. According to Zion's Herald, the platform was to contain the following demands:

"Nationalization of great business enterprises and financial trusts.

"International alliance with the Bolsheviki of Russia and the Spartacans of Germany.

Creation of Workmen's councils to act in suppression of fraudulent bourgeois democracy, the finance oligarchy, and capitalistic bureaucracy."

It is not so easy to tell the extent of this radical spirit in this country, but that it is extensive can hardly be questioned. Certainly, the fact that it is ready to come out in the open is enough to warn the more conservative elements of our national life that it is time to hold a steady hand, lay aside all secondary considerations and act with an eye single to the preservation of that which is best in our American life.

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The National Security League has set apart Wednesday, September 17th, to be celebrated throughout the nation as "Constitutional Day." It is stated that the purpose of this celebration is to strengthen the people's faith in our form of government and thus combat atheistic bolshevism. We are asked to urge all ministers of the gospel to observe Sunday, Sept. 14th, as "Constitution Sunday," and to "preach on that day on the ethical and moral principles of the Constitution." We shall do nothing of the kind. Preachers have preached Christ and Him crucified as the one and only Savior of men until the Church has come to a place of commanding influence in the world, and now a thousand and one things are trying to exploit the ministry for other purposes. We believe in the Constitution. We are opposed to bolshevism wherever it lifts its head—and it is lifting its head in many unexpected places. But the preacher's twenty or thirty minutes before his congregation are too sacred to be side-tracked to anything less than the supreme thing of human salvation. Our advice to ministers who care to have it (and it is given without charge) is to use that sacred hour for the conviction and conversion of sinners and for the edification of saints to the end that all may be established in the faith of the living God.

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The Abolition of Capital Punishment is to be brought about by a tour of lectures through the State, advocating this policy, by one Dr. Oscar Haywood. We are not in the least bloodthirsty, nor do we take pleasure in the death of any one. To take the life of man is an extremely serious thing, and the processes leading to it should be well guarded. We yield to no one in the high regard which should be attached to life. But we are living in an age in which human life is frequently taken. Where one is taken by legal process, we are sure that at least fifty are taken by the criminal. The question is, Shall these criminals be given to understand that they may take life as often as they please with the assurance that no capital punishment will be visited upon them? Shall we remove this deterrent to capital crime? Would such a course be in the interest of humanity? We do not believe that it would. It is a terrible thing to take the life of even a criminal, but it is a more terrible thing for the criminal to kill the innocent. Imprisonment for life is no longer possible. If the court passes such a sentence, it will take but a few years to get up sentiment enough to bring the necessary pressure upon the governor for a pardon. Truth to tell, it does not seem to take much pressure these days. The climax would seem to have come when the governor himself goes hunting for criminals to pardon for whom nobody makes request, and then boasts of it to the public as if he had done a very humanitarian thing. Thus the criminals are turned loose on society. It is thus that anarchy is fostered and that lynching is promoted. We have already done too much in the name of humanity which in effect has only glorified the criminal. We need a campaign for law enforcement, rather than one for letting down the bars still further. We would much rather see a movement to limit the pardoning power of the governor than to see one for weakening the sanctions of law.

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The Interchurch World Movement is one of the many organizations that have come into existence as a result of the recent world upheavel and of the accompanying tendencies to combine for future activity. Its leaders insist that its goal is not organic union of the different denominations, but that it seeks for the co-operation of the denominations in the accomplishment of the larger tasks that are before the Church. There may be a necessity for another such organization, but it is not very apparent to us. We have the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in which all the leading Protestant denominations are represented, and it seems to us that this organization ought to be sufficient for all the work of that type that needs to be done. All such organizations are in the end dependent upon the denominations for support. It imposes a tax upon them that they cannot escape, add to the number of orgnizations that many think are already too numerous, requires the time and effort of many men who might otherwise be employed in the more direct work of the pastorate, and introduce more or less confusion as to the proper channel through which the religiously inclined will manifest their activity. Of course, any body of religious men can band themselves together and do many things that will be commendable. Whether done in the name of a denomination, or through some independent agency, they may always find something that ought to be done, yet being neglected. But it is our conviction that the starting of new organizations is being overdone and that larger results will be achieved by operating through the regular channels of the various denominations, even though the new organization adorn itself with large sounding terminology.

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THE PRAYER SPECIAL

By Rev. S. A. Neblett, Intercession Secretary

It is true, as one writer has said, that no Church is doing its full duty to its chosen representatives on the mission field that lavishly provided for their sustenance and equipment, and does not support them in their arduous work by prayer. Thus every missionary, foreign and home, and every native worker, should be a "Prayer Special." No missionary worker is fully supported who has not the spiritual support by intercessory prayer of the individual or Church which provides his material support. Those who are taking on a special should do so with the understanding that the person or institution assigned to them becomes also their "Prayer Special."

Missionaries regard daily constant prayer for them as a very real part of their support. They are constantly writing to the missionary secretaries, requesting that some district or congregation take them as a "Prayer Special." Many cases are of record where missionaries have been enabled to overcome obstacles that were humanly speaking insurmountable and accomplished the impossible through the prayers of the folks back in the homeland.

The "Prayer Special" has been established by this Department of the Centenary in co-operation with the Bureau of Specials, for the purpose of securing for every missionary, native worker and missionary institution the spiritual support of some group of Methodists in the homeland, who pledge themselves to pray regularly for their "Special."

Any group of earnest Christians may have their "Special," because it carries with it no financial obligation. Every group of Christians should carry a "Prayer Special," because of the obligation that rests upon them to give forth spiritual aid to their representatives who labor in a Christian environment, and for the reflex blessing that will come to them as a result of helping others in this manner.

More spectacular than marvellous and practical was the achievement of the Germans in building a gun that would throw a shell into Paris from a point seventy-five miles distant. It is a marvellous and practical fact, if lacking in the spectacular, that a Christian from his closet in the United States can by prayer throw a shell into Satan's hosts in Africa, Brazil, Korea or any remote spot, and actively share with the missionary in the winning of men and women for Christ. Are we excusable if we continue to fire into the air when we might, by having a "Prayer Special," shoot to hit?

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIALS

By J. L. Neill

The Centenary Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through the Department of Missionary Education of the General Sunday School Board, has presented to the Sunday schools of our Church the most attractive list of Specials which in all probability, has ever been offered by any Church to its Sunday schools. Each item was carefully selected with the Sunday school needs in view.

The Specials have been arranged in sections for the various classes or departments of Sunday school work. The sections are as follows; those for Teacher-Training Classes; those for Home Departments; those for Young People's and Adult Departments; those for Intermediate and Senior Departments; and those for the Elementary Department. This has been done because it is much better from an educational standpoint for each class or department to carry its own Special than for the entire school to carry one large Special. In order to make it easy for classes or departments to assume separate Sepcials arrangement has been made whereby any item in the entire list can be assigned in shares of $25 each. That is, a class or department can ask for one or more $25 shares in any item listed regardless of the total cost of the item. This arrangement will also allow any class or department to assume more than one form of Special, which plan will have its added educational value.

The most noticeable and immediate result of carrying a Special will be found in an increased enrollment, a higher average attendance and much finer class and Sunday school spirit.

Sunday schools carrying definite Specials have, without exception become more interested in efficient and effective teaching methods and better equipment for the school.

By far the greatest advantage attached to the carrying of a Special will be found in its educational value. The pupils begin to know personally the nature of the work done and the results attained, their sympathies will be broadened, they will become more interested in personal work at home, many will be inspired to volunteer for definite missionary work, and, above all, will give to the Church a generation of Methodists who are Missionary to the core. There is no better way to enlist the interest and to make a permanent missionary impression on the minds and hearts of Sunday school pupils than the support of a Special.

THE HOUSE OF GOD—A CENTENARY SPECIAL

By H. A. Boaz

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"The Church Building is the citadel of Christianity, the fortified fort of organized religion. Here God delights to dwell, and to pious souls in a peculiar way manifest His holy presence. Here the Gospel message is delivered. Jesus Christ is lifted, that He may draw all men unto Him. Here we are increased in faith, confirmed in hope, and perfected in love.

"Here the Holy Spirit broods over our hushed hearts and breathes into us new spiritual life and power. Here we mingle our voices in worshipful praise, confess our sins, and offer our prayers. Here the broken bread and poured wine remind us of the broken body and shed blood of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. At this sacred shrine, we meet God face to face and are made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus the Lord. Here spiritual sons and daughters are born into the kingdom, new ideas fixed, new hopes inspired.

"At her altars the trusting bride commits her all into the keeping of her husband, and the groom swears unchanging love to the woman of his choice. To this blessed place we bring our children to dedicate them in holy baptism to the service of God. It is from this hallowed spot that we follow ou beloved dead to their last resting place, hoping to meet them again on the resurrection morning.

"Night and day it stands, its spires silently pointing toward the sky, reminding us of duty, Heaven and God. It is sanctified by a thousand tender memories. It is intimately concerned with our higest hopes and holiest ambitions. Let us keep it enshrined in our hearts and be more devoted to its interests. The building of such temples of worship is surely 'big business'."

SPECIALS—INDIAN WORK

By O. E. Goddard

The Muskogee District, East Oklahoma Conference, took the regular Indian Work among the Five Tribes as Special. (1) We have three pastors in the West Circuit, among what was formerly called "Wild Indians." These pastors are not yet provided for as Specials. Two pastors receive three hundred each per year, the other four hundred. Any Church or individual desiring to assume the support of any or all of these may do so.

(2) We have an itinerating school for preachers and their families. A course of study has been provided and quarterly conferences are turned into school. We have the male members of the faculty provided for, but the two women members, salaries $800 per annum, are not taken. This offers two attractive specials for Churches or individuals.

(3) It is planned to form a school in McCurtain county for Indian and Mountain Whites. Salary of superintendent $1,800 and teachers $1,500 are not yet taken. The building fund has not been taken yet. Any person or Church may choose this school in buildings or maintenance as a special. The school is to be called "Willis Fulson Academy" in honor of the greatest Choctaw preacher our Church ever had.

Particulars concerning any of these specials may be had on application to the Home Department, Nashville, Tenn.

WHAT SPECIALS HAVE MEANT TO ME

By J. W. Frank

In Japan my native workers and myself were supported by specials; and contact with the contributors through the medium of the Board afforded untold encouragement. I prayed daily for the contributors, and felt that they were praying for us. Prayer is an essential part of Missions; and definiteness in prayer is an aid to fervency.

One of my workers was profoundly impressed when informed that he was supported by the contributions and prayers of a certain Sunday school in Texas. His photograph was sent in addition to reports. Later the Sunday school greatly increased its contributions, and asked to have a missionary assigned it for support. A Special from our Church at Franklin, Tenn., built a Church on my work at Gotoji where a prosperous Church has since been organized. Another special would provide buildings and grounds for the already prosperous kindergarten there.

Japan.

WHAT THE SPECIALS MEAN TO ME

By N. S. Ogburn, Jr.

The Missionary Special means to me four things:

First. A tie to old friends. Friends of former years on hearing of the opportunity to choose their own missionary and get letters from him or her have found a new interest in missions.

Second. An introduction to new friends. Friends in Georgia, Texas, and South Carolina have arisen —people formerly strangers to me, but now my supporters and co-workers in the effort to tell about Christ.

Third. A bringer of a broader outlook. The personal touch leads to a new interest; and men become interested in Japan, and Missionaries interested in America, more than ever before.

Fourth. A bringer of new inspiration to all concerned. Even the smallest giver feels he can play a part and knows the smallest and largest gifts of money and prayer are working together definitely and consciously toward the most worthy end. Hence, all can breathe a deeper satisfaction and inspiration of hope.

Japan.

WHAT SPECIALS HAVE MEANT FOR ME

By J. T. Meyers

During the twenty-six years since we first went to Japan nearly all of the pioneer work along evangelistic lines in Japan has had to be launched as "Specials." This because the regular income of the Board has never sufficed to keep up with the growing needs of the work. New calls often come suddenly and imperatively, and the only department of the Board which has had the elasticity to meet such demands is the Department of Specials.

Personal helpers, from which class so many native preachers come, have nearly always been provided for through Specials.

Work among Japanese in Korea, so much needed to aid in bringing about good relations between the two peoples, was started and for years kept up by the Church at Morehead, N. C, as a Special. Today that work has extended to the four most important towns on the East Coast of Korea.

In Kuga, on the island of Oshima, excellent property came on the market suddenly. This was bought by aid of a Special. In Hiroshima Sunday schools, chapels, preaching places have been supported by Specials, when without them it would have been impossible to keep the work going in them.

Thus have "Specials" been of aid and comfort during these years in Japan.

Besides these material ways there has been the

feeling that the co-operation and support of the friends who provided the Specials meant partnership. When the work has lagged or grown especially difficult the feeling that back of us were true friends who would stand by till the final successful end was achieved, this has been of help very great indeed. Keep the Specials end of the work well to the fore!

PLANETESIMAL PROGRAMS AND PRETENTIOUS PROPHESYINGS

By Bishop W. A. Candler.

The war which involved almost the whole world before it ended, has produced in many minds a mania for reconstructing the entire planet. Daily we read of the most pompous proposals for "reconstructing the world."

It is well that we should take wider views of men and things than was the habit of most people in former times. The nations are closer together than ever before, and not one of them can live henceforth unto itself. A narrow nationalism, to say nothing of a still narrower provincialism, is no longer in order.

But all these programs for reconstructing the whole world at a stroke, and the various "movements" and organizations which propose world-reconstruction as their objectives, seem to be the result of "shell shock," and partake of the nature of pretentious folly which approaches insanity.

The world cannot be reconstructed in bulk; that is far too large a task for even very great men, with the mightiest forces under their authority.

The peace council at Paris, composed of the greatest statesmen of our times, backed by powerful armies and navies, has found it very hard to make a new map of Europe. Many wise men have misgivings about some of the decisions which have been reached by these statesmen, and many of the lines which they have drawn may have to be changed. Perhaps much that has been done will have to be revised, even as most of the conclusions of the Congress of Vienna, held a century ago, have been discarded.

Nevertheless, we have multitudes of reformers, of the light-weight variety, publishing daily planetesimal programs to the working out of which they call all good people on pain of denouncing them as disloyal to mankind and disobedient to God, if they refuse to respond instantly to these calls.

It is time to tell these hysterical reconstructionists to go home, and get quiet for a season at least. These frenzied souls have undertaken too much. Reconstructing the whole planet is a very large contract.

Perhaps they have no very definite idea of what they mean when they declaim about "reconstructing the world." What do they mean, anyway?

They cannot mean reconstructing the physical world. It required the strength and wisdom of God to make it, and if we may trust the theories of the evolutionists, He did not do all in a day or a year.

If they mean reconstructing the governments of the world, they propose a very undemocratic thing. We in the United States have been proceeding on the theory that every nation has the right to choose its own form of government, and the nations of the earth are not ready to book orders with our reformers for ready-made governments supplied in job lots.

The individual men and women of the world who are not disposed to conform to the laws of God in their lives are the only creatures in the earth who need reconstructing, and they can not be reconstructed except by converting grace voluntarily accepted in penitence and faith. They cannot be redeemed in mass and by the operation of programs. Jesus Christ did not proclaim such a method for the renovation of the race. He commanded his disciples to go into all the world, but it must not be forgotten that he directed them to "preach the gospel to EVERY creature," thus clearly indicating that the salvation of the individual was the process by which all mankind was to be saved. The Master seems never to have considered saving the world in bulk; least of all did He ever talk of "Christianizing the social system," whatever that means, if it really means anything. Souls, not systems, are the subjects of conversion, according to the teaching of Jesus.

The preacher, or the church, who will do most to "reconstruct the world" will be the preacher, or the church, who does most to convert individual souls. The conversion of individual souls will renew all systems; for the systems of men are the exponents of the souls of men.

To run away from duties to individuals in order to undertake the "reconstruction of the world" reveals a certain worldly ambitiousness. Thereby vain men think to become ecclesiastical statesmen," —a type of man not found in the primitive church, when the greatest of apostles were absorbed in the supreme work of calling sinners to repentance by preaching "Jesus and the resurrection." One of our modern "world-reconstructionists," living in that day, would have pursued quite different methods from Paul and Peter and the rest of the apostles; he would have devoted his energies to reforming the government and social system of the Caesars. Why not? Nothing less would have been worthy of a "broad-minded, forward-looking" man of the first century. The fact of the resurrection he would have ignored, or even doubted, holding it not essential to the Christian life; but the reconstruction of Roman institutions by programs and platforms would have been in keeping with the dignity of his statesmanship."

Before the day of Pentecost the eleven apostles retained some carnal notions about the restoration of a religio-political system, and inquired of their Lord, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" But Jesus warned them away from matters that were too high for them, and commanded them to leave world-movements in the power of God, where such things belong, and to seek the spiritual power required for their own work and obligations. When they received the power from on high, they went forth to bring Ethiopian treasurers, Roman Centurions like Cornelius, jailers like the man of Philippi, and other sinful souls to Christ. Thus they made the beginning of a new world.

But they never prated about "reconstructing the world" with worldly forces and by worldly programs. In fact, they seemed not to have had any prearranged programs of their own, but did rather depend each day for divine direction in doing daily duty as it appeared. Paul went out of Asia into Europe, against his own plan, in obedience to what was revealed to him at Troas as the will of God concerning him.

In fact from Abraham down through all the ages, the servants of God have gone forth under the divine leadership not knowing whither they went. God gave Abraham no blue-print of the "Land of Promise," nor map of the journeys by which he should go to his inheritance. Moses led Israel out of Egypt, not by any route dictated by military science, but by the way along which the pillar of cloud led. Similarly Luther and Wesley and all the great religious leaders of the race, who have done most in reconstructing the world, followed Providence rather than ambitious programs of their own devising.

But the program-makers and campaign-drivers of our day cannot endure such unstatesmanlike methods. Like the mythical atlas they are not content to carry anything less than the whole world on their backs.

Moreover, being very "forward-looking" men, they lay out programs for a century ahead. Some of them are now talking of a "program for the next hundred years." But pray, why should they stop with just one hundred years? They might as easily make a program for two hundred years, or even for a thousand years. They ought not to stop on as short a period as one little century.

However, in the unfolding of the ages God seems to pay little heed to the plans and programs of men. Our military leaders could not plan for two years ahead; they told us that the war could not possibly end before the close of the year 1920. But God willed it otherwise, thanks to His superior wisdom and power. And it is more than likely our "world-reconstructionists," who are publishing programs "for the next hundred years," will find things turning out rather differently from what they plan. God has not turned over to them the whole world and all the centuries. He is far too wise and merciful to commit the destiny of the human race to hands so incompetent for dealing with such a stupendous interest.

Nothing is gained by giving attention to these planetesimal programs and pretentious prophesyings.

Let every man do his duty each day, however humble his task may seem, and follow Christ. Thereby he will most certainly do his part in "reconstructing the world," and by no other process can he do it. Christ is in command of His Church. As the captain of the Lord's host is He in the midst of Israel now, as He was before the walls of Jericho. Men are but subordinates to take orders from Him, even as He taught Joshua that he was a mere subordinate.

Some of the "world-reconstructionists" tell us we can do nothing until all the Christian bodies have come under some human generalissimo, as the allied armies came under the command of General Foch. What man will dare to displace the Captain of our salvation and undertake the supreme command of all the churches? He who would be vain enough to undertake such a thing would need the most revolutionary reconstruction in both his head and his heart.

Jesus Christ never abdicated the supreme command of the Christian forces of the world. With the serenity and confidence of divine wisdom he directs all things in heaven and in earth to the establishment of His kingdom; and at the end of history, when the final government of the world descends out of heaven from God, rather than rising out of earth from men, He will declare to an adoring universe, "Behold, I make all things new!" (Rev. xxi:5.) He, and He alone, can reconstruct the world; for He alone can regenerate a human soul.

It is time for the "world-reconstructionists" to go home and go to work. All their high-sounding words have become the veriest cant, or, at best, the swelling declamations of sophomorism.

Human nature is just what and where it has always been, and the world of today, like the world of all former days, will have to be reconstructed by the process of divine regeneration, and not by man-made program, or sophomoric oratory, or meddlesome "surveys."

The world is growing weary of "world-movements" and world-movers, who move nothing but themselves from place to place and from platform to platform, and at somebody else's expense.

SPECIALS

Specials have ever been the connecting link between the Church at home and abroad, the direct channels through which the love and interest of the individuals in America have found access to the individuals of the non-Christian world, uniting the one to the other by ties of love and sympathy strong enough to weather many gales of adversity.

From the standpoint of the Missionary they have been the means of extending the work where the regular appropriations did not suffice. In the old days many pieces of new work were begun on specials and only admitted to the regular appropriations after they were somewhat established and had proved their value.

In the new day, the Centenary day, the possibilities of the Special seems limitless. No longer is there danger of beginning more work than can be cared for if the Special failes, as they sometimes did, but now it is the assignment of some specific object to an assured income that it may be a Special object of prayer and interest, thus opening the channel wide for the passage of the Holy Spirit. Who can tell the possibilities of the good both to the donor and to the recipient of this mutual understanding, interest and prayer.

From this contact and intercessory prayer may we not expect revivals both at home and abroad, a better understanding of all the problems of missions and the mission fields, as well as a broader interest? In fact, we may expect specials to disseminate the Spirit of Christ and thus to hasten the day when "The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

Notes and Correspondence

PEDSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. W. C. Merritt, pastor of our Church on the Ridgeway charge, made a short trip to Siler City last week.

—Rev. W. M. Smith, pastor of Ramseur and Franklinville, is holding a revival meeting at the latter place this week.

—Rev. W. R. Royall and family, Sanford, have been spending their vacation in Troy with Mrs. Royall's people.

—Mrs. O. I. Hinson, wife of Rev. O. I. Hinson, Clayton, and daughter, Miss Ellie Ford Hinson, are visiting in Gastonia.

—Mrs. W. L. Loy, of Winfall, is visiting at Whitsett, while her husband, Rev. W. L. Loy, is holding his meetings on the Perquimans circuit.

—We regret missing the visit of Rev. J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District, who called at the Advocate office last Monday.

—Rev. J. L. Smith writes that he has held three meetings on the Camden charge, resulting in 42 additions on profession of faith. Two meetings yet to hold.

—Rev. C. A. Jones, pastor of Warren circuit, is assisting Rev. J. J. Barker in a series of meetings at Ahoskie. Brother Jones is a former pastor of that church.

—The Reverend C. B Culbreth, pastor of our Church at Southport, is assisting the Reverend C. N. Phillips in a series of revival services at Rocky Point. The meeting began the fifth Sunday in August.

—Rev. E. B. Troy, Aurora charge, called at the Advocate office Monday morning of this week. He is visiting his people in Greensboro. He reports seventy-five accessions on his charge to date on profession of faith.

—Our brethren at Elizabeth City are rapidly perfecting their plans for the erection of a new church building for First Church. We are promised a cut of it soon for our first page. They expect to break ground within thirty days.

—During the absence of Dr. Rawlings in the Orient and Dr. Beauchamp in Europe, Rev. S. A. Neblett will serve as Staff Secretary and will be in charge of the home office of the Foreign Department of the Board of Missions.

—The Roanoke-Chowan Times of Aug. 28th says: "The Pastor, Rev. J. E. Holden, is holding revival meetings at Pinners Church this week. Rev. B. C. Thompson, of Oxford, a former pastor of Rich Square charge, is doing the preaching."

—A union meeting between the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Troy, N. C., is planned for Oct. 5th. Rev. John B. Thrasher, one of the strongest preachers of the South Georgia Conference, will do the preaching.

—Dr. W. B. Beauchamp, Director General of the Centenary and Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, has recently been elected Joint Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Board of Missions, serving in this capacity with Dr. E. H. Rawlings.

—A successful revival came to a close at Marvin Church, near Taylorsville, on Aug. 17. Rev. John W. Williams is the pastor and he was assisted by Brother Green. It is reported that there were about sixty conversions and thirty added to the membership of the Church.

—We regret to learn from the Gastonia Gazette, under date of August 22, that Rev. E. P. Stabler, pastor of Franklin Avenue Methodist Church, has been ill. We are glad to know, however, that he is improving and expects to be able to take up his work again promptly.

—Rev. A. D. Wilcox, missionary secretary for the North Carolina Conference, made a short call at the Advocate office last Saturday. He was on his way to Goldsboro from Lake Junaluska where he had been in attendance upon the Conservation Conference in session there last week.

—Rev. M. C. Field died last Sunday at his home near Greensboro. He was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, but was superannuated several years ago. He was buried last Tuesday, the funeral services being at Bethlehem Church, near Pleasant Garden. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

—Rev. H. M. Blair, Associate Editor and General Manager of the Advocate, spent last week with his people near Lincolnton. Mrs. Blair accompanied him, and while there was taken ill with acute indigestion so that they could not return at the expected time. At last report Mrs. Blair was better, and they hope to return early this week.

—The apportionment of new subscribers to First Church, Elizabeth City, was fifteen. Rev. J. M. Ormond, the pastor, writes that his list shows fifty-eight new names and a total subscription list for his Church of more than 100. If every pastor would do as well, the Church would be greatly strengthened, and incidentally it would help the Advocate.

—Miss Bernice Buck has been secured to assist the pastor at West Durham. She comes from Lake Charles La. She is a graduate of Meridian College, Miss., and of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo. She will have charge of the social activities of our Church at West Durham, and will also have charge of a course of Bible study.

—The Franklin Times of Aug. 29th, brings the information that Rev. Charles N. Clark, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., would conduct service at the Methodist church in Louisburg Friday night, Aug. 29th, and also on Sunday, Aug. 31st. An additional item of interest in connection with this announcement was the statement that Dr. Clark had gone to Louisburg to "make an important survey of Methodism" in that town.

—Rev. C. A. Allday, Cartersville, Ga., has given his check for $9,000 to Dr. Chas. C. Jarrell, Commissioner of Emory University. In exchange he receives an Emory Annuity Bond which will net him a comfortable rate of interest throughout the rest of his life. This splendid example might be followed by others who could thus be assured of an income, free from care, while they live, with the confidence that their money would do good after they are gone.

—Mr. J. M. Way, one of the most experienced and capable laymen of the Church, has been made Associate Secretary with Dr. Beauchamp of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Mr. Way's special work will be with the Minute Men, which organization has been made a part of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Under Mr. Way's leadership the Minute Men will have a large part in the Centenary plans for the Conservation Year.

—Bishop W. R. Lambuth, Dr. E. H. Rawlings and Rev. G. C. Emmons have sailed for the far East under the direcrection of the Board of Missions. The visit of this commission to the Orient at this time is of vital importance, and will mean much in the way of strengthening and enlarging our Missions in these fields. Dr. Rawlings has promised to keep the readers of this paper informed about the progress of our Missionary work in the Orient. The Church at home will read his letters with interest.

—Rev. O. D. Stacy, Likland charge, North Wilkesboro District, writes of a revival at Hopewell. "Little Ruth, infant daughter of Brother and Sister W. L. Davis, was baptized at 11 o'clock on Sunday, the first day of the meeting. Afterwards there was some old time Methodist and Baptist shouting, several conversions, and two young men joined our Church. Others will join later. We left the meeting in care of Rev. L. D. Cole Tuesday night with three young women at the altar seeking salvation. Pray for us."

—Rev. Robert L. Russell has been elected co-ordinate Secretary of Home Missions in association with Dr. O. E. Goddard. Mr. Russell comes to the Board of Missions from the St. Louis Conference where his splendid work as Conference Secretary for the Centenary called attention to his peculiar fitness for the work of his new field. Under the leadership of Dr. Goddard and Mr. Russell the Home Department enters upon its program of enlargement and extension with every prospect for successful achievement.

—Dr. Beauchamp, together with Bishop James Atkins, John R. Pepper, Miss Belle H. Bennett, and Mrs. Luke Johnson, sailed for Europe August 29 as representatives of the Centenary. They will go first to Belgium where they are empowered to open missionary work. From there they will travel to Northern France for the purpose of investigating conditions with a view to perfecting plans for the work which the Centenary will undertake in that country. Dr. Beauchamp's new office will in no way interfere with his duties as Secreary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and Director General of the Centenary.

—The many friends of Rev. J. A. Hornaday will be glad to learn that his general health is good and that he expects to take charge of the services in our church at Maxton the first of September. The rheumatism still affects one of his knees so that he has to walk on crutches and he will have to sit during the delivery of his sermons. He announces that he will have to ask for the superannuate relation at Conference unless there is a change for the better. His place at Maxton has been supplied for some months, first by Rev. C. C. Alexander and then by Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr.; but from the first of September he expects to finish up the year's work there.

—The following item of interest to our people we clip from the Advocate Herald: "Bishop U. V. W. Darlington has purchased the handsome residence of Dr. C. R. Enslow on Tenth Avenue in Huntington and will take possesion within thirty days. All southern Methodists in this territory will be glad to know that he has decided to remain here rather than move to the Carolinas." Bishop Darlington is very popular in the "Carolinas" where his present work lies, and we are sure that everybody in these states would have been glad to have the Bishop make his home here. However, we are sure that he has followed his godly judgment in selecting his place of abode and we sincerely trust that he will be happy in his work wherever he abides.

BROTHER BUNDY ENDORSED

The article in last week's Advocate, Aug. 21, by Rev. J. D. Bundy on "Sunday Quarterly Conferences and Short District Conferences" was timely and well written in a sweet, brotherly spirit. I am glad Brother Bundy has spoken out on this subject, especially on the Sunday Quarterly Conference. He put it plainly, clearly, forcefully and Scripturally. The circumstances that make advisable a Sunday Quarterly Conference are exceptional and extremely rare. I am inclined to think the custom referred to is not very common. I trust it will never become so. All our thoughtful, godly laymen would prefer some time in the week; and the elders cannot afford to rush away for a little personal or domestic comfort to the sacrifice of the best interests of the cause for which they stand and the sacredness of the Sabbath we all reverence and love.

W. R. Ware.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The District Group Meetings for the North Carolina Conference which had been arranged for September and October will be postponed until after Conference. In January Group Meetings will be held for the setting up of the entire Centenary Conservation Program. The business that was intended for the fall series of meetings can be attended to in January. The information that was to be given out at the Group Meetings in September will be sent by mail to presiding elders, pastors and Centenary treasurers.

A. D. Wilcox, Conference Mission Secretary

COLERIDGE CIRCUIT

Love, gratitude, and a sense of duty move me to report a few items concerning myself and this charge. While my late misfortune, if we may call it that, has firmly held me out of the pulpit for seven weeks, and may do so for two more weeks, I am happy to report that I hope to soon be "every whit made whole"—but who knows? Why He does and that is enough for me. Thanks to the brethren of the Greensboro District, and the many others who have sent messages of sympathy, and offered prayer for my recovery; all of which has cheered me in the hours of confinement. One seldom knows the hearts of his best friends until times like these reveal them.

Another thing for which I am profoundly grateful is the very timely and efficient aid of the local brethren and efficient aid the local brethren and preachers have given me in keeping the work of the circuit going. Two of our meetings have been held, both of which were genuine revivals, the first of which was conducted at Mt. Olivet by Rev J. E. Woosley, in which I was only able to be present three times, while the number of converts were not numerous, there were only two unconverted left in the congregation, and they seemed to be deeply convicted.

Then the past week Rev. W. M. Smith, of Ramseur and Franklinville, did all the preaching, and did it well, as did Brother Woosley at Mt. Olivet.

If I could hold either of these men for all my meetings I would want no better help. Our meeting at Concord grew in interest from first to last, and all thought it a pity it could not continue for another week. Any way there were more than thirty happy professions of saving faith in the two meetings.

J. T. Stover.

ROANOKE RAPIDS

The paramount need of religious stress today is within the rank and file of the so-called Christian. The serpent has shown his head and injected his poisonous venom into the lives of the Church, thereby making the majority not only useless weapons, but a burden to the working minority.

Sin needs to be uprooted in the lives of our nominal Church members, and the souls of the subjects of the Church roll registry need to be transplanted into the purity of the vineyard of God.

Roanoke Rapids charge, which is not any worse than others, hopes, at least, to be vigilant as regards the salvation of the souls within the Church. Sane evangelism is the only solution for the idle Church; it puts the people to work, and in a reasonable way shows them their duty.

Rev. Thurston B. Price, one of our general evangelists, began a campaign in the First Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids last Sunday, August 24th, and from an initial crowd of about two hundred, his congregation has already gone to more than six hunderd. Housing accommodations

WEAVER HALL and WATER and LIGHTS

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

$35,000 OR $53,000?

I am publishing a statement of subscriptions through August 30 for Weaver Hall and water and lights at Rutherford College. By the time of our Annual Conference let every charge be represented, and adquately represented. Today, August 30, in Greensboro, a sister and five brothers subscribed $500 in memory of their father and mother, the father a Rutherford College student in the old days, and a Methodist preacher. This $500 will pay for building one room in Weaver Hall. This subscription puts West Market in the lead for this cause—$2,033—the first charge to go above $2,000. There may be several by October 22. Two districts have passed $5,000 each—Charlotte and Shelby. I think that six can readily do this. Next to our home circuit—Connelly Springs with $1,445.62—the circuit in the lead is Belwood with $441. Our total today passed $32,000. We must pass $35,000. Let's mix the figures and make it $53,000.

J. R. Walker.

SUSCRIPTIONS THROUGH AUGUST 30, 1919

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Bethel	$55.00
Central	525.00
Chestnut Street	25.00
Haywood Street	1.00
Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Black Mountain	5.00
Brevard	47.00
Hendersonville	521.62
Henderson Circuit	25.00
Hot Springs-Marshall	5.00
Leicester	3.50
Mills River	25.00
Sulphur Springs	50.00
Weaverville	25.00
Charge unknown	5.00
	1327.50

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Ansonville	$336.00
Charlotte-Belmont Park	13.00
Brevard Street	10.00
Calvary	58.00
Chadwick	120.00
Dilworth	110.00
Hawthorne Lane	786.90
Trinity	919.50
Tryon Street	1304.50
Hickory Grove	75.00
Marshville	131.00
Matthews	5.00
Monroe-Central	568.75
Pineville	128.00
Polkton	28.25
Prospect	211.00
Unionville	25.00
Wadesboro	140.00
Waxhaw	58.00
Weddington	5.00
Charge unknown	10.00
	5038.00

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Asheboro	$50.00
Deep River	1.00
Greensboro-Centenary	818.25
Spring Garden	413.00
Walnut St. and Carraway Memorial	37.00
West Market Street	2033.00
Greensboro Circuit	181.00
West Greensboro	87.75
Gibsonville	80.00
High Point-East End	139.75
Main Street	82.75
Wesley Memorial	305.00
Pleasant Garden	8.00
Ramseur and Franklinville	167.50
Randleman	36.25
Randolph Circuit	28.25
Reidsville-Main Street	93.50
Ruffin	5.00
Uwharrie Circuit	29.25
Wentworth Circuit	17.58
Charge unknown	4.00
	4637.83

MARION DISTRICT

Bakersville	$5.00
Broad River	5.00
Burnsville	77.00
Cliffside	10.00
Connelly Springs-Rutherford College	1445.62
Enola	36.00
Forest City	136.00
Henrietta-Caroleen	75.00
Marion	325.00
Marion Circuit	5.00
Marion Mills	55.50
McDowell	20.00
Mill Spring	125.00
Morganton	638.00
Morganton Circuit	128.00
Old Fort	25.00
Rutherfordton	19.00
Spindale	7.00
Spruce Pine	198.00
Table Rock	160.00
Thermal City	15.00
Valdese	134.50
	3644.62

MT. AIRY DISTRICT

Ararat	$24.75
Danbury	25.00
Dobson	15.00
Elkin	303.00
Jonesville	29.52
Leaksville	17.72
Madison-Stoneville	40.00
Mt. Airy Circuit	329.00
Rural Hall	35.00
Spray	10.00
Stokesdale	130.00
Walnut Cove	12.50
Yadkinville	2.00
	969.49

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

Avery	30.00
Elk Park	20.00
Jefferson	26.00
North Wilkesboro	197.00
North Wilkes Mission	29.00
Wilkesboro	142.66
Wilkes	107.00
	552.16

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Albemarle-Central	$51.50
Albemarle Circuit	135.00
Badin	101.10
Bethel	15.00
Concord-Central	201.50
Forest Hill	100.00
Concord Circuit	124.40
Kannapolis	10.00
Kannapolis Circuit	50.00
Mt. Pleasant	25.00
New London	10.25
Norwood-Randall	40.00
Salisbury-First Church	40.25
Park Avenue	20.00
South Main	25.00
Salisbury Circuit	25.00
Spencer-Central	35.00
Woodleaf	5.00
	880.00

SHELBY DISTRICT

Belmont	$115.00
Belwood	441.00
Bessemer	230.50
Cherryville	60.66
Crouse	15.00
Gastonia-East End	115.00
Eight Street	180.00
Franklin Avenue	202.60
Main Street	1863.00
Kings Mountain	228.50
Lincolnton	85.85
Lincoln Circuit	127.15
Lowesville	281.00
Lowell-Bethesda	22.60
McAdenville	5.00
Mt. Holly	185.00
Polkville	18.00
Rock Spring	179.00
Shelby-Central	486.50
Shelby Circuit	127.50
South Fork	25.00
Stanley	15.00
	5006.25

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Alexander	$55.00
Catawba	99.75
Cool Springs	67.25
Madison-Huntersville	60.00
Dudley Shoals	56.25
Granite Falls	18.95
Hickory-First Church	1849.50
Hickory Circuit	123.00
Lenoir	50.00
Lenoir Circuit	90.00
Maiden	130.00
Mooresville	625.00
Mooresville Circuit	22.00
Mt. Zion	202.00
Newton	123.00
North Lenoir Circuit	11.00
Olin	10.00
Rhodhiss	145.00
Statesville-Broad Street	715.65
Race Street	29.30
Statesville Circuit	17.50
Stony Point	29.80
Troutman	62.75
	4519.70

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Bryson-Whittier	$121.00
Canton	126.00
Clyde	51.00
Franklin	1.00
Franklin Circuit	15.00
Highlands	2.00
Jonathan	30.00
Macon	25.00
Murphy	25.00
Sylva	8.00
Tuckaseegee	5.00
Waynesville	80.00
Waynesville Circuit	25.00
	514.00

WINSTON DISTRICT

Advance	$5.50
Cooleemee	22.50
Davidson	12.65
Davie	15.50
Farmington	5.00
Haynes-Clemmons	50.00
Lewisville	10.00
Lexington	421.75
Linwood	1.25
Thomasville	722.50
Winston-Burkhead	25.00
Centenary	1085.00
Grace	9.25
Liberty	5.00
Salem	42.00
Southside	31.00
West End	1631.00
Charge Unknown	12.00
	4106.90
Charge and District unknown	$5.00
Other Conferences	1009.50
	1014.50
Grand Total	$32,211.01

are already becoming much too limited.

The co-operation of all the churches of the town is very encouraging and indicative of a community wide revival. With sensationalism vanquished, and reason and love exalted, Brother Price is making an appeal to the human soul that cannot be denied. Without egotism or boast or seeking of self praise, he is giving testimony as to the salvation of his Christ. As a practical man of Godly power Brother Price makes a distinct contribution to any community lucky enough to entertain him within its bounds. His campaign is conducted with a specific eye which sees a definite conservation in results after his departure.

We recommend Brother Price to every charge within the bounds of the State, as a man big enough for every emergency, and humble enough to preach Jesus Christ and His power to save. We are hoping, praying and looking for an unprecedented revival of religion in Roanoke Rapids, and we cannot believe other than that the prayers of righteous men and women shall avail us much.

E. C. Few, P. C.

WAXHAW CHARGE

We began our summer revival work at Bonds Grove on the first Sunday in this month, holding three services, had four professions that night and during the meeting, which continued eleven days, we had about 57 professions and a good revival in the church. I received 10 on profession of faith, seven of those who joined not being present on account of the rain and mud. The closing service one joined by certificate, making a total of 18 new members in all.

Our next meeting was the camp meeting at Pleasant Grove. A few tents had been built and among them a preacher's tent, the best I have ever seen, well planned and well built, covered with heart pine shingles, the lumber dressed and weatherboarded sides, five windows with shutters and two doors, splendidly furnished, snowy white beds, and chairs, etc., to make the preachers comfortable. This camp meeting is going to be built up. A large number of tents are going to be built right away. I expect that fifty or more tents by the next camp meeting will be built. We had about fifty professions at this camp meeting and a considerable revival among Christians. Some old-time shouting. Brothers H. C. Byrum and B. F. Fincher came and did some good preaching. Brother Byrum preached three good sermons and Brother Fincher gave us two good sermons, both of them leaving us on Monday. They both had their families along and seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. Dr. Sam J. Belk, of Atlanta, Ga., was present and preached a great sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday and Bro. H. H. Jordan, of Monroe Central Church, preached in the afternoon at three o'clock, and gave us a splendid sermon. After the brethren all left me I continued the meeting till Thursday night.

We are planning for a great camp meeting next year, and are determined to make it a religious meeting. The camp meeting, like the revival, will be just what we want it to be, and if the preachers and tent holders will try they can determine the matter.

I am now in a gracious revival at Mineral Springs. We had about 30 professions last night. Had had one before. We are expecting a great victory here and it has started. Pray for us.

E. Myers.

REVIVAL AT HOT SPRINGS

The Rev. J. O. Ervin, of Bethel Church, Asheville, conducted a meeting for the writer at Hot Springs beginning July 28th and continuing about 12 days. Brother Ervin is especially adapted to revival work. He is an unusually impressive preacher, and his faith is always strong. I recommend him to any preacher needing help.

While the results as to conversions were disappointing, great good was done among members of the several churches. There was one accession as a result of the meeting.

J. J. Gray.

Marshall, N. C.

JUNALUSKA AND OTHER THINGS

By President W. P. Few.

Membership in the General Sunday school board with its annual meetings at Lake Junaluska has for six summers brought me into close observation of the Southern Assembly, its early struggles, its growth, and its wonderful opportunities and possibilities. I have come away each summer with an increased sense of the value of a place like Lake Junaluska. The providing of any kind of wholesome entertainment for American people, especially wholesome entertainment during vacation times, is a genuine benefaction. We need to pay more heed to our own leisure and the leisure of our children. Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do.

I came to Lake Junaluska this year after two weeks spent at Tate Springs, perhaps the largest and most typically Southern resort place in the South. While life there may be wholesome there are easy temptations to debilitating diversions; and the moral atmosphere at Lake Junaluska is so much more stimulating that the difference is really staggering. I appreciate now more than ever a great summer place here in the South where our families can go and where there are no diversions that our young people of all ages cannot feel free to engage in.

Lake Junaluska is now growing rapidly, and I believe is destined to have a large influence upon Southern civilization. It is established primarily for Southern Methodists, and seems to me to deserve the hearty endorsement, and wherever possible, support of Methodist people.

At Tate Springs I was the guest of Mr. Benjamin N. Duke, who was there in a search for health that has been kept up with varying success now for a good many years. I have known Mr. Duke intimately for twenty-three years; and I know no one who seems to me to be more unselfishly concerned to do good in the world. For more than a quarter of a century he has especially cherished the opportunities to do good that have come to him through Trinity College. Through all these years he has carried the College on his heart, and carries it now despite long continued ill-health and the bewildering confusions of the present and recent past. A college that had only enough to run on in 1914 lacks a good deal of having enough now. If Mr. Duke had not this year provided additional income for increase of salaries and for new teachers, Trinity College would have been seriously handicapped. His thought of the College in times of illness and sometimes in hours of despair has been an inspiration to me that will go with me the rest of the way. Because of what he has done for Trinity College, for the Methodist Church, for North Carolin and Southern civilization, and for hosts of poor and deserving people, every good man and woman who reads the Advocate should feel sympathy for Mr. Duke in his trying illness and be moved to prayers for his health and happiness and many more years of useful living.

There are more applications than in any previous year for admission to the College and the Park school. Both institutions are four years behind in the building program and both now sorely need increased housing facilities, but building conditions are well-nigh impossible. Meantime everything possible is being done to care for the students who come to us.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

SONG OF THANKFULNESS

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou has made
joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us 'round;
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.

I thank thee more that all our joy
Is touched with pain;
That shadows fall on brightest hours.
That thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be our guide
And not our chain.

I thank Thee, Lord, that here our souls
Though amply blest,
Can never find, although they seek.
A perfect rest;
Nor ever shall until they lean
On Jesus' breast.

Adelaide A. Proctor

NORTH WILKESBORO AUXILIARY

From Mrs. E. G. Albo, superintend en of publicity, we have the following account of a recent interesting meeting enjoyed by the ladies of the North Wilkesboro auxiliary.

"The August meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Wilkesboro met at the home of Mrs. W. P. Horton, with Mrs. Horton and Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw as joint hostesses, several invited guests being present to enjoy with the members of the auxiliary this pleasant occasion. One could readily see, on arriving, that the subject of the afternoon's program was Japan, for the hostesses were assisted in receiving by three young ladies attired in the quaint costumes of the "land of the rising sun."

After the devotional service by the president a short business session was held, after which the following program was given. A sketch of Japan, the government, schools and industrial enterprises, was given by Mrs. Albo, superintendent of mission study.

Mrs. A. P. Gould read a paper on "The Native Religion of Japan," and "The Christian Religion of Japan" was presented by Miss Clara McNeill. A dainty little miss in the person of Virginia Hix recited "The Little Children of Japan," followed by a reading entitled "The Kindergarten, the Open Door to Japan" by Mrs. L. Ulrich.

Mrs. W. R. Ware, who was a recent visitor to the Centenary Exposition at Columbus, told of her visit to the Japanese kindergarten there, where she saw real Japanese children being taught by the authoress of the "Lady of the Decoration." Mrs. Ware presented each member of the society with a souvenir of Japan. The program closed with an appropriate solo, "A Call for Reapers," sweetly sung by Miss Lucille Cardwell.

The hostesses were assisted in serving tea and sandwiches by the young ladies from the "land of cherry blossoms."

This society is doing a most splendid work. Has during the past few months doubled its membership. Twelve members take the "Missionary Voice" and the society is planning to over pay its pledge.

REIDSVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARY

To Mrs. P. E. Snead, Superintendent of Publicity, we are indebted for the following account. "The Young People's Missionary Society of Main Street M. E. Church, Reidsville, held a very delightful meeting Friday afternoon, August 25th, at the lovely suburban home of Mrs. J. S. Turner. After the business session Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Sprinkle gave very interesting and instructive accounts of the Centenary Exposition at Columbus, Ohio.

At the conclusion of the program a delicious picnic supper was served on the spacious lawn by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Rosetta Turner. A large number of the members and several visitors were in attendance and enjoyed to the fullest this pleasant occasion."

This society of young people is on our list of "faithfuls" and we are glad to know that they are doing a most successful work this year.

SEPTEMBER CLOSING MONTH OF THIRD QUARTER

Is it necessary to further remind our auxiliaries that September is the closing month of the third quarter and that within a few weeks we will be entering upon the closing quarter of the year? We feel sure that the letter from our Conference Corresponding Secretary and the statement from Council Treasurer, given in recent issues are reminders sufficient that, while the past two quarters have been so successful, it is very necessary that we be busy during the next few weeks if we make the record for our Conference that we so much desire. Our apportionment this year is greater than ever before, but our opportunities are greater and let us work as never before to accomplish great results.

WANTED—HUNDREDS OF MISSIONARIES

In connection with the Centenary program for the next five years, our Board of Missions will need no less than 735 missionaries, about evenly divided between the home and foreign fields. For the foreign work there will be needed preachers, teachers, kindergartners, domestic science specialists, physicians, surgeons, nurses, writers, translators, publishers, and industrial workers. Of these Japan calls for thirty-three, Korea for sixty-three, China for seventy-seven, Africa for twenty-eight, Mexico for seventy, Cuba for twenty-seven, Brazil for eighty-nine. The number that will be required for the work to be opened in Europe has not yet been determined.

For the work in America there will be needed four superintendents of missions, ten preachers and twenty teachers among foreigners, ten nurses, five teachers among negroes, and a large number of deaconesses. Seven superintendents of mountain work are needed, ten specialists in city work and ten in rural work, four superintendents of night schools, and a large number of social workers n addition. Fifteen Mexicans, ten Indians, five Bohemians, ten French eight Italians, and ten Cubans are to be prepared for pastorates among their respective peoples in this country.

This enlarged program will offer opportunities for the worthiest life service to hundreds of young men and women properly fitted by character and training. The candidate secretaries, Rev. C. G. Hounshell and Mrs. Hume R. Steele, will be glad to get in touch with any who desire to offer themselves for this work or who would like to learn more about it. Address them at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

N. C. CONFERENCE

MEXICO

"If we discharge our obligations to Mexico, the time will come when an army on the Rio Grande will be as badly out of place as an army on the Canadian border."

"I cannot think of a nation that has had less chance than Mexico.

"It's first introduction to Christianity was at the point of the gun.

"Its entrance into the Church was at the point of the bayonet."

If Mexico is ever to have a stable government and become a safe neighbor, she must be given Christian ideals and education. It is in our power to supply this need. If we fail to do it we will continue to pay the price of our neglect, as we have already begun to pay it, in treasurer and in blood.

MAKING DEMOCRACY SAFE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

In Texas alone there are 600,000 Mexican people. Most of them are wretchedly poor and live in such detached groups that they have little interest in things that most concern us. The demand for labor has brought many of them to us with a hope of improving their condition; others have come seeking protection from the revolutions in their own country. Often they have left everything in the old home except the clothes they wore and what they could carry in bundles on their backs. On their journey they have slept out of doors and were hungry, but could not return to the little adobe homes in Mexico. Sometimes as you ride on the train you can see little brown eyes looking longingly at you from the section house doors along the railroad track, and you will notice queer, uncomfortable houses which the railroad has built for them. Some of them go to pick cotton and live in any old barn, tent, or vacant house they can find. Still others go to the coal mine, and while the father digs the coal to make our fires the litt folks live in dirty houses too small and crowded to keep tidy and clean. For all of these who have come to us rapidly the school facilities are not sufficient, and so a great majority of them are out of school.

The task of making democracy safe on the Mexican border is one for the State and the Church. Schools should be built by both as rapidly as possible. Here, too, is the great opportunity and need for vangelization. This can be more easily done as the people begin to break with the old customs and enter into the newer and larger life.

More than 3,000 Mexicans live in one community in Dallas, where one of the deaconesses of our Church gives constant ministry. The Homer Toberman Clinic, in Los Angeles gave help to 3,555 Mexicans. There are sixty thousand of these people in Los Angeles. One out of three of those who are in poverty in that city are Mexicans, and one out of every four of those who are in prison are Mexicans. We are also serving the people at Holding Institute. Three hundred and sixteen pupils have been trained in this school during the past year. At Nogales a small day school has been inaugurated, and in San Antonio a well-organized Christian social settlement is serving a Mexican district.

We must continue to do all these things and enlarge this work through the Centenary campaign. The women of our auxiliaries should push the organization of Friendship Club for the Mexican mothers, helping them to learn the English language and giving them the great Christian American ideals.

Centenary Askings for Mexican Work

Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.	
Administrative Building	$40,000
Girls' Dormitory	20,000
Boys' Dormitory	10,000
Increased Working Force	16,000—$86,000
Nogales, Ariz.	
New School Building	25,000—25,000
Homer Toberman Clinic and Settlement, Los Angeles, Cal.	
Building and Clinic	35,000— 35,000
San Antonio, Tex.	
Gymnasium	2,000
Laundry	5,000
Clinic	15,000—22 000
Total	$168,000

HOW ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP RALLY

Are you mobilizing the demobilized Red Cross workers of your church? If not, begin at once.

Somebody is at work, for 5,086 new members were reported at the end of the second quarter.

The following leaflets will be h lpful to you in making a personal presentation of the claims of the missionary society, and all of them may be had free in any numbers from the Home Base office:

Every Woman in the Missionary Society.

Are You a Methodist Woman? and Do You Know?

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PRAYER REMINDERS

Pray for our European Commission that they may be guided of God in the difficult task of deciding upon the proposed missionary enterprises of our Church in Europe—that they may be kept in health and safety and that they may be messengers of the gospel of Jesus Christ as they touch the lives in war stricken Europe. The names of the Commission are as follows: Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, Bishop James Cannon Jr., Miss Belle H. Bennett, W. B. Beauchamp, Mrs. Luke Johnson and John R. Pepper.

Pray for Miss Mabel Howell and Dr. Rawlings, who have recently sailed to the Orient, and also for Bishop Moore, who has just returned to his work in Brazil. These are days of reconstruction and new world building. Never was there a time when greater resp nsibility rested upon the leaders of the Missionary Enterprise.

Pray for the secretaries of the Home Department: Mrs. J. W. Downs and Mrs. J. H. McCoy, as they enter upon their work in the new division of the territory of the home field.

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Sunday School Survey

"Where we lead and where we lag, and the way out."

By O. V. Woosley, Field Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

RALLY DAY AT LENOIR

Sunday, August 24, was set apart by Superintendent Horace Sisk, of our Sunday school at Lenoir, as Rally Day. Pastor R. D. Sherrill being absent on his vacation, the whole morn was given over to the emphasis of good Sunday school work.

First there was very properly held the regular Sunday school session after which the Beginners and Primary departments gave some demonstration work, which in turn was followed by some exhortations from the field secretary.

Superintendent Sisk, who is also the superintendent of the public schools of Lenoir, has his school well organized and is much concerned that all departments give their best efforts in God's cause. It was a satisfaction to note several flourishing Wesley Bible classes among other signs of good development.

The Men's Wesley Class, taught by Brother J. L. Nelson, than whom no more loyal church worker lives, is most attractively housed up in the dome of the church where a fine class room sufficiently large for 100 men has been fitted up for class work. This is one of the most remarkable instances of architectural economy I have seen and is recommended to other Bible classes.

Our congregation at Lenoir has recently completed the payments on its beautiful $35,000 plant, together with its Centenary allottment, and will in the near future have Bishop Darlington present for dedicatory services.

If you have an opportunity be sure to look over our church at Lenoir. It was built during the pastorate of Rev. D. M. Litaker, who is now constructing another fine plant at Lincolnton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TESTS

Many Sunday schools measure their effectiveness on the following three items:

1. Attendance.
2. Enthusiasm.
3. Smooth running platform exercises.

These good qualities are fine if they bring results. They should be regarded as means towards accomplishing a desired end.

Suppose you measure your school on this wise:

1. Make your pupils the center of all work of the Sunday school.
2. Measure your school's success in terms of life and service. Does your school produce Christian character?
3. Does the passing of time show more reverence and love for God's work? Are your pupils trying to put more into life rather than trying to see how much they can get out of it?
4. Have your pupils been tested to find what they really need most?

Remember the great law for teaching: "The need of the pupil is the law of the school."

TEACHER TRAINING

The fall is coming along again and soon the refreshing atmosphere will stimulate earnest effort toward making our schools more effective. September will be a good time to start a Teacher-Training class. If you have never had a class get "Life In the Making" for your first text. Order from Smith and Lamar, Richmond, Va., The books cost sixty-five cents each.

If you have completed "Life In The Making" and don't know what you want to take up next write your Sunday school secretary. He may be able to give some aid. Remember that if your school is to grow you must be developing leaders. The fall, winter and spring furnish the best opportunity for study. Order your books and begin your class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

It is not yet too late to observe Sunday School Day. If you have the programs but have not yet held your exercises be sure to get busy. If you have not ordered your programs there are some waiting for you at Smith and Lamar's book store, Richmond, Va. Programs cost you nothing provvided you agree to take an offering for our conference Sunday school work. This year every cent you raise will be spent in our own conference bounds. This ruling was passed by the General Sunday School Board in its Junaluska session this summer because of the conflict of Centenary work with the time usually set for observing Sunday School Day.

GRADED LESSONS

The boys and girls will soon be starting to the day schools. In these schools they will take work in line with ability to understand. There will be eleven grades of work and pupils in the same home will be studying different lessons, lessons suited to their unfolding life. Little six year old Mary will be sounding out the habits of the little red hen of the first reader while John may be attempting his first lessons in algebra. This will go along five days in the week.

Will you then send these same two children to Sunday school on Sunday and refuse them the opportunity to get from the Bible that part of it that best suits their ability to understand because of an indisposition to break away from the accustomed uniform lessons, which are usually selected for adult minds? God has graded the child's mind. We ought to see to it that graded Bible lessons are furnished this graded mind.

You can get Graded Sunday School Lessons from our publishing house. The first quarter for Graded Lessons begins the first Sunday in October. Write for your lessons now so as to have time to carefully study them. Do not install Graded Lessons above Junior department for first year's work.

A GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes should be graded according to age. The following gradation is recommended:

Beginners—Children four or five years.

Primary—Six, seven and eight

Junior—Nine, ten, eleven and sometimes twelve.

Intermediate—Twelve, thirteen and fourteen.

Senior—Fifteen, sixteen and seventeen.

Young People—Eighteen to twenty-four.

Adult—Twenty-four and up.

It is a great mistake to have students of various ages in the same class. It might pay you to look into this matter.

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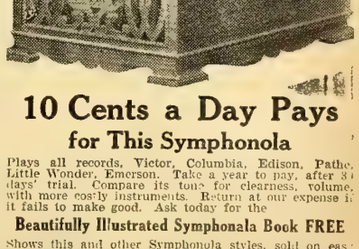
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There will be found in these notes an account of our trip to Lakeview. This clipping is taken from The Raleigh Times, written by Miss Susan Iden, a young lady so favorably known by most of our preachers as she attends our Annual Conferences and reports for the Raleigh Times.

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Orphanage Boys Back From Camping Trip at Lakeview

Following on the trail of the Boy Scouts who camped at Lakeview, the boys from the Methodist Orphanage enjoyed many of the benefits of the Scout Camp. About twenty-five boys from the Orphanage made the trip to Lakeview the past Thursday, making the trip in the automobiles furnished by Raleigh citizens and Lakeview to bring the Scouts back to the city. At Lakeview the Methodist boys found a fully equipped camp of the Boy Scouts which was turned over to them for their use.

Among the special treats of the trip which will stand out in the minds of the boys for a long time was the bountiful barbecue and brunswick stew supper which they found awaiting them on their arrival at Lakeview. There was plenty of lemonade, too. The barbecue and brunswick stew was in such abundance that enough was left for a meal the next day.

The flag pole was a center of evening gathering of the boys who every evening at sunset when the flag was lowered gathered there to sing patriotic songs. Bathing in the lake was a daily joy. There were two baseball games and an entertainment furnished by a party of campers under the direction of Rev. C. P. Willcox, formerly of Raleigh.

B. O. Lutman, director of boys' activities of the Y. M. C. A., remained over after the Boy Scout trip and spent several days with the Orphanage boys, adding greatly to their pleasure.

On Sunday Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Orphanage, preached at the Union Church at Lakeview and the Orphanage boys sang. The return trip to Raleigh was made by train. Each one of the boys contributed $5 of his earnings toward the expenses of the trip.

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From the Field

CORNER-STONE LAYING

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Dr. S. B. Turrentine led the opening prayer. W. A. Watson told of Dr. Crawford's work in founding Spring Garden. J. H. Prince announced the names of all former pastors with dates of each pastorate. Mrs. Foster Jackson read the minutes of the first meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society. W. A. Mann read a brief history of the church.

Prof. Walter Thompson spoke on "Then and Now." Prof. Thompson was a member of this church and treasurer of the Board of Stewards in 1900, the first year it received a conference appointment. Two things stood to the fore in this message. One the wisdom, foresight and consecration of Dr. Crawford in planting this church when and where he did. The other the tremendous importance of this charge, located so near the training station of our future women teachers.

The pastor discussed Spring Garden's aims and ideals. Rev. J. H. Barnhardt closed with a fine presentation of the "Value of a Church to the Community."

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C. S. Kirkpatrick.

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Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$1,094,338.73
Agents balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1918	$ 63,853.00
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 68,126.47
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Total	$10,068,520.50
Less Assets not admitted	$ 63,853.00
Total admitted Assets	$10,004,667.50

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Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	$6,214,228.04
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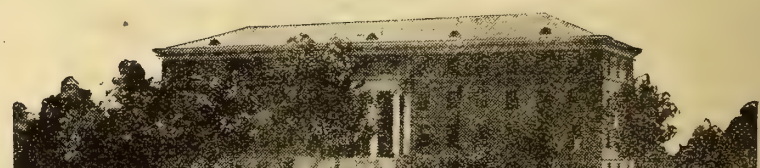
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Exposition by the Editor

The "Kingdom of God" is a phrase that was frequently on the lips of Jesus, and He was anxious to get His disciples at least to understand what it was like. To this end He devoted this wonderful chapter of parables, and then took the pains to give an exposition of some of them Himself. But after all the struggling mind comes limping slowly to any worthy conception of its real significance. When questioned by Him about it, they said that they had understood Him, but had they? A student will often profess to understand what the teacher has tried to explain when they only wish to escape appearing dull; and it was but very dimly, if at all, that these men had seen the great truth that Christ was seeking to explain.

The Kingdom of God Is "Like."

We are fond of contrasting the material and the spiritual, but there are various points of contact at which the one is like the other. The kingdom of heaven is "like" unto a grain of mustard seed, it is "like" unto leaven, it is "like" unto hid treasure, etc. The Master seems to be searching nature to find points of similarity, to find a parallelism between these things that we are so fond of contrasting the one with the other. Yet we must guard against making these parables "go on all fours." It is only in some particular point in each instance that the two are alike. The grain of mustard seed exhibits some one thing in which it is like the kingdom of heaven; it may be very unlike it in every other respects. So it is with the leaven and the rest. The key to the interpretation of the parable is in finding out that one point of similarity. Something in the wording of the parable is sure to indicate that one point, if we will only be careful to study the parable as a whole. The Master finds in these matchless parables enough points of similarity between the material things which are the creations of His hands and with which we are more or less familiar, and the kingdom of God to form a sort of stairway up which we may laboriously struggle into the brighter light of spiritual truth.

The Matchless Extension of the Kingdom.

The history of man has furnished no parallel to the extensive development of the kingdom of God. This seems to us the real lesson of the parable of the mustard seed. The vast difference between its beginnings and the ultimate extension of it is the one point of similarity. Of course, we may truthfully say that it emphasizes the vitality of the kingdom, but that is only another way of expressing the same truth. It is by virtue of its extreme vitality that the mustard seed produces a plant so much out of proportion to its size, and the vast extension of the kingdom of God is the product of its vitality. In its final analysis God is the vital force in His kingdom, and the universality of it sweep is possible only because of God's activity in it. It was among a very small company of men that the kingdom of God began its work—a company of men who proposed no one of the resources upon which the world relies to promote its enterprises. In Paul's day there were not many mighty, not many noble, among them. But it has gone forward through the centuries to this hour, and the promise is that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord.

The Transforming Power of the Kingdom.

This is the lesson of the parable of the leaven. A little leaven hid in the meal changes the nature of all the meal. When the leaven has thoroughly done its work, there is no part of the meal that has not itself become leaven that will do the same thing in more meal. There is that in the kingdom of God which will transform men into the likeness of God. It is not a compromise character between God's character and the character which man possesses when he enters the kingdom. The entire bridge must be crossed, and it is a long bridge. Sin has so perverted and corrupted the character of man that the image of God in which he was created has been destroyed. The likeness to God has departed from Him—departed so utterly that man "did not like to retain God in his thought." He is not simply at enmity with God, but he is enmity itself with God. Yet man must be brought back into this likeness to God, or he is hopelessly lost. It is this transforming work that the kingdom undertakes, and this is the lesson of the parable of the leaven. "I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness." Man can never be satisfied till that time.

The Kingdom of God Has to be Sought.

This is the lesson of the "hid treasure" and the "pearl of great price." These things do not come to men by chance. We do not drift into these high attainments. It is the law of life everywhere. Things that are worth while have to be striven for. Whoever and whatever drifts always moves to lower levels. And the more important the attainment is the more difficult it is to reach it. The kingdom of God never steals upon a man unawares. We cannot hope to scale those heights of life and character without concentrating our best efforts upon doing so. We must give to it thought and time and effort. It must be made the controlling purpose in our life. All the energies that we possess must be directed that way. We must "sell all that we have" in order to purchase it. It does not come any more cheaply than that; and so long as we prize anything else more highly, we make it impossible for us to gain that treasure.

The Kingdom of God Sifts Men.

There are all sorts of men in the world, just as a net cast into the sea gathers in its meshes fish of every description. So long as they stay in the sea, they mix and mingle together. In some measure their experiences are similar. They all find food that is convenient for them, and experiences the same thrill of animal life. Those who do not look beneath the appearances of things may think that there is not so much difference after all. Yet the one class assimilates food into itself and becomes wholesome food for others, while another class assimilates food into itself and is not wholsesome food for others. The net draws all to the shore and the good is separated from the bad. Human life is moving irresistibly toward a final separation. There is no escape from that fact. The net is being drawn to the shore. The kingdom of God is forcing the separation. The good will be gathered into heaven. These are they who have put themselves under the transforming power of the kingdom. "They have come up through much tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The other will be cast away. It is the final failure of a human soul. The wicked who will not be saved shall be the refuse of creation. And as the refuse of a city is cast into the fire and burned, so the wicked shall be "cast into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



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WHO IS GOING TO RUN THE MACHINERY?

The second district conference the writer attended the committee on the Epworth League likened it to a great manufacturing enterprise whose purpose is to manufacture a product of enthusiastic, personal workers for every department of the Church. It seemed to be an attractive and practical illustration of a greatly felt need (even in the short experience of the writer) if it would work; for he had been in the pastorate less than two years and was serving a church which had in it a large number of people old and young, especially young people who could not pray, testify, speak or read in public meetings; or teach a Sunday school class, or lead a prayer meeting, or conduct an Epworth League or a missionary society. Feeling the need of this factory to manufacture a few efficient leaders for the various departments of a church, which was pregnant with wonderful possibilities likely never to be born into reality, he began to construct in his imagination such an enterprise. He constructed the building with its different departments, and put in the proper machinery needed to turn out the finished product of leadership for the various phases of the work of the Church. After the enterprise was complete, it was found that of all the operatives practically none knew how to manipulate the different machines, and the pastor was going to school six days in the week and was trying to preach on the seventh, hence he did not have time to direct the machines himself or to teach others how to do so; that was a situation we have never found any way to remedy except to have a seven-day pastor instead of a one-day pastor. We might say that in the case referred to the remedy has been applied and has worked well. But since he has been an all time pastor he has never found an excuse not to try to run all the machines possible, and to help some one else to run them. If the general superintendent does not know something about all the machines, it is time he was learning, or trying, or give up his position It is a hard task and more than a mechanical process. But the fact remains that the League, and many of our churches are like great manufacturing enterprises with a sufficient variety of intricate machinery capable of turning out the highest type of Christian character, but the power is latent and the operatives inexperienced and largely idle; the worst of all is they have never realized that it is really their business.

Now the real question is, shall we just let this state of affairs go on, and let "Good enough for our fathers" be good enough for our children? Shall we select from among the "influential" members the officers absolutely necessary who themselves do not know much about the machinery and especially about the lubricating oil of the Holy Spirit that makes the machinery run smoothly? Shall we get what we can out of these when they have nothing else to do and let the balance go? Shall we take up the work where our predecessor left it off—and left it off where he took it up; and then shall we leave to our successors the work where we took it up with the salary increased a little, a few more organizations formed, a few members added but with no more power to bring forth children unto God? Shall we spend the larger part of our time in trying to preach learned and eloquent sermons with a sanctimoniousness that places a gulf between those he is to lead and in making pop calls on the sisters and just a second's time of the man at business so that they will feel like making an equal number of calls at the church, provided we make our sermons and services to match the calls we make? Or shall we in addition to preaching as learned and eloquent sermons as possible, take the time to go apart with twelve or even three and give them the benefit of our close walk with God, help them to realize it is their business to do the work of the church, go along with them and show them how to do the thing until they have enough self confidence to do it themselves? If we do the work thoroughly, then they will become our co-helpers and co-teachers, and thus we can multiply ourselves and our service many times.

Moses helped to train and prepare Joshua for that splendid leadership of the children of Israel; Eli interpreted God to the boy Samuel and helped him to be the great priest and prophet of Israel that he was; Paul helped and inspired Timothy as his junior preacher so that he could "carry on" while he himself was in prison; John the Baptizer preached to vast multitudes, but he took the time to teach a few how to pray; Jesus ministered to great masses of people, but he spent a great deal of His time in going apart into a desert place to teach and train the twelve, and from these twelve He often selected three and gave them larger training and deeper insight so that they might be fishers of men; the great Methodist Church began with about a half dozen people under the leadership, the personal instruction, and the inspiration of John Wesley.

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Till I hear our Hannah call
When the supper bell she rings.
After tea they light the grate,
And I read there while I wait
For half-past eight.
Seems to me I haven't read
Half a page when I hear pa
Put his paper down, and—"Ma,
It's time for John to go to bed!"
So I have to yield to fate.
If there's any time I hate,
It's half-past ight.
—Johnson Morton, Children at Work.

HOW ADA GOT HER THEME

"'Beyond the Alps lies Italy,'" muttered Ada Grey, as her usually nimble feet lagged along the way. "No, that's all worn out, even if there is a good idea in it. Let's see! Oh, dear me!" she sputtered; "I wish they'd give us school themes, instead of making us hunt them up ourselves. H'm, I guess 'Patience' would be a good topic for me, or—for conscience's sake!"

Ada stopped, motionless and breathless, at what she saw not far ahead of her—Bessie Fielder and Clara Hall, arm-in-arm! They were laughing, talking as fast as their tongues could fly, and Bessie stopped at a street corner a minute to bid Clara good-bye. Then she came swiftly along, head down, thinking hard, till she almost ran into Ada.

"Well!" she exclaimed; "can't you move? Are you frozen, or what?"

"I'm struck dumb," mumbled Ada through her closed teeth, "at seeing you and Clara all in your first appearance as Affectionate Twins I thought —"

"Nonsense!" Bessie spoke, tartly, but her face flushed quickly.

"Meseems," Ada went on, "that I remember your saying that Clara Hall was heartless, selfishly ambitious, took no interest in any of the things we girls were trying to do—"

"B-but that was long ago," stammered Bessie.

"Six whole days, by grandfather's clock," grinned Ada. "Now, why—"

"You're a living corkscrew," declared Bessie. "There's no getting away from you, and I may as well tell you, first and last. The fact is, I—I have discovered some things about Clara."

"Oh, horrors!" Ada held up her hands.

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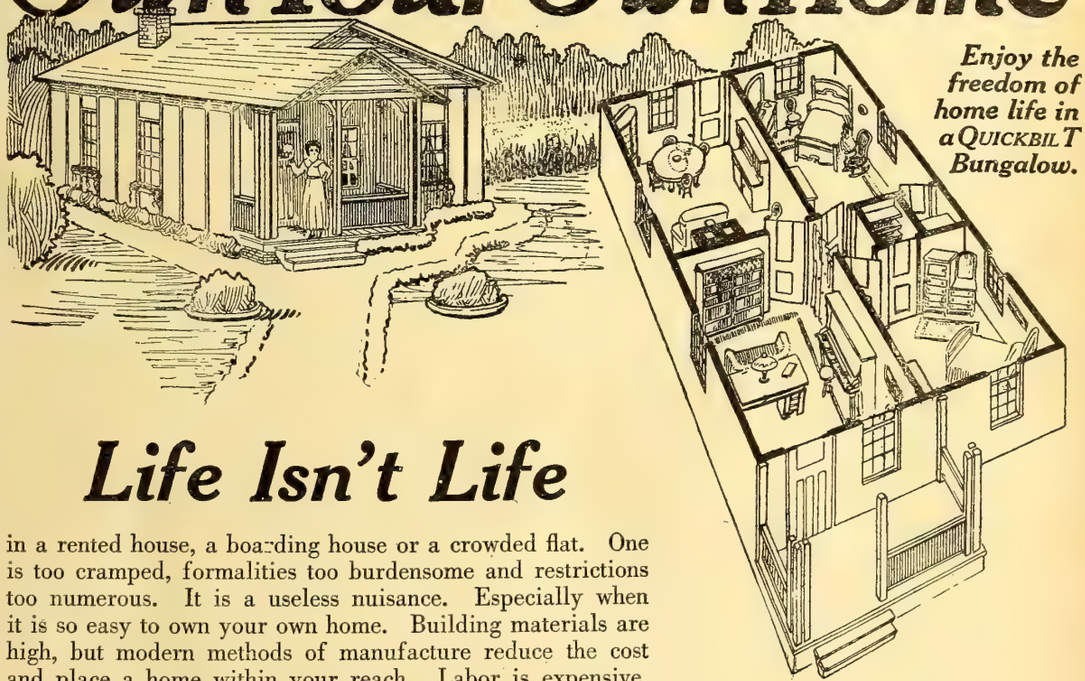
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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has taken unto Himself and from our midst our beloved Sunday school superintendent, Brother J. H. Merchant.

Resolved, first, That we, the members of the Biltmore Sunday school, contemplate with feelings of pride the noble life of our deceased brother. We view with approval the sweetness of his home life, always cheerful, how bravely he bore his affliction until the end.

Resolved, second, That while the members of his class sincerely mourn the loss, we humbly bow to the will of One who doeth all things well. His true, sincere Christian life will always be held as a fit example for our Sunday school. We will ever cherish his memory as one who was always faithful to instruct his class in the things pertaining to eternal life.

Resolved, third, That we extend to the bereaved family our highest regards for his memory and our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, and pray that our Heavenly Father may comfort and sustain them in their hour of sorrow.

Resolved, fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Advocate for publication, also a copy sent to the bereaved family.

Mr. F. A. Walton, Asst. S. S. Supt.,
Mrs. J. H. Rea, S. S. Teacher,
Mrs. F. A. Walton, S. S. Teacher.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The Wesley Bible class of the Millbrook church, Millbrook, N. C., feeling most keenly the profound loss in the death of our fellow member, Lee A. Jeffreys, wish to express our grief and sympathy, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

1. That our class has lost a faithful and useful member whose place cannot be filled.

2. That he set an example to others by his splendid habits and kindness and gentleness of disposition and unselfish spirit. He made a model citizen and friend.

3. We extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers in this time of sore bereavement.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be put upon the minutes of our Sunday school, a copy sent his father, Mr. Clarence Jeffreys, of Youngsville, N. C., and a copy sent to the N. C. Christian Advocate for publication.

W. N. H. Jones,
Mrs. N. W. Hatch,
J. B. Wiggins,
Committee.

JAMES C. MAXWELL.

Whereas, the All Wise Father in His providence called from our lodge on June 13th, 1919, our Brother James C. Maxwell, Resolved,

1st. That we, the members of Durbin Lodge No. 266 A. F. and A. M., miss our brother, but we bow submissive to the will of God, who gave him, knowing that He doeth all things well. He promoted him to better service and called him to dwell with him in that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2nd. That we extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and loved ones, and commend them to the tenderest care of our Heavenly Father who will help them bear their burden at all times and will help them to say "Thy will be done."

3rd. That in his boyhood days he was obedient to parents, attentive to his work and his Sunday school. On Nov. 8th, 1903, he was received into Cokesbury M. E. Church by Rev. L. H. Joyner and therein lived a life in obedience to God and the Discipline of his Church. He was initiated into degrees of Masonry March 14th, 1914, passed March 28th, 1914 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason April 11th, 1914.

4th. That in his life he typified the highest principles of boyhood, of a Christian, of Masonry, of a husband and of a father. Thus while we mourn his passing, we know the world is left better for his having lived among us.

5th. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our lodge, a copy sent to his family, a copy to the Fayetteville Observer, and a copy to his Church paper, the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy to the Asheville Citizen.

Fraternally,
C. A. Maxwell, Sec.
Durbin Lodge No. 266.

LIEUTENANT EDWARD CEDRIC HARRIS.

The distress brought on by war has visited many North Carolina homes the past two years. This reaper of death selected choice spirits for his harvest and there lie buried in France the mortal remains of many of our boys who have been the embodiment of the love and hope of devoted and anxious parents. Such distress came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harris, of Wendell, N. C., when their son, Lieut. Edward Cedric Harris, was severely wounded November 11, 1918, on the front lines near Grimaucourt, France. So severe was his wound that he died in a field hospital early next morning. He was buried in the village of Ancemont, five and a half miles from Verdun. An excellent young man had given his all in the last hours of the war that his country and his loved ones might have peace and be free from the impositions of an overbearing and unscrupulous enemy.

Edward Cedric Harris was born in Henderson, N. C., May 20, 1896. His young life was characterized by gentleness, cheerfulness, and obedience. At the age of ten he joined the Methodist Church and remained a consistent member thereof throughout his life. He was active in the Sunday school and church work and threw his strength into the good works of his home community. Cedric was an ambitious boy. He made up his mind early in life to develop his powers as far as he was capable. As a means to this end he determined to give his mind the very best training in the schools of his Church. He was graduated from Trinity Park school in 1913, the same year he entered Trinity College and was graduated in 1917. Before he received his diploma he entered the first officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and was commissioned a lieutenant several weeks later. Several months of intensive training was given him at Camp Jackson, and then in August, 1918, he was sent to France. Special training was given him in France and the latter part of September he was sent to the front. From then until the fatal hour he was on the firing line. What a full life he had lived. At the age of twenty-two he had completed his college education, he had laid the foundation for an education in medicine, he had entered an officers' training camp, he had been commissioned a lieutenant, and he had given his life in the defense of his country. Can a finer preparation for life and a nobler giving of it be made?

It was my privilege to have been associated closely with Lieut. Harris the last two years of his college life. He was a student assistant in the Trinity College library those two years. He was a willing worker and did his tasks splendidly. The minute he was due to take his place in the library he was either there or he could be seen coming into the building with a firm and even movement. A vivid picture of him lingers in my mind today as I used to see him coming through the front door of the library. There were no feelings that the library work would not go well when he was in charge.

The splendid character of Lieut. Harris was exemplified in the army as it had been done in his college days. Let the words of his commanding officer and fellow officers tell of his army life in letters to his father: "The conduct of your son in battle was regarded so courageous that the general commanding his division has seen fit to cite him in a special order and the regimental commander has recommended him for both the French war cross and the distinguished service cross of our own army." We, the fellow officers and associates of your son, feel deeply his loss, but we find consolation in the fact that when it became necessary for him to leave us he died like a gentleman and a brave soldier; and I am sure that you, his father, will be proud that your son stood the test at the crucial moment and even after he was mortally wounded refused to allow his men to render him assistance, saying that if they exposed themselves they would all be killed and ordering them away."

Lieutenant Harris was awarded posthumously the French croix de guerre and the distinguished service cross for marked bravery in action. These medals are in the possession of his father now, and he cherishes them as a reminder of the high esteem the officers had for his son in the last efforts of his life.

Those of us who knew Lieut. Harris deeply sympathize with his parents and four brothers in their great loss. Their grief is ours. And yet while we grieve we are glad that he lived so well his short life and died like a man and a true soldier under a severe test. Had he lived to have been as old as Methuselah he could not have lived any twenty-two years of a life so long that would have been more fruitful. Methuselah is remembered for the 969 years he lived, Cedric will be remembered for his excellent character and beautiful life and for the unselfish sacrifice he made, not only for his own country but for the world.

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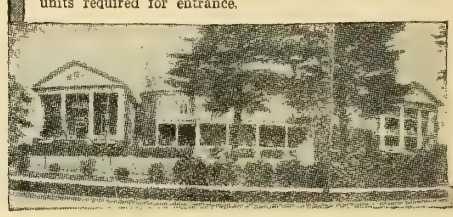
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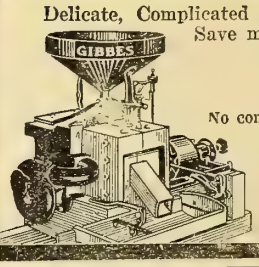
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Franklinton, Wesley		21-22
Selma		28
Kenly		28-29

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MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

	October
Enola Circuit, Saturday at 11 o'clock at warjick Chapel	4
Connelly Spring, at Rutherford College	5-6
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine, Tuesday night	7
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Wednesday night	8
Micaville, at Martin's Chapel, Friday at 11 o'clock	10
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Marion Circuit, at Capernaum, Tuesday at 11 o'clock	14
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Thermal City, at Trinity	18-19
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All other Quarterly Meeting appointments appeared last week and will appear again next week.

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Volunteer State Life Insurance Co.
Chattanooga, Tenn

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	$ 200,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increas of Capital during year, $.....; Total	$3,001,571.80
Income—From Policyholders, $911,564.84 Miscellaneous, $271,629.97; Total	$1,183,194.81
Disbursements—To Policyholders $358,251.90; Miscellaneous, $361,418.82 Total,	$ 719,670.72

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$ 471,062.40
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$1,306,477.15
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks, or other collateral	$ 696.74
Loans made to Policyholders on this Company's Policies assigned as collateral	$ 745,428.87
Premium notes on Policies in force (of which $.... is for first year's premiums)	$ 13,496.85
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 771,099.16
Cash in Company's Office	$ 200.00
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 19,068.11
Deposited in Trucst Companies and Banks on interest	$ 133,258.89
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 56,601.16
Premiums unpaid	$ 72,924.41
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 4,307.72
Total	$3,594,621.46
Less Assets not admitted	$ 9,342.10
Total admitted Assets	$3,585,279.36

LIABILITIES

Net Reserve, as computed	$3,044,276.00
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc.	$ 41,377.75
Liability on Policies canceled and not included in "Net Reserve," etc.	$ 5,030.00
Policy Claims	$ 85,270.52
Premiums paid in advance, including Surrender Value so applied	$ 1,970.52
Unearned Interest and Rent paid in advance	$ 22,150.43
Commissions due to Agents, etc.	$ 1,491.46
Estimated Amount payable for Federal, State and other Taxes	$ 10,000.00
Dividens due Policyholders	$ 17,903.70
Amounts set apart, apportioned, provisionally ascertained, calculated, awaiting apportionments, etc.	$ 36,753.00
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	$ 50,774.79
Total amount of all Liabilities, except Capital	$3,315,506.71
Capital paid up in Cash ...$200,000.00 Unassigned funds (surplus) $ 69,772.65	$ 269,772.65
Total Liabilities	$3,585,279.36

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1918

Policies on the lives of citizens of said State in force December 31st of pevious year, Number 730 Amount	$1,821,576.00
Policies on the lives of citizens of said State issued during year, Number 218; Amount	$ 616,936.00
Total Number 948; Amount	$2,438,512.00
Deduct ceased to be in force during year, Number 136; Amount	$ 318,381.00
Policies in force December 31, 1918, Number 812; Amount	$2,120,131.00
Losses and Claims incurred during year, Number, 5; Amount	$ 15,000.00
Losses and claims settled during year in cash $.....; by compromise, $.....; Number 4; Amount	$ 14,000.00
Losses and Claims unpaid December 31, 1918; Number, 1; Amount	$ 1,000.00
Premiums collected or secured in Cash and Notes or Credits without any deduction for Losses, Dividends, Commissions, or other expenses	$ 62,026.58

President—Z. C. Patten.
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Home Office—Chattanooga, Tenn.
Attorney for service—Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, March 26, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company, of Chatanooga Tenn. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT
General Accident, Fire, Life Assurance
Ruth Scotland

Condition December 31, 1918, as Shown by Statement filed

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	$ 250,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, $.....; Increase of Capital during year $.....; Total	$ 3,827,047.16
Income—From Policyholders, $4,437,484.96; Miscellaneouus $743,453.26 Total	$ 5,180,938.22
Disbursements—To Policyholders, $2,176,290.44; Miscellaneous, $2,494,240.72; Total	$ 4,670,531.16

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate	$ 181,068.52
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 2,883,126.31
Cash in Company's Office	$ 33,629.54
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 39,690.93
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 109,008.02
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 29,234.70
Premiumns in course of Collection	$ 988,391.26
Federal Taxes	$ 3,249.53
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 102,539.64
Total	$ 4,369,938.45
Less Assets not admitted	$ 389,921.43
Total admitted Assets	$ 3,980,017.02

LIABILITIES

Unpaid Claims	$ 1,459,435.41
Expenses, Investigation and Adjustment of Claims	$ 6,500.00
Unearned Premiums	$ 1,490,415.52
Commission, Brokerage and other charges due	$ 206,870.44
Salaries, Rents, Expenses, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued	$ 14,836.01
Estimated amount for Federal, State, County, and Municipal Taxes	$ 90,000.00
Advance Premiums	$ 17,064.60
All other Liabilities as detailed in Statement	$ 11,379 03
Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital	$ 3,296,501.01
Capital actually paid up in Cash	$ 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	$ 433,516.01
Total Liabilities	$ 3,980,017.02

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1918

	Premiums Received	Losses Paid
Accidents	9,540.43	4,526.84
Health	7,516.33	4,979.56
Liability	28,650.08	18,720.38
Burglary and Theft	136.95	
Auto Property Damaged	4,134.70	840.34

President—F. Richordson,
Home Office—Philadelphia Home Office.
Attorney for service—Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.
Manager for North Carolina—Head Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTEMENT
Raleigh, July 18, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the General Accident Fire and Life Insurance Company, of Ruth, Scotland, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner



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Am I My Brother's Keeper?

(Manufacturers Record, Baltimore, Md.)

ABOVE all else this country needs a nation-wide revival of old-fashioned prayer-Meeting religion—

A religion that makes men realize that if there is a Heaven, there must also of necessity be a Hell—

A religion that makes a man realize that every act is recorded on his own conscience, and that though that may slumber, it can never die—

A religion that makes an employe understand that if he is unfair to his employes and pays them less than fair wages, measurd by his ability and their efficiency and zeal, he is a robber—

A religion that makes an employe know that if he does not give full and efficient service, he too is a robber—

A religion that makes a farmer, who packs bad fruit at the bottom and deceives the buyer by the good fruit on the top, realize he is a thief just as much as the one who robs a hen roost at night—

A religion that makes a man who robs a railroad of its fare, or its freight bill, know that he robs himself of all right to feel that he is an honest man—

A religion that makes a man realize that by driving too hard a bargain with his servant, his employe, or his merchant, he can be just as much a profiteer as the seller or producer who swindles by false weight, false packing or false charges—

A religion that will teach church members who fail to contribute to the extent of their ability to the support of religion, and that compels them to recognize that if they are paying their pastor less than a living salary, they are robbing God and man alike—

A religion that will make the laboring man, who by threats or by actual violence against the non-union man, strives to keep him out of employment, realize that he is at heart a murderer and is murdering the individuality, and the liberty of his fellow-man, and is displaying a hatred which, if it has the opportunity, will commit phyiscal murder—

A religion that will make the politician who yields principle for the sake of party, who worships at the feet of any class and sells his sool for political preferment know that he is not only a coward and a poltroon, and unworthy of the respect of any decent man, but which will also make him see that he is helping to murder human liberty, as great a crime as murdering the individual man—

In short, we need a revival of that religion which will make every man and woman strive in every act of life to do that which, on the great Judgment Day, they will wish they had done, as with soul uncovered they stand before the Judgment Seat of the Eternal.

Until the people of this nation accept and live this religion there will be strife where there should be peace, there will be strikes and lockouts and murder where there should be co-operation and harmony; there will be hatred where there should be friendship and love.

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Editorial

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the heavy pressure upon our columns for space, the editorial exposition of the Sunday school lessons will be discontiuued at least for the present. The different phases of Church activity call for space in which to do promotion work; and, especially is this true during these tense days in which the Church is trying to meet the conditions that the world upheaval in which we find ourselves have thrown upon us. Then we cannot close our eyes to the fact that literature upon the Sunday school lessons is abundant and easily accessible. We do not presume to think that we can improve on that which is already furnished the Church. However, it has been a labor of love to prepare these lessons and many have been kind enough to tell us that they were helped in their work by what we have written. We wish to assure all such of our deep appreciation of their kindness, and trust that conditions may arise again under which this work can be resumed.

THE RACE CONFLICT

The race riots in this country have for the moment subsided. Let us hope that the surcease may be permanent. We think it might be if only those elements of each race who have to deal directly with each other would take part in the settlement. At any rate the greatest antagonism is produced by those who theorize on the question from a distance. We had hoped to say nothing more about the matter for the present at least, but an entirely new version of the Washington race riot has fallen under our eye, sponsored by the Central Christian Advocate.

The Negro's View

Two quotations are given from Negro ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The first is from M. W. Clair, Superintendent Washington, D. C., District. The editor of the Central says of him: "Dr. Clair is one of our most evenly poised colored leaders, an author and thinker." Here is what he says:

> The thing that actually started it (the riot) was the intention and attempt upon the part of some southerners having recently come to the city to put the Negroes in their place. To them they enjoyed much prosperity. the attempted assault rumor seems now to be false. I understand the woman in question has admitted the falsity of the report, and has been dismissed from the Government service. I have not had a chance to verify the report, but it comes from a rather reliable source. Representative Ragsdale, of S. C., was the leading spirit in the beginning, and he is now dead.
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> The colored people in Washington are intelligent, peaceable and law-abiding as a rule. Saturday and Sunday nights they were assaulted as they were quietly walking through the streets. Street cars were entered and they were dragged off, knocked and cuffed about, stoned, shot at and killed. Monday night the Negroes were prepared for self-defense and returned the compliment of Saturday and Sunday nights. They acted as they did because their white superiors (?) had set them the example.

So they have at last laid the responsibility for these riots at the door of the South, and we can almost feel the quiet satisfaction this Negro minister puts into the statement that the Southern man who led it is now dead. He is at least unable to defend himself. And the way this colored writer sets aside the original report of how the riots started is equally intangible. He had not "verified the report," but it came from a rather reliable source." But the milk in the cocoanut is contained in a further statement as follows:

> All we ask in Church or State is the practical expression in the life of the Republic of the resolution adopted a few days ago in the Chamber of Deputies in France: "The Chamber, faithful to the immortal principles of the rights of man, condemning all prejudices of religion, caste or race, solemnly affirms the absolute equality of all men without distinction of race or color, and their right to the benefit and protection of all the laws of the country. The Chamber counts upon the Government to apply these laws and see that the necessary penalties for their infringements are inflicted." When the U. S. Congress takes such a stand America will indeed be a fit place to live in.

We suppose that our readers will easily see the significcance of that statement. If it does not mean the abolition of racial distinctions, then we fail to understand the plain significance of language. Of course, the reference to the protection of law is absolutely correct. Courts of justice should know no distinction between the negro and the white man. He should be allowed full opportunity for economic, intellectual and moral development. We do not know of anybody who disputes it. It is the continued, persistent, wilful parading of the colored man as a suffering martyr at the hands of the tyranical Southern white man to which we object, and we wish to say with all possible emphasis that such a course is doing more to embitter race antagonisms than any other one thing of which we have any knowledge, and the Northern Methodist religious press is the worst offender that comes under our observation.

The other colored man the Central in its issue of Aug. 20th quotes is William H. Brooks, D. D., Chaplain 15th Regiment. Of him the Editor of the Central says: "Dr. Brooks is one of our most cultured and influential colored leaders, for twenty years pastor of St. Marks Church, New York City." After quoting some scripture according to his own version, he says:

> Two things we are saying to our people: Do not become aggressors, nor give cause for disorder. Second, if attacked defend to the utmost yourselves, your families and your homes. The Negro must not die alone.
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> If the government would protect us and cannot, it is weak; if it can protect us and will not, it is wicked; and in either case we are forced to self-protection.
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> This means social and economic justice, or it means death; and death is preferable to that stinging slavery which robs one of self-respect, liberty and freedom.
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> There is one thing and one thing alone that can save this country from dire calamity, and that is the Christianity of Jesus Christ. At His feet the black man bows, and his love for the Christ is only equalled by the contempt he has for the spurious Americanized so-called Christianity, a snare and a delusion, unblest of God and unworthy of man. Away with its stench and filthy rags to the region from whence it came.

What is "social justice" in the viewpoint of the Negro race? It might simplify the situation somewhat if he would tell us plainly what is the social injustice of which he complains. May be we are dense. His appraisement of his own virtues, and certainly of his own religion, is clear enough. His outburst against the Christianity of this country may be in some degree merited. It is not all that we would like to see it; and yet where will he go in this world to find a purer type of it? Will he take us to Africa or France? Such talk does not help the situation. The Negro is not a poor, persecuted, oppressed race in the South. A few of the brightest may have migrated to the North, but as a people they have prospered and developed nowhere else as they have in the South, and he has not been so happy anywhere else. Stop the heroics.

BEGIN THE WORK OF REVISION NOW

We dislike to be writing much and often about what may seem to some the secular side of our ministry, but conditions are such that it seems necessary. The present year exceeds all former years in making a record of high prices for almost all of the ncessary supplies in the support of a family. For this reason it is imperative that the estimates for the support of the ministry shall be revised in almost every charge, and this revision should be attended to now. At the approaching annual conference the question will not be "What has been the estimate for the pastor's support?" but rather, "What amount can be expected for the ensuing year?"

At the final meeting of this year each board should be prepared to say what amount they will fix to be raised for the support of the pastor next year, so that in making the appaintments the Bishop may, as far as possible, avoid injustice in these assignments. The only possible remedy for the situation is an all-round increase in estimates, and this increase must of necessity rest finally upon the individual church member. We can not get along with assessments just as they have been, and there is no reason why we should expect to. The price of labor and the prices of all products of the soil and of the shop have increased and there is no way to avoid injustice to the man who works for a fixed salary except by increasing his salary.

The Christian Guardian, official organ of the Methodist Church of Canada, and one of our most valued exchanges, finds conditions in Canada exactly similiar to those prevailing in the United States, and discussing the serious effect upon the preacher and his family, says:

"We were wondering today if our people really know what the present era of high prices means to our preachers! Our farmers complain that the cost of labor, and machinery, and clothes, and of other necessaries which they have to buy, is exceedingly high; but this is at least partly offset by the increase, twofold, threefold or even more, of everythnig the farmer has to sell. The storekeeper complains about the cost of coal and labor and everything which he purchases; but he is recompensed, in part at least, by increased prices for everything he sells. The skilled laborer complains of the high prices, but his union meets the case, in part at least, by demanding and securing a higher rate of wages.

But the Methodist preacher is not able to do any of these things. He pays the farmer 200 or 300 per cent more for the things which he buys from him; he pays the miller the same; he pays the coal man's extra tax; he pays more, nearly 300 per cent more in some cases, for clothes and shoes for himself and family; he pays more for his papers and his books; he pays more for his railway fare, more for the keep of his horse, more for the services of the barber, the grocer, and, in fact, for everything which he needs and uses, except perhaps the air he breathes and the water he drinks; and he has no way by which he can shift any part of the burden to his neighbor. He gets no more for his weddings than he did twenty years ago. He gets nothing for baptims and funerals, and his sermons are rated at the rate of a generation ago. This means that practically the salary of every preacher in our connection possesses only about 50 per cent of the purchasing power of ten or fifteen years ago; so that a salary of $1,000 today is barely equal to a salary of $500 a few years ago.

"Do our people realize this? We do not think they do, or they would see to it that their preacher's salary was at least made equal to what it was fifteen or twenty years ago. To us it is a startling fact, an ominous fact, that our people are content to pay their preachers, in some cases at least, less than half what they paid them twenty years ago, while they themselves have been so prospered of the Lord that they can ride in their automobiles, buy thousands of dollars of Victory bonds, and every year put a goodly sum into the savings bank. Surely this is a strange and most undesirable state of affairs. And yet this state of affairs prevails today in many parts of Canada and the United States."

A FITTING MEMORIAL

The congregation of Spring Garden Street Church, this city, is engaged in the laudable work of endeavoring to erect a suitable house of worship. This church is located hard by the North Carolina College for Women. The student body of this institution, consisting of some 600 to 800 young women includes two or three hundred Methodists. These young people should have an open door to the Sunday school and church services of their own denomination, near enough to enable them to attend every Sabbath day. For this reason every Methodist in the State should feel a special interest in this building enterprise. This should be so in particular with the many Methodist parents who have daughters here.

We are glad to be able to announce that the plan of the new church is drawn with the view of accommodating the Methodist students of the State College in addition to the regular resident membership, and as soon as this house of worship can be opened a special effort will be made to interest these young women in Sunday school and church services. May we not exhort all who have daughters there, and all who have the good of Methodism at heart, to send a contribution to Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, the pastor, who is laboring so earnestly to bring this worthy enterprise to an early consummation?

In connection with this we would call special attention to the movement to place in this new church building a fitting memorial to the late Dr. L. W. Crawford, who was its founder. Dr. Crawford was not only the founder of this church, but during the years that he labored in this apparently small field he was also editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. With a vision that took in the future greatness of the Normal College as an educational factor in North Carolina, he despised not the day of small things, and today Spring Garden Street takes its place as one of our most ag-

gressive and useful organizations. It is truly a branch of the living vine. A $40,000 or $50,000 church is a great enterprise for them, but they are going forward with it heroically and will soon bring forth the capstone with rejoicing. Mr. W. A. Watson, Jr., has been appointed a committee of one to raise a fund to defray the expense of a beautiful window as a memorial to Dr. Crawford. The Advocate joins heartily in endorsement of this movement and we trust the hundreds of friends and admirers of Dr. Crawford will respond and give Brother Watson the $1,000 which he proposes to raise for this purpose. It is understood that, in securing this window fund, any amount secured in excess of the expense of the window will go into the general building fund.

All persons interested in this memorial are requested to correspond with Mr. W. A. Watson, Jr., Greensboro, N. C., and make checks or money orders payable to him. The Advocate will be glad to co-operate in this in any way possible.

REV. MELVILLE C. FIELD

Last week the Advocate carried only the simple announcement of the fact that Rev. M. C. Field had passed away on the previous Sunday and that the funeral service and burial had taken place at Bethlehem on Tuesday following. The absence of the Associate editor from the office and the lack of data at hand account for the seeming neglect of a proper reference to the death of this good man.

Rev. Melville C. Field was born in Randolph county and was educated at the Bingham School. He had pious training in his boyhood. When but a young man he went to Texas and engaged in school teaching for some time and, in 1872, was admitted on trial as a traveling preacher in the Texas Conference at Bryan, Texas. He continued in this Conference till 1875, when he was transferred to the Pacific Conference where he served charges in California till 1878, when he took a local relation. He was afterwards re-admitted and in 1887 was transferred to the North Carolina Conference. He continued in the work here till his health failed some years ago forcing him to ask for the superannuate relation.

Brother Field was a man of fine spirit and worked with heroic zeal in every field to which he was assigned. He did much hard work in difficult fields and proved a true itinerant and faithful expounder of the Wesleyan doctrine. He was a man of large and varied information, far above the average, but perhaps not fully appreciated here for the reason that so much of his ministry had been spent in the far West.

Just recently he became much interested in the subject of the endowment of our church press. So thoroughly did he believe in this that, out of his meager income, he laid aside the snug little sum of $200, which was to be the nucleus of an endowment of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. This was a part of his tithe for the past three years. Only recently he spoke to the editor of very much larger things which he hoped to do. May we not hope and pray that his mantle of benevolence may fall upon others of larger means and that The Field Memorial may yet become the bulwark of the Methodist Board of Publication in North Carolina? Brother Field longed to see the time when this fund would reach the sum of $100,000, and make it possible for the Board to take care of the editorial salaries without drawing upon the current fund. This he believed would make it possible for the Advocate to be placed in every home.

The last few years of Brother Field's life have been spent quietly near Greensboro. The godly example of his life has been a benediction to his neighbors, for he was truly a man of God. Thus after long year of arduous toil he waited patiently for the coming of his Lord, and as in the case of Elijah, the chariot came suddenly, and he was borne to the home of the saints without long continued suffering. May great comfort be given to the sorrowing widow and children.

A full memoir may be expected to appear in these columns at an early day.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Annual Reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held in Atlanta, October 7-10. The veterans will be entertained in the citizens' homes and meals will be served on the capital grounds free of charge. The rail roads will give a rate of one cent per mile each way. These old veterans are rapidly disappearing from the scene, and there is a constanly increasing peril to them in undertaking the journey to the reunion. The Atlanta people are proposing to do the magnanimous thing in receiving them in their homes.

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President Wilson is touring a large section of the middle and extreme western states in behalf of the peace treaty and especially in behalf of that portion of the treaty which provides for a League of Nations to prevent war in the future To us it seems a great pity that there should be any sort of party leadership which would array itself against this covenant, and that it should be necessary for our President to tour the country in order to create a sentiment in favor of it. Mr. Wilson is getting a great hearing and is dealing with those who oppose the issue without gloves. We have little doubt that the country as a whole is with him and that the final verdict of the people will be an overwhelming vindication.

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The Journal of the Eighteenth General Conference has at length been laid upon our desk. We do not use this form of speech to disparage our Publishing House, for we know something of the difficulty of getting anything done in these demoralized times; but, when we reflect that it has been about fifteen months since the General Conference closed, it does seem a long time for the Journal to be just from the press. It makes a volume of 511 pages, and is gotten up in good style. The margins are wide for these days of high paper, and are indexed for easy reference as you turn the pages. Then it has a good index in the back, as well as a table of contents. Those who wish to know what the General Conference really did can now get an authoritative record of it in convenient form. The price is $1.00, and it will be furnished by our Publishing House at Nashville, Dallas, or Richmond.

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Which Is Correct? The treasurer of the Sunday School Board was under the imprsession that the money collected on Sunday School Day, formerly Children's Day, was to be sent to him as in the years that are gone. Having received very little, he wrote a note to the Advocate to call attention of the pastors to this improtant matter and urging that it be attended to. We made an editorial note of the matter and tried to emphasize the importance of giving heed to his call. Since that time a presiding elder has called our attention to the fact that at its last session our Conference laid an assessment of 3 per cent for Sunday school work and raised the question if the money raised on Sunday School Day to meet that assessment would not have to pass through the hands of the Conference treasurer as a part of the budget under the new financial system. We are of the opinion that the presiding elder is correct; and, at any rate, this course is being pursued by some of our pastors. It was expected that this assessment for Sunday schools would be raised on Sunday School Day, and we doubt not that the pastors are sending it to the Conference treasurer instead of to the treasurer of the Sunday School Board. With this statement of facts in explanation of our editorial note, we pass the main question up to those authorized to make decisions of law. That does not appertain to the office of an editor.

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The Conservation Conference at Lake Junaluska, August 27, 28, was an interesting and profitable occasion. It was not particularly a time for oratory, but it was a calm and dispassionate consideration of the questions involved in the further prosecution of the Centenary movement. A large number of the leaders of the Church were present; and, while the time was mainly occupied by the leaders from headquarters in laying the plans before those whom they expect to look after the work on the field, the meeting was open for any question at almost any time that any member of the audience desired to ask. It is not our purpose to give an account of the meeting, for that is not particularly desired. The results of it will come along down the line later through the regular channels. Bishops McMurry, Cannon and Kilgo were present. Four Conference organs were represented in the person of their editors; viz.: the Baltimore Southern Methodist, The Richmond Christian Advocate, The Alabama Christian Advocate and the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Presiding elders were in the majority, and for once in recent years there seemed a disposition to do him honor instead of throw stones at him. If this is the beginning of the end of heckling the constituted authorities of the Church, it is a good omen. The Conference was in a large measure successful in the accomplishment of its purpose, and the plans for collecting the subscriptions that have been made and for promoting the revival in the Church that is proposed are rapidly taking shape.

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Are the Foundations of the Family Crumbling? Mr. Robert Grant, in a recent issue of Scribner's has deduced the figures from the National Census Bureau (1916) to show that in the United States there is one divorce for every nine marriages. This looks like a pretty large per cent, and it is stated that it shows considerable increase since the previous tabulation. Such a situation throws the divorce evil pretty strongly to the front in our American life, and it is well to study the causes of this evil in order that they may be removed. The writer referred to calls attention to the prevalent note in fiction of a man's wife becoming involved in love affairs with other men, if the husband is not able to hold her affection, and vice versa. That this type of writing is having a wide circulation in our country is beyond question, and its influence upon the mind of the average person is greater and more insidious than the bulk of our people have recognized. The fiction writer has found it profitable financially to dip into the discussion of these social questions, and it is easy for them to set up people of straw to make these principles work out to suit their own fancy. There is no more insidious method of propaganda than through such fictitious characters, clothed in the glamor of romance. Such persons are made to live in the pages of the popular books, and through the influence of such books they come to live in real life. We wonder if authors realize the responsibility that attaches to such writings, and then again we wonder if our people realize the peril of reading their dissolute productions. Are our fathers and mothers sufficiently careful to keep such sewers of crime off their centre tables? We may expect that any people will become more and more like the characters they admire in the books that they read.

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The Circulation of Official Religious Literature is a serious matter. We have not come to think of it yet in the light that we should. No church so far as our knowledge goes has come to deal with it in a real business-like way. We have mostly tried to ride private enterprise and get our publicity work done without making any financial investment in it, and the results have been far from satisfactory. The Southern Baptist Press Association recently made public some figures concerning the circulation of their official literature. It was stated that there are 2,887,428 white Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is estimated that there are 721,857 Baptist families, while the total circulation of Baptist papers is only 118,000. This presents the ridiculous sight of twenty-five Baptists trying to read one paper. No, they are not trying to read it. That is the trouble. They have 2,500,000 Baptists out of the total of 2,887,428 who are not reading their Church literature. This on the supposition that it is read in every home into which it goes. If we are to believe what many tell us, this is a great supposition. But we are not trying to throw off on the Baptists. Our figures are not quite so bad, but still entirely without ground for boasting. Our official Conference Organs total a circulation of 134,450 in a membership of 2,178,414, or one paper for 16 Methodists. Figuring on the same basis we did for the Baptists, it leaves 1,640,612 Methodists without any official organ of the Church to read. How can we expect to carry the message of the Church to our membership under such conditions? We shall never show ourselves wise until we put our official papers into every home of our membership, and we will never do that until we finance our publicity work as we finance every other enterprise of the Church and send these papers to our people. This would relieve the men who are charged with the responsibility of making this literature of the eternal grind involved in securing and keeping up circulation upon which we now have to depend to meet our bills, and leave them free to put themselves into the higher work of creating a real literature for the Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS

SAYING GOODBYE

By E. H. Rawlings

The little good-bye prayer meeting held in the assembly room of the Publishing House was trying to at least one person present. I do not like to say good-bye. His colleagues and associates in the Mission rooms were holding this meeting to speed away the Foreign Secretary on the eve of his departure from the office to be gone for many months and through many countries. At its last session the Board of Missions voted that I should visit the three Oriental fields, Japan, Korea and China, and with the lady who for many years had been the better half of me, I was to leave Nashville via Chicago and the Canadian Pacific Railroad to VanCouver, whence in company with Bishop Lambuth and the Rev. G. C. Emmons, who is to be our secretary, I sail for Yokohama, Japan, going thence immediately to Kariozawa where the annual meeting of the Japan Mission will be held

Not that I was not glad to go. Since coming to the office of Foreign Secretary I had struggled with the problem of doing difficult work at long range and of helping to accomplish delicate and pressing tasks half of the distance around the world from the scene of their transpiring. I have not a good architectural imagination and helping to build a rising church, this far from its base in non-Christian lands, was a most tantalizing and unsatisfactory thing. Last year I needed to go but the Centenary was on. The big debt on the Board was barely paid, and the Secretary naturally felt that he had no sure "purchase" for the big plans for advance proposed in that movement. Let him stay at home for a year, lend the best hand he can in the great campaign and if it is a success, then sail away with confidence to help as a secretary might in such an hour.

A Bishop's Estimate of the Centenary

And such a campaign! I heard Bishop Atkins say that he would give up any year of his life rather than the year of the Centenary and I suppose in all his busy and useful life none was so full or counted so well for the Church and the Kingdom as the year in which he did so nobly his part as president of the Centenary Commission. From the beginning when it was not popular and on through the triumphal climax at Columbus, he has been a "good scout"—"a regular fellow." There are crucial and mountain-top experiences that come in one's life, high and solitary, as when one is born again with a conscious assurance of acceptance into the Invisible Kingdom, or he decides to preach, or he comes to the Church's altar and the best of good women stands by his side, and taking the great risk, promises "for better for worse" to go with him life's way. But barring a few of these experiences and the years they lift above all others, I am sure that no year in my life has been as busy, as full of the joy of service, as the year in which I was privileged to work so close to the heart of the Church when she was straining muscle and sinew, and soul, as never in her history to meet loyally and faithfully a great providential call. How much better I know the heart of the Church and know its deep loyalty to the Master's will, how much more confident I feel for the Kingdom because of the experiences of this wonderful year. I would not have missed it for anything.

But the drive is over, the goal achieved and more. Think of it. We started out to raise thirty-five million dollars, fearful—with the recollection of other campaigns of the Church, none reaching in its goal a single million, and those daring a hundred thousand, dragging heavily along, and ending with a few thousand—fearful, I say in our secret souls that we might not reach half thirty-five million, we come to the end of the greatest drive any Church has ever known on this continent or any other, to find that we have reached, credit and all, an amount between fifty and fifty-five million dollars.

Certainly at that, the work of the Centenary has only begun and the good plastic days for moulding the best are still ahead of us. But the big business of finishing up and following up is on, the year of conservation, in strong and skillful hands, is well advanced, and except for saying goodbye and getting out of the middle of the blessed fray of Centenary promotion, the Foreign Secretary can hold up his head and if perchance he can help a little, go forth with joy on the still greater business of Centenary administration. "The end of the exploration is the beginning of the enterprise."

A Quiver Full of Problems

It is an unusual time even for a trip to the Orient, and we shall find ourselves battling with a "quiver full" of problems. There is first of all the independence movement in Korea. Gradually there is sifting through to us authoritative information as to that uprising, and there is enough already through at our offices to make us sure that when all the facts come to light the world will be shocked to find out that at the very time a Peace League of the Nations is being made, such cruelties could be possible in any country of the civilized world as have been perpetrated in Korea in the last six months. I must believe that the Japanese Government at Tokyo will punish and restain its imperialistic representatives and gendarmarie and bring relief to Chosen. But for the time the work of the Christian Church in Korea is most seriously handicapped and hindered.

Then there is the student movement in China. In the high-schools of the country, including many of the Mission Schools students have gone on strike on protest against what they feel to be the unpatriotic policies of the present government. To sympathize with the best in these movements and at the same time avoid political entanglements requires on the part of our missionaries courage and discretion far beyond the ordinary.

The Lure of A Great Opportunity

But our problems are for the moment almost forgotten in the bright light and lure of the opportunity that calls us. For one thing, our fields abroad are in the midst of their Centenary campaigns. We have been so busy at home that we have said little about the movement abroad. But a plan as carefully wrought out as "the standard plan" is being projected in each of the fields and, according to reports coming to us, enthusiasm is running at white heat. As chairman for the field I have kept in touch with the movement abroad and esteem it a great privilege to be in these countries when I may lift a little at the height of their campaigns.

Then we are proposing to spend five million dollars over and above what we are now spending in the East, multiplying by three and a half the work we are now doing in these fields. Please many and touching have poured into us in the surveys and far beyond their earlier schedules. But the big "askings" do not dismay me any more. I know we must "walk carefully," hold the reins firmly," and do all the other things so often admonished that make up a wise business administration. But I cannot forget how the old debt pressed, how persistently and almost hopelessly through the years we had to deny our missionaries when they wanted to go forward. But now the debt is paid, the big war has been fought, the big world is wide open, and I do not doubt, "the stage is set, the destiny is revealed." It was by no plan of our own devising, but the hand of God has led us up into this way. There is only one thing to do and that is to move forward with uplifted eyes and freshened spirit to follow where the vision leads. So said the President concerning the present world situation, and so it is proper for a secretary to say concerning the Church's part in it, and which for us means that the Centenary sails, the hour for advance has struck, and so, by night and by day in the months I am to be in those countries, it will be my joyful privilege to sit unafraid, with our missionaries in their conferences, see their plans for advance in the making to share their vision, catch the contagion of their courage and faith, and hearing first hand their proposals, to bring them back in faithful and sympathetic reports to the Board and the Church in America.

Great Expectation and a Great Resolve

And it is to be advance, very real and very large. In the little meeting in the assembly room the friends that said good-bye, and other things that embarrassed me more but pleased me better, reminded me that the time was unusual, the opportunity such as had never come before, and the Church was expecting great things of the men who should represent her on the frontiers now. Yes, that is the significant thing. The great head of the Church has put into her heart a great expectation, nay, rather, a great determination to cross the frontiers and push the battle as never before against the world's sin and suffering. Five million in five years—the work three and a half times multiplied—well, no human calculation can meet or compass the expectation of the Church. Mathematics fails when we come to the realm of miracle and nothing less than miracle can meet the Church's responsibility in the present world situation. That is what Jesus means when he says, "Greater things than these shall ye do." And he gives the secret in the next verse when He says, "If ye ask anything in my name I will do it." That is why the friends when saying good-bye, took time to pray, why their pledge to remember me again and again in their noon-day prayer-meeting, I am carrying in my heart as a precious treasure, and why I am venturing to ask that thoughtful, earnest friends, good workers in the Centenary, patient prayerful watches for this better day and hour, reading in the papers these words, will breathe back a pledge to pray that Bishop Lambuth may be led as he goes forth to lead, and that the Secretary who goes with him may be given the heart and courage to meet the responsibility that comes to his shoulders in the East during this unusual hour.

IVA ELLIS CADE

By N. H. D. Wilson

There are some events which seem fitted to test the Christian's faith to the uttermost. Such was the sudden death of the noble wife of Rev. W. A. Cade, pastor of the First Church, Rocky Mount, which took place in their parsonage home early Saturday morning, August 2, 1919. It came unexpected and unprepared for a tragedy inexplicable, a black cloud which to human vision had no silver lining. Young, strong, full of energy, and health, enthusiastic, zealous, social, with clear and vigorious mind trained by much work as student and teacher, from girlhood a willing and efficient worker in her Church, at the time of her death just maturing her plans for largest service as pastor's wife in a great Church, already a leader among the Conference young people and in the eye of the women of the Church for advancement to the service of leadership, a fond and faithful mother, a sympathetic, helpful, affectionate wife—Why should she be taken? Why? Oh, Why?

Such a problem transcends human wisdom, but only gives exercise to Christian faith. As we accompanied the husband, heart broken and bowed down beneath the consciousness of his loss, the dear children, so pitifully ignorant of theirs, and the gentle sister, who alone of his family now survives, as they bore the body first to that sister's, Mrs. Green's home in Durham, thence to Memorial Church, where childhood had caught the vision of God and youth had learned to serve Him, and on to its rest in the great city of the dead, God's acre.

Our inner ear was harkening to the Voice which said, "Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me," and with the Apostle, whose intellect could comprehend the content of the pormise and whose faith was strong to hold to it, we bade our hearts to believe "that all things work together for good to them that love God." How? One can not say. But heaven-strengthened even the greatest suffer can pray

"The way is dark, my Father * * *
Take my hand and through the gloom
Lead safely home, thy child."

MILITARY TRAINING AND ELSE

By J. Robert Moose

The Advocate came yesterday and I write to thank you for what you said about "The Question of Universal Military Training."

You are right and the time has come when every preacher in every pulpit and every teacher at every school desk should lift his or her voice

against this great evil. Every citizen who has nothing to gain by war can readily see that there is military spirit enough in this country without drilling it into the minds and hearts of every young man in the land. I cannot understand how any one who will stop for an honest look at the world as it is today can think that what it needs most is better training for future war. The leaders in this movement are walking step by step in the way that Germany and Japan have gone and are still going and just as certain as we train our present generation of boys to fight they will fight in the future, for men like to do what they are trained to do.

There is no better statement in God's Word than: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap;" and this is just as true of nations as it is of individuals. Look at Germany. Look at France. Look at Japan and then look at Great Britain and see if they are not all reaping just what they have sown. Great Britain did not train such a great army, but she did train a great navy which was better suited to her desires than an army could be.

I want to endorse every word in Dr. Winton's letter about Old Mexico. What old Mexico needs is not a war, not a good thrashing by the U. S. army, but she needs honest men in her country to lead in business matters and above all she needs the open Bible with the Gospel preached in all its power.

I want to thank you for your stand on the "Social customs of today." My heart goes out to the brother who wrote you about this matter. I wonder if we have reached the limit in this matter of dress, or better said, undress, of the women of our country? Every where I go in public meeting, or on the streets, I see women and young girls so undressed that it makes my heart ache to have to see such sights in this so-called Christian land. Who is to blame for it? No one more than the men. If the men would refuse to approve and stand for it, the women would quit it mighty soon. Let the Church papers and the pulpits cry aloud and spare not till such things shall not be!

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MAKING ALIENS ALLIES

By Mrs. J. H. McCoy

"He does most to Christianize the world and hasten the coming of the kingdom, who does most to make thoroughly Christian the United States."

In 1917, because of war conditions, a bad year, numerically considered, for immigration to the United States, three hundred thousands aliens landed on American soil, avowing their purpose to the immigration officials to make the United States their permanent future home. Of this number more than one hundred and five thousand were of the laboring or servant class. Nearly one hundred and twenty thousand of the number had less than fifty dollars in money in their possession, nearly sixty thousand had no friend or relative in America to whom they could go for counsel, protection or relief. About thirty thousand of this number, or one in ten, indicated their purpose to settle in the Southern States. It is reasonable to assume that of the number coming South that about twelve thousand had less money than it would take to live for six weeks, and that between six and seven thousand had no friend nor relative to whom to apply in time of distress.

In view of pre-war conditions, it seems likely that with the close of hostilities and the completion of the mighty task of bringing our soldiers home, many ships will be released for the passenger service, and the old tides of immigration will again set in towards America. The new immigration laws, and the new literacy tests are not likely to hold back in any great degree the home-seekers of devastated Europe. That the tides may turn Southward in increasing ratio is not unlikely.

America has made friends with the nations more rapidly in the last four years than in any similar period of her history. Foreigners are in our midst, and the foreigners who are coming to us, are more nearly our Allies, in sentiment and intent, than they have ever been before. Let America beware of exploiting or neglecting these people who come seeking the hospitality of our shores.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is endeavoring, through its home Mission Department, to measure up to its responsibilities.

Along the Texas border where vast number of Mexicans are temporaly established, the Christian minister, the deconess, the doctor and the teacher are rendering concerted help, seeking to unfetter the imprisoned intelligence of illiterate people, to heal their diseased and suffering bodies, and to, illumine their superstitious and benighted souls with the glory of the living Christ. More than a million Mexicans are now finding haborage on our borders. For work among the Mexicans $181,000 will be set aside by the women of Southern Methodism from Centenary offerings.

Among our Gulf Coast at Biloxi, Miss., New Orleans, La., and Galveston, Texas, the Church is reaching out a friendly hand to the foreigners in our midst, and to those who shall come to us.

The disadvantage French people of Louisianna, held in bondage by Roman Catholicism, are not being over-looked. Too strong a bond exists between the French and the American for the American to under-value our French citizens or neglect them. From the Centenary askings the women of Methodism will set aside $82,500 for work on the Gulf coast.

A larger program is being prepared for reaching the foreigner of our inland cities, and Southern Methodists have reason to believe that God's power will be released to supply the workers and money in proportion to the high conception of the Church of the needs of the hour.

"Let no man suppose that progress can be divorced from religion, or that there is any platform written for the minister of reform, other than the platform written in the utterances of our Lord and Saviour."

THE MINUTE MAN AND THE ENLARGED PROGRAM FOR THE LAYMAN

W. B. Beauchamp, General Secretary Laymen's Missionary Movement

The financial results of the Centenary drive went beyond the calculation of those closest to the movement. Not only is this true of the financial part of the Centenary, but the Centenary revealed in the Church some facts which we must take into consideration in our future plans. We have said from time to time that in the laymen of the Church we have a great latent force. The Centenary Movement put into activity this latent power. The laymen came into place of leadership in every phase of the Centenary program. More and more this lay-force must be utilized in all of the program of the Kingdom of God.

The Minute Man or Lay-Messenger

One of the most striking factors of the Centenary Movement was the Methodist Minute Man. Into every church in city and country he went carry the message of the Centenary until the message had been delivered over and over again to our people everywhere. This made possible the actual Eight Day Drive.

The Minute Man, or Lay-Messenger, must be made a permanent part of the program of Southern Methodism. We ought to be able to carry every Sunday to every church at least one message. In other words, every church ought to be open at least for one religious service every Sunday of the year. The Lay-Messenger is the solution of this problem. Not only can he carry effectively and pointedly the message of the Conservation program to the church but at the same time it is enlisting in service thousands of our laymen who stand ready to give a definite portion of their time to the service of the Church.

Lay Messenger to Become Permanent Part of Program of the Laymen's Missionary Movement

In order to get up effectively the Minute Man program and to perfect the organization for the most efficient service, Mr. J. M. Way has been brought in as associate secretary in the Laymen's Missionary Movement to have charge of the Minute Man department. Brother Way has had large experience in the Sunday School work in holding conferences of teachers. set-up meetings for conference, district, et cetera. He has had just the training necessary to do the work which is now proposed. He brings to his new work great confidence in the Layman's Missionary Movement and a burning passion for missions. During this Conservation year he will meet in groups the District Minute Men chairmen and carry to them the plans and program for this year's work.

No department of the Centenary has awakened greater interest throughout the Church than the Minute Man. The Commission and executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement feel confident that this permanent program for the laymen of the Church will bring to the service of Southern Methodism a multitude of finely equipped laymen ready to carry the message of the Centenary and the Church to our people as the program and plan of the organization will demand.

We earnestly request the heartiest co-operation of pastors, presiding elders and all forces of our Church in this very vital department of our Conservation program.

MEANING OF THE SPECIAL TO THE MISSIONARY

By John C. Hawk

The Special means much to the missionary, both directly and indirectly. Directly it helps him to do work that he could never do were it not for the Special coming at the opportune time. It ties him to the contributor or contributors and links the lives of all closer together, making it possible for prayer for each other to be made with a clearer conception of the other's need. In other words all can pray more intelligently. It gets the people at home and those abroad interested in each other and the tie of friendship is strengthened. I have known young Chinese to get in touch with Sunday school classes at home, correspondence taken up, pictures exchanged, Christmas presents given, and an interest developed that would not have been otherwise.

Personally, one of the great helps to me has been when I have met contributors here at home I have found that they have not only been contributing but they have been praying for me and for the work to which they were giving. Nothing helps one so much as to know that the people at home, strangers even, have been remembering him before the Father's throne. To have made a sweater for a soldier who stood on the Argonne front means much to the heart who prompted the hands. But to have a part in a work that is breaking down the strongholds of the enemy in one of his oldest and most strongly fortified centers will mean more to the heart that cries out in the secret place and then goes with the cry with some of God's money.

China.

WHAT THE SPECIAL MEANS TO ME AS A MISSIONARY

By Chas. A. Long, Missionary to Brazil

The Special to me as a missionary means the establishment of a living, personal link between two definite people or groups of people. The missionary on the field is always conscious of the great power that lies behind him in the great Church he represents, but it adds new force and charm to his mission when he realizes the fact that some specific person or persons, known by name, are directly interested in him and in what he is doing. It is like the ovation given the returning hero, its joy is heightened and intensified immensely by the discovery of a particular friend in the multitude.

May that personal, living link between the forefront an the home base ever grow stronger, and may the Church discover the as yet unknown latent power that lies in personal friendship and use it to the full in hastening the coming of the Kingdom of God among men.

The leaders of the Church have squarely faced the fact that most of our failures in the past have been due directly to an inadequate prayer life. The Centenary message therefore to every individual member is, "First of all, pray." No man can live at his best spiritually who does not begin, continue and end every day, every activity, every enterprise in prayer.

It is by prayer that we come into direct communion with God and learn to appreciate things at their true value. Prayer then should be first of all because it makes us realize both our utter dependence upon God and the impotency of human plans that are not realized by prayer.

We do only the lesser half of the task when we collect men and mobilize men and women for winning the unsaved masses. The big thing is to literally envelop them in prayer.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—The post office address of Rev. D. A. Oakley is Rutherford College, N. C.

—Rev. J. P. Hipps is assisting Rev. W. R. Jenkins in revival services at Cotton Grove this week.

—Dr. Richard H. Speight a prominent physician of Edgecombe county, died at his home in that county last week.

—Rev. E. J. Harbison, who for four years has been a teacher in Davenport College, goes to Nebo as head of the State High School at that place.

—Our people in Lenoir are to be congratulated on the cancellation of the debt on their beautiful new Church which is to be dedicated by Bishop Darlington on Sunday, October 5.

—Rev. R. D. Sherrill is holding revival services with his congregation at Lenoir this week. Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, pastor of Main Street Church, Reidsville, is announced as his helper.

—Rev. J. E. Woosley, pastor of the Greensboro Circuit, held revival services at Bethel in the northwestern suburbs of Greensboro last week. He was assisted in the services by Rev. A. P. Ratledge, of Gibsonville.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Goode announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Martin, to Mr. J. A. Courtney, Jr., of Lenoir, N. C. Mr. Courtney is manager of the offices of the Catawba Creamery Company, Hickory, N. C.

—It is announced that Mr. D. E. Rhyne, of Lincolnton, pledges $100,000 on the endowment fund of Lenoir College on condition that the Lutheran Church to which the college belongs shall raise an additional $100,000. The college is located at Hickory.

—Rev. V. L. Marsh, of the Virginia Conference, was a welcome visitor at the Advocate office on Thursday of last week. He had been visiting his home people in Randolph county for a week. He returned to his home in Virginia on Friday.

—The editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a "Home Coming" of old members and friends of Yelverton's Church, Pikeville, and "Welcome Home" of the soldiers Sunday, September 7th, 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. There was to be a picnic dinner on the grounds.

—The fall term of Davenport College will open on Tuesday, September 16. The date of opening was deferred in order to complete the work of repainting and renovating the buildings throughout. When school exercises are resumed the buildings will be as clean and fresh as when they were first erected.

—A telegram received too late for last issue announces that Rutherford College had opened with an attendance, including Weaver Hall reservations, three times the usual number on the first day. Nearly every room in Weaver Hall had been taken the first day. Boys still wishing to enter are assured that they will be taken care of.

—The annual revival at Salem Methodist Church has just closed with several conversions, ten additions to the Church, and the community greatly revived. Much interest was manisfested throughout these services, and the meeting proved the best held there for several years. Rev. K. F. Duval, the pastor, did the preaching.—Goldsboro Record.

—Pastors and other similar ministers of the Gospel whose communities are troubled by an "invasion" of New Thought, Christian Science," "Russellism" and such erroneous teaching, are invited to address the Bible Institute Colportage Association, of Chicago, for specimens of appropriate leaflets blessed of God in meeting the fallacious arguments of these cults.

—Rev. L. C. Delp reports a great revival just closed at Pisgah on the Avery Circuit. Besides a great spiritual manisfestation he reports thirteen conversions and eight reclamations, besides ten persons added to the Church. Brother Delph thinks he has the best people to serve in all the mountain section. He is in love with them. The older people took great interest in the meeting.

—Our congregation at First Church, Elizabeth City, are breaking ground this week for their splendid new Church which it is now estimated will cost $100,000. A celebration of the ground breaking is staged for September 26, when Bishop Darlington is to be present as the special guest of the occasion. Rev. J. M. Ormond, the pastor, promises to give our readers a good view of this Church at an early day.

—Rev. T. J. Houck reports fine success in revival work on the Jefferson Circuit, in three meetings In a letter to the editor he says: "More than sixty persons have professed religion and the Church has been graciously revived. God was with us in great power, our collections and claims will all be meet. We have one more meeting to hold on this charge. Pray for us. Thank God the revival fires are burning on Jefferson Circuit."

—The Davenport College letter for August announces that Mr. Ellwood S. Roeder comes to Davenport as Director of Music. Mr. Roeder is an honor graduate of the New England Conservatory and has held responsible positions in his chosen work since leaving the Conservatory. He comes to Davenport from a large Conservatory of Music in the West and has only one reason for making the change—a desire to get into our delightful Southern climate. Mrs. Roeder will teach Voice.

—Rev. W. B. Thompson, pastor of the Mars Hill Circuit, announces that the Beech Grove Church on that charge will be dedicated on Sunday, September 14. Rev. W. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Asheville District, will preach at 11 o'clock and will conduct the ceremony of dedication. Rev. J. R. Owen, pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, will preach at 2:30 p. m. This Church with thirty-five members has completed this house of worship in seventeen months at a cost of $4,000. All former pastors are invited to be present.

—The great evangelistic campaign of the Churches in Wadesboro led by Evangelist McLendon, seems to have been a great success. The Charlotte Observer commenting on the work of Mr. McLendon says: "Cyclone Mack," the evangelist, has not failed to stir things down that way. Seriously, there is every reason to believe that a vast amount of good, for the present and the future, has been accomplished by the McLendon meetings at Wadesboro. Really, Rev. Mr. McLendon is a wonderful man, regardless of what one may think of his "manner and methods." None but a powerful man can draw and hold and move the throngs of men that turn out to hear him.

DEDICATION OF ROSEMARY CHURCH

On the fourth Sunday in September, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will dedicate our Church at Rosemary All former pastors and friends are cordially invited to be present.

Chas. M. Lance, Pastor.

SCOTCHING FOR BROTHER STARLING

We as a whole, the members of Bethlehem Sunday school, Bladen Circuit, are with Brother Starling as to the old and new version of the Bible.

We also think it would be well to cut out of Sunday School Quarterly the advertisements of Coca-Cola.

S. M. Dunn, Secretary.

CITY ROAD CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY

Our people are paying their Centenary dues right along and others are ready to pay.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Washington, N. C., will hold a meeting in our Church beginning October 13.

We hope to be ready for it and are praying for a great meeting.

J. W. Bradley, Pastor.

W. T. USRY

The Western North Carolina Conference loses a faithful minister, and Rutherford College loses a valuable teacher, in the passing away of Professor W. T. Usry. Professor Usry was a scholarly and noble man. The students respected and loved him. He was heroic. Dying slowly from a tumor on the brain he stuck to his work longer than almost any other man would have done. May God bless his wife and four children.

J. R. Walker.

WEAVER HALL FUND CLIMBING

At the clean and beautiful town of Cliffside yesterday $268 was added to the Weaver Hall fund at Rutherford College, bringing the total to exactly $33,000. To the $75 already subscribed, $66 was added at Henrietta last night.

We were expecting more boys than usual, but they are coming in faster than we had expected. The prospect now is that Rutherford will enroll from 250 to 300 this school year.

J. R. Walker.

Rutherford College, N. C. Sept. 8, 1919.

SALEM MEETING

We have just closed a good meeting at Salem. Rev. G. N. Vick of Kannapolis did the preaching and did it well. it was in demonstration of the spirit and with power.

The Church strengthened, saints rejoiced, backsliders were reclaimed, scores reconsecrated their lives to God, sinners were convicted and mourners were converted.

At the close of the meeting eight persons were received into the church on profession of faith. It was a time of refreshing sent from the presence of the Lord.

E. E. Yates, P. C.

ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIALS

It will be of interest to all who are participating in the Centenary to know that a large number of Centenary Specials have already been assigned in the Western North Carolina Conference and requests for information with reference to these Specials are coming in from time to time. I take this method of urging our pastors and Sunday school superintendents to take up the matter of Specials for their Churches and Sunday schools so that assignment may be made at least by the end of the Special Assignment week, September 21 to 28.

R. M. Courtney,
Conference Missionary Secretary.

RIVERDALE

On Wednesday night, August 27, Rev. C. H. Caviness closed a most helpful and enjoyable meeting at Riverdale Church. The meeting continued eight days and at every service we truly felt that the Lord was with us.

Brother Caviness did some of his best preaching and it was fully appreciated. Attendance was good. Four were received into the Church. While this number seems small we feel that much and lasting good has been done.

During his four years with us Brother Caviness has won many friends who will regret that they have to part with him at the close of this year.

Carrie P. Hardison.

ANOTHER TRAINING CLASS

I am more than proud to state that Pleasant Hill Sunday school has just organized one of the largest Teacher-Training classes in the Greensboro District. This class consists of twenty-three members as follows:

I. G. Thomas, president; L. C. Smith, teacher; W. F. Fuller, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. F. W. Kennedy, assistant teacher; Mrs. Ben Hepler, Mr. Ben Hepler, Mr. F. W. Kennedy, Mr. J. P. Wright, Mrs. J. P. Wright, Mr. A. C. Kearns, Mr. R. R. Kearns, Miss Etna Fuller, Mr. T. W. Kearns, Mrs. T. W. Kearns, Mr. Wade Smith, Mrs. W. F. Fuller, Mr. J. W. Hall, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mr. A. R. Kearns, Mr. John Wright, Mr. Penn Fuller, Miss Loula Hunt, Miss Eva Fuller.

W. H. Davis, District Superintendent.

REV. W. T. USRY

Rev. W. T. Usry died Saturday, August 30, after a protracted illness of more than two years. He leaves a widow and four children. Brother Usry bore his afflictions with patience and Christian resignation, his one concern being the welfare of his beloved wife and children.

Brother Usry joined the North Carolina Conference in 1904. He later transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference where he served as pastor for several years when he was chosen as a member of the faculty of Rutherford College, which position he filled till his health failed. He was very much loved by the student body, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

He was a graduate of our state University, and he was a teacher and scholar of marked ability. A good and useful man has gone from us. May our prayers go up to God in behalf of the bereaved family. M. B. Clegg.

METHODIST PASTORS AND PARENTS, NOTICE!

The North Carolina College for Women is to open soon for the year's work. Spring Garden Street Church is located just opposite this institution. The pastor and membership of this Church wish to be of all possible help to Methodist girls who shall attend this school. We are erecting a splendid Church building, which was planned with this in view. We are sorry that it will not be ready for use by the time the college opens. However, we expect to complete the building during the year. And in the meantime we wish to invite the Methodist girls of the college to worship with us and attend our Sunday school.

The Sunday school is held in the Training school of the College. Methodist girls will do well to bring their Church membership and unite with the Church here. If we can serve you in any way, kindly write us.

Yours to serve,
C. S. Kirkpatrick, Pastor Spring Garden Methodist Church.

REVIVAL NOTES

The good people of Lakewood Methodist Church, Durham, granted their pastor a vacation during the month of August. This he spentin evangelistic work at Roxboro, Shallotte, Little River, S. C., and Purvis, N. C.

At Roxboro we had a great meeting. Everything was ready for a revival. Brother Fitzgerald is a great pastor. We preached eight days for him, and had the joy of seeing seventy-six souls saved. The meeting continued the pastor doing the preaching.

On August 7, we began with Brother Underwood at Shallotte, where we preached for twelve days. There were fifty-one conversions. It was a typical pentecostal revival. Sinners were converted and saints rent the air with old time shouting.

August 18 we began another meeting with Brother Underwood at Andrews Chapel. This meeting was extremely cold until Friday. On Saturday the Pentecostal fire fell. Sinners groaned under conviction. The writer preach-

ed five times on Sunday with an altar full of penitents at each service. One hundred and three people professed salvation in this meeting. They have asked us to hold a two weeks' meeting with them next summer.

We began a meeting with Brother Groves at Purvis, August 26. We had a very good meeting. We enjoyed especialy the service for children when forty-three of them confessed Jesus as their Saviour and said they loved Him. About a dozen gave their names for Church membership.

Sam Maxwell.

PRINCETON CIRCUIT

Fellowship Church was begun a little more than a year ago and at that time was a part of the Johnston Circuit, but is now a part of Princeton Circuit. The main auditorium is 24x34 with four Sunday school rooms each 12x12 feet and so arranged that the entire floor space can be made a part of the auditorium. The wood work of the building is complete and one coat of paint has been put on the outside. Neat and comfortable seats are also in place and the building is now in use. Just how this splendid building has been brought so near to completion with so small a working force can only be explained by saying that an Unseen Hand has been guiding the work.

Last Sunday, August 31, with Rev. J. M. Wright assisting, we closed an eight day revival meeting. Five received by baptism, two by vows, one by letter, and one infant baptized, made a very impressive closing of the meeting at the morning service. With the strong and spiritual sermons by Brother Wright and the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit from the beginning to the close, we feel that the meeting is a great blessing to the community and will mean much in the future life and growth of this new Church.

J. G. Johnson, Pastor.

THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION

The Committee on Admission, North Carolina Conference, took action as follows :

"Resolved that the secretary be instructed to write each of the absent members of the committe, setting forth the facts of the organization, and the duties of the committe with such other instructions as he may deem necessary." The facts alluded to are these:

The committe met at the call of the chairman during the Conference session, the following being present: Revs. L. D. Hyman, Wm. Towe, S. T. Moyle and D. L. Earnhardt, and elected Rev. L. D. Hyman, chairman; Rev. Wm. Towe, vice-chairman; Rev. D. L. Earnhardt, secretary.

For names of absent members see Conference Journal, page nine. To these I am writing as instructed. As to duties committee, see Discipline, page 29, paragraph 66.

It will not be thought presumptuous in me, under this instruction, if I urge every member of the committee to acquaint himself with each case from his district, that may come before us, for admission on trial, admission into full connection, readmission, and admission from other Churches No man can get into the Conference excep by transfer without passing this committee. At least, he can only be admitted, readmitted or advanced t full connection, if we report adversely, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference. This makes the committe on admission makes the committee on admissponsibility.

D. L. Earnhardt.

OUR NEW FIELD SECRETARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

I have felt for some time that I wanted to say to those of our preachers and laymen who have not come in close contact with Brother J. T. Jerome, our new Field Secretary, that he is a man well qualified for the place; and I feel that the Sunday School Board was forunate indeed in securing him for this great work. I have been his pastor for nearly two years, I have always found him interested in everything the Church undertakes and ready always to do his part.

He has meant a great deal to our Church and Sunday school as well as to the town of Raeford and the county of Hoke, and our people were very sorry to give him up. Brother Jerome is thoroughly in touch and sympathy with the Sunday school work and will, if we give him a chance and co-operate with him. I believe, do a great work in our Conference. Without our co-operation of course it is impossible for him, or any other man to succeed in this work. If we, as preachers and superintendents will invite him to our schools and then bring our Sunday school workers together so that he can come in touch with them, there is no doubt that he will bring great good to the schools.

Brethren, let us pay more attention to the one who is appointed to visit our schools and help make them what they should be. We need him.

B. P. Robinson

Raeford, N. C.

METHODIST SUMMER SCHOOL AT TRINITY COLLEGE NEXT JUNE

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Summer School met at Junaluska last week and moved for an enlargement of the work of the school and laid plans for securing the speakers for next June. New courses are to be offered in Sunday School work and the country church. In addition to an increased number of ministers present, effort will be made to have in attendance many Sunday school workers who may be better prepared to advance the great cause in which they are enlisted.

It was agreed that special invitation be sent to the two conferences of South Carolina and the conference of Virginia at the approaching sessions of these our neighbors to come over and enjoy the advantages offered and at the same time to allow us to have the pleasure of their fellowship at Trinity. Some of the ministers of South Carolina and Virginia have already assured us of their appreciation of the steps taken. We hope this venture may ultimately result in much.

A list of speakers of national reputation has been made and efforts are being put forth to book a number of noted speakers at an early date that we may have all time needed for fullest preparation to make next June a notable occasion. We hope to have a corps of instructors and a list of inspirational speakers that will insure the finest success. Five hundred men and women, preachers and laymen, ought to be present.

The day of opportunity for our North Carolina Methodism has come if we only have sufficient vision and enterprise to make the most of it. The fields are white unto the harvest, money is to be had whenever the call is made, but what are these if capable men and women are not to be found. We must have more efficient preachers and Sunday school workers; this effort at Trinity looks to this end.

Suffer this word of exhortation: Let our coming Conference b occasions for giving new emphasis to our own spiritual needs; let our leaders sound a fresh challenge for the whole line to advance; let a ringing appeal be made of press and pulpit to leave behind the outgrown shell of dead issues; and let plans be consummated to have every forward looking preacher of our North Carolina Methodism at Trinity next June. Let the dead bury their dead; our call is to proclaim the coming kingdom.

M. T. Plyler.

CONCERNING THE CHURCH PRESS

Whereas, we the Presiding Elders, Centenary Executives, other missionary workers and editors of the Conference papers, of a group of fourteen Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled at Lake Junaluska, August 28, 1919, recognize the importance of increasing the circulation of our Church papers, particularly at this time when their help is greatly needed in the conservation work of the Centenary and other fields of the Church.

Be it resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of the Centenary Commission in making an increase in the circulation of our Church papers a part of the Centenary program:

Resolved, That we recognize that the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the several conferences assembled endeavor to put the Nashville Christian Advocate into at least all of the homes of our official members and to increase the circulation of their Conference papers at least twenty-five (25 per cent) in excess of their present circulation.

"SUNDAY QUARTERLY CONFERENCES AND SHORT DISTRICT CONFERENCES"

I have read with interest what my friend, Brother J. D. Bundy, has to say on the above subject, and fell constrained to submit a few remarks on the other side of the question.

As to Sunday Quarterly Conferences, I think we all will agree with him that in most charges the best time for the Quarterly Conference is some hour in the week, and it would be far from me to excuse a presiding Elder for holding his conference on Sunday in order to catch a Sunday train, but there are a few charges where a more effective conference can be held on Sunday than on a week day. Where that is the case why not use an hour on Sunday? is the holding of a Quarterly Conference on the Sabbath a desecration of that day? I fail to see wherein it is such. The Discipline provides for the holding of Church Conferences on the Sabbath (Par. 109). If a Church Conference can be held on the Sabbath why should not a Quarterly Conference be held on that day when in the judgment of those concerned that is the best time. If the transacting of the business of the Church is a desecration of the Lord's Day then we ought to ask that the Woman's Missionary Society, Bright Jewels, Young People's Missionary societies, Epworth League, and other organizations of the Church discontinue the practice of holding meetings on Sunday in which some business is transacted. We would have to say that in the Sunday school no more business must be transacted, such as the appointing of committees, election of officers, making reports, etc. I have occasionally held Quarterly Conferences on Sunday, not in order to save time and get home sooner, but because the pastor and his official men thought it the most suitable time, and in doing so I never felt that I was desecrating the Sabbath.

I must take issue with Brother Bundy also in regard to what he says about short District Conferences. It is one thing to say that business men ought to be willing to leave home and stay at a District Conference three or four days, but it is another thing to get them to do it. I have never known a District Conference held that long at which any thing like a full attendance was maintained throughout. I have attended a few lasting two days at which practically all who attended were present from the beginning to the close. In my judgment these have been more effective conferences in every way than those that have been spread out over a longer period.

R. H. Willis.

Elizabeth City, N. C.

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FRANCE APPEALS FOR FRENCH TESTAMENTS

M. Ferdinand Cattelain, a young French Protestant now in this country, has brought a special message from the Bible Society of France, requesting from the American Bible Society the immediate shipment of 20,000 French New Testaments. M. Cattelain declares that the interest of the French people in the Bible has been intensified to a remarkable degree by the visit of millions of Allied soldiers, each with a copy of the Testament. The appeal of our national leaders to the American people to supply the men of the Army and Navy with Testaments as an essential to morale, has had a marked effect on the people of France in arousing interest in the Bible.

The American Bible Society is taking immediate steps to raise the funds to meet this urgent need of the French Bible Society. The officers of the American Bible Society are: President, Churchill H. Cutting; general secretaries, William I. Haven, D. D., Frank H. Mann; Treasurer, William Foulke. The offices of the society are at Astor Place, New York City.

RESOLUTIONS

Concerning Chaplains in the U. S. Army.

Adopted by the Bible and Evangelistic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 10-17, 1919.

Whereas, the world war has demonstrated more fully the importance of the work of our army chaplains, and the necessity for removing all legal discriminations against them, and the offering of such inducements as will attract to this field of service the best men of the churches to the end that our sons and brothers in the service of our country and our youth in camps of military instruction may have competent religious guidance and oversight:

Therefore be it resolved by the Bible and Evangelistic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Lake Junaluska, N. C., August 10-17, 1919,

1. That we urge our Senators and Representatives in Congress to support by all honorable means the section of the Army Reorganization Bill now before Congress which provides for the promotion of chaplains upon the same terms that other officers are promoted;

2. That the provision be made for at least one chaplain for every twelve hundred officers and men in our army;

3. That sufficient appropriation be made to furnish our chaplains with ample equipment for efficient performance of their duties.

4. That we urge the formation of a Corps of Chaplains that the work of the chaplains in the army may at all times be under the direction of a man who understands and is in sympathy with their work.

ROSEMARY

As I have written nothing from Rosemary, a few facts may be of interest to the Advocate readers. And as this is one of our youngest and most rapidly growing towns some details may be in order.

Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids—"E Pluribus Unum"—has a population of approximately 7,000. Six Cotton mills, two paper mills, two electric plants, one lumber and box factory. Two good graded schools and a high-school to be added soon, costing $100,000. A splendid brick and modern equipped, hospital was completed last year, which is a great asset to the whole community. Roanoke Rapids has a First National Bank, and Rosemary is now erecting two splendid brick bank buildings, one a three story.

Rosemary also has a kindergarten school and a community library attached. A modern and well equipped

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Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

JUST THIS MINUTE

If we're thoughtful, just this minute,
In whate'er we say or do,
If we put a purpose in it
That is honest thro' and thro',
We shall gladden life and give it
Grace to make it all sublime;
For though life is long, we live it
Just a minute at a time.

Just this minute we are going
Toward the right or toward the wrong;
Just this minute we are sowing
Seeds of sorrow or of song.
Just this minute we are thinking
On the ways that lead to God,
Or in idle dreams are sinking
To the level of the clod.

Yesterday is gone; tomorrow
Never comes within our grasp;
Just this minute's joy or sorrow,
That is all our hands may clasp.
Just this minute! Let us take it
As a pearl of precious price,
And with high endeavor make it
Fit to shine in paradise.

—Exchange.

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Several of our officers have been spending the past month at Junaluska. We hope to be able soon to give our readers some account of the wonderful opportunities they have enjoyed.

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CHURCHES SAVING THE WORLD SOCIALLY

The Brick Presbyterian Church of New York City includes in its parish the social and economic extremes to be found between Fifth avenue and East river and half a dozen blocks north and south of Seventy-fourth street. These divergent people have been brought together with rare courage and skill into a real brotherhood which the visitors recognizes on entering the church. This is the outstanding achievement. Their parish is divided into seven territorial districts, with a whole-time visitor in charge of each. Her work is like that of a friendly visitor or more like that of an agent of the Associated Charities, except that her duties are not relief, but rather pastoral care based upon families and using the methods of intelligent case work.

Few churches have gone so far in the larger city relations as Epworth Memorial. It has for years been closely associated with influential social agencies, with the Chamber of Commerce, with civic societies, and with the welfare department of the city government. It was one of the first to break away from the crusading method and seek for more patient and co-operative ways of helping its community. It is intimately bound up with its neighborhood, with the nearby Central High School and Sibley Grade School, with St. Luke's Hospital, and with the churches in the same neighborhood. The building is open every day and evening and is one of the large social centers of Cleveland.

The Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y., is situated in a residential section, but no Church in the United States has a keener sense of social obligations. The pastor, Dr. Paul Moore Strayer, sought first to create a point of view in his Church toward the city of Rochester in regard to its better social organization. As a first step a Committee on Family Rehabilitation was organized. A large class was taken through a ten weeks' course in friendly visiting and treatment, based upon scientifice methods of reconstruction and actual work with difficult families. This course was repeated with other groups. A "Booze Club" was formed for the study of alcoholism. This group, having learned the facts, went before the Chamber of Commerce, the mayor and the united Churches, and secured the passage of an ordinance providing for the treatment of alcoholism as a disease. Another group of twenty-five made an exhaustive study of mental defectives, including a census of defectives in the city of Rochester. Out of this year's study came the Psycopathic Clinic of the Bureau of Public Health. Through these courses three hundred people have had these valuable experiences in social work, and the price paid was $200 less annually than that paid for the Church choir.

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FOURTEEN MISTAKES OF LIFE

1. To set up our own standard of right and wrong and judge people accordingly.
2. To measure the enjoyment of others by our own.
3. To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.
4. To look for judgment and experience in youth.
5. To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.
6. To look for perfection in our own actions.
7. To worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied.
8. To refuse to yield in immaterial matters.
9. To refuse to alleviate, so far as lies in our power, all that which needs alleviation.
10. To refuse to make allowance for the infirmities of others.
11. To consider everything impossible that we cannot perform.
12. To believe only what our own finite minds can grasp.
13. To expect to be able to understand everything.
14. To live for time alone, when any moment may launch us into eternity.

—Selected.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

A Junior Missionary Society has been organized recently at Gibsonville, in the Greensboro district, with Miss Hazel Crabtree, adult superintendent of children's work, as leader. Following are the officers: President, Agnes Varner; vice president, Agnes Ingle; corresponding secretary, Lake Allen; recording secretary, Ruth Burke; treasurer, Fred Trogdon; superintendent of study and publicity, Mabel Wood; superintendent social service, Mary Allen; superintendent supplies, Bertha Ingle.

MESSAGE FROM CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSION STUDY

We wish to call special attention to the following message from our Conference Superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. R. M. Courtney, of Thomasville. There is no more important department of our woman's work than the department of mission study, and no better way to increase our interest and awaken our enthusiasm in missions than through the study class. So let us see that every society without a Mission Study class organizes at once.

My Dear Sisters:

In the issue of Advocate of August 28th there appeared a list of our Mission Study books for 1919-1920, and I want to urge the necessity of beginning early the campaign for new classes.

The Centenary has caused an awakening and a determination on the part of our people to know the how and the why of missions. The fields are ripe unto harvest and our Mission Study superintendents have but to thrust in the sickle to have thriving study classes throughout the Conference.

Do not confine the canvass to the missionary membership. There are many who cannot attend the class meeting who would be glad to read the books and would gladly give you an order for them.

Our Conference is about seventh on the list of Conferences leading in mission study. Shall we not make the effort to place it at the head? Let us work and pray together for this end.

Mrs. R. M. Courtney,
Conf. Supt. Study and Publicity.

MRS. ELIZABETH TURNER

A beautiful, useful, consecrated life closed its earthly career on Tuesday morning, Sept. 2nd, when Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, of Asheville, N. C., passed from earth to Heaven. In the quiet stillness of the early morning her gentle spirit returned to God who gave it and left loved ones and friends desolate and sorrowing. For several years Mrs. Turner had been confined t her room and during these months of suffering and sickness not a word of complaint or the least murmur was heard to escape her lips.

She was truly one of the saints of earth. As a Christian she was intensely devoted to the church of her choice and all of its interests, with absolute faith in its cardinal teachings, every ready to support and defend it with any sacrifice. Methodism had no warmer home than in her devoted heart. Mrs. Turner was eighty-one years of age, joined the church in early girlhood and as long as it was possible for her to go, her pew in her church was never vacant. For thirty years she was a member of Haywood Street Church, identifying herself with this church soon after her arrival in Asheville from England, the land of her birth. For more than a quarter of a century Mrs. Turner was president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Asheville, and always wore the little white ribbon which showed her to be a staunch supporter of this great movement. She was also for a number of years president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Haywood Street, and upon her resignation a few years ago was made honorary president.

Mrs. Turner was active in every good work and it may be truly said that her life was like that of her Saviour who went about doing good to all with whom He came in contact.

"The gospel of a life li hers
Is more than books or scrolls,
Our dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls."

It was a great privilege to know Mrs. Turner and always a benediction to visit her. We shall miss her but we realize that while she has gone from us, the influence of her sweet, gentle, consecrated life will live. We sorrow with the loved ones and pray God's blessings upon them.

JAPANESE PARTY HELD BY MISSIONARY BODY

The regular monthly meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society of Wesley Memorial Church, under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. McCain, was held in the form of a Japanese party at the home of Miss Ruth Welborn, on Best street, Friday evening. A special program had been arranged, the occasion being the completion and review of a mission study book, "Japan, the Key to the East." Each member had the privilege of inviting a guest, making the attendance about 40. In addition to flowers, the home was attractively decorated with Japanese lanterns and posters and Japanese pictures.

The devotional exercises were led by the president, Miss Mary Ring, after which the following interesting and instructive program was well rendered:

"Japan, the Land and the People,"—Miss Ruth Welborn.

Solo, "God Remembers When the World Forgets"—Miss Marguerite Kirkman.

"Efforts to Win Japan for Christ"—Miss Katherine Pickett.

Instrumental solo, "Minuet"—Miss Lucile Sherrod.

"Southern Methodism in Japan"—Miss Josephine Wood.

Vocal solo, "Garden of Roses"—Miss Iris Burrus.

"What Christianity Has Done for Japan"—Miss Bessie Tesh.

Instrumental solo, "Japanese Etude"—Miss Mae Kirkman.

Mrs. McCain spoke of the need for workers in Japan and our other foreign fields, and made a most touching appeal to the girls to consecrate their lives to service in God's kingdom, directing her remarks particularly to those who are soon to enter college life. She was followed by Mrs. J. A. Eshelman, who made a few well-chosen remarks.

The evening closed with a social hour, during which delicious Japanese punch was served by Misses Ida Munyon and Elizabeth Strickland.

THE JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY HONORS LEADER

The little girls and boys of the Junior Missionary Society of Burkhead church gave their leader, Miss Mary White, a surprise party last night in the primary department of the church, and a happier crowd of little folks would have been hard to find. The entire affair was arranged and carried out by the little folks, the grown-ups having absolutely nothing to do with it.

Miss White is soon to leave for Spencer, where she will teach in the graded schools of that city, and as the little folks are so attached to her, they got together in secret and planned a surprise for her. There are forty-two members of the society and it looked last night as if every one of the number was hidden about in the the darkened room when Miss White entered. As soon as she had been ushered in the lights were turned on and from every nook and corner the little folks danced out to greet their leader.

After several games had been played the little girls served lemonade, cake and sandwiches, all made by themselves. Then Miss Elizabeth Thompso called Miss White forward, and in behalf of the society, presented her with a beautiful gold lead pencil as a token of their love and esteem.

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Sunday School Survey

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and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

EMPHASIZING THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Recently two charge Sunday school booster meetings have been held that were out of the ordinary, one bordering on the western conference limit and the other within just a few miles of the eastern conference boundary line. Both institutes were arranged by the pastors in charge and therefore materialized into what will in all probability develop into very definite results.

Rev. J. C. Umberger, of the Franklin circuit, has been finding a great need for better church schools for the people of his eight preaching points. He therefore called a charge institute at Iotla church to which he invited his Sunday school workers to attend. A church full came and the day was spent emphasizing the why and the how of better church schools. Rev. L. B. Hayes, our pastor at Franklin, Miss Grace Bradley, the Epworth League secretary, and your humble servant were glad to meet with the Franklin circuit Sunday school workers and render any aid possible in vitalizing their school work.

Saturday, August 30, found four of Pastor Cherry's six Lilesville circuit schools gathered in large numbers at Forestville church for a good Sunday School Day. Miss Mabel Cherry, the pastor's talented daughter, had gone over the entire circuit and had outlined programs so that when the schools came together they had something to do, and they did it. It was really an inspiring sight to see automobiles and trucks unloading a whole church yard full of people on a week day, all bent on doing well that part of the program for which they were responsible.

Each school marched behind its own banner and had its own allotted place in the church. Mottoes and flowers added their pleasing appearances so that when all was ready to start there was an impression in people's minds that the exercises were of no small concern. The school programs were well rendered throughout the morning hour and in the afternoon discussions prevailed.

These two charges will perpetuate these meetings annually. Rev. A. W. Jacobs was elected to work with the Franklin circuit superintendents for a good circuit-wide Sunday School Day next year. For the Lilesville charge Miss Winnie Spencer, as president, and Miss Mary Wall, as secretary, will see that even a better Lilesville circuit day is celebrated next year.

"WANTED"

"My Dear Woosley:

"Your little article headed, "Wanted," in this week's Advocate is "worth the price of the paper" and then some. Go to it, old boy, we are with you. We are organized to death and the fallacy that any pastor can do as he pleases with his young folks is true with important reservations. The insistence of those "who must have jobs" is rapidly becoming an irritant throughout the Church.

" * * * * There is always time enough to tell you that we are in love with your work and with you. As I meander up and down the walls of Zion I have heard no word of complaint concerning you or your work. Bless the Lord.

"Ever and always,
"W. A. Newell."

JUNALUSKA CREDIT STUDENTS

The following is a list of those from the Western North Carolina Conference who took credit work at Lake Junaluska this summer.

Miss Pearl Wyche, Greensboro, N. C.
O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N. C.
Mrs. O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N. C.
Miss Jennie L. Hunt, Greensboro, N. C.
Mrs. Chas. Van Noppen, Gerensboro, N. C.
Mrs. M. B. Kibler, Morganton, N. C.
Miss Kate Hunt, Pleasant Garden, N C.
Mrs. Rufus Siler, Waynesville, N. C.
Robert H. Boone, Waynesville, N. C.
Mrs. Frank Siler, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Western North Carolina Conference had the largest delegation attending the Junaluska Training School but only a few took credit work. Many feel that it is too much to expect them to work hard with papers and stand examinations on work for the Church.

THE JOHN WESLEY BIBLE CLASS LEXINGTON

Some twenty-six young men now compose the membership of the John Wesley Bible Class of the First Methodist Church of Lexington, which is an important unit of the thriving Sunday school superintended by Mr. George L. Hackney. Coming together on Sunday mornings as a band of young men they enjoy Christian fellowship, are bound together by the spirit expressed in the standard, "My Brother and I," consider lessons of vital interest to young American manhood, and seek to solve problems which arise from time to time in the everyday life of Lexington.

Like many other organizations, the class was greatly diminished in numbers by the war. When the war broke out, there were forty-two members enrolled. Thirty-two of them entered military service, about twenty-six rendering service "over there" as members of the 30th and 81st divisions. Twenty-eight came through the struggle unhurt, but four received more or less permanent injuries. Sergeant W. Jarvis Parker suffered the loss of his left arm, and for his extraordinary heroism at Bellicourt was awarded by General Pershing the Distinguished Service Cross. Corporal Lawrence Walser was wounded in the face, his chin being shot off. Corporal Clarence Phifer suffered from his contact with poisonous gases and was slightly wounded in the right arm. Sergeant Arville Disher, who is now vice president of the class, was pierced through the right arm and right leg with German bullets.

So nearly all of the members were in military service that for three months the class was disbanded. the armistice was signed, however, and the boys began to come home, the spirit of fellowship still alive in the hearts of those who were at home, the class was reorganized and an effort made to rebuild.

The membership remains as small as it is largely because of the fact that not more than one-third of the members of the class who entered military service have located in Lexington. The band which is left, however, is enthusiastic, there being in it faithful members. And the class is fortunate in having such a line-up of officers and such a capable teacher. In Messrs Hobert Raker as president, Arville Disher as vice president, and Roy Walker as secretary-treasurer, the class has loyal leaders, and to the devotion, enthusiasm, and resourcefulness of Mr. J. F. Spruill as teacher the class owes a debt of gratitude.

PROMOTION DAY

The last Sunday in September is the last Sunday in the Sunday school year. Either this Sunday or the following one should be regarded as "Promotion Day." Pupils who have been one year in a given class should be advanced into the next. They should be read out as promoted to a given department and the card they are given should so state. Most children are accustomed to being promoted and they will fully understand what it means to be promoted in the Sunday school. You might try it and see.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FACTS

The following data will be asked by your pastor of the Sunday school leaders:

Number of Sunday schools
Number of officers and teachers,
Number on Cradle Roll,
Number in Home Department,
Number in all other departments,
Total enrollment.
Number of Teacher-Training Classes,
Number of Wesley Bible Classes.
Number of pupils joining the church during year,
Money raised for missions,
Money raised on Sunday School Day.
Money raised for Sunday school supplies.
Money raised for Children's Home.
Money raised for all other objects.
Total raised in the Sunday school.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEEING

By A. L. Dietrich.

"The child comes into the world without ideas or ideals, but with the ability to acquire both. Folks an' things 'round him form 'em. Seems to me we ough'to be very careful of our speech an' actions in the presence of children"

"If us older folks don't give the youth of today a larger hope, a wider vision, an' a stronger faith, than we had as youths, have we done our duty by 'em?"

"In selectin' a name for our Bible Class le's get one we can live up to. I don't want to be called a 'Willin' Worker', an' then refuse ev'ry time we're asked to do somethin'; or be a 'Big Brother' an' take the best room in the church-house for the class, while the infant class has to meet in the cubby-hole back of the pulpit."

N. C. CONFERENCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROBLEMS

If you ask the average Sunday school superintendent what his greatest problem is the answer will be in the majority of cases, "Lack of competent teachers." "I can't get teachers who are willing to be present every Sunday and who know how to teach," is the complaint most often heard. Is there a remedy for that? Have we tried to train any teachers for the future? We all know that the average community does not afford all the trained teachers that are necessary at present. Will it always be the same way? Suppose you realize that it is impossible to get competent teachers now. Have you though about your Sunday school in the next few years? In all the days when I attended Sunday school as a scholar, I don't think that it was ever suggested to me that I might some day teach a Sunday school class. When they thought I was old enough, the superintendent came to me one day and asked if I would take a certain class. That was the only time that he ever mentioned teaching a class to me. It took me very much by surprise, that I should be called upon to teach. I *heard* the lesson that Sunday. I simply read the questions that were put down in the quarterly, and then—read the answers. The children got nothing whatever out of it, and I got even less. How many of our superintendents get their teachers in the same way? They wait until some teacher is absent, or a class has to have a new teacher, and then go to some of the older boys or girls and ask them to *hear the lesson.* And what does such teaching amount to, anyway? If that superintendent had told me a year or so before that time that he wanted me to take a class some time later, I believe he would have had a better qualified teacher that morning. The success of our Sunday schools depends more on the teachers than anything else. Why not begin preparing teachers now for next year's vacancies? If any superintendent is having trouble along this line write to me and I will be glad to offer a suggestion that I believe is worth while and practical.

Your field secretary is preparing a sort of questionaire, which will be sent to every superintendent in the next week or so. On this card I would like for you to give me the name and address of the superintendent, pastor, officers and teachers, department superintendents, etc. This will be more than a mailing list, important as it is. I want to get into personal touch with each one instead of always through the superintendent or pastor.

Very few requests, so far, have come in for the services of the field secretary in institutes or Sunday school conferences. I will be glad to help any one who has such a program in mind, in any way I can. Write me at Durham, N. C.

Sincerely yours,
J. T. Jerome.

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There are no workers closer to the heart of the Great Father than those who work for the salvation of children. There is no benevolence on earth that has more of the favor of heaven upon it than that which ministers to the helpless and dependent child, and especially, if this child be a dependent orphan child. It is the one benevolence that needs no advocate among men—it is the one cause to which all men join themselves. So really have men taken the teaching of the Christ and so surely has He touched the heart of mankind with His compassion and mercy. Here in North Carolina no other cause has so much of the love of our entire citizenship as the cause of the orphan. You have only to tell them of its needs.

When the great John H. Mills laid the foundation of the noble institution at Oxford, and took his first child to it, he touched the heart of this commonwealth as no other man has ever touched it, and from that day the work has been assured in North Carolina.

We are probably the foremost Southern State in this noble beneficence. It has gone forward among us because our people have responded to the appeal of the Christ, and have placed themselves under his leadership. Men have felt closer akin to God as they have had compassion for the orphan. Men have felt a more genuine fellowship with Christ as they have taken part in this work. Jesus has set a child in the midst.

There are two things in the life of the orphan child that appeal to men: One is his utter helplessness and defenselessness. He is here without having brought himself here, and he is not to blame for the adverse and hard conditions in which he is found. It is a case of suffering without guilt. If there is no mother-breast where he can be fed and loved and caressed, then God will find a mother-heart somewhere that will come and keep the child. If there is no strong arm for his protection, God will raise up ten thousand men that will build an orphanage where he may find shelter and home and the uplift to God.

The other thing that appeals to men is the sure revenue that comes from investment in the heart of the child. A certain worthy and beloved citizen of this commonwealth has a business venture that is paying him 20 per cent income. This same citizen is making investment in the Orphan Children of the State that will pay 30-fold, 60-fold, and a hundred-fold. You are making possible 10,000 noble achievements in th life of the race when you work upon the heart of a child. It is like the grain of mustard seed that the man cast into the earth, and it brought forth a thing of such foliage that the birds of the air lodged in the braches of it.

Sometime ago, in a North Carolina town, I found two men who were foremost business men in their community, and active church workers, and they were boys from the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

In recent conversation with a great captain of industry, he told me that one of the most efficient men in his business was an orphanage boy.

A working man on a public highway volunteered to tell me some time ago that his wife was reared in an orphanage, and that she was the smartest wife in his neighborhood. Men are making investments that shall bring largest increase when they invest in the heart of a child. There are such vast possibilities here. You are dealing with such eternal values.

Of course it is not all assured. Some seed will fall by the wayside, some will fall into good soil and bring forth thirty, sixty and a hundred-fold.

Optimism

In the last few days I have heard of bequests of two estates, valued at about $20,000 each, to the Methodist Orphanage by friends of Jesus who are seeking a larger fellowship with Jesus. They have had their thought directed to the dependent orphan child, and they have heard with benevolent joy that the pure and undefiled religion of the Father is to minister unto these defenseless little ones. This is what is going on here and there throughout all the borders of our great State. North Carolina is on the side of Christ in this work.

When the brave and forward-looking Jenkins began this movement, he went almost alone to its initial tasks, save that the Lord of Hosts was with him. But it was but a little while before our people saw that he was right, and that we, as one of the great churches of the commonwealth, should have our own institution and should undertake to do our part of the work for the dependent orphan children of the State.

And so we entered this field, and so heaven has blessed us. Our God has given us friends far and near in all this goodly land. While I speak to you, there are men now in our midst that purpose in their hearts to set this institution among the great institutions of the land. And they have joy in finding such a place, for the investment of the wealth that heaven has placed under their stewardship.

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dormitory (under the supervision of a matron) for the working girls of Rosemary was completed this year.

Much emphasis is laid upon sanitary conditions. We now have six physicians and a community nurse. We have seven Churches, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Disciple (one each), and two Baptist and two Methodist—

"The Ministrial Union" meets once a week for open conference, which proves very helpful.

But a few words as to my work personally. This has perhaps been the busiest year of my ministry. We have repaired and painted (inside and out) the New Hope Church, four miles from town on the Litteton road, at the old Smith Church, as known to many of our pastors. We are building a new church with six Sunday school rooms' which will cost approximately $6,000. This Church is two miles South of Rosemary.

The Rosemary Church is now being painted and carpeted, and will be dedicated by Bishop Darlington, September 25. We also have plans and specifications for a new parsonage, costing about $5,500 (including lot) which we hope will be ready for use by January 1.

We have recently held a meeting at New Hope, resulting in great good to the Church and five professions. Rev. R. H. Brown, of Morehead City, did the preaching in a most earnest and instructive way.

We are now planning for an evangelistic campaign in October for the Rosemary Church and surrounding community, conducted by Chas. M. Lance, Rosemary, N. C., and Rev. B. F. McLendon. Brethren, pray for us.

RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING REV. AND MRS. R. F. MOCK

Whereas, Rev. R. F. Mock has completed his fourth year of work on the Old Fort Circuit; and whereas, he has labored so faithfully and well among us; and is loved and respected by every congregation on the work; and whereas, the whole circuit has so prospered under his faithful leadership; and whereas, he is held in such high esteem by the community at large; and has labored incessantly for the upbuilding of the community in every respect; and whereas,

Mrs. Mock has labored so faithfully in the Church for the good of the young people; and has gained the love and esteem of the people of the community by her fidelity; and has at all times worked for the best interest of the Church and community; therefore be it resolved:

First, That we, the representative laymen of the Old Fort Circuit in meeting assembled on Sunday, August 24, 1919, do hereby heartily endorse the good work of Brother Mock and his wife, and pray God's richest blessings to rest upon both of them.

Second, That, in every way possible, we show our appreciation for their faithful efforts in behalf of the Churches and their respective communities.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother and Sister Mock; a copy written on our Church register; and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Committee

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met in an all day session at the College on Friday, September 5. Mr. Joseph G. Brown, Chairman of the Board, of Raleigh, Rev. J. C. Wooten, and Mayor M. E. Newsom, of Durham, and President W. P. Few were present at the meeting. Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, was unavoidably detained at his home; Messrs Benjamin N. Duke and C. W. Toms were both out of the state.

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Among other matters of business transacted was the completion of the teaching force of the College for the year beginning September 17. There will be in the Faculty for next year nine members who were not at the College yast year. Some of these are men returning to resume their teaching after varying periods of war service. Professors William T. Laprade, of the chair of European History, and William H. Hall, of the Department of Engineering, and both to be back after service with the Y. M. C. A. The former was engaged in the training of Y. M. C. A. secretaries at the training school at Blue Ridge, N. C. His intimate knowledge of social conditions in America and Europe make him a most valuable person for this sort of work. Professor Hall has only recently returned from France, where the character of his work called forth remarkable praise from Y. M. C. A. officials in charge of his division. Professor T. B. Graves, Captain of Infantry in the 81st Division, A. E. F., resumes his work as professor of English. Professor Graves has won for himself by his many published studies the reputation of an expert on Elizabethan literature and the Elizabethan stage.

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Dr. N. I. White, an A. B. graduate of the College of the class of 1913 and an A. M. graduate of the following year comes to Trinity as professor of Eng-

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lish literature. Since graduating at Trinity, where he was very popular and affectionately called "Ni" by his admirers both for his personal qualities and his remarkable ability as a tennis player, Mr. White has been a student in the Graduate School of Harvard University, where he won his Doctor of Philosophy Degree, and has also been teaching English in several colleges. He comes to Trinity from Washington University at St. Louis. His election to the Trinity Faculty has met with general approval, for Dr. White was not only a very popular student in his undergraduate days, but was regarded by both students and faculty as a scholar of great promise and a writer of ability and genuine feeling for literature.

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Mr. M. L. Lowery, an A. B. graduate of Denison University and an A. M. graduate of Chicago University and with two years at the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected professor of Education. Professor Lowery comes to Trinity with the finest of recommendations of the men under whom he has been working.

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Mr. Paul Gross, a B. S. graduate of the College of the City of New York, and an A. M. and Ph. D. graduate of Columbia University, begins his work at the College as assistant professor of Chemistry. Dr. Gross has had considerable experience as a teacher, and was especially successful in his teaching at Columbia University.

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Mr. James Cannon, III, a graduate of Trinity College of the class of 1914 and for two years a graduate student in the theological school of Princeton University, of which he is an A. M. graduate, has been elected assistant professor of Biblical Literature. Mr. Cannon was an exceedingly able student in college and was highly respected both for his great ability and his strong character. He took an active part in literary society work and was in his senior year editor of the Chronicle. Mr. Cannon returns from overseas service with the Army with the rank of Captain, having served as a chaplain in the American Expeditionary Forces, and having been cited by Divisional Headquarters for his great bravery under fire while ministering to wounded soldiers.

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B. W. Barnard, A. B., Trinity of the class of 1915 and student in the graduate School of Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the A. M. degree and where he held a graduate fellowship which he gave up to enter the service of the United States Army, has returned from overseas and will serve the College next year as assistant professor of Economics and Finance. Mr. Barnard's great ability as an undergraduate student and his excellent record both in the Graduate School and in the Army make his election very popular among Trinity men.

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Miss Fronde Kennedy has been elected Dean of Women. Miss Kennedy, who comes to the College from Columbia, S. C., is an A. B. graduate of the College for Women at Columbia, S. C., and an A. M. graduate of Columbia University. She has been for some time a student of Teachers' College in New York and has been specializing in dean's work and has had several years of experience in such work.

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The fall term begins at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 17. Wednesday will be devoted to the admission of new students and the enrollment and matriculation of old students. It is expected that all students reach the College not later than Tuesday, September 16.

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The chief business of the Council was to approve archietect's plans for the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium and to take steps looking to the immediate construction of the building. More than sixty thousand dollars have been already subscribed, and an alumni secretary soon to be announced will give his full time to the movement. This undertaking to build a gymnasium, begun before the outbreak of the European war and now in the form of a memorial to the boys who gave their lives in the war, will be pushed to rapid completion.

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In addition to the regular members of the faculty, graduate assistants and instructors were named in the several departments.

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At a special meeting of the Alumni Council of Trinity College on Friday, September 5, the following members were present: J. H. Separk, Gastonia, Crairman; Capt. R. G. Cherry, Gastonia; J. M. Daniel, Dunn; R. F. Mayer, Charlotte; M. E. Newsom, Durham; H. M. North, Rockingham; W. W. Peele, and Willis Smith, Raleigh; C. F. Lambeth, of Thomasville, who had expected to be present, was at the last minute prevented from coming.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTES

Miss Ella M. Julian, Ida M. Julian, and Emma J. Julian, of Hamilton, Maryland, have contributed $600 to the Board of Church Extension, in eastablishing The Julian Memorial Loan Fund.

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Rev. John W. Parrish, of Clearwater, Fla., a superannuated member of the Virginia Conference, recently sent in his check for $1,000, establishing a Memorial Loan Fund with the Board of Church Extension.

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A very warm friend of Church Extension has made additional contributions of $2,000 to the "V. V." Loan Fund. This makes a total of $5,000 on this Loan Fund.

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Miss Sarah Elizabeth Scarbrough, of Mt. Gilead, N. C., recently made a contribution to the Board of Church Extension, in establishing The Sarah Elizabeth Scarbrough Loan Fund. This contribution is on the annuity plan.

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Rev. R. H. Barnett, of Clearwater, Fla., has sent in his check for $1,000, establishing a Memorial Fund in honor of a deceased son. Brother Barnett has named the fund the Robert Vivian Barnett Memorial Loan Fund.

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One of our good preachers in Oklahoma recently made a contribution of $1,000 to the Board of Church Extension, and established a loan fund in honor of a deceased child.

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A good woman from California has made another contribution of $500 to the Loan Fund Capital, which amount has been added to a loan fund already established.

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Miss Lelia Steger, of Milan, Tenn., recently sent in her check for $1,500, and established The Gus F. Steger Loan Fund. This contribution is on the annuity plan.

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The Church Extension Hand Book for 1919, the Thirty-seventh annual report of the Board of Church Extension, has recently been mailed to every preacher in Southern Methodism. It is a book of 264 pages, attractively bound and full of valuable information. Copies will be mailed on request.

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"The Department of Architecture," is the title of an attractive little eight page folder recently issued by Rev. J. A. Baylor, Secretary of this department, setting forth the advantages of securing Church and parsonge plans from the Board of Church Extension.

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A lady entered a railroad car and took a seat in front of a newly married couple. She was hardly seated before they began making remarks about her. He last year's bonnet and coat were fully criticized with more or less giggling on the bride's part, and there is no telling what might have come next if the lady had not put a sudden stop to the conversation by a bit of strategy.

She turned her head, noticed that the bride was considerably older than the groom, and in the smoothest of tones said: "Madam, will you please ask your son to close the window?"

The "son" closed his mouth, and the bride no longer giggled.—Kind Words.



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His duty is to the unborn also. How many charges with five capable young people and no special work in their behalf! There is a crying need for the doubling of the Number of leagues in this conference. This is evident as we compare our present status with the past on the one hand and with other conferences on the other. In 1900 we had 91 leagues and 3,529 members. In 1918 we had 80 leagues with 2,650 members. The North Carolina Conference has 124 leagues with 4,162 members.

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While at Columbus the writer asked a few capable people to furnish for this page a brief write-up on "What Impressed Me Most at Columbus." Here are two articles, one by Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of St. Louis, but formerly assistant Epworth League Secretary, and one by Rev. W. K. Matthews, one of our efficient missionaries to Japan. Brother Matthews is a Tennesseean, but married a North Carolina girl. Brother Culbreth is my friend of other days.

The Greatest Thing I Saw at Columbus

J. Marvin Culbreth.

In the minds of many, the most impressive single fact connected with the Centenary Celebration at Columbus was the *mingling of the nations.* "Bringing the World to Columbus" was accomplished with startling thoroughness and impartiality. The "ends of the earth" were there. East met West, North met South And no discriminations were practiced against any. Two playgrounds were kept open, one for tots and another for older children. In both the children of all nations played together in common sand piles, common swings and common slides. Mothers of small children regardless of race or color, enjoyed the privilege of "checking" their little ones in the play-ground while they saw the Exposition. Restaurants and cafeterias on the grounds were open to all alike. No distinctions were observed in seating the vast audiences that crowded into the Coliseum and other assembly halls. Men of all nations spoke from the same platform. The caste of the great Pageant, the Wayfarer, included representatives of every race.

So far as observed or reported, this close association of the races produced no disturbing friction, neither did it engender any unwholesome sentiments on the part of one race toward another. It was recognized that we were living for a time under conditions of Christian brotherhood, and people were interested rather than alarmed by the possibilities which the situation afforded.

It was perfectly evident that the members of a race preferred to associate with their kind. They were happier with each other than with people of other races. They naturally gravitated together and stuck together. This made casual contact with members of other races all the more profitable and reduced the likelihood of conflict. Equality of opportunity to see and hear and enjoy failed to develop any signs that any particular race wanted to usurp the place of any other or envied the prosperity of another. When the day was over, people went happily to their respective homes or lodgings, quite content that there was a way of escape from the unusually close contacts of the Exposition grounds. When this point is considered in connection with the oft-reiterated declaration that what the races of men desire is not sameness of accommodation but the chance to provide equally good accommodations for all, there seems small ground for the fear that justice to all will expose some to the danger of an invasion on the part of the weakest of all.

Impressions of the Centenary

By W. K. Matthews, Missionary to Japan.

What impressed me most at the Methodist Centenary at Columbus, Ohio, was not the marvelously effective setting forth in visualized form of the achievements of the first hundred years of the missionary work of American Methodism—as wonderful as this showing was—but the new vision it made possible of the needs of the world and the new understanding it gave the people of the immensity, the complexity, and the urgency of the missionary task which we have undertaken.

In one century American Methodism has gone to almost all parts of the earth with varied ministries intimately touching every side of life, extending its help to the lowest and meanest and at the same time influencing the rulers and policies of nations. These achievements, as great as they have been, are even more wonderful as illustration and prophecy of the work that the second century is now to do. What has been done is pioneer work, the exploration, the preparation, the experiment, the demonstration. It has found its worthy expression in this great Centenary. But as David Livingstone said of his work in Africa, "The end of the exploration is the beginning of the enterprise." The deepest impression that came to me at Columbus was just this that there is now a demand made on American Protestantism and on Methodism in particular, for a century of Christ-like life and service, such as history has never seen and few have as yet even dreamed of. This call for a deeper life and for a mighty outpouring to carry the gospel in its fulness to the whole world, was the dominant note in this whole Centenary Exposition.

To a missionary the most inspiring and encouraging fact in it all was the wonderful showing of what the church at home has done and is doing to develop stewardship of life, tithing, prayer life, a reverent and intelligent study of God's word and active service in the church for every man.

Teacher was hearing reading lessons, and little Freddy was reading.

Freddy—"'I'm havin' a good time,' said Arty."

Teacher—"That will not do, Freddy; read that again."

Freddy—"'I'm havin' a good time,' said Arty."

Teacher—"That is no better, Freddy; you have left out the 'g'."

Freddy—"'G, I'm havin' a good t'me,' said Arty."—Ottawa Evening Citizen.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE DESPISED SEED ONIONS

"I've done setting out all the large ones, father," said Harry. "I'm going to throw all those little old things away—I've got the bed full."

The little old things Harry was speaking about were small union sets. Harry lived in the country and had been helping his father in the garden by putting out the onion bed.

Mr. Byrd stood looking down at the small sets for a moment before replying.

"Looks like it's a shame to throw all these things away just because they are little," he said at last. "If they were put out carefully they would make big, fine onions. Of course, they're troublesome to put out, but it seems to me they ought to have a chance to show what they could do in the way of growing. It just doesn't look right to throw them away because they are little."

Harry looked at his father and then looked down at the tiny onion sets.

"I guess I could rake up another bed for those, father," he said soberly. "I didn't think about them wanting a chance to grow or anything like that."

"Suppose you do that," returned Mr. Byrd, "and whatever you raise you may have for your own, to sell or do what you please with."

Harry looked at the little sets, had grave doubts about their growing into anything big enough to sell, but he made up his mind to give them a chance, so he set about to make the best bed for them that could be made by a small boy and when it was finished he carefully put out the little onion sets—not one was thrown away. He was a very tired little boy when the last one had been planted, but his father came by and said it was a very fine looking bed, indeed, and so Harry forgot how his back and knees hurt. He felt very proud of the work he had done even if the little sets refused to come up and grow for him.

Six days later Harry went down to the garden one morning to see if there was any sign of growing things in his onion bed; there had been a warm, gentle spring rain during the night, and Harry gave a little cry as he looked. His onion bed was covered with tiny green shoots—not one little set had failed to come up. He ran back to tell his father the wonderful news.

"And will they keep growing, father?" he asked.

"If they are worked they will," said Mr. Byrd heartily.

"Then you may be sure they'll grow," answered Harry.

And they did grow, for never was an onion bed better tended.

There came a day when they were ready to be taken up. And when they were all up and measured, there were five bushels.

Harry's face fairly beamed with pride.

"Just think, father," he said, "I was going to throw them away 'cause they were so little."

"Little opportunities, like little onions, often grow into big ones," returned Harry's father. "Always remember the lesson of the little onions, my son, and do not forget among other things, that kind acts, however small they seem, may be seeds that will grow into something big and fine, so plant as many little seeds of kindness as you can."—Exchange.

CHILDEN'S SAYINGS

Some years ago when Lucy was a little girl, learning to write, the teacher gave her this to copy, "M-o-o, moo."

"That is 'Moo,' the noise a cow makes, Lucy."

Then Lucy began to copy "Moo," But she did it in a queer way. She made an M at the beginning of each line and followed each M with a whole string of o's all across the slate, like this, Mooooooo.

"But that isn't right, Lucy," said the teacher, when the little girl showed her the slate. "You must copy the word as I have written it. So—'Moo.'"

Lucy looked at the teacher's copy and then at her own attempts, and then she shook her head decidedly. "Well, Miss Jones," she said; 'I never saw a cow that gave such a short 'Moo' as you have wrote down.—Harper's Round Table.

LOUISA ALCOTT AND THE DISHES

When Russell H. Conwell was a young journalist, he told an audience recently, he was sent out to Concord to interview Louisa Alcott. He rapped at the front door of the old-fashioned house, and some one, whom he took for the maid, came to the door.

"I'd like to see Miss Alcott," he said.

"Come right in," said she.

"But please take my card to Miss Alcott. Perhaps she will not care to see a newspaper man, and I do not wish to intrude unless I am welcome."

"Oh, come in. I am Miss Alcott."

So Conwell went in, and had a cordial and pleasant interview with the writer who has so perfectly interpreted the spirit of girlhood. As they were talking, Miss Alcott's father, the originator of the Concord School of Philosophy, came into the room. Miss Alcott handed him the dish-towel and said:

"Here, father, you go and finish wiping the dishes. I was not half through, but I want to talk to this newspaper man."

And Dr. Conwell's expressive comment on the incident was, "All great people are simple."

And, it might be added, others can learn to be.—Girl's World.

The stage drivers in Yellowstone Park are bothered considerably by the foolish questions asked by their passengers, and often resort to satirical answers. Once a lady tourist who seemed deeply interested in the hot springs inquired:

"Driver, do these springs freeze over in winter?"

"Oh, yes, yes; a lady was skating and got her foot scalded."—Everyhere last winter and broke through body's Magazine.

Father—"Why are children so much worse than they used to be?"

Grandfather—"I attribute it to improved ideas in building."

Father—"How so?"

Grandfather—"Shingles are scarce and you can't spank a boy with a tin roof?"—Exchange.

Pat and Mike were watching some bricklayers at work on a day, and Pat asked: "Say, Mike, what is it that holds the bricks together?"

"Sure," said Mike "that's aisy It's the mortar."

"Niver a bit of it," said Pat. "That keeps them apart."—Selected.

"Have you permission to play here?" growled the policeman on the street musician.

"No, sir," grinned the Italian.

"Then you'll have to accompany me."

"Certainly, with much pleasure. Now, vat you sing?"—The Presbyterian Banner.

Mother—"Don't ask so many questions, child. Curiosity kille dthe cat."

Willie—"What did the cat want to know, mother?"—Sunday School Advocate.

Observer—"I noticed you got up and gave that lady your seat in the street car the other day."

Observed—"Since childhood, I have respected a woman with a strap in her hand."—Exchange.

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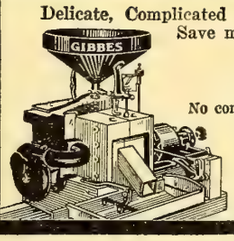
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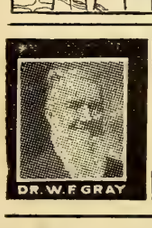
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EVERETT—One of the elect women of our Church in Laurinburg was taken from us when Mrs. L. T. Everett answered the summons and quietly fell asleep at her home in that place on the 20th of June. That summons did not come to her unexpectedly. For quite a while she had lived in almost daily expectation of it. Her house was kept in order, her loins girded about, her light bright and burning—thus she waited the coming of the Lord. There was no fear of death with her and no eager and vain clinging to life. Years ago she united with the Methodist Church, having been reared in its faith and from its communion she went to the Church on high. She reared her children in the Church and they—eleven in number—have without exception grown to be God-fearing and God-serving men and women. Here is the tribute of one of them written from over seas:

"Soon you will be having a birthday and tho' far away, I shall be thinking of you, and I want you to know that because of you my life has been kept clean, and you are the one person in all the world whom I can love without a single mental reservation."

Sister Everett's maiden name was Martha Wall Covington, being the daughter of Thomas T. and Mary Ellerbee Covington, of Richmond county, where she was born July 4, 1850. In 1867 she was married to Lawrence T. Everett, of Laurinburg (who of the older citizens of that section does not remember the firm of Everett Bros. & Gill?) who, dying twenty-two years thereafter, left her a widow with eleven children. That God who promises in His word to be a father of the fatherless and a judge of the widow, and upon whom she regularly called, must have heard her continuously and graciously. What a strain was on her during these years, when alone except for Him, with this large family looking up to her she faced the problems of life! How nobly she met the strain and how successfully she grappled with the problems! Her work done and well done, she has gone to receive the "well done" of Him on the other shore, while here, a whole community rises up with her children and calls her blessed.

E. H. Davis.

LITTLE—Margaret Jane Sikes was born Feb. 18, 1878, in Union county, N. C., and died July 25, 1919, in Gastonia, N. C.

December 24, 1894 she was married to Mr. A. C. Little. She is now survived by her husband and three children, Ollie, Emma and Coy; also by her father, Mr. C. B. Sikes, of Charlotte, N. C., and three brothers, Rev. Tim A., Mr. Thomas A. and Mr. H. M. Sikes, and three sisters, Miss Sally Sikes, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaddy and Mrs. Addie Brady.

Early in life sister Little joined the Lutheran Church. But after her marriage she joined the M. E. church, South. Upon moving to Gastonia in 1909 she, with her family, became members of our West End Church. There she was very active, faitful and loyal, until some eighteen months ago. She became so afflicted with leakage of the heart that she has been able to attend but very little in the mean while. During this time she has been very much missed from her place in the church. Now she is so much missed in the home, the church and the community. She believed in the true doctrines of salvation, and in heart-felt religion. Not long before her death she called for the old hymn, "O let me fly to the Rock that is higher than I." May our God comfort her loved ones.

E. P. Stabler, Pastor.

KALE—Sarah Elizabeth Cavin was born May 25, 1853, in Alexander county, N. C., and died August 6, 1919, in Gastonia, N. C., and was buried the next day at Mt. Holly, N. C.

She was married to Mr. John W. Kale, of Statesville, N. C., in 1873, who died in 1899. Of this union six children survive: Mr. J. W. V., Mr. H. H. and Miss Nannie Kale and Mrs. T. O. Plyler, of Gastonia, Mrs. Maude Nance, of Spencer, N. C., and Mr. C. W. Kale, of Belmont, N. C.

Sister Kale at the time of her conversion joined our church at Broad street, Statesville, N. C. From there with her family she moved to Mt. Holly, where most of her children were converted and joined the church. Also her husband and three children are buried there. Therefore it was her desire to be buried there too. For several years sister Kale has been a member of our Franklin Avenue church. She was a regular attendant, a loyal member, a true Christian, a devout lover of the Lord and His Church. One of her last charges to her children was that she wanted her pledges to her Church budget and the Centenary paid in full. S he loved her church paper and read it to the end.

After a month of suffering from semi-paralysis, she died in the same faith by which she had triumphantly lived for so many years. Our loss is heaven's gain. May we all meet her there. May our Father comfort her loved ones.

E. P. Stabler, pastor.

WOMACK—Mrs. Elizabeth Womack, (nee Kelly) wife of Elisha Womack (deceased) departed this life Aug. 18, 1919. Age 96 years and 7 days. For a long time grandma was a great sufferer. She bore her pain patiently until God took her spirit to be with Him, and while there is sorrow in her passing we rejoice in her great confidence in God. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in early childhood and remained loyal to her church until death. Grandma was the mother of twelve children, of whom six died in infancy; those left to mourn their loss are. Mr. T. H. Womack, of Denver, N. C.; Miss Rebecca Womack and Mrs. Dr. J. A. Sherrill, of Denver; Mrs. J. P. Hart, of Huntersville, N. C.; Mr. L. A. Womack, of Davidson, N. C.; and Mr. R. A. Womack, of Mooresville, N. C. She had 36 grandchildren, of whom she was very fond and we will miss her so. Since the death of her husband she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. A. Sherrill, of Denver, and remained there until death called her away.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Shinn, of Denver. Her body was laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Written by her Granddaughter.

LANIER—Eunice S. Puett was born at Newton, July 1, 1856, and died Aug. 25, 1919. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Puett.

Was married on November 7, 1888, to E. J. Lanier.

This union was blessed with four children, three of whom, with the husband, survive. Also two sisters. Was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early girlhood, of which she remained a consistent member. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Bowles, after which her remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Norwood cemetery. She was a tender, kind, true wife, mother and friend. She is not dead, but only gone to be there to welcome us as we cross over one by one. Her Daughter.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His infinite love and wisdom has entered the home of our beloved president, Mrs. John F. Moore, on April the 28th, and has taken unto Himself her only little son, John Fleming, Jr. And while we cannot understand why one so young and full of bright promise for the future should be so suddenly called, and while we miss his sweet presence from among us, yet we realize that our Heavenly Father doeth all things well, that "He is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind," and that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Resolved, first, That we, as a committee representing the Woman's Missionary Society of Bethlehem church, Wentworth circuit, extend to the sorely bereaved family our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy, assuring them that their sorrow is ours, and praying that our Father in His compassionate love may heal their grief and that His loving arms may always be around them.

Resolved, second, That copies of these resolutions be mailed to the N. C. Christian Advocate and Reidsville Review for publication, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and the same be transcribed in the minutes of our Society.

Mrs. J. I. Anderson,
Mrs. E. W. Pugh,
Miss Lottie Burton,
Mrs. Jas. Carroll,
Committee.

OUR MOTHER.

Having past her three score and ten by one year, our mother, Fannie Montfort Foscue, widow of Cyrus Foscue, passed to the great beyond in the fullness of Christian faith. She lived a life that leaves no doubt as to the reward she has won. God said He prepared a house for her and she has gone to dwell therein.

She knew, as we did, as it is given to mortals to know, that a transition from her home here to one beyond the grave was hers as a reward for her faithful, Christlike character, lived for more than the allotted time given to man.

Everyone who came within the compass of her acquaintance was deeply impressed with her saintly character and lovable personality. She always thought of others and not of herself. There is not one selfish act, this writer can recall, since she became his mother in name and indeed in truth, when he was twelve years of age. She sought to alleviate suffering and sorrow wherever and whenever it came under her observation and the objects of her love and interest were not confined to any class or creed but her heart went out to all mankind full of interest and affection. The poorer the object the greater her effort to befriend.

She was born in New Berne, N. C., August 1st, 1848, the daughter of Colonel Edward W. and Louisa Montfort.

Her father and mother, one brother, Dr. William J. Montfort, and Miss Mollie L. Montfort, her sister, preceded her to the grave many years. She was the mother of eight children, five girls and three boys, five of whom are living: Mrs. E. L. Cox, of Jacksonville, N. C.; Mrs. S. A. Starling, of Hubert, N. C.; Mrs. I. N. Sanders, of Maysville, N. C.; Mr. N. C. Foscue, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. Cyrus Foscue, of Mayesville, N. C., and K. F. Foscue, of Kinston, N. C., a stepson whose love and affection for her, and her love and tenderness for him all these years, long ago obliterated the "step" and she became just mother.

She is gone never to return, but her life will be a living monument for good through all time to come.

K. F. Foscue.

HALL—George R. Hall was born in Madison county Oct. 15, 1867. He professed faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and united with the M. E. Church, South, of which Church he was a faithful member, having served in all capacities as a layman. Bro. Hall was a great old-time gospel singer and was frequently engaged to sing in revival work. He was one of the most sympathetic auditors his humble pastor ever preached to. As a steward, faithful; as a Sunday school superintendent, zealous; as a husband manly; and as a father, loving and sympathetic. His wife and children believed in his religion.

In 1887 he was married to Miss Roxanna Bennick. To this union were born six children. One died in infancy, the others, together with their mother, survive him.

Brother Hall's death came as a great shock to his family, friends and pastor. He was in bad health, but no one thought him in a serious condition. On Friday, May 23, 1919 he did a hard day's work. In the evening he was out doing his chores. While at this he fell. Members of the family found him prostrate and dying. Great crowds attended his funeral and many sustain a great loss. May God bless the family.

His pastor,
F. O. Dryman.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God has seen fit to send the death angel to visit Mrs. Margaret Jane Little, a member of our church and our Ladies' Aid Society, be it resolved:

1. That we bow humbly to His will, for He doeth all things well.
2. That we are sad at heart because of her vacant chair in our midst.
3. That we do hereby express to her loved ones our deepest sympathy.
4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes and a copy be sent to our Church paper.

Mrs. J. W. Eury,
Mrs. E. P. Stabler,
Mrs. Mag. McCarver,
Committee.

BARWICK—Mr. J. I. Barwick departed this life at his home, Mount Olive, N. C., May 31, 1918. He was 39 years, 10 months and 6 days old. He is survived by one brother, one sister, his mother and wife, and many relatives who mourn his departure. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Reverend Frank Culbreth. He was a member of the Methodist Church at Mount Olive, but had never been able to attend services. His body was laid to rest in Maple Grove cemetery, at Mount Olive.

COOK—Mrs. Naomi Cook, a saintly member of our Church at Weaverville, died June 16. Her husband for 13 years had awaited her on the other shore. Her going was doubtless robbed of much sorrow by the reunion with three little children gone before.

Sister Cook had been a devout member of the Church from childhood, and she left the testimony that all was well and she was not afraid to go. May the blessings of God be upon the sorrowing son and daughter, who mourn her going. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Otho J. Jones,
Pastor.

RIDDICK—Miss Josephine M. Riddick was born Oct. 1837, died July 11, 1919.

She met with disappointment in early life that impaired her mentality from which she never recovered. Those who knew her in girlhood said she was one of the best girls they ever knew.

Her funeral was conducted from the residence of her cousin, G. W. Nixon, by the writer. She has gone where the wicked cease to trouble and the weary are at rest. Earth hath no sorrow that God cannot heal.

J. M. Jolliff.

ICENHOWER—T. V. Icenhower was born September 3rd, 1862, and died June 9th, 1919. He was married to Sophronia Tingen February 11th, 1886, to which union there were born six children, five girls and one boy, all living.

Brother Icenhower professed religion in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which he remained a loyal member until he was called to the home of many mansions, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. He was a loyal and devoted husband and father, and his death was a great loss not only to the family but to the church and the community where he lived. He still lives in the hearts and minds of those who knew him best, for to know him was to love him. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, they will be still praising thee."

A Friend.

PATTON—Ervin Patton was born Mar. 26, 1856, in Macon county at the place where he died, February 14, 1919. Brother Patton joined the Church about the year 1890 and was a faithful and consistent Christian until the day of his death. He was a steward from the time he joined the Church until he died, and a Sunday school superintendent for the last fifteen years of his life. This is indeed a noble record!

Brother Patton was first married to Miss Maggie Crawford in 1898, and then to Miss Malva Roane in 1902. One child was born to the first marriage and six to the second. He is survived by his widow and all the children.

There is not a man in either Church or county whose loss could be more keenly felt than that of Brother Patton. He held the confidence of all who knew him, and he was the very soul of the church at Pattons Chapel.

Thank God for lives like this! They are as springs of living water in a desert of sand; as a beacon of hope in the dark night of doubt.

He is not dead; men like this cannot die; we laid his body in the grave, it is true, but the Spirit lives on, and his work goes on for "God is in his Heaven and all is right with the world."

J. E. Womack.

WEAVER—James Campbell Weaver was born June 18, 1855, and died June 25, 1919.

He was married in November, 1881, to Miss Margaret Timoxena Wells. To this union were born nine children—seven of whom survive him: Mr. R. R. Weaver, New York City; Mrs. James M. Long, Waynesville, N. C.; Miss S. Wannita Weaver, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chas. Weaver, Charleston, S. C.; Miss Mary Weaver, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Ernest Weaver, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Lowery Weaver, Franklin, N. C.

Brother Weaver was a man of culture and refinement and one of the sweetest Christian characters I have ever met. By profession he was a teacher and the nobility of his character is stamped upon many a youth. But best of all he was an old-fashioned Methodist (of the type that, I pray, may never go out of fashion) who believed in a religion that could be felt and lived. He exclaimed in dying: "Oh, how beautiful! All is glory!"

I think I can characterize him as Browning does Asolando:

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubting clouds would break,
Never dreamed, tho right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

J. E. Womack.

DILLON—Mrs. Sarah M. Dillon, aged 81, departed this life June 30, 1919. She leaves two children, Sarah E. Gibbs, Englehard, N. C., with whom she lived, and Thomas C. Dillon, of Tuscarora, N. C. For one year and four months her suffering was great, but she bore it well. Oh, how we miss her. Always so bright and cheerful and unselfish. The vacancy can never be filled. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God called and she willingly answered, for it was well with her soul. May God's richest blessings be with the bereaved ones, and the neighbors who were so kind during her illness. She was laid to rest by gentle hands in the Methodist cemetery at Amity.

By One Who Loved Her.

MARRIED.

On June 25, in the Clegg Hotel parlor, Greensboro, N. C., Mr. J. E. Taylor to Miss Eva Coltrane, Rev. T. B. Johnson officiating.

CHURCHILL-WHITE—Married, Aug. 21, 1919, at the home of the bride, Mrs. Maggie Churchill and Mr. J. G. White, by her pastor.

CREASEY - RICHARDSON—At the home of the groom's father, Mr. A. H. Creasey, Wilmington, N. C., August 8, 1919, Mr. James V. Creasey, of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss May Belle Richardson, of Vineland, N. C., Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

HOWARD-BOGGAN—At the parsonage of Bladen Street Church, Wilmington, N. C., August 23, 1919, Mr. Robert G. Howard, of Waxhaw, N. C., and Miss Blanche Boggan, of Wilmington, N. C., Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

COLE-RIDDLE—Mr. Thomas Parker Riddle and Miss Eula Burgess Cole, daugter of B. Cole, all of Sanford, N. C., were married at the home of the bride's father, Tuesday, August 26th, 1919, Rev. R. W. Bailey officiating.

The spread of tuberculosis had come up in class, and teacher had spoken most impressively of the opportunity the Red Cross stamps provided to help in the cure and prevention of the dread disease. The children listened eagerly, much impressed. By and by a boy in a rear seat asked anxiously:

"Please, teacher, where do you have to put the stamps to cure you?"

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District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	September
Burlington Circuit, Bethel, 11 a. m.	13-14
Burlington, Front Street, 8 p. m.	14
Leasbury Circuit, 11 a. m.	20-21
Brooksdale Circuit, Allensville, 11 a. m.	27-28
East Roxboro, Grace, 6:30 p. m.	28
	October
Milton Circuit, Connally's 11 a. m.	4-5
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	12
Chapel Hill, 8 p. m.	12
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	18-19
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m.	25-26
Graham, 8 p. m.	26
	November
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round Fourth Round	September
First Church, morning	14
City Road night	14
Perquimanns, Oak Grove	20-21
Hertford, morning	28
Edenton, night	28
	October
Moyock, Perkins	4-5
Currituck, Hebron	5-6
Pasquotank, Union	11-12
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates, Zion	19-20
Dare, East Lake	25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet	28
Hatteras, Frisco	30
	November
Kitty Hawk, Collington	1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Roseboro, McGees	20-21
Bladen, Antioch, 11 a. m.	22
Duke, Duke	27-28
Dunn, Dunn, night	28-29
Newton Grove, Newton Grove, 11 a. m.	30
	October
Buckhorn, Cokesbury	4-5
Lillington, Lillington, night	5-6
Jonesboro, Broadway	11-12
Sanford, night	12-13
Fayetteville, Salem, 11 a. m.	15
Stetman	18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
	November
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary, night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Goldsboro, St. Paul	14
Goldsboro, St. Johns	14
Goldsboro, Elm Street, night	14
Kinston, Caswell Street, Woodington	20-21
Kinston, Queen Street, night	21
Mount Olive Circuit, Rones Chapel	27-28
Mount Olive, Calypso	28-29
	October
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora	4-5
New Bern, Centenary, night	5-6
Jones Circuit, Lee's Chapel	11
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe	12
Snow Hill Circuit	17
Hookerton Circuit	18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night	19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
	November
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carteret Circuit, Harlowe	8-9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round Fourth Round	September
Smithfield	13-14
Clayton	13-14
Franklinton, Wesley	21-22
Selma	28
Kenly	28-29
	October
Granville, Calvary	4-5
Oxford	10-12
Oxford Circuit, Salem	11-12
Louisburg	17-19
Youngsville, Leah's	18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove	19-20
Princeton	26-27
Benson	30
Four Oaks	31
	November
Millbrook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	2-4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Memorial	10
Benson	11
Four Oaks	12
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16
Epworth	16

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Southport, Trinity	13-14
Jacksonville-Rich, Richlands	21-22
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill	27-28
Wilmington Circuit, Wesley Memorial	28-29
	October
Burgaw, Burgaw	4-5
Tabor, Tabor	10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn	11-12
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
	November
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N C.

Fourth Round	September
Scotland Neck, Scotland Neck	13-14
Williamston & H. Williams Chapel	14-15
Rosemary, Rosemary	20-21
Roanoke Rapids	21
Garysburg, Garysburg	26
Conway, Sharon	27-28
	October
Battleboro and W. McTyeires	3
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield	4-5
Rich Square, Pinners	11-12
[illegible] Murfreesboro	12-13
Henderson	19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson	19
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
	November
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Third Round	September
Bath, Pinetown	13-14
Washington, night	14
Elm City	20-21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night	21-22
Fairfield, September	24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard	25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville	27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Mars Hill, Beech Glen	13
Weaverville Circuit, 4 p. m.	13-14
Marshall, night	14
Sulphur Springs	20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m.	21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m.	21
Weaverville, night	21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
	October
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Prospect, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	13
Monroe, Central, 11 a. m.	14
North Monroe, night	14
Lillesville, Lillesville, 11 a. m.	20
Ansonville, Concord, 11 a. m.	21
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m.	27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.	28
	October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	3
Morven, New Hope, 11 a. m.	4-5
Wadesboro, night	5
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Greensboro, Circuit, Zion	13-14
Greensboro, Centenary, 11 a. m.	14
West Greensboro, Jamestown	20-21
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m.	21
Coleridge Circuit, Concord	27-28
Deep River Circuit, Central Falls	28
	October
Randolph Circuit, Trinity	4-5
Asheboro, night	5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett 3 p. m.	19

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N C.

Fourth Round	September
Jonesville, Ebenezer	13-14
Elkin	12-14
Spray, 11 a. m.	21
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 4 p. m. and 11 a. m.	21
Leaksville, night	20-21
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	27-28
	October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	September
Table Rock Circuit, Arney's Chapel	12
Morganton Circuit, Bethel	13-14
Morganton Station, night	14-15
Cliffside Circuit, Cliffside, Saturday night	20-21
Henrietta and Caroleene Circuit, Caroleene, night	21
Forest City, at Forest City	27-28
Broad River Circuit, 3 p. m.	28-29
	October
Enola Circuit, Saturday at 11 o'clock at warlick Chapel	4
Connelly Spring, at Rutherford College	5-6
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine, Tuesday night	7
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Wednesday night	8
Micaville, at Martin's Chapel, Friday at 11 o'clock	10
Bald Creek, at Bald Creek	11-12
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	12-13
Marion Circuit, at Capernaum, Tuesday at 11 o'clock	14
Mill Spring Circuit, Bethlehem, Thusday at 11 o'clock	16
Thermal City, at Trinity	18-19
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Gilkey, Sunday night	19-20

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Woodleaf, Cleveland	13-14
South Main, 11 a. m.	14
East Spencer, night	14
Gold Hill, Liberty	18
New London, Bethany	19
Salem	20
First Street, 11 a. m.	21
Albemarle Circuit, 3 p. m.	21
Albemarle, Central, night	21
Kannapolis Circuit	27-28
Kannapolis Station, night	28
	October
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m.	5
Kerr Street, night	5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Shelby Circuit, Sharon, 11 a. m.	13-14
Eighth Street, S. Gastonia, 8 p. m.	14
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m.	20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m.	20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Stony Point, Midway, 11 a. m.	13-14
Race Street, Marvin, 3 p. m.	13-14
Statesville Circuit, Chapel Hill, night	13-14
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night	20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

Fourth Round	September
Elkland Circuit, Pineswamp	13-14
Laurel Springs Circuit, Mt. Zion	20-21
Avery Circuit	26-27
Elk Park Circuit, Montezuma	28-29
	October
Watauga Circuit	4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Franklin Circuit, Clarks Chapel	13-14
Macon, Union	14-15
Franklin Station	14-15
Glenville	20-21
Highlands	21-22
Hayesville	27-28
Jonathan Creek, Hemphill, p. m.	28
Judson	27-28
	October
Ranger, Ranger	4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree	5-6
Robbinsville	7-8
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Fines Creek	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W. 4th. Street Phone 853
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
S. Thomasville, night	12
Thomasville circuit, Fairgrove	13-14
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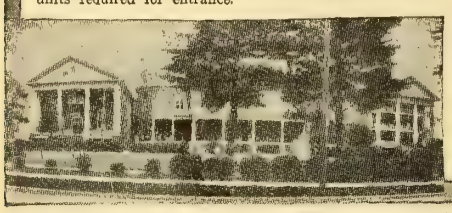
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From the Field

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS

By Circuit Rider.

I have had some two or three high salaried preachers to ask me, in the last few years, the rather pointed question, "Did you get anybody converted this year?" I am willing to compare records with them. I believe the records will show that, in proportion to the number of dollars received on salary, I have added as many on profession of faith as they have.

There are those who are wont to say that if the preacher will get out and hustle, be a "good mixer," and do the work required, he will receive adequate financial support. But such do not stop and think long enough to realize that, unless the preacher has the money to meet his expenses, he cannot possibly fulfill these conditions. It is very easy for a man on a twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollar salary to speak "ex cathedra" and say: "Just do the work and you will get the pay."

Not a great while ago I held a meeting in a certain church for over one week. One of the songs they sang often had the words in one stanza: "Don't exalt the preachers," "Don't exalt the pew." That church had only paid one-sixth of the pastor's salary and the year was nearly gone. I said to myself: "It doesn't seem like you need to worry about the way you are exalting the preacher. I wish you would exalt him enough to pay him what you owe him."

That reminds me that we have used $1,200 out of private funds in the last few years to meet necessary living expenses. It is getting to be a serious question whether we should continue this and leave ourselves penniless, and also fail to educate our children, or give up the itinerancy and go into secular work so as to escape the awful consequences of "denying the faith," and being "worse than an infidel." I have had several offers, the last one just recently, of positions that pay far more than I have ever received as a preacher.

One of the chief hindrances to effective revival work (not to say religious work in general) is the kind of songs sung. It seems that the tendency of the times is to sing little "jay-bird," rag-time, jingling ditties that are no more calculated to inspire devotion and worship than the "Mississippi Sawyer" or "Old Mollie Hare." A good portion of these songs have no more poetry or religion in them than "Cindy." When the Holy Spirit is moving upon the congregation, don't throw ice water on the whole thing by starting up: "Come to the Church in the Wildwood," or any other little ditty, but sing something spiritual.

For the life of me I cannot help being shocked at the irreverent way some people use in addressing the Lord in prayer. "Lord, you said you would do so and so; now we are expecting you to do what you said you would, for we ask it in your name." Now, this is using undue familiarity with the Lord. Nothing is more true than the saying "Familiarity breeds contempt." We would better use the solemn style and say, thou, thee, thine. Dr. Albert Taylor Bledsoe used to say that the average American would walk up to his fellow and slap him on the back and say: "How are you, old horse?" Not much genuine respect can be had for a person who indulges in such coarse familiarity.

About nine persons out of ten will break in and interrupt a person talking. This is not only very impolite, but also very rude. It is the same as to say to the person talking: "What you are saying is no good. I have something to say that is worth while. Just stop your chattering till I get through. Then if you want to go on with your nonsense, all right." Not every one who cuts in with loud talking and drowns you out would acknowledge to that much, perhaps, but that is about the way he feels about it.

The writer was in conversation with a rather intelligent lady who was raised in Methodist home. But several years previous to that time she had joined another church. In the course of the conversation she asked this question: "Don't they general put in as presiding elders the old men who are worn out, and who are not fit for anything else?" In thinking over the men who had served the district in which she resided, I recalled that it had been served by men advanced in years, for the most part, during the years just preceding that time.

ANOTHER "OLD FOGY"

Several times recently I have been old fogy enough to take pleasure in seeing a protest in the Advocate against the use of the revised version of the Scriptures in the Sunday school literature. I have deeply felt the same opposition and deplored the act ever since it began.

A preacher told me it was "up to date." I delight in all progress, I enjoy reading my dear old mother's Testament by the brililant light of electricity, but think so fondly of the time when she read the same precious words to me by the old tallow dip.

It is all right to place the two texts side by side, that the NEW may be used as a commentary on the OLD; but when you relegate the old familiar words to a dark shelf and parade the Truth dressed up in its new finery before the children's eyes, the time will soon come when the old Book will not be recognized when met in the road.

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AN EXCEEDINGLY HELPFUL CONFERENCE

Col. Raymond Robins; Bishop James Cannon, Jr.; Dr. Edgar H. Johnson, Emory University, Atlanta; Dr. Comer Woodward, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Dr. A. M. Trawick, Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, were the speakers at the Conference for Social Workers which has just closed on the Southern Assembly Grounds at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

The addresses were all of a high order and the Round Table conferences which followed the addresses were unusually illuminating and helpful.

The difficulties and problems of the rural church and the remedies for present conditions were thoroughly discussed in a course of six lectures by Dr. Woodward. Dr. Trawick discussed the current social vices of gambling and profanity, and the cure for such evil habits. He also conducted a round table conference on how to develop better relations between the white people and the negroes, emphasizing the importance of genuine cooperation between the leaders of the two races. Bishop Cannon discussed the Mexican situation as related to the United States, and also the present status of the World Prohibition Movement. Dr. Johnson discussed the relation of the Church to social reform and the Social Creed of the Churches.

Col. Robins delivered nine addresses, and conducted a general Question Box at the close of the morning hour. No speaker who has been on the Assembly grounds has made a deeper impression. His opening address was a masterly exposition of the teaching of Jesus with reference to the social duties of life, and he announced a social platform based directly upon these teachings of Jesus. The subjects of some of his addresses indicate how closely interwoven is Christian Idealism with all his thought and work. He emphasized as a fact that Christianity is absolutely necessary to Democracy, and followed this up with discussions of Christian Leadership and Democracy, Civic problemss and Christian leadership, industrial problems and Christian leadership. Social conditions in Europe were examined and compared with conditions in the United States. The Russian situation under Kerensky and at the beginning of the domination of Lenine and Trotsky was presented with such accurate detail and discriminating interpretation as was possible only from one actually present and in position of authority to see facts and to grasp their meaning.

At the final session of the Conference enthusiastic resolutions were adopted, thanking the Commission on Social Service for the exceedingly helpful program, which had been so successfully carried out, and urging that the Conference be made a permanent feature of the Assembly program.

COCA-COLA AGAIN

I noticed a piece in the Advocate that in my opinion is eternally true, and that is the piece written by Mr. Geo. T. Simmons, regarding Coca-Cola. Sometime ago I wrote the publishers of our Quarterlies and told them that our Sunday school for one would rather pay more for our literature and not have the advertisements of Coca-Cola in them. What do you think they did with my letter? They forwarded it to the Coca-Cola people at Atlanta, Ga., and here came a great long letter from them stating what it is made of, etc. So we got into a controversy over it. Later I had an opportunity to talk to one of the best stomach specialists in the State and no doubt the best in the South, and I asked him about Coca-Cola. He said it would not do for a man to drink. He said that a glass of it is worse than four cups of coffee. The Coca-Cola people say that it is only one-fourth as bad as a cup of coffee. One thing I do know about it: It will become a habit that is hard to quit. I know by experience and observation, and I for one certainly think that it should be kept out of the advertising columns of our Church literature. It will wreck the nerves of any one that drinks it. I am glad to see the stand that is being taken against it in our Church papers and by our conferences.

G. B. Goodson.

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"Be Still and Know That I Am God."

There must have been some degree of unrest in the days of the Psalmist. Indeed we may rest assured that every generation has had its social tremors, some more pronounced than others, but all alike due to the fact that the element of discontent is inherent in human nature as we find it. There is but one remedy, and that is to listen to God instead of allowing our nerves to be continualy sawed and rasped by agitators.

If all the people could be induced to go quietly into their homes for a few weeks during thier leisure hours instead of listening to agitators who are getting big wages for harrowing the nerves of the unsuspecting public, we might expect to see things settle down to orderly and peaceable conditions. Our people are suffering from shell shock, and the man who plays upon these conditions of nervous excitement at so much per, is an enemy to his race and should be silenced. Let preachers and all public leaders counsel quietness and soberness and turn the thoughts of the people toward God and His sovereignty and then our social and economic wrongs may be approached with some degree of hope that they may be righted. As another has truthfully said, "Merely to get in touch with God will not, it is true, solve the problems of life, but it will make it possible for us to do so."

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HOW JESUS MADE DISCIPLES

When our ascending Lord sent out His disciples, it was to do a very specific thing. They were to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The essence of this gospel is Christ, the Savior of men from sin. They were to preach Him as such to all men everywhere, and that is the great mission of the Church today; and when this is faithfully done, the responsibility of the Church ends. We are deeply concerned that men should accept the gospel meassage, but we are not responsible for that. We cannot compel them to accept it. Jesus Christ did not endeavor to compel men to accept Him, and the great multitudes of His day finally rejected Him. There have always been men who would refuse to accept Him, and we have no promise that such will not be the case to the end of time. But the obligation is upon us to present the gospel to them, and it is an obligation from which we cannot escape.

Just now the Church is having much to say about a Church-wide revival, and nothing is more certain than that such a revival is needed in all parts of the world. The truth of this seems to be pressing upon many hearts, and at such a time it seems eminently proper that we should look a little closely at how Jesus went about this work. He had come "to seek and to save that which was lost." He said to certain men engaged with their nets on the shore line. "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." It is true to day that the Church must look to Him for guidance in this work rather than to the wisdom of men.

He did not arrive at His method of work without a struggle. This is really the background of what is known as the temptation of Jesus. He was about to begin His work; how should He begin it? The Spirit carried Him away into the wilderness to determine this great question. The devil met Him out there and suggested almost every way but the correct one. We have not the space to analyze the temptation with this thought in view, but the devil was very worldly wise in his suggestions. Make stones into bread, feed the world, give it a plenty, astonish it with great wonders, like jumping off the pinnacle of the temple without being hurt, clothe himself with the glory of the world and the majesty of worldly power. These were among the ways the devil suggested for Jesus to get a following. And they are very like some methods that are being suggested still. **And, if Jesus had been willing to transform Himself into the likeness of the world in order to get the world to follow Him, instead of insisting that the world should be transformed into His likeness, these methods would likely have succeeded.** But what would have been the result of such success? Jesus came to save the world, and not to allow the world to pull Him down to its own level. It is wondrous strange that men should lose sight of this fact in the neneteenth century. If much we read is to be believed, men get panicky about the Church losing its hold upon the people if it does not follow certain programs that the people want. What, pray, if the Church does lose its hold? It would be infinitely better for the Church to lose its hold upon the people than it will be for the Church to lose its hold upon God. To have her houses of worship crowded with respectable listeners is a miserable failure, if those listeners are led by the Church along paths in which God does not walk. We grow weary of those criticisms of the Church which magnify the necessity of the Church's conformity to the world in order to hold the people. Give the people what they want and they will follow you, we are told. May be so, but follow us where? The devil himself would follow in that company.

The Church must regain the note of authority. if she is to have a revival of transforming power. Jesus came out of the wilderness to deliver a very positive message. He had not talked to the people long before the one distinctive quality of His utterance that stood out before the the minds of His hearers was that "He taught them as one having authority." They were "astonished" at it. It was not according to the approved rabbinic meth od. Nothing could have been more contrary to the Satanic advice that He had received in the wilderness. He was not at all worldly wise; but He spoke in the tone of finality. He did not stop to parley with the logicians. He had a message to deliver and He delivered it with the assurance that it came from God. "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Stern messages, you say. So they appeared to the hearers of Christ, but He did not apologize for them. They were pressed home with the utmost assurance, and at the same time with the tenderest love. There is no inconsistency between these. It is not the authority of the tyrant upon which we are insisting, but the authority that speaks out from the eternal God and that is inwrought into the very constitution of things.

The Church must make its appeal to the individual. Men are not saved in mass. You can not produce a social condition that will save them We are aware that we live in social relations. There are duties that we owe to our fellow-men. It is well to repress vicious social conditions and clean up the community as far as possible, but the appeal of the gospel is, and of necessity must be, to the individual. Men talk in glittering generalities about Christianizing the social order, about saving society as well as the individual, about the Christian State and other high sounding terms; but, when you stop to analyize them to get their exact significance, they do not mean anything There is no such thing as that about which they speak. When Jesus started out to save the world, He made His appeal to Peter and James and John and Andrew and the rest of them. He went out by the seashore and gathered them to Him one by one. He said to Peter: "When thou are converted, strengthen thy brethren;" but it was a process at every point that dealt with each individual as a separate unit. It is but speaking to the wind to talk of salvation in any other sense. And the salvation of the individual is not dependent upon social conditions. Christ is able to go into any conditions and deliver the individual soul who trusts Him. The lily floats upon the foul pool and maintains it purity. It sends its roots into the muck and mire beneath, but it lifts its petals white as snow to the sun. If God can do that in the lily pond, He can come down into the soul of man in the most vicious surroundings and take from it the guilt and the pollution of sin. He can deliver the individual from the power of sin despite all the rage of hell and all the machinations of wicked men. To preach any other gospel is to dishonor Christ and to invite defeat. Men may come and listen to you for a time, but they will go empty away. Christ saves the individual.

ENDOWMENT OF CHURCH PAPERS

Among the institutions of the church there is nothing now subject to more serious peril and sore trial that the Church paper. The periodical must appear just as often and must maintain just as attractive form in its dress of paper and type as when conditions were normal. This, of course, cannot be done unless the income can be increased. To expect it would be to expect ordinary mortals to perform miracles. A paper has but two sources of income, subscriptions and advertising. It is exceedingly difficult to increase the former; the latter is a constantly decreasing item for the reason that public opinion demands a more and more careful censorship. There is now a very small field for the advertiser in the religious press. The scent for fraud is altogether too keen now in the church to tolerate even the moderately extravagant language used by the average vender of wares or remedies.

The time has come when the Church must consider how this important and essential arm of our educational work is to be maintained. It can not be dispensed with, and it must be made even more attractive and efficient than ever before, for the reason that we have an ever-increasing constituency of intelligence. They will not be satisfied and can not be benefited by a sleazy and slip-shod periodical literature.

It will do no good to heap ridicule and contempt upon the press that we have. Men who have been required to make brick without straw deserve at least the sympathy of their fellows, unless it be clear that they have shown too great eagerness to rush into a hapless enterprise. The attitude of the Church at large must be changed from a contemptous indifference or mere tolerance to that of intelligent and sympathetic co-operation in the effort to make periodicals that will appeal, both because of their literary merit and of the attractive style of the printer's art in which their menu is served.

Our schools are no longer housed in log cabins or old barns, nor are they served by faculties whose support comes from the income from tuition. They must either have an income from endowment or they must have a conference subsidy. This subsidy may not be continued as a settled policy, but it will have to be continued till the schools have sufficient endowment to meet the demands or else many of our educational institutions will have to be abandoned. It is a fortunate thing that our people are beginning to realize that our schools must not be commercialized. Why should they expect us to commercialize our press? The answer to this question is that heretofore our people have not classed the church paper with the educational institutions of the church. We will all get right on this subject when we awake to the fact that the church paper is vitally related to both our educational and missionary work.

One of our Northern religious exchanges, in a recent issue, has the following on the subject:

"Religious journalism has been passing through its Gethsemane, and in every denomination, as I meet and converse with some of the recognized leaders, Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Protestant Episcopal, they do not hesitate to speak of the difficulties of the editor and the publisher, in these days of increasing costs and ofttimes decreasing receipts. If the Rockefeller Foundation feels justified—as it certainly does—in augmenting the endowment of colleges and universities of all denominations, why should it not consider the wisdom of setting apart from its princely principal, equally generous amounts for the endowment of some of our great religious weeklies which cannot look to any church funds to supply deficits or to supplement salaries in such trying times as these? Cannot some Methodist layman be found who will endow the editorial chair?

GLENWOOD CHURCH OPENED

Last Sunday was a great day for our people in Glenwood, one of the suburbs of Greensboro. Several months ago the congregation at Zion, just outside of the city to the Southwest, decided to close out their Church and join hands with the people in Glenwood in building a Church which it was believed would better accommodate the community at large. Accordingly early in the spring plans were adopted and a beautiful Church has been erected on a commanding site near the terminus of the car line.

The building is a substantial brick veneer structure with ample auditorium and some six or eight class rooms. When complete this house of worship will be one of the most attractive in the city as well as one of the most comfortable and substantial. It is estimated to cost about $12,000.

The fourth quarterly meeting for the Greensboro charge, of which this Church is a part, and of which Rev. J. E. Woosley is the pastor, was held in this Church on Saturday. There was a large attendance and fine reports were made by all the Churches. On Sunday at 3 o'clock Rev. J. H. Barnhardt preached the opening sermon, which was a key-note utterance for the occasion. Text John 3:3. The congregation filled the auditorium and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was a fitting close to the service. At night the house was packed and Rev. T. J. Rogers, of the West Greensboro charge, was the preacher. The pastor is continuing the service this week with Brother Rogers assisting.

The Sunday school superintendent reported an incease of 49 pupils the first day in the new Church. Evidently there is a greatly enlarged field of usefulness for this congregation. Among the heroes who have stood by this organization from the beginning some twenty-five years ago we

should mention Mr. J. W. Zink, who has been the faithful superintendent from the beginning.

This makes the seventh Methodist Church now open in Greensboro and suburbs and two others are in anticipation, the lot having already been purchased for one on North Elm Street. At the approaching Annual Conference Glenwood and Bethel will be set off as a new pastoral charge. Greensboro Methodism is growing with the growth of the city.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY FUND AGAIN

In our editorial note last week under the title, "Which is Correct?", we had in mind only the North Carolina Conference where the question dealt with had arisen. Even in that we did not undertake to decide the question, but merely to set ourself straight in the matter of a former note. It seems, however, that the matter is being handled differently in the two Conferences, as such matters are liable to be at any time. It is true that the Discipline seems to give specific instructions concerning the fund collected on Sunday School Day, and then it gives instructions also concerning all assessments, and there seems to be some want of harmony between the two, or else somebody is wrongly interpreting the Discipline. Either one is an easy possibility; and, as we said before, we turn that matter over to the proper authority for interpretation. To prevent, if possible, any further confusion for the present at least, we append below a letter just received from Rev. W. A. Lambeth, Chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference Sunday School Board:

"High Point, N. C., September, 13, 1919

The Rev. L. S. Massey,

Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Brother Massey:

I hope that your article in last week's Advocate, under "Note and Comment," will be immediately corrected in the next issue, lest it may confuse the minds of the brethren and work havoc with the revenue of our Board of maintaining needy Sunday schools .

On page 57 of the Journal of our last Annual Conference, you will read that the Conference assessed for all benevolences, connectional and conference, $155,310.00. The Conference Sunday school interests are to have an amount to only .0244 per cent of the amount collected. Of the amount named above, $80,000.00 is to be used for Conference purposes. Figuring on only the Conference assessment, the Sunday school interests are to have only .0475 per cent of the amount collected. The Sunday School Board is using this money, as it is being paid in, in paying the salary of our Field Secretary, Mr. O. V. Woosley, and in paying for the institute work, general field work, and traveling expense of his department. This budget assessment on each charge should, of course, be sent to Mr. Chas. W. Brown, Treasurer of the Conference, Asheville, N. C.

However, the Sunday School Day (formerly called Children's Day) collection is an entirely distinct and separate fund. This collection is ordered by the Discipline in Paragraph 321. This fund goes toward the work of the General Sunday School Board and toward the support of needy Sunday schools within the bounds of our own Conference. Each Sunday school should send the collection, probably already taken this year, immediately to Mr. G. F. Ivey, Treasurer Sunday School Board, Hickory, N. C.

Most cordially yours,

W. A. Lambeth, Chairman Sunday School Board."

SPECIALS—NOT DESIGNED FOR NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

The impression seems to have been made in some quarters that the efforts being made to get Centenary Specials was designed to get new subscriptions to this fund. Such is not the purpose of the Specials Bureau. The following telegram from Rev. S. A. Neblett, under date of September 12, is important in this connection: "Please state in your next issue that the object of the Centenary campaign for specials is not additional subscriptions, but is designed to give congregations, Sunday schools, and individuals an opportunity to direct the money pledged in the eight day drive toward specific objects mentioned in the Centenary askings." Our readers will please bear this fact in mind. To take a special in this campaign is not to make a new subscription, but to give special direction to the one you have already made.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

We are now completing the work of sending notices to all subscribers who are past due for renewal. Will it be too much to ask that each one give this immediate attention? The old method of waiting till Conference is too slow, besides, it is less convenient every way than to deal directly by mail with the office of publication. If we do not hear promptly many will have to be stricken from the list. Suppose you attend to this right now before you forget.

ANOTHER GENEROUS BEQUEST

As announced in our news columns, by the will of the late Mr. B. D. Heath, of Charlotte, the Board of Trustees of the Western North Carolina Conference, becomes the custodian of a fund of $43,000, the interest of which will go to augment the income of the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of deceased preachers, in said Conference. We are sure the announcement of this will bring a thrill of joy, not only to those dependent ones, but also to the hearts of the many in our Church who are deeply concerned for the better care of these claimants.

We trust this example of Mr. Heath will prove to be suggestive and that others who have large estates will follow his example. Methodism in North Carolina is amply able to make all retired ministers of their denomination entirely comfortable.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Dry Enforcement Code has been passed by the Senate practically as it was reported out by the Judiciary Committee. It is said to be almost identical with the House code, though some restrictions of the latter were eliminated by the Senate. This throws the matter into conference between the two houses where it is now up for consideration with the prospect of an early agreement. The House definition of intoxicating liquor, fixing the alcoholic limit at one-half of one per cent, is retained. This was important particularly in connection with the brewing interests.

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The Sunday Schools are taking an important part in the work of the Centenary. In fact for some years they have been making a worth-while contribution to the missionary cause, and it was but natural that when the whole Church was moving forward as never before in this work they should be found bearing their part in the advance movement. In this connection, however, we desire to call attention to a note in another column from Rev. J. L. Neill, Superintendent Department of Missionary Education of the General Sunday School Board. In a private note from him we learn that in some instances this money is being applied on the Conference collections. You will notice that he advises that this money should be sent to General Centenary Treasurer, Box 38 Nashville, Tenn.

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The opening of Trinity College on Wednesday morning, September 17th, is an event of importance to the whole State and especially to the Methodist people of the State. Probably more homes than ever before will be represented in the student body that will gather there and in Trinity Park School on its campus. Reports that reach this office indicate this much. We are glad of this out look for this great Christian institution that has back of it a heroic history of high endeavor in the field of Christian education. But this is not so much a time for glorification over the past as it is for earnest endeavor to meet the responsibilities of the future. Institutions and men need a forward look today—have always needed the vision of the seer. This responsibility rests most heavily, of course, upon the men who are directly engaged in the work at the college. We believe they recognize this fact and are earnestly striving to meet this responsibility. We believe the time has come when institutions of the Church should put a new emphasis upon the moral and religious character of those who teach in them. Think of a godless man or frivolous, worldly minded woman teaching in a Christian institution! It ought not to be. We must have the intellectual equipment, but even more important than that is the religious equipment for this work that needs to be as religiously done as the work of the pulpit. We trust that Trinity College and Trinity Park School, as well as the other Christian institutions of our country, are entering upon a year of very great usefulness in this important field of endeavor.

Rioting in Boston has taken on a different phase from that which has occurred elsewhere, and one that is, if possible, more serious than the disturbances in Washington and Chicago. In Boston the men who were set in places of authority, men whose sworn duty it was to enforce the law, went on strike and the lawless element turned loose upon an unprotected community. This was not a conflict between races and the "Jim Crow" law could not be responsible for it. Dr. Warren, the famous ex-president of Boston University, will have to find another reason for this one. Then Boston has flattered itself with being the intellectual centre of the universe. Surely this rioting is not a crime of ignorance. The old theory that education is a universal panacea for all the ills of human society is rather discredited here. Men have been shot down—how many we do not know—for no crime and apparently from no personal ill will. It was an outburst of criminal lawlessness in Boston. Volunteers were called for to keep order, the militia was called out, and temporarily, at least, the lawless element is held in restraint again. This breaking out of rioting at most unexpected places shows how deep seated and serious the unrest is in the world today. It started apparently against autocratic authority. That revolt has been fostered in many ways, and now there is a marked tendency to disregard all authority however constituted. The pendulum is swinging beyond the point to which the better elements of society desire it to go. We have been dealing with the matter largely from the standpoint of making concessions to the dissatisfied element, and to a certain degree this is wise; but the point is reached where the anarchistic element will have to be put under the restraint of force. Human society has not yet reached, if it ever will reach, the point where force is no longer necessary for the protection of society.

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The Industrial Situation, while it is being cleared of some kinks, is still very far from being restored to normal. There is cause, however, for gratification at the progress that has been made in the settlement of labor disputes in North Carolina. More or less serious disagreements between employers and the employed have developed in Charlotte, Badin, High Point, and perhaps other places in this State. In the settlement of these disputes Gov. T. W. Bickett has taken a commendable part. He has fallen upon a principle of settlement that seems likely to bear his name, and which to us appears wholly reasonable. He accords to labor the right to organize if it so desires. We do not see how this principle can be successfully disputed. Before a man can properly be penalized for joining an organization (and to refuse him employment on that ground is in effect to penalize him), it should at least be shown that such organization is inimical to the general good. While labor unions may be regarded in that light by individuals, and while it seems to us that such organizations will inevitably have to be put under some sort of government control unless a decided change in spirit comes over them, the principle of organized labor has not yet been proved to be an evil. Until such is done, it seems to us that Gov. Bickett's contention that a laboring man has the right to join in a union if he so desires is wholly reasonable. On the other hand, it is certainly true that a laboring man has the right to decline to join a union without being hindered in his work. The union man has no right to heap contempt upon a non-union man, to hold him up to redicule, or in any other way interfere with his accepting employment for the support of himself and family. It seems to us that the recognition of these principles is a distinct step forward in the present situation. That they will prove a permanent solution of the problems involved between the employers and the employed we doubt, but it is good for the present emergency. It has put the wheels of industry in North Carolina turning again.

CONTRIBUTIONS

A NEW SYSTEM OF TRAINING SCHOOLS

By John W. Shackford, Superintendent of the Department of Teacher-Training

One of the most promising movements in the Church in behalf of the training of our lay workers and the advancement of thoroughgoing religious education is the new series of Standard Training Schools which have come into prominence during the last year. Standard Training Schools are high-grade schools for Sunday school leaders and teachers conducted by the annual conference boards and city or district boards under a plan of general supervision by the Department of Teacher Training. They are schools in which the General Sunday School Board renders more or less assistance, both in planning the schools and in supplying some of the instructors to do the work. They are called "Standard Training Schools" because they measure up to the requirements of the General Sunday School Board for schools of this class in the character of their courses of study, instructors, conditions of work, organization, administration, etc., and because on the ground of this standardization they issue the credits of the Department of Teacher Training.

Standard Training Schools are offering the same courses of study that are given in the two summer schools of the General Sunday School Board, the one at Lake Junaluska, and the other at Southern Methodist University, these schools of the General Board being demonstration schools in which certain ideals and principels are worked out for the Conference Board Schools, the latter being coordinated with the former in a general system of training schools for the Church.

Through this system of schools in which the Conference Sunday School Boards and the General Sunday School Board co-operate there seems to be promise of carrying this new and more thorough-going form of training work into all our conferences and into all the great centers of our Sunday school membership. A unique thing about these schools is that they are based upon a plan of enlistment of the most gifted university and college professors and expert teachers in the Church. The plan is to put one such school at the center of each annual conference, and one in each of our great cities, and to use in these schools our foremost college professors and other teachers who are especially equipped to teach the various subjects required.

Among the well-known instructors who have assisted in these schools during the last six months are the following: Dr. Andrew Sledd. Dr. H H. Harris and Dr. W. A. Smart, of Emory University; Dr. P. B. Kern and Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, of Southern Methodist University; Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Dr. John A. Rice, President William R. Bourne of Central College, Louisiana; Prof. H. E. Spence, of the Department of Religious Education, Trinity College; Rev. J. C. Robertson, Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Clay E. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Miss M. Anne Moore, of Texas State Normal College, at Denton, and a number of other well known teachers and specialists on religious education in addition to the regularly employed officers of Conference and General Sunday School Boards.

During the first six months of the year Standard Training Schools were held in Knoxville Tenn., Lynchburg, Va., Little Rock, Ark., Durham, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Jackson, Tenn, Lander College, S. C., Bamberg, S. C., Myrtle Beach, S. C., Ovoca, Tenn. and Fort O'Connor, Texas, and Richmond, Va. There are requests now on the desk of the Superintendent of Teacher Training for assistance in more than thirty schools during the coming Sunday school year. Every conference in the connection in which the Sunday school work is well organized is planning for one or for several Standard Training Schools and the effort will be made to keep all these schools up to highest grade of thoroughgoing work, and to supply them with the strongest and best equipped teachers of Bible and religious education in the Church.

At the heart of this system of schools, as their inspiration and model, and as the means through which leaders for these schools are to be developed, there will stand the Summer School at Lake Junaluska and the like school of the West at Southern Methodist University. These schools have already taken rank among the foremost of their kind on the Continent and each year our instructors for these schools will be selected from the best known and the best equipped teachers in America, so that the leaders who are to carry forward regular work in our conferences and in the great centers of the Church may in these Summer Schools of the General Board come into contact with the most vital and representative leaders in religious education of their time.

During the first seven months of this year more than eleven hundred persons completed credit courses in these schools and have gone out, both to continue their studies, and to carry the gospel of an enlarged Sunday school vision and of efficient Sunday school service to the Church. Those who have some acquaintance with what has been done in these training schools since the beginning of the year are not only deeply gratified with what has been accomplished, but see in the first fruits the promise of better things and a demonstration of a very practical means throug hwhich we are still further to solve what has been one of the most perplexing problems in the work of the Church in the training of our lay religious workers.

PROGRAM FOR A CHURCH-WIDE REVIVAL

The Joint Committe on Evangelism announces its program for Church-wide Revival. The Joint Committee on Evangelism met in Junaluska August 26, and adopted the following plan for a Church-wide revival campaign. The committee is the composite committee made up of representatives from the Committee on Evangelism, the Centenary commission and three others. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, J. W. Perry, H. K. Boyer, J. J. Stowe, E. B. Chappell, W. B. Beauchamp, C. G. Hounshell, H. A. Boaz, J. L. Neill, W. E. Brock, W. R. Stockholm, Mrs. Kirkwood, W. G. Cram and O. E. Goddard.

Bishop Darlington, president; C. G. Hounshell, vice-president; O. E. Goddard, secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of the above mentioned officers and W. G. Cram and W. E. Brock.

Standard Plan for Evangelistic Campaign

STATEMENT

The Centenary proppaganda has produced a revival. It is clearly the duty of the Centenary Commission to conserve its own product. The Centenary Commission has no disposition to usurp the work delegated to the Committee on Evangelism created by the General Conference. Hence, after a thoruogh conference, the Committee on Evangelism and the Centenary Commission agreed to combine and promote a Church-wide Revival.

Organization

The following is the plan of organization:

Joint Committee

The Joint Committe on Evangelism shall be composed of three members from the Committee on Evangelism, three members from the Centenary Commission and three members who are members of both committees, and three others who have no membership in either, the Associate Director of the Missionary Centenary, and the secretaries of the Department of Home Missions. This Joint Committee shall carry out the policy of the Centenary Commission and the Board of Missions for a Church-Wide Revival.

Annual Conference Committee on Evangelism

The Annual Conference Committee on Evangelism shall be composed of the Annual Conference Cabinet, the Committee on Evangelism and the Chairman of the Annual Conference Centenary Commission.

It shall be the duty of this committee (1) to promote evangelism within the bounds of the Conference; (2) to nominate to the Joint Committee one of their number for the Evangelistic Campaign Director of that conference.

District Committee on Evangelism

The District Committee on Evangelism shall be composed of the District Cabinet, District secretary of the Epworth League, the District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, and one pastor elected by the other members.

It shall be the duty of this committee (1) to promote evangelism within the bounds of the District; (2) to nominate some one as District Evangelistic Director to the Conference Evangelistic Director.

Committee on Evangelism in the Local Church

The Local Church Evangelistic Committee shall be composed of the Local Church Cabinet, the Evangelistic Committee of the Local Church, and such others as these may desire to add.

The duties of this committee shall be (1) to promote evangelism within the local church; (2) to nominate a Church Evangelistic Director to the District Evangelistic Director; (3) to see that a survey of the Local Church is made according to the Standard Plan.

Plan

1. The Joint Evangelistic Committee shall assist pastors, presiding elders and evangelists in every way possible in promoting revivals throughout the connection during the summer, autumn and winter. The committee is creating a good supply of evangelistic literature in the way of leaflets, pamphlets and posters, which it will be glad to distribute throughout the church gratuitiously.

2. The Joint Committee is planning a great simultaneous campaign culminating on Easter Sunday. Prior to the time for this simultaneous campaign it is desired we shall have an accruate survey in every local church, to determine each Church's evangelistic responsibility.

In order that this survey may be accurately made, the Centenary has employed an expert who is now making a survey of one dozen typical churches in rural, city, suburban and mountain districts.

Based on the survey of these typical churches, a book will be prepared giving minute instructions as to how to put on a survey in the churches in each of these classes throughout the connection.

The Easter Campagin

Two weeks prior to Easter Sunday, or as near thereto as may be satisfactory to the Local Church, the revival campaign shall begin. Let there be public services in the churches every night. (See "Simultaneous Campaign for Rural Work," page 21.)

Survey

1. The local Church Evangelistic Committee shall make a survey of all its contiguous territory, according to the Standard Plan set forth in the standard book on surveys. This survey must be completed at least three weeks before Easter Sunday.

2. They will classify prospective members as follows:

(a) Placing the names of unidentified Methodists on blue cards.

(b) The unconverted who express a preference for the Methodist Church on brown cards.

(c) And those that have no church preference on white cards.

Local Church Organization

At least one week before the public services of this campaign begin, the Evangelistic Committee of the Local Church shall perfect an organization by which every prospective member shall be interviewed personally, as frequently as necessary, to secure definite decisions for Christ.

Teams

1. The local Church Director shall appoint one captain for each group of ten prospective members.

2. On Wednesday night, eighteen days before Easter, the team captains and local Campaign Director, with the pastor, shall meet and make up the teams for the several captains.

3. Each captain shall select from five to ten members from the Church roll to compose his team of personal workers.

4. The following night, or as near thereto as the teams can be assembled, the Director, pastor, captains, and their teams shall meet and divide the lists of prospective members among the teams as their judgment may dictate.

5. On the following night the pastor shall meet all the teams and instruct them how to do personal work.

6. On Sunday, March 21, immediately after the 11 o'clock service, the Evangelistic Committee,

Local Church Director, captains and teams, and the pastor, shall meet for conference and for luncheon, whenever practicable, preparatory to the visitation that afternoon.

7. The team captains are urged to confine themselves to visit the names on the blue cards the first Sunday afternoon and every day thereafter until the list shall have been properly worked.

8. On Sunday night, fifteen minutes before the public service, each captain will meet his team and hear reports. All names for Church membership and letters received that afternoon shall be handed to the pastor for announcement at the services that night.

9. At the close of the services on Sunday night, and on all subsequent nights during the campaign, there shall be a meeting of all the team captains and team members with the pastor and director for conference. Where necessary, at these conferences, there may be an exchange of names from one team member to another, also any other matter of vital importance may be considered.

10. After the blue cards shall have been exhausted, work shall begin simultaneously on the brown and white cards.

11. It is suggested that all the preaching the first week of the meeting be on the line of personal evangelism. The pastor shall give brief instructions to the teams in the afternoon conference each evening.

Reports

Each pastor will be furinshed with blanks on which to make reports to his presiding elder on the following items:

1. As to the survey, showing the liability of his church.

2. As to the campaign, showing the number interviewed and the number added to the Church from May, 1919, to May, 1920.

Simultaneous Revival Campaign for Rural Work

A vast majority of our Churches are in the rural districts. Our country Churches have been the base of supply whence have come our preachers and leadership among the laity. The Joint Evangelistic Centenary Commission is anxious that the revival campaign be put on in the most effective way possible on all circuits.

The Survey

This should begin on all of the circuits immediately after the preacher returns from the Annual Conference. Weather conditions will likely be more favorable during the autumn than in February or March. The pastor should organize his forces and make the survey in all his Churches according to the "Standard Plan," making such modifications only as are necessary for his particular field. This work should be completed before Christmas. The cards should be carefully filed, if possible, in a fire-proof vault for use next spring. The pastor in all his visitations during the fall and winter should be gathering data for the revival campaign.

The Simultaneous Campaign

There is great advantage in having the whole Church engaged in a revival campaign at the same time. It is quite as important that the circuits join in this campaign as the stations. The "Standard Plan" can be substantially carried out on the circuit.

The circuit pastor should begin his revival campaign as many weeks before Easter as will be needed to complete the work on Easter Sunday. By beginning several weeks in advance of Easter he can probably secure the services of some station preachers. The "Standard Plan" set forth in the previous paragraph, should be followed as far as is practicable. The Centenary Commission is expecting great results from the campaign in the rural districts.

Church School Evangelistic Campaign

STATMENT

1. The Conservation Program includes the plan for a Church-wide revival of religion.

2. The Church school or college is the stratgeic center of the denomination. No adequate plans for the revival can leave out the college.

3. We are seeking to reach the college life in this campaign and are earnestly seeking the cooperation of the college authorities that this may be done in the most effective way.

Plans

1. Rev. R. S. Stewart is the secretary for the Joint Committee on Evangelism for Church schools.

2. The Life Service Department will co-operate with the Evangelistic program in the colleges, and every Evangelistic Campaign will include a presentation of and enlistment for life service.

3. The services of some of the best qualified men and women in the Church are being obtained to carry this message to the colleges.

4. The organization in the college for the Evangelistic Campaign shall be a Cabinet composed of the College President, one member of the faculty, the president of the Christian Associations and two other representative students.

In case of co-educational institutions, the president of the Y. W. C. A. shall be added to this cabinet.

5. All correspdonce shall be with this cabinet through the director of the Evangelistic Campaign, whom the cabinet shall elect. The School Cabinet shall plan, with the assigned Evangelistic Leader, all matters that concern the program of this Evangelistic Campaign. The cabinet also shall elect a chairman of Minute Men. The Minute Men will be furnished with a definite outline of speeches.

U. V. W. Darlington, President.
O. E. Goddard, Secretary.

THE CONSERVATION PROGRAM OF THE CENTENARY

By W. B. Beauchamp, Director General

The program of the Centenary Movement has three periods quite definitely outlined: first, the time of preparation for the financial drive; second, the period of the intensive drive; and, third, the follow-up of the Conservation Program.

We have passed the first two periods of the Centenary Movement. We are now distinctly entering upon the Conservation Program. This conception involves not only the most efficient method of securing payment of the pledges made during the intensive drive or the collection of the millions of dollars that have been subscribed by the membership of the Church, but it involves also the conservation and enlargement of those cultural principles which brought Methodism to see the need of this vastly increased financial income for the missionary enterprise.

Careful Planning Needed

The Conservation year demands the same careful planning, the most definite organization, the most complete team work, and the same passionate interest in the Kingdom of God as was found needful in the two preceding periods. To make parmanent in the most remarkable movement in the history of Methodism, to learn how to use efficiently the forces and men developed in this world-wide program demands even larger development of spiritual resources and the wisest leadership of men, and, at last, can only be done by the guidance of God who has vouchsafed us in a wonderful way His presence and leadership in all the Centenary plans.

Collection of the Pledges

The result of the Eight Day Drive in our Church was an astounding success financially. Encouraged by this result, we enter upon the collection period of these pledges with this slogan, "No Shrinkage, but an Increase."

We are sending to all treasurers of the Centenary fund, to pastors and others inv lved in the program of collections, a "Stndard Plan" which, if carefully followed, will make real the slogan which has been adopted for these collections. We are certain that the "Standard Plan" will bring as good results in the matter of collections as the Standard Plan for the Eight Day Drive brought in the pledges. We, therefore, urge the cabinets, conferences, district and local Church, to follow in letter as well as in spirit the program of the "Standard Plan for Collection of Pledges." We realize at the same time that no mechanical plan for collections is adequate for the largest results, for at least we are dependent upon the same spirit in preachers and people which brought to such a glorious success in the Centenary up to this time. We, therefore, for this year have wrought out a "Standard Plan" for Conservation covering all departments for developing and enlarging the Centenary ideal.

Spiritual Resources and Intercession

In the Conservation Program, therefore, first of all we are emphasizing Intercession, a pledge of a still greater number of Methodists who will definitely and daily give themselves to Intercession to God. Throughout the Centenary Movement the realization came to us that the things accomplished could not have been done except many were bearing this program to the throne of grace and guidance. Underneath every department of the Conservation Program and fundamental to every plan now, as from the begninng, our motto is "First Of All, Pray."

Stewardship and Tithing

The pledge and comprehensive declaration of Christian Stewardship by thousands of speakers, preachers and laymen, during the two pervious periods of the Centenary drive has been the greatest single lifting force in all the Centenary program. The realization of responsibility of stewardship to God of time and property and life has come to Methodism in a remarkable degree and yet we know that we are only at the beginning of the application of this great fundamental truth in the life of the individual member and Church. The purpose, therefore, of the Centenary leaders is to proclaim with even an increased faith this doctrine of Christian Stewardship in all its relation to life. We definitely stress tithing as the minimum financial expression of stewardship of property. We do not believe it is the measure of responsibility but that it is both a rational and scriptual rule for giving. In the Conservation program, therefore, for this year Christian Stewardship will hold a central place.

Life Service

The survey of the world field, at home and abroad, revealed more impressively and definitely the need for a vastly increased number of men and women who would give themselves to the Kingdom of God for life service. The enlarged program of the missionary enterprise as we face the world's need today cannot be met except with an increased number of men and women who will heed the call of God in this hour in even greater proportion than the increased giving of the Church in this hour. We must, therefore, in the Conservation Program give forth the call for life service. We must also bring to the Churches the call for enlistment of the membership of the Church for a definite tithing of time for service in the Kingdom of God. More fundamental than money is the need of men who, in the spirit of Christ, shall go forth with the message of life to the ends of the earth.

Church-Wide Evangelistic Program

The Centenary Program has brought to the Church a great revival spirit. Many men and women have been brought into the Kingdom of God in the ongoing of the Centenary Program. The Movement has so quickened the life of the Church, has so awakened the membership, has so called into service multitudes of men and women who have been idle in the Kingdom before that on every hand there is a faith and feeling that we are on the edge of a still greater revival and that, at the very heart of the Centenary Conservation Program of this year, there must be a Church-wide Evangelistic program. We must call into action definitely every agency in our Church for this supreme objective this year—the pastor, the presiding elder, the layman and the evangelist. For this task Methodism should be prepared with the keynote of the life of the Church from the beginning which has been a burning passion for the the redemption of the world.

Other Items in the Program

The plans of the Conservation Program contemplate utilizing the agencies which have been most effective in bringing this thing to the surprising success to date.

Every legitimate method of publicity, secular press and Church press, speech, stereopticon, pamphlet, literature of all sorts, must play their part just as effectively in this financial follow-up program.

The Minute Man

Standing out in a prominent way for carrying the message of the Conservation to the last Church of Methodism is the well developed Minute Man plan by which thousands and thousands of speeches were made in country Church and city Church and to groups of people from one end of the nation to the other. The re-discovery of the layman is a great factor and force in the Church program, is one phase of a revival of the highest order. The purpose, therefore, of the Centenary Movement in this Conservation Program is to use and enlarge every force and factor which has made for so complete success in the whole Centenary Movement.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Young preachers desiring books at half price will please address P. O. Box 26, Whiteville, N. C.

—We are requested by Rev. W. F. Galloway to state that his postoffice address is now Burlington, N. C.

—Revs. R. M. Courtney and R. G. Tuttle, of Thomasville, were in the city on Monday and called at the Advocate office.

—Rev. W. M. Smith closed a fine revival meeting at Franklinville last week. He was assisted in the meeting by Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Leaksville.

—Rev. R. M. Hoyle, pastor of our church in Newton, has on a special revival campaign this week. Rev. Neil C. Williams, pastor of the Shelby circuit, is doing the preaching.

—Mr. C. H. Deal, recently one of our missionaries to Korea, now of Spartanburg, S. C., spoke to the congregation at Centenary Church, this city, on Sunday evening.

—The people of West Market Street Church , this city. were delighted with the sermon of Rev. Geo. F. Smith, of Louisburg, who dropped in for the evening on his return from Davidson County.

—A good meeting was closed at Carraway Memorial church on Wednesday night of last week. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Gibbs, was assisted part of the time by the presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt. Fifteen or more persons were received on profession of faith.

—Dr. C. O. Fisher, son of Rev. G. W Fisher, of Zebulon circuit, has recently been on a visit to his home people at that place. Dr. Fisher is now a member of the faculty of Clarke University, Worcester, Mass., in the department of economics and political science.

—Rev. James Willson, one of the honored superannuates of the Western North Carolina Conference, was a visitor at the Advocate office on Monday. He was returning from a visit to relatives at Cameron, N. C. We were glad to see im in good health and so exceedingly cheerful in spirit.

—We were delighted to have a visit on Wednesday morning of last week by Rev. George F. Smith, pastor of our church in Louisburg. Brother Smith was on his way to visit in his old home community near Southmont. Davidson county. He had an engagement to preach in a memorial service at Macedonia on Sunday morning.

—Greensboro College for Women opened the fall session on Wednesday of last week with all available dormitory space full. The faculty is all in place and school exercises are moving along with the utmost satisfaction. The galleries at West Market Street Church on Sunday were radiant with the smiling faces of the new students.

—Rev. T. J. Rogers, pastor of the West Greensboro charge, assisted by Revs. J. P. Lanning and J. H. Barnhardt, will begin a series of services at Pomona Mills this (Thursday) evening. This is a large suburb of the city of Greensboro in which the Methodist church has failed so far to establish regular services.

—Rev. C. F. Sherrill, pastor of the Pleasant Garden circuit, was greatly surprised and delighted on the first Sunday in September when the officials of Liberty church handed him a check for the balance due by that church on assessments for the pastor and the Conference collections for the year. This is an unusual experience for a pastor so many weeks in advance of the Annual Conference.

—The Woman's Missionary Society of Holts Chapel, Greensboro circuit, did the handsome thing on Thursday, September 4th. when they gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. W. W. Whittington in honor of Mrs. J. E. Woosley, wife of their pastor, Rev. J. E. Woosley. There were a great many valuable presents which are duly appreciated by Mrs Woosley. The whole affair was but a fitting recognition of Mrs. Woosley's faithful work for the past four years.

—Rev. J. T. Jerome, the Sunday School Field Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, was a much appreciated visitor at the Advocate office on Wednesday of last week. Brother Jerome makes his appearance in the Sunday School Survey for the first time this week and our readers will be hearing from him from time to time. He and Brother Woosley are both young, vigorous and sprightly. and will make a good working team for our Sunday schools.

—Rev. D. M. Litaker, pastor of our Church in Lincolnton, writing under date of September 15, says: "We laid the first brick of our proposed new Cuurch this morning at 8:15. Quite a number of people of all denominations gathered at the lot for the brief ceremony. After the first and second bricks were laid by the oldest and youngest members present, each one of the company laid a brick. There is every reason to believe that the building will reach completion by May of next year. The material is on the ground. The estimate is $50,000. It will be a fine Church, modern and well arranged."

NOTICE

The St. Pauls Methodist church at Tabor, N. C., will be dedicated on the second Sunday in October, by Rev. J. H. Shore. All former pastors and presiding elders are cordially invited to attend this dedication.

F. A. Lupton, Pastor.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT BLANKS

On account of the new financial plan which goes into effect this year, all pastors will have to get new blanks on which to make their reports to the Annual Conference. I have sent to each presiding elder in the North Carolina Conference a sufficient number of these blanks for the preachers in his district. The presiding elders will put them in the hands of the preachers, collecting 15 cents a piece for the same.

R. H. Willis, Secretary.

BISHOP DARLINGTON IN NORTH CAROLINA

The following appointments for Bishop U .V. W. Darlington in North Carolina are clipped from the Southern Christian Advocate:

Maxton; N. C., September 24, p. m.

Elizabeth City, N. C., September 26.

Rosemary, N. C., September 28.

Raleigh, N. C., September 29.

Meeting of the Presiding Elders of the Western North Carolina Conference, Salisbury, N. C., October 1.

Lenoir, N. C., October 5.

MISS HOUSER TO TAKE UP MISSIONARY WORK

The Methodist Missionary Society met at the residence of Mrs. D. M. Litaker Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. R. J. Sifford, the president, presided. Miss Marie Houser, of this city, was the guest of honor. Miss Houser will leave next week for college to prepare herself for the foreign mission fields. For this occasion the members of the Missionary and Philathea class had planned a delightful shower for Miss Houser. Mrs. Litaker invited the guests to the dining room where delicious cream and cake were served. After the guests returned to the living room they found a miniature aeroplane, from which Master Roy Litaker, handsome little son of the hostess, proceeded to unload the dainty packages and shower Miss Houser. The packages contained many pretty and useful articles dear to a young lady's heart. Miss Houser thanked the ladies in her usual graceful manner.

Miss Houser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Houser, of this city.—Lincolnton News.

BEQUEST TO CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Western North Carolina Conference are in receipt of a paragraph in the Will of Mr. B. D. Heath, deceased, of Charlotte, in which he makes bequests to the Trustees to the amount of forty-three thousand dollars.

Acceptance of same, with pledge by the Trustees to comply with the conditions attached to the bequests, has been mailed to the executors, with the thanks of the Poard for this generous gift. The interest only is to be used and the gift will be an enduring monument to the memory of the donor

J. E. Gay, Secretary and Treasurer
Board of Trustees
Madison, N. C.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OPENING

Jefferson School began its seventh session Tuesday, Sept. 2, with by far the largest number of students we have ever had at the opening of the fall term. The dormitories are filled to the utmost capacity and it is with difficulty that we are arranging to accommodate students who are still coming in. The prospects for the school are the brightest they have ever been. The faculty of six well trained and experienced teachers has entered upon the year's work with enthusiasm and earnestness.

We will enter next week with our pastor, Rev. T. J. Houck, into a series of meetings. Pray for us that the revival spirit may sweep through the entire school, causing this body of young men and women to enter as a unit upon a life of consecrated service that will count for Christ-like citizenship in this entire country.

W. L. Scott.

REV. J. C. BROWN

We the people of Cottonville circuit. wish to express publicly our appreciation of the loyal service of Rev. J. C. Brown during his work with us in the last four years.

He has been a tireless worker, a sympathetic pastor and efficient preacher, feeding his people on the sincere milk of the word.

He has built up the work on the circuit generally and the following items show: The Advocate had five subscribers when he came on the work. It now has thirty-four. He has received sixty-eight into the church. He has also made many material improvements, has painted Cottonville church, also inside of Cedar Grove church, bought a stove for the parsonage, covered parsonage barn, and bought bell for Rehobeth church.

Any circuit will be fortunate in getting Rev. Mr. Brown. We regret to lose him but know that our loss will be the gain of any community to which he goes.

Respectfully,
S. Mc. Alexander.

WANTED—A MAN AND $25,000

Weaver Hall, at Rutherford College, is already full. Rutherford needs a twin dormintory to Weaver Hall. We want a man wih sufficient means, heart and vision to say, "I will give $25,000 to build this dormintory." The man building it is to name it. With $25,000 you can erect a $35,000 or $40,000 building at Rutherford; help the school that has forty ministerial students—probably nearly fifty for the year now beginning—that helps other boys of limited means, that best of all puts religion first; and builds a lasting memorial doing good on and on, named for you or the one you most wish to honor. Who will respond first?

J. R. Walker.
Rutherford College.

REVIVAL AT BATTLEBORO

On last Thursday evening one of the most gracious revival meetings ever held in the Church at Battleboro came to a close.

Brother W. A. Cade did the preaching, which was of a very high order. It seemed that every message pulsated with the Holy Spirit.

As a result of the meeting some forty decided to live the Christian life, twenty joined the Church, nineteen on profession of faith and one by letter, and the town and surrounding community were in a moral and spiritual way, helped.

W. G. Lowe.

PRINCETON CIRCUIT

An eight day revival meeting of more than the usual spiritual interest was closed at Zion last Sunday. September 7, with four new members, three by baptism and one by letter, Zion is one of the oldest of the Churches of this community and has a worthy history. It formerly occupied a place in a community center one and a half miles from Micro, but conditions changed and made necessary its removal to the village, and in this new relation the old Church is taking on new life and gives promise of future life and usefulness.

Another point of interest in this changing and moving of the old Church is, that about five miles in the opposite direction from where the old Church stood, a few of the Zion members have organized a new Church where we now have a nice modern building with four Sunday school rooms besides the auditorium. Here we have a membership of about twenty and a working Sunday school numbering more than three times that many. This Church provides for the country side of the Zion Church territory as it was before being removed to Micro. The old Church grounds, with the place where rests their loved ones of sacred memory so near by, was and is still very dear to the hearts of many of our people, but when the life, the expansion and growth of the Church made it ncessary, they. true to the spirit of our great Methodism, made the sacrifice, and the spirit of harmony now prevaling is beautiful and we are sure is pleasing to Him who made the great sacrifice for us that we might have life now and in eternity. J. G. Johnson.

Princeton, N. C.

GREAT REVIVAL IN WADESBORO

For the past four weeks Wadesboro has experienced the greatest revival in its history. Evangelist B. F. McLendon and his party came to us August 10, and closed out September 10. It is impossible to tabulate the numerical results as the people came in ever increasing numbers for fifty miles in every direction. The crowds were larger the last night than ever. I believe that the night services averaged 5,000 attendants. The large tent seating 3,000 was always packed and as far as the vacant ground extended was a mass of humanity. Probably as many as 3,000 people were converted or reclaimed, the latter largely predominating.

"Mack" is simply a modern wonder. He is medium in height, weighs 190 pounds, 38 years old, has a heavy, black mustache, a big shock of black hair standing out in every way, and an eye like an eagle's that can express ad libitum the whole gamut of human emotion. His wit is abundant and enjoyable, his pathos soul touching and heart melting. His vocabulary is multicopious, especially in denouncing "the sin business," or "bragging on Jesus," He is highly dramatic at times and his description of God prizing him up out of a life of deepest sin can ever be forgotten.

He is entirely surrendered to God and possesses the enduement of the Spirit according to Moody, Finney et al. Withal, he is unselfish to a fault. His benefactions exceed $100 a day, mostly bestowed in unusual channels

with no desire that the world ever hear of it. He believes that he is God's steward of all he is and has. He is the strongest exponent of tithing the writer has ever known, but he gives more than half he receives.

Wadesboro gave him a personal purse above expenses of $4178.00. He and party opened up a union meeting at Kinston the 21st inst.

God bless you, Mack, you left no sting behind you. You know how to preach on hell without consigning us to its flames. Every one loves you. You are, indeed, a God-called voice crying in this modern wilderness of covetous, worldly, sexual insanity. May your abilities be multiplied and may your life be spared for an ever enlarging apostleship.

E. R. Welch.

TABLE ROCK CHARGE

Have just closed a six weeks revival campaign, with about 200 conversions or reclamations; 60 joined the Methodist church, 10 the Baptist and one the Presbyterian; 30 or 40 family altars erected and four prayer meetings established; old feuds settled and a general toning up of the spiritual life of the church.

At Obeth Rev. and Mrs. Hise did most of the preaching. They are consecrated to the work and God is greatly using them in saving souls. At the other five churches Rev. C. C. Totherow did the preaching. He is a local preacher-evangelist of our Church. He is a great good man of God, wholly consecrated to the work of an evangelist. He preaches the word with power and in demonstration of the Spirit.

Perhaps his most effective work is with the children. He can entertain interest and instruct them all at the same time. He preaches through them to the parents and grown-up people. Those that know me best know that I have never been over enthusiastic about evangelists, always preferring a brother pastor to assist in my meetings. Most of the evangelists I have known have been of the stand-up, shake-hand, sign-card type but Totherow holds to the old Methodist altar, believes in deep and pungent conviction for sin, a godly sorrow for sin with a turning away from sin and a Saviour that can save from all sin. A regeneration by the Holy Ghost and a sanctification of the believer. A blood that can cleanse from all sin.

I was fortunate in securing his services for the whole of the month of August. He has more demands than he can possibly fill. All his time is taken up until Conference. His last engagement is with Brother Sherill, at Summerfield. He is now at Granite Quarry and he goes from there to Race Street, Statesville, to assist J. W. Williams. The prayers of all our people follow him.

J. B. Tabor.

PARKTON CIRCUIT

This has been a great year in the history of the Parkton circuit. Our third quarterly conference was held some time ago by our efficient presiding elder, J. D. Bundy, who preached three very inspiring and helpful sermons for us. The records show that there has been some progressive steps made along material and spiritual lines. The liberality of our people has been seen in the repairing and furnishing of churches, looking after assessments, and generous subscriptions and payments on the Centenary Fund.

We feel that the spiritual progress is the outstanding feature of our work. W have five churches and in all these there has been held a very successful revival resulting in great good to the church and the ingathering of a great number of souls. Brother R. F. Munns, of Roseboro, helped us three days in a meeting and did some fine preaching for us. His sermons are inspiring and very helpful.

Brother J. A. Groves, of Rowland, did most of the preaching for us at Marvin and his work was very acceptable and resulted in great good.

Our church here joined with the other churches of the town in a union meeting conducted by evangelist John W. Ham, of Atlanta, Ga., and W. Furman Betts, of Raleigh, as chorus director. The meeting was far-reaching in effect and is said by many to have been the greatest meeting in the history of Parkton. The singing was very fine and was greatly enjoyed. Brother Ham as a preacher is a great power. His sermons are very deep and soul-stirring. Great numbers of indifferent church members came to the altar and renewed their covenant with God while more than one hundred persons out of the Church made profession of faith in Christ and united with the various churches of the town and community.

W. L. Maness, P. C.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

On August 30th, 1919, the Methodist Sunday schools of the Cherryville charge met at Bethlehem to hold their annual Sunday school rally.

We met at 11 o'clock in the church where the program was opened with a few old familiar songs. We were then led in prayer by Rev. Ira Erwin of Asheboro. Then followed the address of the day by Rev. D. W. Brown, of Bellwood.

We were delighted with his address and were glad to have him present since our pastor, Rev. J. F. Moser, was away and could not be with us.

After the address we assembled on the grounds where a sumptuous dinner had been prepared by the good ladies of the charge.

The afternoon program was conducted by the chairman, Mr. C. L. Eaker. A round table discussion followed the usual opening. Subject "The Sunday School and its Work." Rev. Ira Erwin gave a very interesting and helpful talk on the subject. "The Importance of the Sunday School Teacher." Also Rev. D. W. Brown gave a very interesting talk on "What Place the Sunday School Has in the Church." Then we had the usual reports from the different Sunday schools. All were good and showed improvement.

The program being at an end, we were reminded that Rev. W. T. Usry had organized this Sunday school rally We also remembered he was very ill. Our sympathy went out to him and touched our pocket books. A liberal contribution from each church was received, amounting to $45.48. We could not have given to a worthier cause, and we were glad we could contribute our mite to this dear man who had spent four years in our midst.

Mr. Sanford Wolfe, of Beulah, was elected chairman, and Miss Grace Beam secretary.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Mary's Grove next year.

Secretary.

MEETING, SUBSCRIPTIONS, HINSHAW, JORDAN AND OTHERS.

On Sunday, September 21, our good pastor, the Reverend M. B. Clegg, begins a meeting at Rutherford College. Pray for the college and the community. During the meeting I shall spend more time at home than usual. I want the responses for our building fund to be as great during those days as the average. Will you not mail me your subscription, payable in war stamps, bonds, or in one or more payments—monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually up to five years? You may put the time for your first payment next year. Now is the time for scores that have promised to subscribe to do it.

At our Annual Conference I bring my work for this fund to a close. It is a joy to me to be associated with M. T. Hinshaw, H. H Jordan and many others—trustees, faculty, students, preachers and a multitude of other friends of Rutherford College. I rejoice in the past, the present and the future prospect of Rutherford. Pray for the salvation of our students and people of the community.

J. R. Walker.

FOR SALE—One nice building lot, right near Trinity Park School, Durham, N. C. For further information, address Box 97, St. Pauls, N. C.

ATTENTION, PASTORS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Dear Brethren:

About nine thousand Sunday schools have made a definite pledge to the Centenary to date, totaling around sixty thousand dollars per month. Thank you.

The Sunday school contribution is to be made monthly on Missionary Sunday and mailed at once direct to the General Centenary Treasurer, Box 38, Nashville, Tennessee. To September first, a total of $65,000 had been received. While this amount is fine, it shows that many schools have made no payments to date and that others are behind with their payments.

Please give immediate heed to the personal letter that has just gone out to each superintendent from the Centenary Treasurer's office urging prompt remittances. It is exceedingly important. A treasurer's record book for Sunday school missionary offering with remittance blanks will be mailed you free on request to J. L. Neill, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

The Sunday school has the privilege of directing its Missionary contribution to some one or more of the Centenary objects. Write the above address for copy of Centenary Specials for the Sunday schools if you have no copy, and direct your offering. You will find that it will pay you in every respect.

Yours sincerely,
J. L. Neill, Superintendent,
Department of Missionary Education
General Sunday School Board, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

TOM P. JIMISON IN MARION

Rev. Tom P. Jimison, during his stay in Marion, made many friends and, doubtless, a few enemies. Preaching a plain gospel in a style peculiarly characteristic of the person and different from anything ever heard in Marion, this young plebeian of the mountains of Western North Carolina touched the hearts of the people of this community as they have never been touched before. Fearless as a lion, witty as an Irishman and original as a Shakespeare, this young preacher hurled his darts straight to the mark against sin of every description. In most bitter and scathing terms he denounced all forms of worldliness. Delighting in his stinging epithets he punctured all forms of sham and hypocrisy in every walk and in every class. Wealth, prominence or social standing held no terrors for this young champion of the cause of the Master.

His denunciations were appropppriate and to the point. His comparisons and contrasts were based on facts. His propositions were undistpuable and unanswerable.

The meetings were attended by larger crowds than ever before in Marion. All classes and denominations filled the Methodist church to its maximum capacity. Much interest was taken and many a poor soul found new inspiration and took on new life and new hope. All of which leads us to wonder whether our ministers would be more efficient in their business of saving souls were they to adopt a more human method and preach a religion of simplicity, a religion that touches the human heart and sways the human impulse, delivered in a plain language whose meaning is obvious and not capable of being twisted to suit the idiosyncracies of the individual.

Some critics, of course, will say that the novelty of the thing, its uniqueness, brought out the curious crowd. The fact remains, however, that the crowd came and "Truth from his lips prevail'd with double sway, and fools who came to scoff remain'd to pray."

Tom Jimison, we like your frankness and candor. Keep up the good work. Some day your church will wake up to your vision, take stock of your talents and ability and place you in broader fields of service, ripe with the harvest of human souls. You are indeed a prophet worthy of your hire. Come back to see us when you have the time and inclination. The latch-string is always on the outside.—Marion Progress.

ARE BLOCKADERS THRIVING?

The blockaders are doing business in many parts of the State, at least Superintendent Davis thinks so. He has just sent out from the Anti-Saloon Headquarters at Raleigh a letter to each sheriff in the State calling attention to the fact that on this score North Carolina has the worst record of any state in the Union and, therefore, the necessity of vigilance to save North Carolina from such a reputation. Below we give a copy of the letter:

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 11, 1919.

Dear Sir:

The reports coming into this office concerning the making of blockade liquor are alarming and these reports are coming from all parts of the State. There is unrest among our people and they are not satisfied with present conditions. The people see the results of liquor making and liquor selling and are asking the question why the officers cannot stop it. In some counties the sheriffs and other police are severely criticised by the local citizens.

Reports indicate that some of the sheriffs of the state are very vigilant, resourceful and successful in catching up with the blockade distillers and these are being commended for their work. Recently the Daily Reflector, of Greenville, N. C., gave a full column story of the activity, resourcefulness and success of Sheriff Dudley in which it stated that he had captured in eight month's time thirty-six distilleries and over fifty men at them, and that the people were delighted with his work. Other reports indicate that sheriffs in other counties and other officers charged with the enforcement of the law are doing nothing along this line, and, therefore, the lawless liquor traffic is thriving. A gentleman said to me recently: "Under our sheriff last year our county was clean, but under the new sheriff this year conditions are rotten."

I believe that it is a settled fact in the minds of the great majority of the citizens of North Carolina that the anti-liquor laws of this state shall be adequately enforced and on their behalf I urge you to be diligent along this line. I enclose you a leaflet on law enforcement which I hope you will carefully read. The federal government now stands for prohibition rather than license and revenue, and if you need help I am sure you can depend upon it to lend a helping hand. If I can do anything to assist you in this matter, I shall be glad for you to call on me.

No doubt you are aware of the fact that reports from the federal government show that there is more blockading going on in this state than any any other state in the Union, and I believe that you will do your duty along with others to save North Carolina from such an awful reputation.

Yours very truly,
R. L. Davis, Superintendent.

"That fellow I was talking to literally lives from hand to mouth."

"Some struggling poet, I suppose."

"No! He's a dentist."

Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

THE KING OF LOVE

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

. . . . . .

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever!

—Henry W. Baker

OFF FOR EUROPE

It will be interesting news to the friends of Mrs. F. S. Lambeth and daughter, Miss Ella, president and recording secretary respectively of the Thomasville Auxiliary, to know that they sailed, in company with Mr. Lambeth and other North Carolinians, on Saturday, September 6th, for a trip abroad and will be away for several months.

They will visit Scotland, England, Holland, Italy and France and we are sure their trip will be a most enjoyable one. We wish for them a pleasant stay and a safe return to the home land.

THAT THIRD QUARTER REPORT

Only a few more days and it will be time for our third quarterly report. The encouraging increase of the past two quarters should be an inspiration and a stimulus to us for still greater increase and bigger effort during the remaining few months before our missionary year comes to a close. We want to impress on every auxiliary (adult, young people and children) the necessity of sending in reports on time. The books of the Conference officers will close for the third quarter on October fifth, and any reports received after that time will not be credited to the present quarter's report. So let us urge the sending of these reports by the 1st of October. No matter how hard our societies have worked and how splendid have been the results accomplished, we cannot get the proper credit for it all, unless we are careful to send in reports promptly. Let us not be satisfied with doing the work merely, but let us go further and see that everything we have done in each department of our work is reported properly and to the various officers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N. C. CONFERENCE

We are indebted to Miss Lillie Duke of Durham, superintendent of Young People's Work of North Carolina Conference, for a copy of the seventh annual report of her Conference. We note with much pleasure the splendid work done by our sister Conference during the past year and congratulate the workers on the splendid record they have made.

We find from the corresponding secretary's report that the N. C. Conference ranks third among the Conferences of Southern Methodism and is recognized as one of the best and most loyal in the connection. The children of that Conference led in finances in 1918 and the Young People stood eighth on the list. Every district paid in full its pledge for the year and the advance along all lines has been greater than ever before.

Our best wishes and may their good work continue.

WEEK OF PRAYER, NOVEMBER 2-8

The program for the Week of Prayer, November 2-8, will be sent out within a short time to the various auxiliaries and it is desired that every auxiliary in the Conference prepare to observe these five days in earnest fervent prayer for the furtherance of the missionary work.

The programs for the first three days have been planned especially for the adults, while those of the fourth and fifth days are for the young people and children. Prayer cards for each day will be issued and it is desired that they shall be used not only to suggest objects of prayer for the meetings, but also for private devotions. Let us remember that prayer is the real object of each meeting, and let us make that week one of real thanksgiving and intercession. The offerings for the week will be given to the China Union Medical School and the San Francisco Evangelistic Center.

A PERSONAL WORD TO THE LEADERS

We are glad to have the following personal message to the leaders of the Junior work from Miss Althea Jones. council superintendent of Children's Work, and what Miss Jones has said to the children's leaders will apply also to the adults and young people. Let us see if we cannot make the remaining months of this year tell in results. We have a goal which we are hoping to reach but it will require the united efforts of all the auxiliaries so let us be busy for the next few weeks about the Father's business, and see if we cannot accomplish great things for Him.

A PERSONAL WORD TO THE LEADERS

Dear Leader: We are now beginning the last quarter of the year, and soon the story will be told of the faithful and unfaithful in 1919.

I am sure the most faithful of us can now glance back through the nine months that have passed and find much that we haven't done that we could have done and much we could have done better. One thing I know we could all do, and that is pray more. Daily my vision of this wonderful work broadens and my sense of responsibility and thankfulness of this opportunity deepens. In the year 1918 we were able, in spite of the war and epidemic, to write a good record, and I am expecting this year's record of children's work to be even better. Upon the realization of this depend the determination and effort of not only the Council and Conference Superintendents, but primarily the superintendent of the local auxiliary.

This third quarter is such a busy one—the busiest, I believe, in the year—let me urge you to double your energies these last few months.

October.—In October we have our promotion and missionary study programs. Make your promotion an event of which the children will talk for some time. Children love ceremonies. If you haven't any Young People's Auxiliary to which to promote your Juniors, organize one with your Juniors who should be promoted and a few others whom you can surely find in every Church. Then be sure to start your mission study class off attractively. Children love stories, and our mission study books are always such attractive stories. Do not fail to report your class by card to Mrs. H. R. Steele, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., just as soon as you organize it. Bible study classes should be reported too.

November—The next thing on the list is the Week of Prayer. I do hope every auxiliary will observe the Week of Prayer this year and that the children will have their part in the program. This means that the children should be urged to attend as many of the services as possible, as well as have their own program. The grown folks should be present too on Children's Day. Our regular November meeting will be all about the Centenary. I think it would be well at this meeting to make plans for any Christmas work. Should you have a hospital or orphanage in your vicinity, there are lots of little things the Juniors could do to make Christmas for the inmates, such as sing carols, make scrap books, tree decorations, and candy, or give toys and fruit. Another plan would be to have the children make a thank offering and let this amount go to increase the mite box offerings, which is, of course, the pledge.

December—Plan for Harvest Day for the children. The grown-ups have worked this plan for eseveral years and have found that it pays, and it should with the children too. Have this meeting early in December. Send an invitation to every child telling him a chair will be there with his name in it, and if he fails to come it will be vacant and lonesome. If he can't come, urge him to send a message to put on the chair, also his mite box and all offerings due by the first of January. Reckon your finances and and make the strength of the financial appeal dependent on whether or not you have met your obligation. December is the time for election of officers. It is well to appoint a nominating committee to meet with the leader and discuss officers. Care should be taken that the honors of office be passed around. As soon as your election is over, instruct the retiring Corresponding Secretary to send a complete list of the new officers to the District Secretary. Make plans to have a public installation of officers at the January meeting.

Now I want to thank every one of you leaders for your loyal support during the months that have passed, and I want to invite your friendly criticism of the manner of administration from this office. All suggestions will be welcomed. I may not be able to follow your suggestions, but will gladly entertain them and will feel that by your making them there is a stronger bond of union between us, for we are working together for the glory of God.

Lovingly yours,
Althea Jones.
Superintendent of Children's Work.

N. C. CONFERENCE

Program
WEEK OF PRAYER
November 2-8, 1919

FIRST DAY—"PRAYER"
SECOND DAY—"SAN FRANCISCO"
THIRD DAY—"CHINA'S HEALING"
FOURTH DAY—FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
FIFTH DAY—FOR JUNIORS

The Call to Prayer

This program has been prepared with the hope that the auxiliary members will, if possible, meet together at least for a short time on each of the five days indicated, for a period of thanksgiving and intercession. Let this be a week of real prayer.

The programs for the first three days have been planned especially for the adults. It is hoped, however, that the young people and children will attend these meetings and that the programs for the fourth and fifth days will be attended by the adults.

Prayer cards for each day have been sent out, and it is desired that they shall be used not only to suggest objects of prayer for the meetings, but also for private devotions.

Let the leader suggest the object for which to pray as she calls on the members to lead or as she asks for silent prayer. Other topics, according to local needs and desires, should be indicated. Let the talks strengthen the prayers by giving vital information concerning the needs to be met. Remember that prayer is the real object of each meeting.

Prayer

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holp apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, grant to us, whom thou hast called into thy Church, a ready will to obey thy word and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon all that have not known thee and upon the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O, Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers and send forth laborers into thy harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of thy ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sunday School Survey

onducted by C. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

A REAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you want to see a real Sunday school it will pay you to visit the West Market, Greensboro, school. A recent visit to this school left some vivid impressions.

First, the school began operations at 9:30. "On Time" tickets are given to every person arriving on time, none being allowed to get by without a ticket to present to his class secretary. In addition the school secretary stands at the front of the church and marks the arrival of each teacher as he comes. Teachers are expected to be in their departments and greet the pupils as they arrive. It was noted that great effort is being directed towards impressing punctuality upon West Market church goers.

Second, five separate departments of the Sunday school were having school at the same time. Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate-Senior and Young People-Adult departments were holding worship periods in line with the tastes and needs of the pupils that composed them. Instead of inattention there appeared to be the very best of attention given by old and young alike.

Third, individual records of every student enrolled in the school are kept. These records deal with such important matters as parentage, age, residence, time of enrollment, baptism, church membership, attendance, day school grade, etc. These reports are not merely pretense but are real up-to-date records. Secretary J. A. Short and his assistants regard the individual records just as important as the gross amount of money and attendance record.

Fourth, the teen-age department was overcrowded. In this department I noted as its superintendent a real man in the person of the publicity head of a large insurance company. Among the teachers I noticed the cashier and assistant cashier of the largest city bank, the city commissioner of public works and others sitting with their classes. The best of the church was not too good for the boys and girls.

These and other good things will be seen at Superintendent Fred C. Odell's Sunday school. It ought to be added that Pastor E. L. Bain regards himself just as much the pastor of the Sunday school as of anything else. He knows what his school is and is not doing.

TOO BAD

A young lady recently reported that in her department of what ought to be a large Sunday school her pastor had never introduced himself, that he had never appeared directly interested in any session of the school's work. She was almost ready to give her work up in despair.

A JUNALUSKA INCIDENT

While at Lake Junaluska this summer I saw Dr. George Stuart put this question to the splendid audience assembled from eleven of our Southern states: "How many of you after hearing a sermon and without any other help went off and thought its propositions through till you were converted?"

Out of the audience present six hands went up. Every one in the audience had been converted, and all but sixteen of the number present, before they became twenty-one years of age.

ASSET OR LIABILITY?

Suppose you take ten minutes at the beginning of your school session in the near future in debating this question: Resolved, That a habitually tardy Sunday school teacher does more harm than good. Speakers: Affirmative, Johnny Jones; negative, Billy Smith. Time; five miuutes each. Judges; pastor, superintendent and a Wesley Bible Class president.

IT HAPPENED LAST WEEK

A good member of one of our Wesley classes received a letter asking him to do all he could to organize all eligible classes in his school into Wesley classes. He first tackled his wife by insisting that she organize her class in the Methodistic way and her reply was on this wise: "What have you Wesleyites done to make others want to follow your example? What things can you point out as definite results from good class work? Until your class gets to doing something other than listening to a good discourse on the lesson you need not ask our class to follow you."

That good husband called a meeting of the Wesley Bible Class executive committee during the week and plans are on foot for a vitalized class. Cardboard invitations will be auspiciously placed, a membership drive will follow and a general social and religious awakening is being planned.



A Group of Charlotte District Sunday School Workers.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Beginning with the October number the "School Standard" enters into an enlarged edition and changes its name to "The Church School." This Sunday school magazine will be the best thing ever published for Sunday school workers. It will not deal with lesson matter but will deal with principles and methods, sample programs for the different departments and editorial matter for thoughtful Sunday school promoters.

The price of this enlarged monthly magazine will be one dollar the year, if taken in clubs of five or more. The Southern Methodist Church, the Northern Methodist Church and the Congregational Church are together putting their very best into the contents of this magazine and it may be expected to awaken many dry bones.

Our Southern Methodist Sunday school workers are trying to increase the circulation of this magazine in our own Church from ten thousand to twenty-five thousand, or 15,000 new subscriptions. Of this number the Western North Carolina Conference is asked to secure six hundred and eighty-four new subscribers. Allotted to districts the quotas will be as follows:

Asheville District	75
Charlotte District	75
Greensboro District	75
Marion District	50
Mount Airy District	50
N. Wilkesboro District	20
Salisbury District	75
Shelby district	75
Statesville District	75
Waynesville District	50
Winston District	75

N. C. CONFERENCE

FIELD NOTES FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Sunday, Oct. 5th, has been designated as the Rally Day in our Conference. This is also the first Sunday in the Sunday School year. While we cannot tell what is ahead of us for this year, we can hope and plan for Sunday Schools filled with happy children ready and eager to enter into the services of the Sunday school hour. Our aim as teachers should be, not only to carry out the regular work of the session, but to help the children live their lessons and carry over into daily conduct the truths that have been taught. In the August number of the Sunday School Magazine will be found some splendid suggestions in regard to Rally Day. These suggestions are offered by our former Field Secretary, Mr. M. W. Brabham. Let us carry out as many of these suggestions as are suited to local conditions.

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It was the good fortune of your secretary to be able to be with Mr. E. J. Cheatham in his Sunday school in Franklinton last Sunday. Franklinton is a Sunday school town. The spirit seems to be in the very air. I arrived in the town on Saturday night, and before I had retired for the night no less than four people had asked me to go to Sunday school the next day. I was a stranger and they took me in. They have a well equipped Sunday school, a splendid corps of teachers and a wideawake Superintendent, but the best thing about the school is the fine spirit that permeates the whole place. They are planning great things for the Franklinton Sunday school in the future.

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Unusual conditions this year have caused many of our Sunday schools to neglect the observance of Sunday School Day. It is not yet too late for these schools to observe this day and take the offering for the support of the Sunday school work in our Conference. A program for this day can be had from our publishing house by writing for it.

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The School Standard, a magazine by the General Sunday School Board in the interests of Sunday Schools of Southern Methodism has changed its name to The Church School. The publishers have started a drive for 15,000 new subscribers. The quota for our Conference accepted by the secretaries at Junaluska, is 658. The price for the magazine is $1.25 per year. In clubs of five mailed to one address the price will be $1.00. I believe that this magazine will mean a great deal to the Sunday schools of our Conference if we will subscribe for it and read it. The October number will be sent to the Superintendents who let me know that they desire it.

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The following letter is submitted with the hope that it will prove of interest to the Superintendents: "Dear Mr. Secretary, I notice you say in the Advocate if we have any problems to write you about them. Well I haven't any special problem, but my whole Sunday school is one big problem. In the first place we have a Sunday school out here in the country with about a hundred scholars on roll and sometimes they come and sometimes they don't. We have seven teachers when they are there. Sometimes they are not there. I go every Sunday and do the best I can but that is not much because I don't know much about running a Sunday school. Our pastor comes once a month and when he is with us he talks to the men's class. There are plenty of boys and girls who ought to be in the Sunday school but somehow I can't get them to come. Their parents don't seem to take any interest in their coming. When school is going on the teacher helps us out in the Sunday school, but she is not here but six months in the year and that is not much help. We want to have a good Sunday school here and I wish you would come down here and make us a talk to stir up interest in the people. Let me know when you can come and I will meet you at the station. Can you come next Sunday? Yours truly, Supt. of Newton S. S."

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich,

"Our collection las' Sunday mornin' averaged just four cents apiece. Now, if nobody gives more than that average next Sunday, the average that day will be less. Some of us has got to be *above* the average to offset those who are *below* it."

"Mr. Superintendent, while we was amakin' the Cent'nary Drive we made a great fuss to get our school 'over the top,' an' since then we've blowed consider'ble 'bout what we done. Now I move we adopt the Cent'nary slogan, 'No shrinkage, but a surplus in our Cent'nary collections,' an' proceed to live up to the fussin' an' blowin'."

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A. S. Barnes .....Superintendent
Mrs. Mattie Jenkins .....Matron

We welcome the following young ladies to our official family: Misses Alston, Poe and Yarboro. They will add much toward the strengthening of our work for the year that lies before us. To each one of them we give the glad hand of welcome.

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Mr. J. F. Womble, for several years our faithful and energetic farmer, resigned this summer and left us the first of September. It was with reluctance that we gave him up for he had proved himself a most worthy and efficient foreman. We sincerely trust that his new venture will be crowned with success.

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Each year we are adding to our endowment fund. It is our purpose to increase the fund just as fast as we can, because we realize that we can never do the most good until we have a large endowment to draw upon each year. Brother E. H. Adams, one of my good Wilson friends, is the last contributor to this important fund. Just last week he very generously sent us a Victory Bond for fifty dollars to be added to the endowment fund. I hope this noble deed will inspire many others to remember us in the same way.

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Since everything we have to buy is soaring, we appreciate more than ever contributions from our brethren. Unless we succeed in securing a large number of specials our cause must suffer very keenly. The first of October we shall have to pay several very large accounts for our fall and winter supplies. These bills will run into the thousands of dollars. In view of our pressing needs for funds, I am going to ask individuals, Sunday schools, organized classes, missionary societies and Epworth Leagues to redouble their efforts in our behalf.

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AN OUTING AT LAKEVIEW

On August 21st a bunch of us boys w nt down to Lakeview for several days in the open. About a week before the Scouts broke camp, Mr Barnes told us his intention to try to get the camp. He succeeded in getting the camp, as he usually does when he is planning something good for his boys. Through Mr. Barnes' influence, Mr. B. O. Lutman, Y. M. C. A. worker, who was in charge of the camp, let us have enough tents and cots to accommodate twenty-five of us boys Mr. Lutman also made it possible for us to go down there in automobiles, furnished by a number of our good Raleigh friends. who were to bring the Scouts back home. After a long and pleasant ride of seventy miles we arrived at Lakeview and Camp Carroll, where a special dinner of barbecue and Brunswick stew awaited us.

After the Scouts left us we started camp life in earnest. Every one had his bathing suit and what time we were not eating and sleeping we were in the lake.

We went prepared to play baseball and we played three games, with some of the neighboring towns. On Sunday we went to church in the morning and had Sunday school in camp in the afternoon. Mr. Barnes preached at the night service and we furnished the singing. A camp of Raleigh boys and girls. under the supervision of Rever end Mr. Wilcox, was located across the lake, and on Monday night, our last in Camp, we were invited over to join them in games, story-telling. music and songs. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all of our boys.

We started breaking camp before breakfast Tuesday morning, as we were to leave at two o'clock. After everything was at the station ready for shipping, we took our last plunge in the lake. Then back at the old camp site, we had our noon-day lunch. The little while before train time was spent in bidding good-bye to the numerous friends we had made while at Lakeview. Although we hated to leave camp, we were glad to see Raleigh and the ones we had left at the good old Orphanage Home.

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Not a week ever passes without my realizing most keenly our need of a Baby Cottage to meet the urgent demands that are constantly being made upon our Orphanage. If some good man or woman would furnish us the necessary amount with which to erect such a building they would be doing a noble, Christ-like deed which would immortalize their memory. May the living Savior who took the little children up in His arms and blessed them lay this great privilege upon the heart of some one who has the means at their command!

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Our resources are running low. Unless our host of friends rally to our support we will not be able to pay on the first of October our September bills. The crops are beginning to move and money is beginning to circulate more freely. I am sure that some of it will find its way to our Methodist Orphanage for the support of our two hundred and forty children. May I urge more liberal aid from all of our sources of support. Several noble-hearted friends have responded to our ne ds right recently which is sincerely appreciated.

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On the first of September Mr. Warner Vernon took up the work which Mr. J. F. Womble laid down. Last June Mr. Vernon finished his course at the State College. Four years ago he completed his course at the Methodist Orphanage and entered the A. & M. College as it was called at the time. His orphanage and college days were characterized by fidelity to duty and devotion to high ideals. We feel confident that success will attend his every effort since he comes to us so well equipped for the delicate and responsible duties of his office. We feel fortunate in adding such a valuable young man to our official family. All the officers and children extend to him a glad hand of welcome.

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E. ss., Siloam, $2.40; R. A. Anderson, Maidens Chapel ss., Franklin, $2.10; L. L. Walker, Oak Summit, Rural Hall, R. 1, $2; B. F. Brooks, Laurel Hill, Candler, $1; Glenn Clark, Union ss., Waxhaw, $1.10; Mrs. S. H. English, Bright Hope, English, $1.35; H. T. Griggs, New Hope, Chesterfield, $2.39; W. H. Gillespie, Brick Church, Leicester, $2.49; F. R. Howard, Bethany ss., Sherrill's Ford, $1.77; C. C. Reep, Zion, Lincolnton, R. 1, $1.60; E. L. Lowder, Cedar Grove, Norwood, $2.25; Wendell Eaves, Tanners Grove, Forest City, $1; W. C. Murray, St. Paul, Waco, $4; J. R. Raper, Linwood, Linwood, $9.72; G. C. Bodenheimer, Unity ss., Thomasville, $1; H. A. Helms, Mineral Springs, Mineral Springs, $1.50; J. F. Query, M. E., Hudson, $1; M. L. Allred, Bethlehem, Climax, $5.50; H. L. Myers, Plateau, Hickory, R. 1, $2.50; J. B. Readling, Mt. Zion ss., Cornelius, $7; S. M. Westmoreland, Epworth, Mt. Airy, R. 6, $1.49; J. P. Hager, Hills Chapel, Davidson, $2.64; J. D. Pullin, M. E., Hendersonville, $11; P. W. Allison, Wesley Chapel, Linwood, $4.75; R. E. Bundy, M. E., Jamestown, $13; C. A. Dorton, M. E., Concord, R. 6, $5.50; T. R. Gray, Salem, Callasaja, $3.02; J. R. Moore, Gethsemane, Greensboro, R. 5, $1; Charles Angley, Mt. Herman, Whitnel, $1.60; Dr. J. A. Young, M. E., Newton, $10; W. H. Carter, S. River, Woodleaf, .50; J. C. Bowman, M. E., Marshville, $1; F. A. Arndt, Mountain View, Claremont, $12; Jno. L. Beal, Main St., Gastonia, $33.27; W. J. Erwin, Rocky Mt., Troutmans, .80; Moffette Wolff, M. E., Kings Mtn., .25; C. C. Matthews, Old Siloam, Siloam, $1.20; T. A. Cason, M. E., Draper, $4.34; W. H. Ring, Lees Chapel, Greensboro, $4; Perry A. Jones, Bethel, Reepsville, $1; total, $1.788.05.

TEN PER CENT.

Rev. R. P. Fikes, Mills River, Horse Shoe, $14.42; Rev. A. S. Abernathy, Lewisville, Lewisville $15; Rev. R. K. Brady, E. Spencer, East Spencer, $13; Rev. S. M. Needham, McAdensville, McAdensville, $45; Rev. N. R. Richardson, Cooleemee, Cooleemee, $26; Rev. H. C. Freeman, Bryson City, Whittier, $2; Rev. R. H. Kennigton, Hickory Grove, Charlotte, $14.70; Rev. R. P. Fikes, Mills River, Horse Shoe, $4.52; Rev. C. P. Rogers, E. Flat Rock, E. Flat Rock, $6.75; Rev. T. B. Johnson, Randolph, Trinity, $16; Marshall Dilling, Ranlo, Gastonia, $57.36; Rev. A. G. Loftin, Stony Pt., Stony Point, $6.06; Rev. S. M. Needham, McAdensville, McAdensville, $41.70; Rev. J. M. Barber, Beulah, Moravian Falls, $3.60; H. L. Horton, Central, Albemarle, $180; Rev. R. P. Fikes, Mills River, Horse Shoe, $9.16; J. E. Gay, Madison, Madison, $34 32; Mrs. N. B. Baldwin, Pattys Chapel, Fletcher, $5; A. M. Suggs, Bethesda, Lowell, R. 1, $11.80; Miss Cleo Johnson, Fland, Hendersonville, $1.85; Rev. W. T. Albright, S. Gastonia, Gastonia, $7; S. M. Asbury, Morganton, Morganton, $3.10; J. A. Smith, Sharon, Shelby, $2; T. P. Fulton, West End, Winston-Salem, $100; total, $620.34.

SPECIAL GIFTS.

A Friend, High Point, $5; Chas. Binkley, Winston-Salem, $8; John L. Dwiggins, Greensboro, $50; Mrs. R. J. Foster, Hickory, $23.50; Two Salisbury Friends, $2; W. A. Ring, High Point, $15; Mrs. P. A. McCleary, Charlotte Sunday school class, $13.75; Mrs. John Alspaugh, Ladies' Bible Class, $20; Mrs. Ida Trollinger, Newton, $10; R. A. Kimball, Winston-Salem, $15; M. J. Lynch, Children's Bible Society, .65; Chas. Binkley, Winston-Salem, $9; total $171.90.

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU ACCEPTS BIBLE

Some months ago the American Bible Society had a specially bound volume of the Bible prepared and sent by President Wilson to the Peace Conference. It also prepared a memorial addressed to the Peace Conference urging religious freedom for all the nations of the world to be provided for in the peace treaties.

Mr. Frank H. Mann one of the General Secretaries of the Society, announces that he has just received word from President Wilson's secretary as follows:

"The President asks me to say that he did present the Bible to, and it was very cordially accepted by the president of the Peace Conference, Mr. Clemenceau. Every effort was made by the Peace Conference to secure complete religious freedom throughout the world. Particular attention was paid to the matter in the treaties formulated with the new countries where religious minorities were particularly protected. and also in the provisions for territories which were to be put under mandate."

JUST FOR FUN

The governess was giving little Tommy a grammar lesson the other day.

"An abstract noun," she said, "is the name of something which you can think of but not touch. Can you give me an example?"

"A red-hot poker."

THE CENTENARY

R. M. Courtney, Thomasville, N. C. Missionary Secretary, Western North Carolina Conference.

THE CENTENARY

Just at this time our attention is being turned to the subject of Specials. September 21 to 28 has been set apart as assignment week for Centenary Specials. A great many questions are being asked about these specials, some of which we will undertake to answer.

I. What is a Missionary Special?

The Centenary Budget is composed of units of work, such as missionaries' salaries, school buildings, hospitals, native preachers, mountain work, etc. When the Centenary pledge of a congregation or individual is directed to the support of a certain unit of the Centenary Budget, that unit thereby becomes a special.

II. How Many Kinds of Specials Are There?

Specials are provided for Evangelistic, educational, reconstruction, medical, literary, and other forms of missionary work in home and foreign fields.

III. What Does a Special Cost?

Specials range in cost from the price of a baby organ, $35.00, to the building, equipment and maintenance of a big University or hospital, $100,000 and more.

IV. Where are Specials Located?

There are Specials in all our mission fields—China, Japan, Korea, Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Africa, the war-stricken lands of Europe, and in our own country.

V. What is the Advantage of a Special?

There are many good reasons why every Methodist should assume the support of a Special. Here are just a few.

1. A Special has educational value in that the person responsible for financing this missionary venture is thereby made acquainted with people, customs and conditions in missions lands.

2. A Special insures personal touch with the field through reports, letters and pictures which come to the central office from the mission field and are passed on to the person supporting the work.

3. A Special gives a definite object for which to work, pay and pray. It enables one to know where his money goes and what it does

4. A Special forms a connecting link between the individual or group supporting the work and the missionary in charge of that work. It is a direct channel through which the love, and prayers of the local Church member find access to the worker in the home or foreign field.

5. A Special gives the missionary a new sense of responsibility and power through the knowledge that the work he is doing is made possible by efforts of someone in the home Church.

VI. Why Should You Take a Special?

1. Because of the comfort, cheer and hope which will come to those who receive the message of new life through Christ Jesus by reason of the missionary object which you undertake to finance.

2. Because of the encouragement and spiritual uplift which the knowledge of your support will give the worker on the mission field.

3. Because of the satisfaction it will give you to know that, no matter how small your gift you may have a definite share in bringing in the kingdom.

VII. How You May "Take" or "Assume" a Special?

The pastor of any individual group, or organization desiring to finance a Special should notify the Conference Missionary Secretary, stating the amount to be invested and the field (home or foreign) preferred. In due time assignment will be made by the Bureau of Specials through the Conference Missionary Secretary.

No Special under the present law, can include the amount paid on missionary assessment, but must be entirely separate from the assessment.

VIII. When Should You "Take" Your Special?

The whole month of September will be devoted to an intensive campaign on behalf of Missionary Specials. During the week, September 21-28, the Centenary Commission hopes to assign Specials to all persons, Churches, Sunday schools, etc., making a pledge in the Eight Day Drive. September 28 has been set apart as "Special Day". Do not let this day pass without assuming your Special.

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Main Street Sunday school, Thomasville, has taken the Susan B. Wilson Kindergarten Building as its Centenary Special. The pledge of this school was $1,250, but the Kindergarten Building will cost $1,500. The additional $250 was gladly assumed. The whole school is manifesting deep interest in this work.

Years ago when there was comparatively few churches supporting missionaries Mt. Zion Church had its own missionary. In recent years this was allowed to lapse. Now the congregation proposes to pay the entire salary of a missionary. They are hoping to have assigned to them the one they supported in former years.

One of our faithful District Directors writes, "Have a native evangelist of the Seoul District, Korea assigned to my wife and myself. Bonds are waiting to be turned over to the proper person for this amount."

One of these days before long we are going to have an interesting list of specials to publish.

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Epworth League Department

Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Editor, Rocky Mount, N. C.

"ALL FOR CHRIST"

Epworth League Motto

"All for Christ"—The sunny days
That gladden us along our way;
The sweet fresh air at early morn,
The children happy in their play.

"All for Christ"—The flowers in bloom
That shed their fragrance all around,
And cheer full many a weary heart,
And make it with new gladness bound.

"All for Christ"—The bird's sweet song,
That caroled forth the livelong day,
Should tell us of the Father's love,
And of His care upon our way.

"All for Christ"—The white and gold
that stand for purity and worth,
Shall tell to others that we seek
A home above, when called from earth.

"All for Christ"—The days of gloom,
That sometimes come into each life,
Shall teach us only how to prize,
The sunny days with blessings rife.

"All for Christ"—Each gift of love
Our Father hath so freely given.
Should only make us strive the more
To point the way, from earth to heaven.

Mrs. E. M. Anderson.
St. Petersburg, Fla.

NORTH ROCKY MOUNT LEAGUE

We learned incidentally that Bro. I. T. Pool, our enterprising pastor of the North and South Rocky Mount charge, is doing a very fine work with and for his young folk at North Rocky Mount. This young League is holding services in their church on the Sunday nights of the pastor's appointment at South Rocky Mount. This is a splendid work for the whole church and at the same time it is giving these young people a training for greater usefulness in the years to come. This active band recently entertained the church membership in a "get-together" social meeting. A good suggestion to some other Leagues.

NEW LEAGUE—CREEDMOOR

Brother B. H. Black, our pastor of the Granville circuit, organized an Epworth League at Creedmoor after the morning service on the fourth Sunday in August. We are glad to see our pastors taking hold of this work. If they continue to take hold of it, stand behind it, by it, and in it the church of the future will hold more members who can do things than it now has. We welcome this new League into Leaguedom and wish and pray for it a great and useful future.

NEW LEAGUE AT BURGAW

We learned indirectly the other day that Brother L. M. Chaffin, our pastor at Burgaw, has a League in process of formation and operation. We also extend to this League a warm welcome and wish and pray for it the very best future.

The Epworth League furnishes a mighty fine atmosphere for inspiration and decision for life service. We are looking to the league in the future as in the past to furnish us preachers and Christian workers for the fields, both at home and abroad. Dr. F. S. Parker is the authority for the statement that nine out of ten Christian workers who have gone out in Southern Methodism attribute their start and inspiration for the work to the Epworth League.

WHY THE SILENCE?

The editor of the North Carolina Conference League paper has received practically no communications or correspondence from local chapters or otherwise since the conference at Louisburg. All the information mentioned above was learned indirectly or accidentally. If a new League is organized, or a unique or special program is rendered, or a special thing undertaken for the centenary or otherwise, please have your chapter correspondent send us a little notice of it, for it will be suggestive, encouraging, and inspiring to other Leagues and bands of young people. If you are going through the same old hard routine grind all the time, let us hear then once in a great while, for that will be at least consoling.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

REV. C. S. KIRKPATRICK, Editor

(Left Over from Last Week)

To the Pastors and Epworth League Officers of the Western N. C. Conference:

The recently-held Epworth League Conference appointed the writer superintendent of Life work—a recently established office, the duties of which were entirely unknown to me. I've endeavored to inform myself as to its scope of service, and find that it can be used to great advantage, provided there is extended that co-operation that must be in order to make it go. As a busy pastor I shall be entirely dependent upon the other pastors, together with the officers of the Leagues and others to place in my hands the needed information. I am therefore going to expect the hearty sympathy of all those pastors who have leagues, or those who have any organizations looking toward the development of the young life of the church; Wesley Bible classes or any other organizations that are looking for and expecting to secure recruits to add to our field-forces. Please furnish me with names and addresses of all those who have already or who contemplate giving themselves to some phase of church life, either at home or abroad. For instance, we have four young people in my church who have definitely decided to enter some field of missionary activity; all these have come directly from our Epworth League. One of these will be in training at Scaritt Training School, Kansas City, one in Trinity College, one at Brevard Institute, and one a teacher in the Brevard Institute during the year just now beginning. There are several others who are debating this important matter. I trust the pastors and the authorities of our leagues and classes will furnish me with the information needed to put me in touch with all those who are contemplating entering for their life-work, some field of our church activity. Let me know how far advanced in their literary course, age, health conditions, and any other facts that will help me to get a complete knowledge of the case. Friends, if you will kindly furnish me the desired information I might be of some service to your band of volunteers. The Lord of the harvest is calling for laborers and some are heeding. May we all co-operate with the "powers" in aiding these young hopeful lives in equipping them for more efficient service.

Millions of dollars have been placed on the altars of our Church, but if we cannot get recruits to use wisely these dollars, they will have been offered in vain.

Permit me to exhort the pastors to use their leagues and their classes to add to the numbers already who have offered their lives until there shall be enough to man the fields and take the lands for our King.

I hope our pastors are seeing that the Epworth League is the recruiting ground for workers in the vineyard; hence may there be Leagues organized wherever possible. We should have 100 new leagues between this and our Annual Conference. Miss Bradley will gladly assist any pastor if an invitation is extended to her. She is doing fine work; let's keep her busy organizing new leagues right up to the convening of our conference. We are planning to have a great anniversary exercise at the approaching Annual Conference. There is nothing that offers greater dividends than time and labor spent in directing the young life of the Church.

Very Fraternally,
Lee A. Falls.

To Our Co-Workers:

The Marion Epworth League gave the enclosed play, which has a fine Christian sentiment besides raising $45 for our treasury, which will enable us to go "over the top" with our Centenary pledge. We have 25 members and we have a good attendance at the devotional meetings which are held every Sunday evening just half an hour before preaching service. The Leaguers had the pleasure of listening to a most inspiring and helpful talk from Miss Bessie Reid of Nashville, Tenn., who had just returned from the great Centenary meeting at Columbus, Ohio. Best wishes from

A League Worker.

The following is the program which these enterprising Marion Leaguers carried out. Let us hear what other leagues are doing:

Marion Graded School Building
Thursday, July 24, 8:30 p. m.
Play by the Epworth League.
Music.
Song by Children led by Mrs. W. L. Hutchins.
Duet by Mrs. Pless and Miss Decker.
FIRST ACT.
Tableau—"What America Stands For"
Characters—America, Liberty, Love, Peace, Unity, Christianity.
Music by Miss Julia Burton.
Second Act—Tableau.
Reading by Miss Bessie Hutchins, of Greensboro.
PLAY—"A SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS.
Characters:

Daughter ..... Miss Ruby Giles
Mother..Mrs. Blanche Houck-Holland
Wealth ..... Miss Mary Hudgins
Pastime ..... Miss Edna Tate
Society ..... Miss Ruth Kirby
Knowledge ..Miss Sara Margaret Neal
Fame ..... Miss Bessie Hutchins
Love ..... Little Jeannette Gilkey
Industry ..... Miss Gertrude Jones
Religion ..... Miss Virginia Holmes
Music.
Tableau Admission 10 and 20c

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Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

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Possibly you have imagined that you could never get your own consent to write a testimonial letter, but if you have ever experienced the excruciating pains of Rheumatism you can at least appreciate the feelings of those who have been relieved of this terrible disease by drinking the Mineral Water from the justly celebrated Shivar Spring. This water overcomes many diseases, including Indigestion, Gout, Uric Acid Poisoning and Liver and Kidney diseases, but no patrons of the Springs are more enthusiastic in their praise of the water than those who have been relieved of their Rheumatism. Hundreds of letters like the following have been received by the Management:

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Editor Cunningham writes: "The Water has done me more good than any medicine I have ever taken for Rheumatism. Am entirely free from pain."

Mr. McClam of South Carolina writes: "My wife has been a sufferer from Rheumatism and after drinking twenty gallons of your Mineral Water was entirely relieved of the horrible disease."

Mr Carter of Virginia writes: "Mrs. Carter has had enlarged joints on her hands, caused by Rheumatism. Shivar Spring Water removed every trace of the enlargement. The water is simply excellent."

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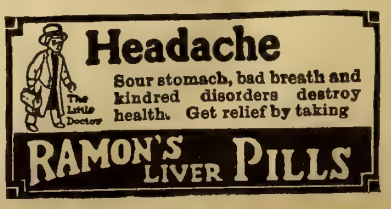
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And watered all the flowers on her hat
to make them grow.
But when our sister came she gave us
such a dreadful look,
And never thanked us once for all the
trouble that we took.
—Exchange.

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MRS. BED'S PARTY

"Seems to me it's time to get ready for the party. Put away your playthings, children."

Dotty pouted just a little, but Bobby put his soldiers away at once; their mother always made Mrs. Bed's parties seem very attractive.

"Who will be at the party, mother?" they asked. It was always the same people at every party, but the children were never tired of hearing their mother name the guests.

"Well, Mrs. Mattress will be there. She always helps Mrs. Bed make her guests happy and contented. As she is of a retiring nature, very little will be seen of her, but her presence will be felt. Then Mr. and Mrs. Sheet will help receive; the Misses Pillow will come with their cousin, Mr. Bolster; the Misses Blanket will be there tonight—one of them has been away during the summer. As they are twins you will not know one from the other, but you will not care, both are agreeable.

"Mr. Spread will be there early in the evening, but before the party begins he usually goes away with Mr. Footboard. It is the same with Miss Counterpane. She helps during the day, but she never stays to the party."

Dotty took her little candle, and Bobby held her trailing, white gown, and joyously they followed their mother up the broad stairs to Mrs. Bed's party.—Youth's Companion.

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THE DEER

Do you know that every year, late in autumn or at the beginning of winter, the deer shed their antlers?

Is it not strange that these horns are very seldom seen by hunters or other persons passing through the forests where deer dwell? The truth is th t as soon as they drop off, the little wild mice find them and eat them.

Deer are very sensitive. Their scent is wonderfully keen. At the slightest danger signal they dash off through the woods at lightning speed. They also have a great deal of curiosity, and after going a short distance they will usually stop and listen. Then if no suspicious sounds are borne to them on the breeze, they will cautiously make their way back to see what caused their fright.

The deer is fond of visiting the farmer's garden and browsing on his fruit trees as well as devouring his vegetables.

The fawns have white spots scattered over their red coats. They are very graceful as they skip about the forest, while their mothers teach them which nuts are sweetest and which herbs are most suitable for a deer to eat. They can swim about as soon as they can walk and they can almost fly through the forest when they hear a rifle or smell a panther.—Margaret W. Leighton, in Boys and Girls.

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Indignant Mother: "Why did you strike little Elsie, you naughty boy?"

Dick: "What did she want to cheat for, then?"

Mother: "How did she cheat?"

Dick: "Why, we were playing at Adam and Eve, and she had the apple to tempt me with, and she never tempted me, but went and ate it up herself!"

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TAKING HOME ELIZA

Larry and Max were a proud pair when their father said they might have the job of taking home Eliza, Uncle Alec's red heifer which had strayed to their farm in the night. As he wanted to send along a sample of his good apples and turnips, he told the boys that they might as well go in the buggy. They could put the baskets in front, he said, and lead Eliza by a long rope.

The boys decided to take turns at driving and leading. As they moved slowly down the road behind old Ben, with Larry driving and Max holding the rope and Eliza following, they wished that they might meet some one whom they knew. The wish came true for at the first turn in the road they met Clem Talley.

"Hello!" cried Max. "Want to get in?"

Clem looked surprised to see them driving alone, but all he said was that he had a new puzzle to show them and did not mind if he did get in. Clem was a fat boy, and to make room for him Larry and Max had to get out and move the two baskets to the back of the buggy. The space behind was small, but by raising the lid and putting up the buggy top they were able to wedge the baskets in. Then they themselves climbed in again and were soon busy with the puzzle.

It was such a wonderful puzzle that Larry and Max almost forgot to take turns at driving, and they quite forgot to keep an eye on Eliza, as their father had charged them to do. Once Max remembered to look out of the little window at the back.

"Eliza's all right," he said. "I can see her tail switching at the flies."

Old Ben turned in at Uncle Alec's farm before any of them knew they were there. Uncle Alec himself came out to open the gate.

"Well, well!" he cried. "I didn't know you two fellows could manage Ben alone!"

"That's not all," said Max with pride. "Look what's back behind the buggy."

Uncle Alec looked. "Why, if it isn't Eliza!" he said, in a pleased tone.

"There's something else back there for you, too," Larry added, as he started to let down Ben's check rein.

Uncle Alec was untying the heifer. "What else?" he asked; "I don't see anything but Eliza."

The boys laughed. Even Clem had to smile. "How about all that stuff in the baskets?" Larry said. But Uncle Alec declared that he did not see any "stuff."

Max and Larry hurried round to the back of the buggy, still laughing. But their laughter stopped when they looked into the baskets. Both were empty. Not a turnip or an apple was to be seen.

"Why, they couldn't have jostled out!" Larry gasped.

"And nobody took them," said Max. "We didn't meet a soul anywhere on the road."

"Did you keep a good watch behind you?" their uncle asked.

The boys did not understand. "Nobody crept up behind," Max insisted, because we'd have seen him while we were watching Eliza." They all three seemed bewildered.

Uncle Alec was looking hard at the heifer. "So you watched Eliza, did you?" he asked.

Larry and Max grew slowly red in the face.

"I forgot to," Larry said, in a low voice.

"I saw her tail—once," faltered Max, redder than ever.

"How about her head?" asked Uncle Alec; "her mouth, for example?"

He turned away and began to pull burs out of the heifer's red side. All at once the boys understood.

Max spoke first. "But, Uncle Alec, could a little cow like that eat all those apples and turnips?"

"Pshaw! That was just a lunch for this cow," was Uncle Alec's reply. "But never mind; maybe she needed it after going without her breakfast." He felt sorry for the boys, they looked so downcast.

"We'll have to tell father," Larry said bravely, and Max nodded. "He'll never let us drive again."

"Yes, he will," said Uncle Alec, "after I tell him you've been punished enough. But don't forget; next time you lead Eliza watch every inch of her. You hear?"—Nancy Byrd Turner, in the Youth's Companion.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken unto Himself our beloved sister, Mrs. Naoma Cook. Resolved,

1. That we, the members of the Women's Missionary Society of Weaverville church, sincerely mourn our loss.

2. That we humbly how to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Her true, sincere Christian life will always be held as a fit example for each member of our society.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our highest regards and deepest sympathy in their great loss.

44. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, also a copy sent to the bereaved family.

Mrs. C. C. Brown,
Mrs. Edwin Reeves,
Committee.

MRS. JOHNIE BIGGERS.

Resolutions adopted by the Sunday school of the Hickory Grove Methodist church, Charlotte, N. C.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst Mrs. Johnie Biggers, be it resolved,

1. That we have lost one of our most devoted and useful members, a teacher in our Sunday school for many years, one who, with her sweet disposition and untiring efforts, was always ready to lend a helping hand.

2. That as her life of loving and unselfish service has been so suddenly cut off, the church, Sunday school, missionary society and community have sustained a loss that can hardly be repaired.

3. That while we feel our sorrow and our loss intensely, we pray that we may all bow in humble submission to Him who makes no mistakes, and may we strive to emulate her lovely traits of character.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our minutes and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

5. That a copy be sent the sorrowing husband to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Miss Vara Hauss
Mrs. James Jordan,
Mrs. Murray Crowell,
Committee.

McMILLAN—May 3rd, 1919, the death angel visited the home of Mr. T. N. McMillan, Stedman, N. C., and took from their midst their beloved aunt, Margaret McMillan, in her 79th year.

Her life was one of great responsibility and care, living not for herself, but for others. Her several months of suffering were born with heroic fortitude.

She is survived by one sister, many nieces and nephews, by all of whom she was loved very dearly.

We miss her here, but trust to meet her in a better land.

May God care for all until one by one they are gathered in.

Mrs. Lela McLean.
J. A. Tharpe, P. C.,
Committee.

AVERITTE—Mrs. Martha J. Averitte, wife of Mrs. Green S. Averitte, Stedman, N. C., peacefully passed to her eternal reward May 12th, 1919, in her 79th year. For a long time she was a great sufferer; but bore her pain patiently, until God took her.

She was a faithful member of Cokesbury Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, three sons, fourteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. May the consolation of our holy religion be a stay and comfort to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Lela McLean,
J. A. Tharpe, P. C.,
Committee.

SMITH—Mrs. J. F. Smith departed this life on September 2, after three weeks of suffering. Oak Grove has lost one of its best members, the husband and children a devoted wife and mother, the pastor, a personal friend. She was always delighted, seemingly, when her pastor could visit her home. Always cordial and hospitable in her home. A good woman has gone from us to be forever with her Lord. Peace to her ashes and rest to her soul.

C. H. Caviness, Pastor.

ROLISON—Brother Rufus R. Rolison was born January 31, 1885, departed this life July 21, 1919, being in his 34th year. He was married February 9, 1919, to Miss Reta May Harris of Vandemere. Brother Rolison was always a good boy. He professed faith in Christ in early life and joined Barnes Chapel M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Brother W. A. Jenkins, in 1901. Brother Rufus seemed to know that the end was near several days before he died, and told his wife and mother, "Not to weep for me, for I am all right." On Tuesday afternoon, after religious services conducted by Brother J. P. Woodward and myself, his body was laid to rest in the burying ground at Barnes Chapel, to await the resurrection morn.

His Pastor, H. M. Wellman.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from this world our sister and co-laborer, Mrs. W. P. Leatherwood, thereby causing the Sunday school at Long's Chapel to sustain a grievous loss; and while we would not murmur or question or complain, but would bow with humble submission to the will of the All Wise and Supreme Dictator of the Universe; yet we deem it proper and becoming in us, as a Sunday school, to publicly express our sorrow and grief and to mourn the departure of our sister.

Therefore be it resolved,

1. That in the death of Mrs. Leatherwood this Sunday school has lost one of its strongest, most loyal and most faithful members; one whose place was never vacant, whose heart responded to every call for help and whose devotion to and love for the study of God's word was ever an inspiration and an example to all who came in contact with her, in the Sunday school work.

2. That we shall sorely miss her gentle presence, her low sweet voice, her bright smiling face, her kindly greetings and the hearty and sympathetic friendship she so freely accorded to all.

3. That we pray that her blessed influence may not be lost from this Sunday school, but that her mantle will fall on some one who will take and fill her place.

4. That we extend to the sorely bereaved husband and children our tenderest sympathy and pray that they may realize that the "everlasting arms" are beneath and around them and that the home in which she reigned as queen is brightened by His presence.

5. we pray that we, too, may love and follow Christ as she loved and followed Christ, so that on some fair morn we shall again see our sister in that land where the inhabitants never say that they are sick, and where God wipes all tears away.

We cannot say, we will not say, that she
is dead,
She is just away,
With a cheery smile and a wave of the
hand,
She has wandered into some unknown
land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since she lingers there.
And to you who yearn till the eyelids burn
For the old time step, and the glad return,
Think of her as faring on as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here.

6. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate with a request to publish the same in token of our esteem for our departed sister.

Mrs. Kate C. Shaw,
Miss Emma D. White,
Anna M. Glosser,
Committe.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At the last meeting of the Missionary Society of the Hayesville Methodist Church the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to permit the death of our beloved president, Mrs. Lizzie Stedman, therefore be it resolved,

1. That we sadly miss her gentle presence and her loving counsel, but realizing that our loss is her eternal gain we bow in humble submission to the will of divine Providence. Mrs. Stedman was with us only a few months, but in that short time we learned to feel for her that love which a refined and cultured Christian character always inspires.

2. That we extend to the bereaved and lonely husband and to the other relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our records, a copy sent to brother Stedman and that a copy be furnished the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. A. O. Allison,
Mrs. D. B. Ketron,
Mrs. G. H. Haigler,
Mrs. J. M. Sullivan.

EUNICE SOULE LANIER—On the 25th day of August, 1919, the spirit of sister Eunice Soule Lanier returned to the God that gave. She was born to Rev. and Mrs. John W. Puett July 1, 1856, and was near sixty-three at the time of her death. She was married to her present surviving husband, Edmonson Julian Lanier, November 7, 1888. Four children were the issue of this union, two boys and two girls. Their first born, Julia Ellen, died in infancy. John, Frank, and Eunice survive. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Dr. Tyson, Rising Star, Tex., and Mrs. Ellen Davis, El Paso, Tex.

Sister Lanier was born again at the age of 14 during a regular morning service her father was conducting at Concord Church while he was pastor on the Ansonville circuit. From that day she led a most exemplary active Christian life. Born and reared in Methodist parsonages, under such consecrated Christian influences as characterized the life of the sainted John W. Puett, there is no surprise in the above statement. She was very quiet and unassuming in her manner of life, yet very forceful and positive. Her death was calm and serene, symbolical of the life she had led. She peacefully fell on sleep in Jesus whom she knew and served so well. Her funeral was conducted the day following by her pastor from the Norwood Methodist Church in presence of a large concourse of loving and sympathizing friends which was an attestation of the high esteem in which she was held.

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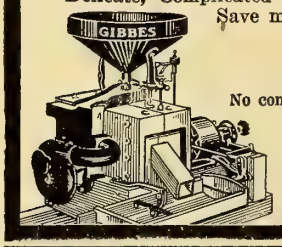
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North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round — September
Leasburg Circuit, 11 a. m. 20-21
Brooksdale Circuit, Allensville, 11 a. m. 27-28
East Roxboro, Grace, 6:30 p. m. 28

October
Milton Circuit, Connally's 11 a. m. 4-5
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m. 12
Chapel Hill, 8 p. m. 12
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m. 18-19
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m. 25-26
Graham, 8 p. m. 26

November
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m. 1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m. 2
Branson, 8 p. m. 5
Lakewood, 8 p. m. 6
Calvary, 8 p. m. 7
Mebance Circuit 8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m. 9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m. 10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m. 11
Memorial, 8p. m. 12
Trinity, 8 p. m. 13
West Durham, 8 p. m. 14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m. 15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m. 16
Roxboro, 8 p. m. 16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Third Round

Fourth Round — September
Perquimanns, Oak Grove 20-21
Hertford, morning 28
Edenton, night 28

October
Moyock, Perkins 4-5
Currituck, Hebron 5-6
Pasquotank, Union 11-12
North Gates, Savages 18-19
Gates, Zion 19-20
Dare, East Lake 25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet 28
Hatteras, Frisco 30

November
Kitty Hawk, Collington 1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese 2-3
Columbia, Columbia 6
Plymouth 7
Roper, Roper 9-10
Camden, Shiloh 14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven 16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Roseboro, McGees 20-21
Bladen, Antioch, 11 a. m. 22
Dike, Duke 27-28
Dunn, Dunn, night 28-29
Newton Grove, Newton Grove, 11 a. m. 30

October
Buckhorn, Cokesbury 4-5
Lillington, Lillington, night 5-6
Jonesboro, Broadway 11 12
Sanford, night 12-13
Fayetteville, Salem, 11 a. m. 15
Stetman 18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant 25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m. 27

November
Hemp, Tabernacle 1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night 2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m. 8
Siler City 9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m. 13
Hay Street 16-17
Person, Calvary, night 16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Kinston, Caswell Street, Woodington 20-21
Kinston, Queen Street, night 21
Mount Olive Circuit, Rones Chapel 27-28
Mount Olive, Calypso 28-29

October
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora 4-5
New Bern, Centenary, night 5-6
Jones Circuit, Lee's Chapel 11
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe 12
Snow Hill Circuit 17
Hookerton Circuit 18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night 19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth 23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic 25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel 31

November
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange 1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night 2-3
Carteret Circuit, Harlowe 8 9
New Bern, Riverside, night 9
Vandemere Circuit 15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m. 16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

Fourth Round — September
Franklinton, Wesley 21-22
Selma 28
Kenly 28-29

October
Granville, Calvary 4-5
Oxford 10 12
Oxford Circuit, Salem 11 12
Louisburg 17-19
Youngsville, Leah's 18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove 19-20
Princeton 26-27
Benson 30
Four Oaks 31

November
Millbrook 1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street 2-3
Raleigh, Central 4-4
Cary 8-9
Jenkins Memorial 10
Benson 11
Four Oaks 12
Zebulon 14
Garner 15-16
Epworth 16

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Jacksonville-Rich, Richlands 21-22
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill 27-28
Wilmington Circuit, Wesley Memorial 28-29

October
Burgaw, Burgaw 4-5
Tabor, Tabor 10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn 11-12
Hallsboro, Hallsboro 17
Carver's Creek, Bolton 18-19
Whiteville 19-20
Magnolia, Trinity 24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace 25-26
Onslow, Maysville 31

November
Swansboro, Swansboro 1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp 7
Town Creek, Bethel 8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Rosemary, Rosemary 20-21
Roanoke Rapids 21
Garysburg, Garysburg 26
Conway, Sharon 27-28

October
Battleboro and W. McTyeires 3
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield 4-5
Rich Square, Pinners 11-12
[illegible], Murfreesboro 12-13
Henderson 19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson 19
Northampton, Lasker 25-26

November
Roanoke, Calvary 1-2
Littleton 2
Warrenton, Warrenton 7
Warren, Shady Grove 8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway 15-16
Weldon 16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Third Round

September
Elm City 20 21
Fremont, Yelvertons, night 21-22
Fairfield, September 24-25
Mattamuskut, Englehard 25-26
Swan Quarters, Sladesville 27-28

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Sulphur Springs 20-21
Haywood Street, 11 a. m. 21
Elk Mountain, 3 p. m. 21
Weaverville, night 21
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville 27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m. 28
Saluda, night 28

October
Mills River, Chapel 4-5
Central, night 5
Rosman 11
Brevard, a. m. 12
Hendersonville, p. m. 12
Leicester 18-19
West Asheville 19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Lilesville, Lilesville, 11 a. m. 20
Ansonville, Concord, 11 a. m. 21
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m. 27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m. 28

October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m. 3
Morven, New Hope, 11 a. m. 4-5
Wadesboro, night 5
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m. 11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m. 19
Hawthorne Lane, night 19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
West Greensboro, Jamestown 20-21
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 21
Coleridge Circuit, Concord 27-28
Deep River Circuit, Central Falls 28

October
Randolph Circuit, Trinity 4-5
Asheboro, night 5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem 11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m. 12
Ruffin, night 12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove 18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m. 19
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m. 19

FINAL MEETINGS

October
Randleman, 8 p. m. 6
High Point, Main Street, 8 p. m. 9
Greensboro, Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, at Carraway Memorial, 8 p. m. 10
High Point, East End, 8 p. m. 13
Randolph Circuit, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m 14
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, 8 p. m. 14
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 2:30 p. m. .. 15
Greensboro, Centenary, 8 p. m. 15
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 8 p. m. 16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 8 p. m. 17

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N C.
Fourth Round — September
Spray, 11 a. m. 21
Draper, Mt. Carmel, 4 p. m. and 11 a. m. 21
Leaksville, night 20-21
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove 27-28

October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge 4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's 9
Madison, Madison 11-12
Dobson, Silcam 18-19

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round — September
Cliffside Circuit, Cliffside, Saturday night 20-21
Henrietta and Caroleene Circuit, Caroleene, night 21
Forest City, at Forest City 27-28
Broad River Circuit, 3 p. m. 28-29

October
Enola Circuit, Saturday at 11 o'clock at warlick Chapel 4
Connelly Spring, at Rutherford College 5-6
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine, Tuesday night 7
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Wednesday night.. 8
Micaville, at Martin's Chapel, Friday at 11 o'clock 10
Bald Creek, at Bald Creek 11-12
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night 12-13
Marion Circuit, at Capernaum, Tuesday at 11 o'clock 14
Mill Spring Circuit, Bethlehem, Thusday at 11 o'clock 16
Thermal City, at Trinity 18-19
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Gilkey, Sunday night 19-20

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder Salisbury, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
New London, Bethany 19
Salem 20
First Street, 11 a. m. 21
Albemarle Circuit, 3 p. m. 21
Albemarle, Central, night 21
Kannapolis Circuit 27-28
Kannapolis Station, night 28

October
Concord, Central, 11 a. m. 5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m. 5
Kerr Street, night 5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship 10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge 11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m. 12
Epworth, night 12
Bethel-Loves 16
Salisbury Circuit 18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Franklin Avenue, Tate's, 11 a. m. 20-21
East End, Bethesda, 4 p. m. 20-21
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m. 27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m. 28

October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m. 4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m. 5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m. 11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m. 12
McAdenville, 8 p. m. 18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m. 19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m. 20-21
Mooresville First, Mooresville, night 20-21
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night 22
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m 27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m. 27-28

October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m. 4-5
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m. 4-5
Broad Street, Broad Street, night 4-5
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m. 18 19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C
Fourth Round — September
Laurel Springs Circuit, Mt. Zion 20-21
Avery Circuit 26-27
Elk Park Circuit, Montezuma 28-29

October
Watauga Circuit 4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek 18
Wilkes Circuit 18
Wilkesboro 19
North Wilkesboro, night 19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Glenville 20-21
Highlands 21-22
Hayesville 27 28
Jonathan Creek, Hemphill, p. m. 28
Judson 27-28

October
Ranger, Ranger 4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree 5-6
Robbinsville 7-8
Tuckaseegee 11-12
Waynesville Circuit 15
Fines Creek 18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W. 4th. Street Phone 853
Winston-Salem, N. C.
Fourth Round — September
Farmington circuit, Farmington, 3 p. m., night 6
Advance Circuit, Cornatzer 20-21
Kernersville circuit, Sedge Garden, 4 p. m. and night 21
Denton circuit, Newsome 27-28

October
Davidson circuit, Midway 4-5
Liberty, night 6
Salem, night 7
Centenary, night 9
Forsyth circuit, Bethel 11-12
Grace, night 13
Burkhead, night 14
Southside, night 15
Thomasville station, night 16
Lexington station, night 17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger 18-19

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And so beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care,

And Thou, O Lord! by whom are seen
Thy creatures as they be,
Forgive me if too close I lean
My human heart on Thee!

—*John G. Whittier.*

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Editorial

WORLD RECONSTRUCTION AND SOUL SAVING

Since Germany thrust a dagger at the heart of civilization, we have seen and heard a great deal about reconstructing the world. This is all quite natural, since we have felt that the world was literally torn to pieces by the great war. Lines of travel were broken up, the channels of commerce between the nations were suddenly closed, the nations themselves were at each others throats and general disorganization resulted. When the terrific conflict was brought to an end, when millions of the choice young men of the world were in untimely graves, when many millions more were cripples for life and possibly dependents, when those who were left stopped to breathe a little more freely than they had been able to do for five years —well, when they looked around upon a desolated world, it is not surprising that they should feel that the world needed reconstructing.

This way of talking in world terms is very entrancing. It makes a great appeal to the imagination—an appeal to the imagination so great in fact that it sometimes makes the reason somewhat dizzy and a sort of intoxication takes possession of tongue and pen. The world needed to be reconstructed, but who was going to do it? Could any one man undertake the job? Was any Church able to undertake it? Could any nation serve as umpire in re-arranging the fragments that were left after the battle? Well, hardly; but it sounded good to talk and write about it. It served as a safety valve for the great world thinkers. The words rolled euphoniously on the tongue, and listeners sat open-mouthed in an artless effort to take in the greatness of the program proposed. And so the stream of words ran on and we were all duly impressed.

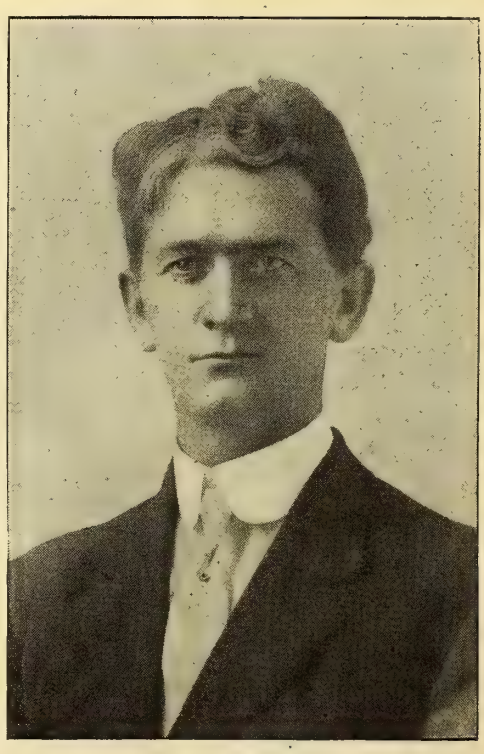
But really is it not time we were trying to analyze what the world reconstructionists really meant; that is, if they had any meaning intelligent to themselves. And, if the world really needed to be reconstructed, is it not time we were coming to some sort of understanding as to how it is to be done? When we really stop to think, we know that it is not going to be done according to any cut and dried program thrown together by some sociologist in his nicely furnished and perfumed study. No one man, no one Church, no one nation, no one organization of any kind is going to bring it about. We will have to get back to the plan of the old Quaker who solved the problem of cleaning out the meeting house—every man clean about his own feet, and the thing was done.

It is not always that we find ourself in agreement with Rev. Bob Shuler, of Texas. Just before the last General Conference we found ourself generally in disagreement with his Free Lance editorials. From our viewpoint they were just about as far wrong as they could get. But he had an article in a recent issue of the Texas Christian Advocate in which he made a centre shot on this "world program business." He is brief and to the point, and we will give our readers the benefit of his utterance as follows:

> Brother Tom Barcus has called attention to a most vital thing in the Advocate of August 14th. I, too, read the editorial in the Centenary Bulletin in July, to which Brother Barcus refers, and was astounded to see in cold type that our great Church was to desert "the old and narrow plane of soul saving" and to ascend to a "world program of reconstruction and civilization." I could not believe the sentiment intentional, but to this moment have seen neither retraction nor explanation.
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> I do not know just what is meant by this "world program of reconstruction and civilization," but I do know that when the Methodist Church deserts her life-long program of soul saving, it will take more than fifty-five millions of dollars to save her from oblivion. You can build a hospital in every mission center, establish mission schools in every foreign province, send shiploads of missionaries and watch the whole "caboodle" go up in the smoke of an inglorious backfire, providing the "program" excludes the saving of the souls of men, according to that old and narrow way of the fathers.
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> Brethren, I wonder if some of our leaders are not trying on Saul's armour? Beware! Fifty-five millions of itself isn't a good size pebble these days. If I mistake not, the hour has come for us to pause long enough to carry that pouch of gold to the mourners' bench and begin an old-fashioned struggle with God for power. We need a Pentecost more than we need a program.
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> Tom Barcus is dead right. Give the world a revival of grace, brought on by prayer, and the preaching of the gospel and this "narrow plane of soul saving" will widen round the world and heighten to the throne of God.

This is our viewpoint of the whole matter. The Church's first business and last business is to bring men and women to Christ for salvation from sin. There is nowhere else to carry them for salvation, and this salvation is applied to each individual singly and alone. And the world will never be reconstructed until you get the individuals composing it reconstructed according to the pattern shown in the mount. We need to get down to this solid fundamental fact. Talking in high sounding phrases about world reconstruction amounts to nothing more than gratifying the vanity of the talker. He needs to be sure first of all that he is properly reconstructed. And when that job has been attended to properly, it is time for him to bring some one else to "the fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;" and as many others as it is possible for him to bring one at the time and start them on a similar mission. Enough of this sort of work will soon have the old world in fine shape, and no other sort moves an inch in that direction.

What we need most of all at this time is for our army of ministers and leading laymen to recognize this fact and seriously set themselves to this task. We cannot force men to be saved, and we will find many of them pulling back from the only source of salvation. It has always been so. But there are many who will hear and heed the call. The best we can do is to gather them in. The closer to God we get ourselves, the more of His spirit is in us, the more clearly we bear the stamp of His image on our life, the more powerful we shall be in persuading others to accept Him. Let there be deeper consecration, closer heart searchings, a more perfect surrender of ourselves to Him; and then we shall be more efficient in saving the world. Thus shall we best do our part in the great task that is before us.



REV. M. B. CLEGG

We are glad to be able to let our readers have a look into the face of one of our most faithful itinerants, Rev. M. B. Clegg, pastor of the Connelly Springs charge, and incidentally pastor of one of the most important student bodies in the state, namely, that at Rutherford College. Brother Clegg was born in Chatham county in 1873. He is the son of Rev. William F. and Mary Bell Clegg. Pious and devoted Methodists, they brought up their children in the fear of God and labored to prepare them for useful lives.

Brother Clegg was prepared for college in the High School at Pittsboro, and was graduated from Trinity College in the year 1900. He taught at Belwood, in Cleveland county, for several years, was licensed to preach in July, 1904, and joined the Western North Carolina Conference the same year. He has served the following charges: El Bethel circuit, two years; Crouse circuit, four years; King's Mountain and El Bethel, four years; Henrietta and Caroleen, four years, and at the last Annual Conference was assigned to the Connelly Springs charge, where he is now serving.

One of the most important events of his life was his marriage to Miss Louise Hoyle, daughter of the late Capt. L. J. Hoyle. She has, during all his itinerant career, been a faithful helper in all his work.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Conflict Between Labor and Capital seems just now more serious than it did one week ago. The call of a conference on the question to meet in Washington early in October, together with the settlement of the disputes at Charlotte and High Point in this State seemed to be clearing the atmosphere just a little; but the conditions that developed almost at once at Albemarle and then the strike of the steel workers called for Monday of this week—the most widely extended strike that has yet occurred—tends to dissipate the hope of any early settlement of the questions involved. Then when we recall that only a truce has been arranged with the great railway brotherhoods and that labor generally is greatly demoralized, we can only hope against hope that the industrial skies will clear at any early date. In the meantime it is for every man to hold steadily to the right, as God gives him to see it.

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Trinity College reports its opening in another column. It was our privilege to spend a few brief moments on the campus last Saturday. The doors of the institution had been thrown open for the year's work on the Wednesday preceding but everything appeared as if they had been running the schedule for a month. While the student body is larger than ever before, President Few told us that the work of organizing and classifying the students had been accomplished with less difficulty than usual. The number of students on the campus, including the College and the High School, is now running far up toward the thousand mark Those magnificent dormitories are really overcrowded and further building has become a necessity for the near future. Some further buildings are already enterprised, but the war conditions have kept the building program back so far that it will doubtless take several years to catch up. The Church must rally as never before to her educational institutions.

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An Industrial Conference has been called to meet in New York City October 2 and 3. It is fostered by the Interchurch World Movement, and is participated in by the Federal Council of theChurches and the Social Service Department of several of the denominations. Among the topics announced to be discussed are the following: Decmocracy in Industry, Co-operative Movements, Agricultural, and Migratory Labor, Racial Relations, A Minimum Standard of Living, Organized Labor Movements, Inceased Production, Collective Bargaining, Free Speech, Problems of Reconstruction, The Responsibility of the Church in Industrial Ma'ters. So far as we can see there is nothing concerning soul-saving in the whole program. It is a pretty good list of subjects for statesmen and business men. Very important social and economic questions are involved in them. The vision of the Conference will hardly extend beyond the present life, and we predict will have scant reference to the experience of personal salvation in this world. We do not mean to minify the importance of these things, but we do mean to say that, if the Church does not deliver its main power upon something deeper and more fundamental than is here indicated, it will soon have no power to deliver upon these.

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The Minutes of the Annual Conferences for the year 1918 bound in one volume has been laid on our desk. Besides giving in condensed form the minutes of the sessions of all our Conferences, it gives us valuable statistics concerning the year's work of our Church. Our net increase in membership has been small, the exact number being 19,046. There were baptized during the year 24,844 infants and 64,924 adults. This represents nearly 90,000 baptisms during the year and will approximate the number of accessions, as it is probable that the number received into the Church this year who had been baptized in in-

fancy, and therefore not baptized again, will equal the number baptized in infancy this year. The Church has 6,578 pastoral charges, and 19,204 Church organizations. The circulation of official Church papers is not flattering. The General Organ reports a circulation of 12,658, and the combined Conference organs 122,342. It ought to be said, however, that the General Organ now has a much larger circulation than is here reported, and in general that the pastors reports of the circulation of the Church paper to the Annual Conference are made in a very unsatisfactory way. It is evident that many of them simply copy the preceding year's report, and thus keep the circulation static. The condensed minutes may be had of Smith & Lamar for $1.00.

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Louisburg College has opened under favorable auspices for another year's work. This is one of our old and valuable institutions for the education of girls, and our people are doing well to give it a good patronage. The following note from Rev. F. S. Love, President of the institution, will be read with interest by our people: "The College opened on the 11 with the largest attendance in its history, and with an enrollment that has grown just as rapidly as we have been able to furnish space for rooming girls. We are using every power we can right now to secure additional buildings near the campus that we are able to use for students and teachers. The strong faculty we have been able to assemble this year is making a splendid impression on the student body and on the whole College community. The atmosphere created is one of cheerfulness in work and it is good to observe the things taking place. The success we have met with this year brings vividly before us the need for the building we discussed in our Trustees' meeting at Commencement, and surely North Carolina Methodism will accept the challenge of the many young women wanting college training and make possible the realization of this great desire in their lives." There is imperative need for enlarged dormitory facilities at Louisburg, and we trust that it will not be many years before arrangements will be made to accommodate at least two or three hundred girls at Louisburg.

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The Superannuate Endowment Fund is one of the most sorely needed funds in the Church. It has not been able to make much progress since the last General Conference through no fault of those who have that matter in hand, nor yet because the Church is unwilling to respond to the call of these veterans of the cross. We are persuaded that no appeal would reach the heart of our people more directly than this one; but the pressure of the Centenary Movement has made it impossible to get a hearing for anything else of that nature. Now the Church is to turn its attention to another important interest—that of Christian Education—before there will be time to put on a general movement in behalf of the worn-out preachers. This matter is important and must not be neglected. In the meantime the cost of living is soaring with the superannuate as with other people, and his income is fearfully inadequate. Shall he be neglected forever? The suggestion has been made that the ten million dollars for this fund be added to the twenty-three million dollars for Christian Education, and both taken together. We do not know whether this can be done or not; but, if it can be done, it ought to be done. The great misfortune is that all the "drives" were not included in one and taken together; but as it is too late to remedy that mistake, let us combine the rest and put it through at one time. There is a certain weariness in the Church and in the public generally because of so many "drives," and we are persuaded that it would be the part of wisdom to complete the job on the next trip. Certainly the Church ought not to stand by for the next two years and see our superannuates suffer without substantial relief.

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The Church School, A Magazine of Christian Education, a copy of which has just reached our office, is a new monthly magazine devoted to the work of the Sunday school. Three denominations—the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Congregational Church—have combined forces for the production of this magazine. The editors in the initial number hold out the expectation that other denominations will join them. The Board of Editors is comprised of Dr. E. B. Chappel, the Sunday school editor of our Church; Sidney A. Weston, editor of educational publications Congregational Church; and Henry H. Meyer, editor of Sunday school pulications, Methodist Episcopal Church. If other denominations join the movement, we suppose that other editors will be added to these. We do not understand that this publication is to carry any exposition or treatment of the Sunday school lessons, nor could we expect it to be classed as denominational Sunday school literature. It is published monthly by The Graded Press, 150 Fifth Ave., New York. Our general Sunday school workers occupy a prominent place in the contents of the initial number. We notice some circular matter that has reached us in connection with this publication, announcing that the Sunday School Field Workers in Conference at Lake Junaluska, July 23, pledged their co-orperation in greatly extending its circulation, setting a goal of 15,000 new subscribers, and apportioned them to the Annual Conferences of our Church. The North Carolina Conference was apportioned 658, and the Western North Carolina Conference 684.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Pastors and subscribers to the Advocate will please note that the price of subscription, new and renewal, is strictly $2.00 per year. The $1.50 rate was discontinued the last of June. Some seem to have overlooked this. It is very necessary that we adhere to this and that all who are in arrears send in their renewals at once. Let all who have received notices recently look them up at once, pin check or money order to the notice and mail to us. It is not at all necessary to worry your pastor with this extra care. Return envelopes were mailed with notices.

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An Organized Protest Against Unification has been issued by "a largely attended gathering of Methodist laymen and preachers of the Sardis District, North Mississippi Conference." the formal statement given out is known as the "Senatobia Statement." The meeting was presided over by Hon. Herbert Holmes, who is characterized as one of the "foremost lawyers of North Mississippi, and formerly a leading member of the Mississippi legislature." H. Grady Johnston, of De Soto County, served as secretary. The statement is a rather lengthy one; but the protest is based upon the position given the Negro in the proposed plan of unification, and also upon the proposed system of Regional Conferences. If space permits, we may later give the entire statement to our readers. There is genuine alarm on the part of some as to what may occur at the next sitting of the full Joint Commission, January 15, 1920, the place of meeting yet to be determined. The ad interim committee, consisting of fourteen members, is to have a meeting in Richmond, Va., November 3, 1919. This committee has before it the whole question of unification and would be within its rights in presenting an entirely new scheme of unification. This it will hardly undertake, however; but will likely content itself with some recommendation concerning the Negro question. We notice that Bishop Denny in two Conferences which he has held has presented four propositions concerning unification and asked for an expression of preference. The report was started that he was doing this in response to a request from the chairman of ourCommission, but Bishop Mouzon declares that he has made no such request and doubts the wisdom of it at this time, when no definite plan has been agreed upon by the Joint Commission. For our part, our conviction has steadily grown stronger during this discussion that the best thing for the Negro is an entirely independent Church of his own, and that any sort of official organic connection will prove an endless source of trouble. But a feature of the situation still more serious to our mind than any position that it is proposed to give the Negro in the unified Church is the agitation already on by the Northern Methodist press for the Negro's so-called "rights"—an agitation that enters the field of politics and will attempt to force the franchise into his hands, that insists upon his right to govern in communities where he out numbers the whites, and that will insist (though this is denied at the present stage) upon social equality. For Methodism in this territory to have organic union of any sort with a Methodist Church that is agitating for these things would be embarrassing beyond measure and would seriously cripple the efficiency of our Church. We simply could not do our work under such a handicap. We exceedingly fear that the further discussion of this subject will become bitter and hurtful.

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Methodists Lead the Protestant World in the number enlisted in their Sunday schools. We ran across the statistics in the School Standard published by our Church at Nashville, Tenn., and herewith give them to our readers: "Methodist Sunday schools lead all others in numbers. This is according to the statistics of the Census Bureau gathered in 1916 and issued since January 1st of this year. The figures for the Methodist Episcopal Church are: Officers and teachers, 391,949; pupils, 3,872,264. Total, 4,264,213. For the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the figures are: Officers and teachers, 152 177; pupils, 1,688,550. Total 1,840,736. The total for the two Methodisms is 6,104,949. The figures for other Methodisms are 1,030,876. The total for all Sunday schools, Roman Catholics included, was 21,888,521. Thus it will be seen that Methodism, with a total of 7,135,825 in her Sunday schools, has practically one-third of all Sunday school pupils in the United States. Our Baptist brethren come next, as usual. The Northern Baptist Convention showed an enrollment in its Sunday schools of 1,141,853, and the Southern Baptist Convention had 1,826,167. The colored Baptists led any other Negro Church, with a Sunday school enrollment of 1,305,087. The three leading bodies of Methodist Negroes had in their Sunday schools 832,180. The only other Churches whose enrollment passed the million mark were the Presbyterians in U. S. A., with 1,522,438, and the Roman Catholics, with an enrollment of 1,932,206."

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Is It a Threat? We have noticed in several of our exchanges, particularly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that until unification is effected, or in case of the final failure of unification, the work on the border and over the border must be more vigorously prosecuted than ever. "Full Steam Ahead" is the title under which this policy has been set forth. Especially has the Central Christian Advocate been insistent that our Church is planning to do this in the West and North West. Be it said that these papers raise no objection to our doing this. On the contrary, they are careful to state that it is our right to press our work wherever we choose. We do not impugn their sincerity in this statement, but it is manifestly necessary for them to admit this in order to urge their claim of being a world Church. It is not our purpose at this time to argue the wisdom or the right of either Church to press its work in the territory that was assigned to the other in the original division. Our Church has done and is doing some work of that character; but, unless we have read our history wrongly, our sister Church was the first to break over and has broken over much more largely to this day than we have. For instance, the Central Christian Advocate, issue of August 27, 1919, says: "The Methodist Episcopal Church has nearly if not quite three-fourths of a million members in the South, of which 400,000 are white members." In the early part of the discussion of unification Dr. Spencer was very emphatic in pointing out how much more the Methodist Episcopal Church would have to give up, if it surrendered to the Church, South, its membership and property in our territory than we would in surrendering our membership and property in their territory. Now the fact is being emphasized that, if unification fails, it will be the policy of that Church to prosecute its work in the South still more vigorously. Why is this done at this crucial time? Is it an effort to hold the "big stick" over our heads and threaten to absorb us if we do not come to them on their own terms? We confess the tone of it does not appeal to us, nor do we think it a manifestation of a very brotherly spirit

CONTRIBUTIONS

PREACHERS SHOULD BE PROPHETS, AND NOT POLITICAL ECONOMISTS

By Bishop W. A. Candler.

Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior Department, in a recent address before the "New Era Conference" of the Northern Presbyterian Church, is reported to have suggested that the Churches should take greater interest in social and economic questions.

He further suggested that the conference appoint committees to "report authoritatively on the following questions:

"How can profit-sharing be most simply and most easily effected in industry?

"How far should workers be entrusted with control of managerial policies?

"Cannot a movement be started to remove large industries and small from cities into towns and villages where the workers have their own homes?

"How may the social advantages of the city be provided in the country?

"How may illiteracy be stamped out?"

These suggestions of this very able man are in a sense quite complimentary to the churches. Secretary Lane obviously perceives the great influence of the Christian Churches and the Christian ministry. Indeed, the power of the Churches has been conspicuously demonstrated during the war and since the armistice, notwithstanding the cheap talk of a certain class of men who have never wearied of declaring what failures the churches have been and are.

The government has relied on the preachers and the churches in every "drive" for the sale of "Liberty Bonds" and in every other movement for the welfare of the country in these disturbed times. And the government has not been disappointed. The Churches showed they could be relied upon in such times of need. President Lincoln said during the war between the states, "God be thanked for the Churches," and President Davis found them equally dependable during that dreadful period.

But is it not possible to ask the Churches and the preachers to do too many things which are not a part of their work? And if the Churches are drawn aside from their proper work, may not great injury be done to the cause of religion, which is the foundation of our civilization, and thereby great damage be wrought even to the material interests which they are now called upon to promote?

The best work preachers can do for the settlement of social and economic questions is to proclaim the gospel of Christ, whereby spiritual life is begotten and conscience is quickened. The solution of all such questions waits not so much on showing men the methods by which these issues are to be solved, as on inducing men to do what they know to be right. If the pulpit should fall to preaching the pospel less and discussing these economic issues more, the result would be that the Churches would become centers for controversies concerning economic problems, and all classes would turn away from them. Thereby all classes would become less religious and conscientious, and thus strife and contention would be fomented to a dangerous degree.

It is quite probable that the preachers would not agree among themselves upon the answers to be given to the questions, which Mr. Secretary Lane proposes. Trained statesmen and specialists in political economy are not agreed on these matters. Why should we expect agreement among preachers, who have not studied them as statesmen and economists have?

Some people affirm that there has been a great departure of the masses from the Churches. While the defection is not as great as some have alleged, it must be admitted that many people have ceased to attend Church, and this fact has occurred during the last decade, when not a few preachers have lugged economic discussions into the pulpit. How could it be otherwise? Men do not care to be wearied on the Sabbath by amateurish deliverances on perplexing economic and social questions, with which they have had to deal quite enough during the week. Men go to church to worship God, and not to be made unwilling hearers of crude lectures on political economy. A preacher gets a congregation "under false pretenses" when he invites people to attend religious services, and then harangues them on strikes, lockouts and the like.

Mareover, preachers who use the pulpit for the discussion of economic and industrial questions will almost certainly become the partisans of some class, and their partisan preachments will tend to accentuate and intensify class hatreds and animosities. There is too much of such strife between class and class already. Russia has been paralyzed by government by one class only. In the house of God the rich and the poor should meet together to hear "the common salvation" expounded and enforced.

Jesus has been called "the poor man's philosopher"; but it is notable and instructive fact He never arrayed class against class. When He was crucified no party accused Him of betraying its principles and interests, and no party lamented Him as the maltreated exponent of its tenents. Some who have assumed in this latter day to represent His cause in the pulpit have not followed His example, and they have engendered more strife than peace among men.

How did Jesus escape their blunder? He simply dealt with all men as men and not as members of one class or another. He proclaimed to all classes that "a man's life consisteth not in the things which he possesseth," and this is a supreme truth which both rich and poor should consider. Plenty is not piety, and poverty is not impiety.

One came to Jesus saying, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me," and the Lord responded sternly, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And then in the light of the case, the Great Teacher turned to His disciples, and said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness." (Luke xii:13-15.)

The Church of God, no more than her Divine Lord, can afford to be used as a judge or divider in the distribution of earthly goods among rival claimants and contending classes. While sympathizing with the poor, dwelling with them amid their hardships, promoting their interests and relieving their distresses, she cannot serve as the partisan of a class, whether rich or poor. To each and all of every class she speaks as the oracle of God, saying, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Mic. vi:8.) It is her office to offer salvation to all classes and to proclaim Christian principles of life to all classes, rather than to work out details of procedure and insist upon rigid methods and procrustean programs for the settlement of all social issues. Wherefore she will "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, not trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (ITim. vi:17-19.) And to men who are without abundance of this world's goods she will declare, "Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." (I Tim. vi:6-8.) To rich and poor, high and low, in this age of riotous lusting after earthly things. she will repeat with authority the warning words of her Lord and Master, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." (Luke xii:15.)

It is to be hoped that few preachers and churches will undertake to do what Mr. Secretary Lane suggests. The people of all classes are too feverishly excited about earthly goods already. The preachers and the churches should try to get the fever of covetousness reduced rather than to assist in inflaming it further.

In a country where there is less real want than in any other land in the world, and in the most prosperous period in its history, the people of the United States are more excited about money and the things that money will buy than they ever were. If all classes do not repent of their greed and turn to God, they will destroy themselves and pull down the best government the world ever saw.

It is a time for the preachers to preach the gospel with the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. Their office is that of prophets, not that of political economists.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

By R. M. Taylor

This writer has always been a loyal Methodist, as loyal as he knew how to be. Anything like destructive criticism is foreign to his purpose. Even when things were done which he could not quite approve he has refrained from complaint. And now I approach a subject with trepidation for a mild discussion of some of the work done by our last General Conference. Having studied the subject of the superannuate, perhaps more than the average preacher or layman, and having been the author of a "plan" which I still believe in, though it has never been tried, I shall undertake to say a few things about the "Forgotten Man."

I refer, of course, to the superannuate. Before the meeting of the last General Conference there was a good deal of discussion, and it was confidently expected that something worth while would come of it. And when the Solons came together in Atlanta they proceeded to constitute a "Board of Finance" to which was committed the entire business of raising the superannuate endowment fund. But having invented and manufactured the machinery all in readiness, they forthwith, by some sort of arrangement not mentioned in the Discipline, tied the hands of the Board of Finance so they could not do anything worth while till the Centenary period of five years should transpire.

If this is wise management I am not a good judge. What fund is more needed than this same superannuate fund? High cost of living is now the general topic of discussion in all circles. What about the men who made the church what it is, having a pittance of two hundred dollars for a year's allowance? While we are using Centenary funds for the Negroes, the Indians, the Chinese, the Russians, the Belgians, the French, the Italians, the Mexicans, the Cubans, and what not, where is the justice in overlooking the most worthy and the most needy of all? Where is our gratitude to the heroes of Methodism who sacrificed the prospects of worldly gain to do the great work of the Church at less than a living?

In my humble judgment this is a grave omission. Why not let the poor superannuate participate in this triumph by receiving a few dollars more than he has been getting? Somebody is to blame for this oversight, for it seems too absurd to believe that it is anything but an oversight. Whoever has the "say so" in the disbursement of the Centenary fund should quickly get together and rectify this blunder. The Church has responded nobly to the Centenary call. I cannot believe the average Centenary subscriber would object to "diverting" a part of the fund from the channel into which it was designed to use it. I must insist that this seems just and right, and the contrary unjust and wrong. Let somebody undo this evil. Our Northern brethren did not forget the superannuate in the Centenary. Why should we?

In five years many, perhaps most, of the present band of superannuates will pass away. Will they die in want? I hope none of them will die *of* want. But they may suffer. The Lord has promised them support, and He will doutbless raise up friends and relatives who will keep them from suffering. But where is the responsibility of the Church to support them? It is not the business of the Church to depend on relatives and friends to support the claimants. This is truly to pauperize them. Certainly somebody will support them. But what will they think of the Church which could do so unworthy a thing as to neglect its heroes and let others get the reward for their support?

The more I think of this thing the nearer the point of indignation I get. It is unthinkable that we are doing so shameful and unworthy a thing as to let our superannuates suffer, or become paupers. Let somebody speak out. Somebody that has some authority to speak on the subject and tell us why this is as it is. Or better still let them change the policy of the Church so as to give some of this money to the superannuate.

A WORD TO PASTORS CONCERNING THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

By J. J. Stowe.

Under God the Centenary movement has been a wonderful success. It was conceived in prayer and wrought out in faith and made possible by the response of the Church to the providential leadings of the hour. It has developed through the passing months far beyond our first plans or even our highest hopes.

Among the main causes of the contributions made we must place the new emphasis that was laid during the campaign upon Christian Stewardship and Tithing, the spiritual and financial sides alike, for indeed these cannot be separated. The progress and permanency of this movement will be largely determined by the character of work done on Stewardship and Tithing. Too often in the past our methods have been defective, lacking in fundamental qualities and the results have been both inadequate and transient. The acceptance by the Church of the principles of Christian Stewardship and Tithing will make our processes Scriptural and will insure progress and permanency as a result. We have been drawing water from a well with a bucket. If we lead the Church to practice Christian Stewardship and Tithing it will be the sinking of an artesian well whose abundant water shall perennially overflow.

The week of December 7th-14th has been named as the time when the whole Church will set itself to the task of securing at least twenty per cent of the membership signed up as Tithing Stewards. Certain suggestions or plans to be followed and methods to be employed will later be offered. But this campaign for Tithing Stewards will not succeed unless a very earnest and intelligent and persistent effort is made to educate the membership of the Church in these matters. Before people can be brought to practice tithing as an acknowledgement of God's sovereign ownership, and as an act of worship, very many of them will have to be instructed. The attitude of the average man towards the property he controls is the attitude of an owner. This position is diametrically opposed to Christ's teachings of Stewardship and Tithing.

Twenty per cent of our membership signed up as Tithing Stewards is not the ultimate but only the immediate goal. If any should practice tithing, then all should. If Stewardship is the law of God, it is binding equally upon ministers and members, upon saints and sinners.

If we are to reach the first milestone December 7th-14th, widespread and thorough cultivation of the field must precede that date. The Methodist preacher, the key-man and the one who, after all, determines more than any other what his people will be and do—upon him falls most largely the responsibility for this campaign of education. Any attempt to sign members as Tithing Stewards without proper preparation will prove a failure, both as to numbers pledged and the depth and permanence of impression made upon those who are pledged.

This educational campaign must be carried on through the intervening months or the Eight Day Drive for Tithers will be a failure. Each pastor must decide for himself in a large measure just what and when and how he can best do this work. It is not merely a matter of finding and following a wise financial plan, it is a question most vitally related to the spiritual life of the Church, with all that term connotes.

Let Christian Stewardship, and Tithing, not as a substitute for, but as an expression of Christian Stewardship, be one of the dominant notes in revival services, one phase of the manifold message that we bring the people in the weeks ahead.

In addition, every pastor should see that the Tithing cards already signed are sent at once to the Stewardship Department, Box 38, Nashville, Tennessee. Please see that the name and address of each signer, with the name of his Conference, district, charge and church is plainly written on the card. This is important in order that each signer may receive the Certificate of Membership in the Methodist Million and the follow-up literature. Some sixty thousand signed cards are still being held in the local churches. A list should be made and retained by the pastor of all in his church who have signed the tithing card.

HOW PHAROAH'S HEART WAS HARDENED; OR HOW HE LOST A GREAT CHANCE TO BE SAVED

By Rev. D. H. Tuttle.

(Note: There are some folks who think that God did not give Pharaoh a fair deal; that he did not have equal chance with others to be saved. In this sermon I shall try to prove that Pharaoh got not only a fair deal, but that he was the most signal example of God's mercy, patience and long suffering to be found in all the Bible. Surely among all lost souls there is not one that could more truthfully say of God:

"No dire decree of thine
Did seal my unalterable doom
Condemn my unborn soul to hell
Or damn me from my mother's womb.")

Text: Rom. 9:17: For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh Even for this purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

For what purpose did God raise Pharaoh up? Let God answer His own question: The answer: "that I might show my power in thee." Now, if there is any other way by which God could show His power in Pharaoh *without* destroying him, then as a matter of simple justice to God, we must find it.

Did not God show His power in Moses and Aaron without destroying them? Could He not have done as much with Pharaoh? Can you think for one moment that God was seeking a bad name for himself? That it was in God's interest to have His name declared throughout all the earth as one who took pleasure in destroying men? Be careful how you hand out such opinions about God. If I held such, I'd never tell it save at the mourners' bench.

But do not the scriptures say that God hardened Pharaoh's heart?

Answer: The word "hardened" is found in three groups of scripture: Group (1) says, "Pharaoh hardened his heart." Group (2) says "Pharaoh's heart was hardened." Group (3) says "God hardened Pharaoh's heart." All the truth not in any *one* but in *all* these groups. In these groups three modes of operation are taught, not simply three modes of speech.

First period of action, Pharaoh's *heart* was dominant. Ex. 9:27 and 10:16.

Second period of action, Pharaoh's *will* was dominant. Ex. 9:34, 35.

Third period of action, God's *will* was dominant. Ex. 11:10 and 14:8.

Third: (1) In the interpretation of scripture the unchanging attributes of God must be kept in our minds.

(2) The interpretation of scripture must be consistent *with*, not contradictory *of*, other scriptures.

Instances cited: God not "a respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. Rom. 2:11.

God *is* a respecter of persons—violated His own word—if He treated Pharaoh different from other sinners.

(b) Not *willing* that any should perish. II Pet. 3:9. God *was* willing that Pharaoh should perish if he *decreed* him to hell before his birth.

(c) Provided salvation for all. Jno. 3:10. Titus 3:11 and I Tim. 2:6. These scriptures *not* true if Pharaoh was damned without equal chance.

Fourth: The process of heart-hardening.

(a) Mercy trifled with. Eccl. 8:11. Matt. 22:3.

(b) Mercy rejected. Ex. 9:34. Matt. 22:5.

(c) Mercy withdrawn. I Chron. 17:13. Prov. 29:2.

Fifth: Pharaoh warned; by magicians. Ex. 8:19.

(2) By Moses. Ex. 8:29 and 9:30. "Let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully." (3) By servants. Ex. 10:7.

Sixth: Pharaoh makes confession. Ex. 9:27 and 10:16. Confession is the act of one who realizes personal accountability. If he had forsaken his sins at that time (Prov. 28:13), his salvation would have been secure. I John 1:9.

Seventh: Pharaoh's last move a compromise. When he *could not* have his *own way*, and *would not* have *God's way*, then he offered three compromises: (1) Go ye sacrifice *in* the land—*in* Egypt. Ex. 8:25 to 27. (2) Pharaoh said "only ye shall not go *very far* away. Ex. 8:28,29. Shrewd old sinner—wanted to keep God's people close by and under his influence.

(3) Pharoh said, "but who are they that shall go?" Moses said, "We will *all* go, and with *all* that we possess." Ex. 10:8 to 11. To all these offers of compromise Moses laid down an emphatic NO. So must all of us who aspire to God's best in religious experience.

Key lesson of this whole matter: God *will be* glorified in every life. He seeks that it may be our own voluntary act and consent, but if we *persist* in having our own way, He knows when we have become *set* beyond recovery, and has the righteous nerve and wisdom to proceed with our undoing in a way that will deter others from following our evil example. For confirmation of this read Prov. 1:23 to 33.

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RULING THE ROOST

In the Methodist Recorder recently the Rev. Arthur Hoyle pays his respects in kindly but truthful fashion to the type of men who are ever trying to "rule the roost." He says: "I once had a colleague who could not bear contradiction. He ruled the roost, as we say. In meetings he was ever the chairman, even when I was in the chair. He had a lordly habit, very impressive, and a temper not too accommodating. He rode over us with all his banners flying, even when we stood up against him. I got into the way of beating the cymbals to enjoy his prancing. Dear, good fellow he was, save for that one quality; we would have lovely times together when he was in his right mind." And as we read Brother Hoyle's shrewdly humorous remarks we thought we recognized the man, for we have all met him, in Conference, in district meeting, in the Official Board, and even in the home, the man who could not be content unless he was "monarch of all he surveyed." And yet the writer declared he was "a dear, good fellow," and he had a lovely time with him "when he was in his right mind."

But then Mr. Hoyle goes on to explain this idiosyncracy. In the case referred to the man had been a missionary, and Mr. Hoyle says, "I can see it is not good for a man to deal only with those of a lower race and a rudimentary civilization; the more he has a will to lift and aid his humble flock the more his will asserts itself. He has to will for ten thousand folk, and the will becomes mighty. There is no will but his; that will meets no resistance, and anon it will not brook any." But the writer then bethinks him that he has noticed the same thing in school-masters. "There is only one will in any school, and the school would not be a school were there two, or if the wills clashed." And so the school-master also becomes an autocrat, and aims to lord it over everyone, whether inside or outside the school.

And under the old-fashioned methods of running a big business, where one man's will is the sole law for hundreds, or thousands, of men, the same imperious disposition manifests itself, and outside the business the man aims to do exactly the same thing. He aims to be "boss" wherever he is.

And this spirit, whatever its source, is certain to arouse antagonism and to cause trouble both for the individual himself and for those who are compelled to associate with him. The dictator has had his day, and now when in church, or business, or State, he attempts to "boss" men, he is met by a spirit of rebellion which is certain sooner or later to break out into most vigorous opposition. The difficulty is that even when the dictator is right he is apt to meet defeat, simply because people resent his dictatorship, and many a good man has had the bitter mortification of being defeated in a most wise and laudable endeavor, and of afterwards seeing that same scheme carried to a successful conclusion by some one who knew better how to handle men. The day of the "boss" has gone, and every wise man should recognize it.

There should be no "bosses." The world doesn't need them, and no man, be he missionary, schoolmaster, or business manager, need develop this objectionable characteristic. The fact is that of two men working side by side and at similar tasks, one will develop this defect, while the other, although even more successful, will not develop it. It is never a strength, but a defect. The trouble lies not in the strong will, which can never be too strong, but in the failure to recognize the brotherhood and equality of those with whom we deal; in short, the lack of the spirit of Christ.

There is an error in the minds of many which confuses Christian activity with the spirit of Christ, forgetting that a man may preach like Apollos, pray like a saint, give all he has in alms, and even surrender his body to be burned, and yet be lacking in the spirit of Christ.—The Christian Guardian.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Young preachers desiring books at half price will please address P. O. Box 26, Whiteville, N. C.

—Rev. J. M. Wright, of Jackson, assisted Rev. J. E. Holden in revival services at Rich Square last week. We hope to hear good reports from the meeting.

—Rev. J. J. Edwards, our pastor at Taylorsville, has been holding very interesting revival services at Taylorsville with Rev. G. T. Bond, of Los Angeles, Cal., as his helper.

—Rev. G. F. Smith is holding revival services with his congregation at Louisburg this week. Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, is doing the preaching.

—Rev. Burke Culpeper began a meeting in Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, on Thursday evening of last week. Great crowds are attending and, as usual, there is much interest in the services.

—Rev. W. B. Shinn, of the Rock Sprinks Circuit, closed a good revival meeting at Bethany Church on September 12. He was assisted by Rev. R. A. Taylor, of Dallas. Quite a number were added to the Church.

—A correspondent of the Hertford County Herald, writing from Coleraine, says: "Protracted services closed at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. There was a good revival among the people and two additions to the Church.

—Rev. Mr. McLendon, evangelist, who has recently closed a great meeting at Wadesboro, began a meeting in Kinston this week. The Churches have been looking forward and making preparations for the meeting, with great expectations.

The Scottish Chief, of Maxton, says: "That Rev. Harry M. North, Presiding Elder, who is to lead revival services at St. Pauls Church, Maxton, early in November, will conduct services at the Laurinburg Methodist Church from October 12 to 18."

—Rev. O. I. Hinson, our pastor at Clayton, is in revival services with Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, of Greensboro, as his helper. In the absence of Brother Kirkpatrick from Spring Garden Street Church last Sunday the pulpit was filled by Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of the Advocate.

—Rev. Robert T. Henry, of Mississippi, who is to be supported as a missionary in China, by the West End Church, Winston-Salem, preached to that congregation on Sunday, September 7. The congregation was very much pleased with him. He will sail from Vancouver on November 13.

—Mr. J. S. Knight, of Stokesdale, and Miss Mary L. Clapp, of Siler City, met at the Guilford hotel in this city on Tuesday afternoon of last week and were united in matrimony Rev. T. V. Crouse. of the Stokesdale circuit, perfoming the ceremony. The couple left immediately for Washington city and other points north. They will live in Stokesdale.

—The opening at Davenport College on September 14, as reported by the News-Topic, is said to be the largest in the history of the institution dating back to 1855. The News-Topic says: "All the dormitory rooms are occupied and the applications were so many that the attendance this year would be at least twice as much as it is if the college had had sufficient accommodations.

—Rev. T. V Crouse is closing a very successful revival campaign on the Stokesdale charge. Since last report he has held meetings at Stokesdale and Mount Carmel. At Stokesdale there were twelve professions and six accessions to the Church. A meeting is in progress at Eden at this writing. To date there have been reported thirty-two professions and nineteen accessions.

—Rev. F. L. Townsend, pastor of the Wentworth Circuit, was in the city on Saturday morning and made the Advocate office a pleasant visit. Brother Townsend reports matters in very satisfactory shape in his charge. He is closing his third year and there seems no reason to expect any interference with the cordial relationship existing between pastor and people till the time limit interferes.

—Our little congregation at Bethel, in the northwestern suburbs of the city, wiped out the last of its Church debt last Sunday. This Church was built three years ago at a cost of about $3,000. The same Church could not be built today for less than $5,000. Bethel is a striking example of what may be done by poor people when all co-operate and stand together. Their finances are always in good shape.

—A cablegram received by the Board of Missions at Nashville on September 15, announces the safe arrival of the Brazil party of which Mr. J. W. Clay is a member, at their port in Brazil. Mr. Clay, it will be recalled, spent several months on leave of absence with Statesville as headquarters. He is in charge of our publishing house in Brazil and while in this country purchased a new equipment for the house.

—A Hickory press correspondent, writing September 19, says: "Interest is increasing in the revival services which have been in progress at the First Methodist Church since Sunday and the evening congregations fill the auditorium. All the preaching is being done by Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor, and it is said to be most effective. Services are held morning and evening in the Church and at noon at the various manufacturing plants.

—The Mount Olive Tribune of September 18, says: "Rev. J. J. Boone, former pastor in charge of the Mount Olive Circuit, is assisting Rev. R. E. Pittman in a meeting at Rones Chapel this week. Rev. Mr. Boon is kindly remembered by many local friends and members of the circuit Churches as one of the most forceful and interesting speakers ever assigned to this charge, and not a few of these are expected to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him again."

—We regret to announce the death of Mr. A. Marvin Carr, the second son of Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham. His death accurred in a hospital in New York on Sunday afternoon, September 21, 1919. For the past several years he has been vice-president and sales manager of the Durham Hosiery Mills. He is survived by his wife and two children; his father, Gen. Julian S. Carr, two sisters and three brothers. The many friends of the family, prominent in business and in Church relations, will deeply sympathize with them in this bereavement.

—An interesting item of news goes out from Lexington to the effect that the firm of Foy and Shemwell will build a parsonage as a gift to the First Methodist Church, of that town. The offer was made by this firm through Mr. Dervout Shemwell and the building is to be a memorial to his mother, Mrs .Laura B. Shemwell. Resolutions were passed thanking Foy and Shemwell for this very generous gift. A splendid location on Third Avenue, near the postoffice, will be bought and the parsonage built there. It is expected that work will begin immediately.

—Last Sunday afternoon there was held a great open-air service near by our new Glenwood Church, this city. The meeting had been going on all through the week with considerable interest, Rev. T. J. Rogers assisting the pastor. Rev. Burke Culpeper addressed the meeting on Sunday afternoon and took pledges for the building fund and secured nearly $5,000. This is considered a great boost for Methodism in Glenwood and the success of that new Church organization is fully assured. The New Church will be completed at once and Methodism will play a great part in that community henceforth.

—A daily press correspondent, writing from Pittsboro under date of September 12, says: "Officer A. T. Ward, of Bynum, together with Rev. G. W. Perry and J. M. Garner, captured a still Tuesday morning and destroyed a quantity of beer. Three men made their escape, having seen the officers first." Good for Brother Perry. He will pull without a balk wherever you hitch him. He is pastor of the Haw River circuit and is one of the most highly esteemed pastors in the North Carolina Conference. We are glad to see that he is still conscious of the fact that he is in the Church militant.

—Rev. W. A. Jenkins, of the North Carolina Conference who for about fifteen months has been in the service as a chaplain with the rank of first lieutenant has recently returned on leave and is temporarily located in Greensboro. Mrs. Jenkins and children are stopping for the time being with her sister, Mrs. W. V. Forbis, 746, Park Avenue. On the morning of September 18, W. A. Jr. put in his appearance for a permanent stay with the family. He weighs eight and a half and is a candidate for the episcopancy already. For about twelve months Brother Jenkins has been with the transports and has had fine opportunity for fruitful service. He is expecting to be ready for taking up the regular pastoral work at the approaching Annual Conference.

—The Roanoke-Chowan Times, September 18, says: "After an absence of several months, seeking to regain his shattered health, Rev. R. W. Bailey, Garysburg, filled his monthly morning appointment with Seaboard M. E. Church last Sunday. His friends were delighted to see him and note the improvement produced by his rest. Brother Bailey is universally beloved, our people have faith in him, and hope he may continue his ministerial work on Garysburg Circuit. At the conclusion of his sermon Mr. Bailey announced that a series of meetings would begin in the Seaboard M. E. Church Monday after the fourth Sunday in this month. The meetings will be held every afternoon and evening during that week. He will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Few."

—Mr. James N. Richardson, one of Greensboro's oldest and most highly respected citizens, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. L. Trogdon, in this city, on last Sunday evening. Mr. Richardson was nearing his 93rd birthday and died from the infirmities of old age. For many years he was a steward in West Market Street Church and was a faithful soldier of the cross. He is survived by two sons, Dr. W. J. Richardson, a prominent physician of this city, and Dr. E. E. Richardson, a dentist of Leaksville, also one daughter, Mrs. S L. Trogdon. Miss Mabel Wyche, daughter of Dr. J. E. Wyche, is a grand-daughter. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Dr. E. L. Bain, on Monday afternoon, assisted by Dr. S. B. Turrentine.

—Friends in North Carolina, especially of the Western North Carolina Conference, were greatly shocked on September 16, when a special to the daily papers brought the sad news that Mrs. Bertha Wynn Abernethy, wife of Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of the Virginia Conference, and pastor of Central Church, Portsmouth, had passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, September 13. The dispatch stated that she was stricken while on the street car about 6 o'clock Friday, September 12, and died at 11:30 the following morning without having regained consciousness. Brother Abernethy was formerly a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and served charges in Charlotte, Shelby, Greensboro and Reidsville, and Mrs. Abernethy was greatly loved everywhere they had served. She was a native of Virginia where she was prominently connected. Brother Abernethy will have the profound sympathy of a host of friends.

—A letter received from Rev. J. F. Harrelson, of Cherryville, under date of September 20, says: "I am pleased to advise that our pastor, Rev. J. F. Moser, arrived home yesterday from Columbus, Ohio, where he has been since the Centenary celebration. He was brought all the way on a cot by Dr. Grigg, of Lawndale, N. C. He is, however, not feeling very well owing to the long trip and will have to be in bed some time yet. Pray, as you have been, for his recovery sufficient to be in the regular work again soon." Our readers will recall that Brother Moser was stricken with influenza on the trip to the Exposition at Columbus, being in the same party with Rev. C. R. Canipe. Brother Moser has been in the hospital during all these weeks and has had a hard time evidently. We trust that all Advocate readers will remember him as a brother should be remembered in a time like this. He is one of our most efficient and faithful ministers and we pray God to spare his life and restore him to health.

FROM SOUTHPORT

Brother Shore, our Presiding Elder, held our fourth Quarterly Conference last Sunday and preached two splendid sermons on Sunday Our people always look forward with a good deal of pleasure to Brother Shore's visits.

Inspired by their success in putting the Centenary over the top in such fine shape our people here have just paid off a Church debt of some years standing amounting to nearly $1,000 at the beginning of the year. For one time in many, many years the Church is clear of debt, except of course, the Centenary pledges.

C. B. Culbreth.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

One might naturally suppose that since the Centenary drive the Conference Boards of Church Extension would share the results. But not so. Not a penny comes to these home Boards, but all goes to the General Board. It is another case of the big fish swallowing the little ones. The Conference Boards will be permitted to live on the same funds they were before the drive. I am saying this to prevent our people being misled into thinking we were flush with funds, and so flooding us this fall with applications.

Sincerely,
J. E. Holden,
Sec. to Con. Board.

KINGS MOUNTAIN

On last night we closed our meeting at Kings Mountain. Every service was well attended and a special interest was manifest. There were not so many professions, only three additions to date and others will join later, but we feel that there has been a great change in the spiritual life of the Church. In this way the Lord has wonderfully blessed us.

Brother R. L. Milam, of Atlanta, conducted the singing and he helped wonderfully. He is an excellent choir leader and his heart is in the Lord's work.

I am enclosing a paper that was read last night, if you think it suitable to publish.

E. L. Kirk.

REVIVAL AT ROCKY POINT

We have just closed a ten days meeting at Rocky Point, which resulted in ten additions to the Church and a general spiritual awakening among the members. Brother C. B. Culbreth, of Southport, was with us. His preaching was timely, presenting the simple gospel messages in such a way that they gripped the hearers in such a manner as to convince them of the saving power of Jesus Christ the Son of the living God.

There is a great field of opportunity open here, and we hope that it may be developed, and the young life especially may be saved and trained in the service of the Master. We have served them for four years; they are a kind, generous and sympathetic people, who have stood by me, and will uphold the hands of my successor. I trust that God may send them the right man as their leader.

Sincerely yours,
C. N. Phillips.
Scott's Hill, N. C.

ITEMS FROM BOONE

A press correspondent writing from Boone under date of Sept. 11 says:

Dr. Thos. N. Ivey, editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Tenn., accompanied Prof. J. M. Downum's people from Lenoir on a visit to Boone Friday. It was the doctor's first visit to the little mountain town, but he has promised to make a special visit to Boone at no distant day.

The fourth quarterly meeting for the Boone charge of the Methodist church was held at Boone Saturday and Sunday. The quarterly conference was held Saturday afternoon. The reports of the pastor, Rev. H. F. Powell, were very hopeful, showing the charge to be in good condition. The presiding elder, Rev. T. E. Wagg, who is finishing up his fourth year on this charge, preached two excellent sermons, one Saturday evening and one Sunday morning. The pastor began a series of meetings Sunday evening, to continue at least through the week.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HOME DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF MISSIONS

All communications concerning sustentation work in the conferences, the 10 per cent Centenary money coming to the Annual Conference Boards, work among foreigners in the United States, mountain work—including mountain schools, all war work taken over by the Board of Missions, and Textile Industrial Institute, Spartanburg, S. C., should be addressed to Rev. R. L. Russell, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

All communications concerning Indian work, negro work, city work, the training school for ministerial students of foreign partentage, and literature, should be addressed to Rev. O. E. Goddard, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

All communications concerning evangelism, evangelistic campaign and work of the evangelists, should be addressed to Rev. O. E. Goddard, Centenary Office, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn.

Attention is called to the fact that communications concerning evangelism are sent to a different address from those sent to the other departments of the work under Dr. Goddard's care, mentioned above.

GRACE AND LONGHURST

Just a word for this good people. During the Centenary drive we went 75 per cent over the top, all of which has been collected except $15 and we are certain of that. The outcome of it all has been two of the greatest meetings these Churches have ever experienced. Brother Maxwell was with us at Longhurst and did some good preaching. Many were converted and many renewed their covenant with God. At the close of the meeting we received twenty into the Church and others will come later.

Last week, September 7, we began our revival at Grace with Brother L. L. Smith doing the preaching. In consideration of the difficulties that have always hindered a revival at this Church, I feel safe in saying that it was the most effective revival Roxboro has ever witnessed. Brother Smith stormed the fort with wonderful tact and skill. With his reasoning and spiritual power he broke loose forever the icy hand of the false doctrine that gripped the lives of many young men and women. At the close of the meeting we received into the Church boys and girls, young men and young women, old men and old women, forty-two in number. There was no excitment. It was all religious and absolute surrender to Christ. We believed that Smith and the Lord could do it, because of what they have done together on the Mt. Tirzah charge. Let the Lord be praised for what has been done. May God's richest blessings be upon this people for their kindness toward their pastor. We are just beginning to build a $4,000 parsonage at Longhurst. Pray for us.

J. W. Fitzgerald.

ROANOKE RAPIDS

I wish in this week's issue to give a more comprehensive and conclusive report of our evangelistic campaign in Roanoke Rapids.

Our last service concluded Sunday night, September 7th, and designated the taking of a definite stand for Christ on the part of several determined men and women.

About three hundred and fifty converts afford an optimism in the final results. One hundred and fourteen are asking for membership in our church alone, and many others in the various churches of the place who associated their heart labor with ours.

Rev. Thurston B. Price, who gave his best for two solid weeks, is an evangelist calculated to leave behind him permanent traces of a man of God's Message. His soul and life were in every utterance and the presence of God was inexpressibly manifested.

Brother Price reasoned in thought and love and thereby was instrumental in awakening our entire town. His type of evangelism is the hope of the age, and his services wherever secured mean safety to that Church and benediction to that community.

E. C. Few, P. C.

PELHAM REVIVAL

We closed a nine days' meeting at Pelham Church last Sunday. The pastor began the meeting on Saturday and continued it until Monday, when Brother J. E. Blalock, of Milton, arrived and took charge of the preaching.

The people of Pelham were exceedingly anxious for a revival meeting, which of course is one of the prerequisites of a successful revival. At the beginning of the meeting the Christian people became vitally interested and pledged themselves to let God use them during the services. A special prayer league was organized, and definite prayer was made to Almighty God for the conversion of relatives and friends who were designated by name in the leagues.

Brother Blalock seemed to throw himself, anew, into the hands of God. He presented the old gospel message in a forceful and touching way. The truthfulness of Christ's words "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me" was demonstrated in our midst. The Christian people became thorough aroused, went out into the congregation, in the old Methodist way and urged sinners to give their hearts to Christ. Those who had become careless toward their Christian duties and had grown cold, renewed their allegiance to God, and sinners were born into His Kingdom. Thirty-five persons were converted and twenty-two were taken into the Church. There was much rejoicing among the Christian people on Sunday morning when they saw how God was so miraculously answering their prayers. The whole Church seems to be thoroughly awakened, and we believe that much lasting good has been accomplished.

J. O. Long.

CAROLINA COLLEGE OPENS

The college opened for work the morning of the 18. The attendance is the largest for the date that the college has had. Every room in both the Main building and Ormond hall is filled. Had it been provided there would have been no difficulty in filling a large dormitory. The college has come to the time of imperative need for added accommodation in room and equipment.

On the evening of the twenty-fourth Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, Hon. R. N. Page, Rev. H. M. North, and others are to visit the college and discuss with the citizens and interested men from nearby places, the place and possibilities of the college in the community and conference. Invitations have gone out to about three hundred men. Dinner will be given in the college dining room, and a get-together meeting is to follow. The immediate purpose of the gathering is not one of money raising, but of creating fuller understanding and opening newer interest in this institution of learning.

Practically the entire faculty of last year has returned. The new teachers are Miss Eleanor B. Lynds, of New Brunswick, N. S., who comes to teach English and History. Miss Lynds has had wide experience added to her thorough preparation. She has spent four years in graduate work at Ann Arbor, and has done several summers' work there besides.

The Voice department has added Miss Josephine Dameron, of Warrenton. Miss Dameron is a graduate of the North Carolina C llege for Women, and had had voice training at Converse, and under specialists in New York studios. She is well qualified for the work and the college rejoices to add one of its own state and Church daughters to the faculty.

TROUTMAN CIRCUIT

This has been very busy year for our people. We finished paying the debt on our Vanderburg church and it was dedicated on the second Sunday of last May. For some while we have felt the need of a new church for our people of Wesleys Chapel. Plans were laid and a subscription was taken in the spring of this year for a new church. The work was begun on the erection of the building last month, and we hope to have it about completed by our Annual Conference.

The church and parsonage at Troutman were wired and electric lights put in not long ago; which adds much to the comfort and convenience of our people here. In fact our little town has been on a boom since the electric power has been brought here. A number of manufacturing enterprises have sprung up. We have here one of the state high schools, which is overflowing with pupils this year. These things make it a desirable place in which to live.

I am saying these things to let some one know that we will have a good place for a new preacher for another year. As this is our fourth year here I suppose we will have to move this fall. We are sorry to leave these good folks.

During our pastorate here more than two hundred have been added to the Church on profession of faith. For the last three years we have baptized more children each year than any other preacher in the Western North Carolina Conference. This is a great field for work, with its six churches and more than 900 members. It has in it great possibilities for development.

For the last three years all the financial obligations have been met each year with some surplus. We trust that we will be able to make a good report at Conference this year. We have two protracted meetings to hold yet before our Conference. These with the other work willl keep us very busy.

J. C. Keever.

CENTRAL CHURCH, RALEIGH

When people ask me how we like Raleigh, I truthfully say "We are delighted with Raleigh and her people." When they ask me about Central Church I do not hesitate to let them know that we have a noble, heroic band, of aggressive Church workers, who are bringing things to pass. They are a splendid people many of them deeply consecrated to the Lord and His work and as an evidence of their faithfulness and consecration, the Lord has wonderfully blessed us this year. At our late District Conference two of our young men were licensed to preach; one of them will apply to our approaching Conference for admission on trial in the travelling connection, while the other one is now in Trinity Park School with a view to fitting himself for the work of the ministry. Our Sunday School is well organized and doing a splendid work. It is with a sense of genuine gratitude that I can say we have a first class Epworth League. Our League has talent and grace to back it up in its splendid work. Central Bulletin, our weekly periodical, reflects credit upon its Originator and promoter. The Conference Journal shows that central had 450 members two years ago. By actual count we now have 580. There have been added to the Church roll during this year 106 members The last cent of a long standing debt on the Church has been paid. More than $800 have been spent on the Parsonage. It has been renovated, remodeled and painted; and largely refurnished.

Methodism has never had a brighter future in Raleigh than she has today. Edenton Street, Epworth, and Jenkins Memorial are especialy fortunate in having, respectively, Peele, McFarland and Pattishall as their wise and consecrated Pastors and leaders. All of these men are in high favor with their respective charges. Our next year's Journal will show a fine report from each of these Churches.

Sincerely,
D. N. Caviness.

FROM CLINTON

As my four years at Clinton are closing, I submit a line about the charge. When I came to the work there were five churches. At the close of the second year Goshen was taken to help form Faison circuit. The salary was $1,200. Notwithstanding the removal of Goshen the salary remained the same. This year it has been advanced to $1,500. To date every church has paid every cent of all assessments. In spiritual matters we have kept along but our growth is not as apparent as I would like. My notes say that we had about fifty conversions the first year. The second year about thirty. Third year ten. I have received members enough to counteract losses but we have had no large ingatherings. I have about quit counting conversions for the simple reason that I don't know how to count. I used to say, when I could not have revivals I would quit. But other preachers are having about the same experience. The people haven't the time necessary to insure great meetings. I have received two young men who are going into the ministry, and who will make their mark in days to come. One is in Trinity College. The other in Trinity Park. This indicates progress on a very important line. When I came to the work we did not have a single representative in the Conference. Now we have one and

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Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

A STATEMENT REGARDING THE EDITORSHIP OF OUR PAGE

In consequence of the readjustment made necessary by the combination of the official organs of the two North Carolina Conferences, there was recently held at Lake Junaluska a meeting composed of representatives of the executive committe - of the Woman's Missionary Societies of both conferences, for the purpose of deciding upon the best method for conducting "our page" in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

The members of this joint committee were Mrs. Robertson, president, and Mrs. Dunham, corresponding secretary, of the Western Conference, Mrs. Boney, corresponding secretary, and Miss Lillie Duke, superintendent of Young People's Work of the North Carolina Conference.

Since the editors for both Conferences have access to the same general missionary information sent out by the Council, and since the Council recognizes only one editor for each Church paper, our joint committee decided to appoint Mrs. Harris, of Asheville, who has so ably conducted the editorial work for the Western Conference, editor of our page.

Our own efficient editor, Mrs. V. Royster, of Raleigh, has, with beautiful loyalty, consented to serve as associate editor for the remainder of the year. All material concerning the work of the North Carolina Conference should be sent to Mrs. Royster, as formerly. She will put it into shape for publication and send it in to Mrs. Harris, who, in turn, will add items of general missionary interest together with information concerning the Western Conference, and send all of the material to Greensboro for publication.

We, as a conference, are greatly indebted to Mrs. Royster for standing by us so faithfully during this period of transition, especially in view of the fact that she felt at the beginning of the year that she must be relieved. She has simply consented to continue because of her fine loyalty to the work and to the Conference.

"Our page" should be a live wire. fairly atingle with information and suggestions relating to our Missionary Society interests. It will be this if each officer, superintendent, secretary and president assumes her share of responsibility and sends items of interest and helpful plans relating to her department.

May I not bespeak for Mrs. Royster and for the page a better support than this department of our work has been receiving at our hands?

Mrs. A. M. Gates.

ANOTHER NEW CHILDREN'S ORGANIZATION

At Franklinville, on the Greensboro district, on August 31st, a Children's Missionary Society was organized with forty-three members. We congratulate these little folks and wish for them great success. Following are the officers: President, Myrtle Wilson; vice president, Chas. Buie; corresponding secretary, Lizzie Parks; recording secretary, Mary Williams; treasurer, Margaret Buie; superintendent mission study, Allen Wrenn; adult superintendent of Children's Work, Mrs. George C. Russell.

MISS NINA TROY

The members of the Margaret Foster Missionary Society of West Market Street Church, were guests recently of Miss Nina Troy at her home in Greensboro. Miss Troy is the missionary representative of the society and has been in the States for a year on a leave of absence. It has been a great pleasure to have her here again and the inspiration of her presence at the meetings has been most helpful.

She left September 15th for a western port where she boarded the steamship Empress of Asia for her return to Soochow, China, where she will teach music in the Laura Haygood Memorial Normal School. We wish for her a safe and pleasant journey.

A PLEASANT OCCASION

The Woman's Missionary Society of South Main Street Church, Salisbury, N. C., enjoyed a most pleasant meeting on August 28th with Mrs. E. E. Weesner on Mitchell avenue. After the business program a literary program was given. The opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Mary Bosch, after which Mrs. P. W. Tucker led in prayer.

Mrs. Bosch gave an interesting paper on "Our Task in Japan"; Mrs. P. W. Tucker discussed "The Present Work of the Council in Japan". "The Work in Korea" by Mrs. S. T. Coburn and "The Centenary Program for Japan and Korea" by Mrs. Weesner were both full of interest and were much enjoyed. Mrs. T. C. Earnhardt and Mrs. B. N. Rabon told effectively of the Bible Women in Japan and gave some of the most interesting points about our Japanese work. After the closing prayer by Mrs. Addie Ramsey a social hour was enjoyed during which the hostess served ice cream and cake.

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT MEETING

We are indebted to Mrs. W. C. Coffey, the faithful and efficient district secretary of the North Wilkesboro district, for the following account of the recent district meeting held at Boone, N. C.

"The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the North Wilkesboro District was held in Boone Sept. 3rd and 4th. The meeting opened with a devotional service conducted by the district secretary. After a vocal solo by Miss A. H. Penn, the Conference corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, of Asheville, N. C., was introduced and gave a most interesting and helpful address on our work.

The opening devotional service of Thursday morning was led by Mrs. J. S. Stanbury and was followed by Mrs. Bennett, who delivered the address of welcome.

The district secretary's report was given following which came the reports of the auxiliaries which were most encouraging.

Mrs. Dunham conducted the Round Table and it proved most interesting and profitable. The afternoon devotional by Mrs. Bennett was followed with discussions on the various departments of the work.

The evening session, which closed this pleasant meeting was led by Rev. J. M. Downum, chaplain of the Appalachian Training School, who made a most helpful address on "The Need of Study Classes and Information Regarding Missions". Mrs. Dunham then gave a beautiful and inspiring description of the Columbus Centenary Exposition, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

The services throughout were interspersed with music, consisting of full chorus, duets and solos, which added much to the occasion.

TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS

May I remind you again that it is time for the third quarter report? I want to stress the necessity of sending in these reports promptly to the Conference officers, for I find that oftentimes so many of our societies fail to get them in before it is too late. Let me urge that they be sent in by October fifth, not a day later than that. I also find that many of our young people report only to the treasurer. You will find by reference to the by-laws of the Young People's Societies that reports are to be sent each quarter to the first vice president, now known as the superintendent of Y. P. work; the treasurer; the superintendent of mission study and publicity and to the district secretary. You also report to the superintendent of supplies whenever any work has been done by your auxiliary along that line.

The record and report books with which each society is supplied contains blanks for each one of these reports and let me urge that they be sent in within the next week.

The literature for the fourth quarter has been mailed to all the Young People's Societies, and if there is any society that has not received it I shall be very glad to know about it and send more. The Week of Prayer literature will be distributed the first of October and we want each of our Y. P. Auxiliaries to begin to plan to observe this week for which attractive and interesting programs have been arranged.

I feel quite sure that at this season of the year when so many of our young people are leaving for the different schools and institutions, that it will make changes in the officers of some of the societies, so may I ask that if your society has an officer who has gone to college that you will elect some one else in her place and report such election to me. It is very gratifying to me to know of the splendid record that our young people have made during the past two quarters of the year, and leads me to expect greater things during the remainder of the year. I want each one of the societies to make an extra effort during these remaining weeks of 1919 and resolve to make this our greatest year in our missionary work.

Last year we lacked only a small sum of raising our $2,300 pledge. This year I am prayingfi and hoping and expecting that we will overpay this amount. Will your auxiliary co-operate with me and work to that end?

Do not forget to make some contribution during the year to the Scarritt Bible and Training School. We want to raise our part of W. N. C. Conference scholarship so that when one of our young girls hears the call to service we will be ready to send her as our own representative to the training school Let us keep in mind our goal for the year, viz: A doubled membership, each auxiliary 100 in intercession and tithes; each member contributing to the Centenary Fund and the Young People's Society furnishing its full quota of workers.

With best wishes for each of the young people,

Most sincerely,
Mrs. W. R. Harris,
Conf. First Vice President.

IN MEMORIAM

Whereas, God in His ifinite wisdom has taken unto himself and from our society another one of our loyal and loved members, Mrs. R. B. Harrell,

Resolved, first, That we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Elkin M. E. Church, humbly bow to the will of One who doeth all things well. Her gentle, sweet manner, the tender expression of her lovable face, and her pleasant voice, were the symbols of her beautiful Christian character.

Resolved, second, That we extend to her husband, Dr. Harrell, and her little baby, Emma Eugenie, our highest regard for her memory and our deepest sympathy in their great loss, and pray that our Heavenly Father may comfort and sustain them and that her sweet spirit may be ever near them as their guardian angel.

Resolved, third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our society, a copy be sent to Dr. Harrell, a copy to her Church paper, The North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy to the Elkin Tribune.

Mrs. R. L. Hubbard,
Mrs. E. G. Click,
Mrs. J. S. Roth,
Committee.

MORE ABOUT THE RAINBOW CAMPAIGN

By Mrs. H. B. Steele

The Rainbow campaign is a call for recruits for missionary service. No mission board has been able to send out an adequate number of missionaries; no station is adequately manned. "We have a world to build anew—not Europe, nor America, nor Asia, but the world." We need teachers—music teachers, teachers of agriculture and horticulture. We need translators, editors, and writers. We need teachers of domestic science and art and teachers of physical culture. We need evangelists and Bible teachers and trained Sunday school workers. We need physicians and nurses. There are a few business and secretarial positions to be filled by women of real missionary motive. In fact, there are few gifts and graces which God cannot use in missionary service. A vast army of young women have found themselves during the great war. They have served their country with effciency.

Their talent and ability have been called out at the challenge of their countrymen's need—yea, at need of their brothers and sisters the world over. Their patriotism is the Church's opportunity!

Prison houses of sin and ignorance, of superstition and fear are to be opened and women and children liberated. A world half slaves and half free cannot be a fit place for humanity to live in.

We need women for service in the homeland, on foreign fields, in our churches, in missionary societies on the mission boards. We need the trained business woman with a life to give where it will count for the most to the young woman herself and to the world.

Women wanted for the army of the Lord! Attractive literature and beautiful posters have been prepared for the "Rainbow Campaign," and can be secured from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. For practical plans and suggestions, write to Mrs. H. R. Steele.

THE STUFF THAT MARTYRS ARE MADE OF

"Nothing but a clear sense that I have been called of God to do this work kept me at it," writes one of our missionaries, telling how he had been tempted to resign and go into some secular pursuit. In a period of unusually hard work and financial strain ("not a single month was the salary enough to meet the most economical living expenses") he was offered several positions at fine salaries, six hours' work a day, and the privilege of being at home every night.

Who can fail to admire the splendid loyalty and consecration that kept him at his hard and ill-paid task in the face of great temptation? Men who are making sacrifices like that deserve the utmost support that we at home can give them.

Sunday School Survey

Conducted by C. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

A LETTER FROM NEWTOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your suggestion in regard to Rally Day. I have also read Mr. Brabhams suggestions in the Sunday School Magazine. We have not been having a Workers' Conference in our Sunday school but I am going to organize one right away. Rally Day is a good thing for them to work on right now. I know I am going to have a hard time getting my teachers together. Sundays we don't have time and week-days we are all too busy during the day and you know we folks in the country are not much on getting out at night. I am going to try and get the teachers to come to my house next Sunday night for supper. We will have a cold supper and then we will sit round and talk this thing over. I am going to invite our preacher to meet with us too. He says he is interested in getting up a class of young folks to take the Training Course for teachers. I wish you would write me something about that. I get so much literature about so many things from so many people that I haven't been able to get things straight yet. I will let you know how our Workers' Conference comes out. I am sorry you have engagements somewhere else and can't visit our school next Sunday.

Respectfully yours,
Superintendent of Newtown Sunday School

PROMOTION DAY

The last Sunday in this month is Promotion Day. In all of the Public Schools, which have opened for the fall term, the pupils are being promoted to a higher grade. This annual promotion of the pupils probaly does more to create interest in the work of the school than any other one thing. I wonder how much interest would be created in the work of the Sunday school if the children could look forward to the day when they would be promoted from one department to another. Sunday, September 28, is the last day in the Sunday school year. Try having some simple exercises appropriate to the occasion and promote your Juniors to the Intermediate Department and the Beginners and Primary, etc., to a higher department. I believe that it will be worth all the time and trouble it takes to any Sunday school. It will increase the interest of the pupils and parents.

A Sunday school rally on the Kenly circuit at Buckhorn Church last Friday gave me an opportunity to meet the folks and talk to them about Sunday school problems. They served a bountiful dinner on the grounds and at least the rally was a success from a physical standpoint. Buckhorn Church is very fortunate in having a crowd of splendid young people to draw from for future work in His Kingdom. We believe that church will give more attention to the training of these boys and girls in the Sunday school in the future.

Clark Street Church in Rocky Mount is planning to have a good program for Rally Day next Sunday. The superintendent, Mr. L D Eason, has written a letter to all members of the church calling attention to the day and urging them to enroll in some department of the school. They are planning to follow this with special programs for Young Folks Day, Visitors Day, Parents Day, Childrens Day and Decision Day.

TRAINING CLASSES

October is the best month for beginning classes in training. I believe that every Sunday school in this conference ought to enroll at least one person in a class for Teacher-Training. It is best to have a small class with some one selected as leader or teacher—meeting in a separate room at the Sunday school hour and studying a text book of our Standard Training Courses. But, where that is not possible for lack of a teacher, why not have one person, at least, enroll for the Correspondence Course. The future of our Sunday school work depends upon our leadership. Is it less necessary for Sunday school leaders to be trained for their task than for teachers in the public schools? The greatest problem of the church today is securing trained leadership. Our church is trying to meet this need, in some measure, by offering this Training Course to every one who will take it. Write me what you have in mind about this.

If your Sunday school is making plans for any special occasion or carrying out a program of any kind that would be of interest to all Sunday schools, please write me about it. Let me know what your Wesley Bible classes are doing in the way of rendering service to your church. I would like to pass on any good thing that your Sunday school is doing.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

A PROMISING SCHOOL

"Old scholars, 57; new scholars, 49; visitors, 9; total number present 115." Such was the report give by the secretary of the Sunday school at Zion, Greensboro circuit, Sunday, September 14. The school had moved into a beautiful new church nearer into the suburbs of Greensboro and the change had put new life into everything and everybody.

Brother J. W. Zink, who for the past twenty years has superintended this Sunday school in the old "cigar box" church, splendidly conducted the first school session in the new church and then turned the school over to his young friend and son-in-law, W. C. Lambert, and in doing so asked God's richest blessings on the school under the new management. It was a touching scene.

The school in the new church promises well. It will have a splendid auditorium and eight well adapted class rooms. The building is arranged for two separate departments outside the main auditorium and as the demands increase a well lighted basement can easily be fitted up. The little band composing the membership of this church is heroicly behind the new enterprise, but it must have additional aid from outside sources to meet a $12,000 obligation.

One member of this congregation, a man of moderate means and with a large family, gives $500 to the new building and at the same time mortgages his home to secure other funds to push the building along. Of course there will be a good Sunday school at a place like that.

A BAND OF WORKERS

Last week I attended a business meeting of the Woman's Bible class of Centenary, Greensboro, Sunday school and, because of the many signs of life, found it very pleasant to be there. Twenty or thirty good ladies had left their homes and had met with their hostess, Mrs. C. C. Townsend, to gather in a regular monthly session of business. The minutes of the previous session showed many lines of Christian endeavor and the discussions of this meeting enlarged the sphere already entered.

The class already sponsors the work of the Sunday School Cradle Roll. It went on record favoring a Home Department and with the consent of the superintendent, who was present as an invited guest, selected a superintendent for this work together with several assistants who will make a systematic visitation of the shut-ins of the congregation. The class arranged for the placing of flowers about the pulpit on Sundays and planned for the work of the Missionary booth at the Central Carolina Fair.

At the request of the class the great Wesley Bible class movement in Southern Methodism was explained to the meeting and by a unanimous vote it asked for a Wesley charter. After some discussion the class chose the name of "Susannah Wesley Bible Class" and ordered that the next meeting be given over to the study of this illustrious woman. The Western North Carolina Conference Wesley Bible Class Federation has cause for great joy over the enrollment of this class on its roster.

GOOD PREACHING

I recently dropped in at a service where Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder of the Greensboro district, was preaching and was simply "carried away" with the sense of his discourse. Having necessarily arrived late I did not get his text nor a complete outline of his thought but a few of his topical sentences will give you an idea of his line of thought.

Humanity is divinest in childhood.

When a child comes to accountability and decides to leave the church, he goes out of the church for the first time.

We are now more than ever in a period of childhood and youth. Will the church or the state lead in child culture?

Most churches are apparently built for bachelors.

If God can save a soul, can't He keep a soul saved?

An ounce of mother is worth a ton of clergy.

Jesus said in effect, "You old folks get out of the way and give Me right of way with the children."

There is more Christianity in a hearty laugh than in all monasterial propriety.

Christ evidently smiled when He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," or they would not have come.

"The smile of a child is God's device,
To bring us back to Paradise."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY MONEY

To September 1 the Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference had forwarded $3,160.08 to Treasurer John E. Edgerton, Box 38, Nashville, Tenn. This spendid amount is the fifth largest Sunday school Centenary contribution in the connection. South Georgia, North Alabama, Virginia and Florida Conferences lead us in the order named. the South Georgia Conference having forwarded $4,217.40.

The best way to easily raise the Centenary in the Sunday school is to select a particular special object to which the money should go. Each superintendent has had sent him a booklet containing a list of over 20,000 specials. Look it over carefully and follow directions.

"KEEP MOVING, AND SMILE"

Visitors at the Columbus Centenary Exposition had the above sign to greet them on every hand. The psychological effect on the large crowds that elbowed their way through the congested buildings was great.

Suppose you put the same sign before your Sunday school. It is the greatest pity to note how little of the buoyant Christian life is used in many of our Sunday schools. Let's make our methods bring in new recruits to our school. Wake up and smile as you make progress.

Of course you can't smile if you have a guilty conscience doing business inside you.

PROMOTION DAY AND RALLY DAY

Yes, they can be one and the same. When? The last Sunday in September or the first Sunday in October. What should we do? Hold a little Sunday school exhibition. Give the children a chance to "shine," and then promote them. Spendid promotion cards for classes and promotion certificates for departments can be had from our Sunday School Board at Nashville at reasonable rates.

Going to let your school pass through the invigorating autumn without having a Rally Day? If you do, the pastor ought to nominate another for superintendent for the ensuing year.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHER'S MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"Of course, my mother knew I'd have to select a wife for myself if I ever got married; but she tried to help me make the right choice, by teachin' an' guidance while a child. Just so, our children has got to choose Christ for theirselves some day; but it's our business to help 'em make the right choice, through our teachin' an' livin'."

"Lots of good people I know has two suits of clo'es—one for week-days an' one for Sundays. Some of these folks seems to take off their religion when they take off their Sunday suit. It'd be bad for them if Gabriel was to come for 'em on a week-day."

"Some teachers think they must get a 'great truth' outen ev'ry verse in the lesson. Most of us'll do well if we impress one 'great truth' outen the whole lesson text."

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Our Orphanage Work

METHODIST ORPHANAGE
Raleigh, N. C.

A. S. Barnes .....Superintendent
Mrs. Mattie Jenkins .....Matron

Since our space is so limited in the Advocate, I cannot mention by name the many visitors who call at the Home. Occasionally I feel justified to depart from the rule. Last week Brother and Sister J. W. Potter made us a short visit. For four years Brother Potter was the pastor of our children and he and his consecrated wife greatly endeared themselves to every child and officer. They have left the impress of their holy life upon all of us. In all of my ministry I have never known a more devout man than Brother Potter. He lives in conscious fellowship with his Lord and magnifies Him in his daily walk and conversation. It is easy to believe in holiness and Christian perfection when you know this man of God intimately.

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The Bettie Henley Vann Educational Loan Fund has had a tremendous influence for good over our boys and girls. As a result of this benefaction we have nearly twenty attending college this fall. There are five or six more of our boys and girls in college and high schools who are getting help from other sources. The fact that we have twenty-five of our number in the different schools of the State is a source of much gratification to our many friends who are always interested in the future welfare of our children. Brother S. C. Vann, who established this fund in honor of his devoted wife, must feel very happy as he sees the immense good his benefaction is accomplishing by providing means for the higher education of so many orphan children. Each year I am convinced more and more that this noble gift is one of the wisest benefactions that has come to our Church in many years. Only heaven itself can ever know the untold good that this twenty thousand dollar Loan Fund will accomplish.

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Our hearts have been made to rejoice greatly over the good news that comes from one of our Sunday schools which has gladly assumed the full support of a child. New Hope Sunday school, Northampton circuit, will support one of our children in memory of David Gordon Britton, who made the supreme sacrifice in France for his country and mankind. The Sunday school could not have devised a more fitting way to perpetuate the memory of one of their faithful Sunday school scholars. Through the years his noble life will be held up before his comrades and the community as an inspiration to heroic service. The golden stars in our Sunday schools and Church flags would shine with brighter lustre if friends and Sunday schools would only follow the example of New Hope Sunday school. May the distinguished service which our boys rendered and the undaunted courage which they exhibited on the battle-scarred fields of Flanders stir the very heart of our people to such depths that they will count it the highest privilege of their life to devote themselves unselfishly to the cause of the Kingdom! How I wish every Church, Sunday school and family, that has seen the blue stars turn to gold, would support one of our dear children as a living expression of their gratitude to God for the chivalrous service they rendered their country and for their great sacrifice for democracy and civilization.

During our vacation Mr. Barnes decided to give the boys a trip to Lake View and Mrs. Jenkins, our "Orphanage Mother," planned a delightful surprise for her girls. When she broke the news we were more than delighted to play Camp Fire Girls.

A greater enthusiasm was not to be seen when we all went down to the edge of the Orphanage campus which was to be changed for the time being into our enchanted camp.

There were several army cots on which we lounged and told stories until supper time. Then we all gathered around the fire and cooked our supper which was a delightful one of bacon and eggs, toasted cheesse and pickle and crackers. Ice cream was served, being a gift from Mrs. Jenkins or "Miss Mattie".

When it grew dark and nature hung her little lamps in the sky, Mrs. Jenkins with her girls lighted up our camp with Japanese lanterns. Instead of looking like a camp it looked like fairy land.

While we were playing games some one missed our matron and it was told that she had gone to phone for a Gypsy woman who had promised to come out and tell our fortunes to make our happiness complete.

A little later a strange woman came up from the car line and asked for Mrs. Jenkins. We told her where she was and she began to tell fortunes, but by a little laugh we all recognized our own "Miss Mattie" as the Gypsy woman. We had a big laugh but the joke was on us. It was then about ten-thirty and we went home satisfied that the *boys* had nothing on us.

CHILDREN'S HOME
Winston-Salem, N. C.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS.

T. M. Hovis, Concord, R. 2, Bessemer City, $3; W. T. Greene, Belmont Park, Charlotte, $21.87; J. A. Eagle, Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, $66,68; A. A. Johnson, Centenary, Greensboro, $32.77; D. A. Russell, M. E., Granite Falls, $6.85; J. F. Stokes, M. E., Newsom, $4; R. E. Lowdermilk, Holts Chapel, R. 4, Greensboro, $5.15; E. R. Rufty, M. E., Salisbury, $12.54; T. D. Shuford, Roses Chapel, Statesville, $4.05; C. B. Laney, Central, Monroe, $12.81; Mrs. Jap Wolff, M. E., Rural Hall, $9.40; L. G. Sloop, Triplett, Mooresville, $10.08; M. McKnight, M. E., Mooresville, $17.49; Carl Clodfelter, Grace, Winston-Salem, $13.29; J. F. Harrelson, Cherryville, Cherryville, $5; C. L. Frazier, Fay, Taylorsville, $23.77; E. F. Allen, First, Lenoir, $12.30; H. L. Lewis, East End, High Point, $3.25; Miss Margaret Lemmond, Matthews, Matthews, $6.25; Jere Davis, M. E., Waynesville, $11.93; Miss Bettie Corpening, Mills River, Horse Shoe, .56; M. C. Scercy, M. E., Glass, $3.25; M. G. Maner, Prospect, Thomasville, $1.52; J. W. Zink, Zion, R. 3, Greensboro, $2.82; C. S. Brown, Hardison, Mocksville, $1.50; P. V. Boone, Mt. Pleasant, McLeansville, $5.90; Mrs. Mattie Young, Centennial, Union Mills, .50; W. H. Boyce, Cedar Hill, Ansonville, $1.48; W. C. Daniel, Oak Hill, Candler, $2.35; P. D. Hinkle, Center, R. 1, Welcome, $2.65; N. Z. Penland, M. E., Paint Gap, .70; J. M. Crews, M. E., R. 3, Winston-Salem, $1.10; D. E. Ader, Good Hope, Advance, R. 3, $3.15; S. O. Abernathy, Centenary, R. 1, Mt. Ulla, $5; Miss Nora Ward, Bethesda, Dillard, $1.12; H. B. Jones, Trinity, Charlotte, $49.24; D. Ross Archer, Bethel, Greensboro, $1.41; A. R. Johnson, Shaws Creek, R. 5, Hendersonville, $1; John T. Stuart, Friendship, R. 1, Guilford College, $1.25; Chas. T. Weathersby, Pleasant Garden, Greensboro, $8.; G. F. Ivey, Hickory, Hickory, $42.88; J. T. Buie, Franklinville, Franklinville, $24.62; G. F. Walson, M. E., Morven, $20.86; Jno. L. Daniels, Spring Garden, Greensboro, $10; T. D. Graham, Blackburn Chapel, Todd, $1.53; total, $465.34.

TEN PER CENT.

H. L. Lewis, East End, High Point, $25; Rev. H. F. Starr, Albemarle Circuit, Albemarle, $11.25; R. L. Melton, Olin, Statesville, $12; Henry C. Jones, Salem, Winston-Salem, $10; Rev. R. P. Fikes, Mills River, Horse Shoe, $9.71; J. B. Tabor, Table Rock, R. 5, Morganton, $18; total, $85.96.

SPECIAL GIFTS.

R. H. Latham's Bible Class, Winston-Salem, $1.

Correspondence

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soon we will have three. We need revivals in which our young people are called into the ministry as well as into the membership of the Church. It was my good fortune to be in charge of Davidson circuit when at least a half dozen young men were called into the ministry, or called into the Church and afterward heeded the call to the ministry, and I have always looked back to that as my greatest privilege—to have been there at a time of quickening like that. How I have longed and prayed to see the like again. May the Centenary revival be a preacher calling revival.

D. L. Earnhardt.

BREVARD INSTITUTE

Brevard Institute has had rather an eventful summer. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of Thomsaville, and was the masterly, helpful sermon that would be expected from him. The address to the graduates was delivered by Mrs. J. W. Downs, of Nashville, Tenn., Education Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council. She is a woman of wide educational experience and deep sympathy, and her address was consequently helpful and inspiring. Diplomas were awarded to twelve graduates in their various departments. Eight certificates were granted to those who completed various vocational courses without the full literary requirements for a diploma. The total enrollment for the school year 1918-1919 was 328, or about eight percent higher than in any preceding year in the history of the school.

The vacation has been particularly busy. The summer school is now fully accredited by the State Board of Education, and the pedagogy work is done by teachers employed and paid by the State of North Carolina, and Transylvania County. The various academic and vocational studies are taught by institute instructors aided by teachers of experience and ability from other schools and colleges. Full credit is given by the state to its teachers for any work they do in the summer school, and many of them studied here to increase the value of their certificates. The total enrollment for the summer school was ninety pupils which also is larger than the enrollment for any other session.

After the close of the summer school, Miss Dunn, of the State Board of Health, asked for the use of the Administration Building for the clinics which were managed by Dr. Cooper. A staff of skilled surgeons and nurses headed by Dr. H. H. Briggs, of Asheville, conducted 110 operations removing tonsils and adenoids from pupils of Transylvania schools. One man said that this reminded him of the command, "Suffer little children to come unto Me" and he added that to him this was more like that occasion than anything that had happened since.

The State Board of Agriculture also used the campus for one of their encampments for club boys and girls. A number of instructors were sent from Raleigh to discuss with the club members improvement in raising pigs and poultry and in judging the different types of cattle, etc. A canning demonstration was held and the girls were given instructions in sewing and other domestic arts. A considerable part of the time was employed in stunts and in hikes and in contests of various kinds. Excursions were made to some of the best herds in this section of the state.

The past summer has, therefore, been among the most satisfactory, the writer has ever known in any school. The place has been used almost continually for the good of the people who live in its territory and it has helped them on some of the important lines which the Church and the school must operate along if they are to maintain the position they have always held in the economy of the Nation.

The new session began on Thursday, September 4. The Brevard Public School system has expanded so much and so well that it became advisable to discontinue the institute primary department as the district is well able to take care now of its own children. The Institute Faculty, however, is not decreased in size and there is correspondingly a better opportunity to establish departmental work in the academic department. The enrollment today, September 15, is 164 pupils. There are a few vacancies still, though they will probably all be filled within a few days. The school has been largely a girl's boarding school during the past year or two, but now the boys dormitories are all filled or pledged. It has been necessary to rent rooms in a large house adjoining the campus to accomodate the overflow from the girl's dormitories.

We look forward with deep regret to losing our pastor after Conference. Mr. Poovey has always taken deep interest in the boarding students and teachers. He speaks in the chapel regularly and always has something valuable that he presents in his usual catching style. It is almost impossible to fail to understand and to remember the points he makes. His previous experience as teacher tends at the same time to make his sermons logical and clear cut and also to make his advice extremely valuable in dealing with school problems.

He will leave the station in excellent condition. There has hardly been a ripple of ill feeling or misunderstanding among the Church membership. The Sunday school has grown in membership and in activity. The Missionary Societies are alive and active. The Church has grown financially and steadily. The Oak Grove Church has not been in better condition for years. The man who follows Poovey anywhere will need to do his best.

The Institute is looking forward with very pleasant anticipation to the income from the Centenary funds. We are confidently expecting a new dormitory and are hoping for expansion along other lines. The students themselves are contributing generously of their money to swell the Centenary results. They subscribed $100 per year for the five years and have already collected and paid in $75 of the first year's installment. We want to be among the first of the schools to take advantage of the conservation program and hope to have here soon an evangelist speaker sent by the connectional office. We are hoping and praying for the consecration to God's service of the choice lot of young people who are now gathered on our campus.

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES

The friends and patrons of Trinity College will be gratified to know that the college opened its 69th year with the brightest prospects of its whole career. The formal opening was held Wednesday morning, September 17, when the class of 1920 raised its flag in front of Craven Memorial Hall. The large crowd who witnessed the flag-raising then went into the hall where religious exercises were conducted by Reverend J. C. Wooten, '98, Presiding Elder of the Durham District and a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. E. C. Brooks, '94, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was present and spoke of the work being done by the state for the promotion of general education. Dr. Brooks summoned all of the forces of North Carolina to assist him in this great task. The ministers of the various Churches of Durham were

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THE CENTENARY

A. D. Wilcox. 209 Borden Bldg., Goldsboro, N. C., Missionary Secretary, North Carolina Conference.

Consecration in the Sunday School.

While almost 100 per cent of the churches in Southern Methodism have made some response to the Centenary appeal there are approximately 7,000 Sunday schools that have, as yet, made no contribution to Mission work. While many Sunday schools made their drive in May, yet many others were so occupied in the general campaign that they failed to enroll the Sunday school in the Centenary work. In order to bring the entire Sunday school list into the work of the Centenary a Conservation Day for the Sunday school has been ordered by the Centenary Commission and the General Sunday School Board for Sunday, December 28, 1919. The first object of this campaign will be to secure subscriptions from schools that have, as yet, made no subscription. The second object will be to increase the subscription made by those schools that made their subscriptions under the 5c limitation that prevailed before the date of the eight day drive. The third object is to place one or more Mission Specials in every Sunday school in the connection. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents, teachers and Centenary workers should begin to lay their plans for this new movement.

In the North Carolina Conference this drive will be under the direction of the Sunday school field secretary, J. T. Jerome.

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League of Intercession.

The August drive for increased enrollment in the League of Intercession has not been a pronounced success. A great many of the larger churches were closed during that period while the country churches were engaged in revivals so that the call for increased enrollment was not generally heeded. About 200 signed cards have been sent to this office, which we are forwarding to headquarters. If any of the preachers are holding signed intercession cards please forward them in at once as we want to publish a complete list.

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Belated Reports.

In spite of urgent insistence that reports of the Eight Day Drive should be made immediately there are still a few charges and local churches that are not represented in the list of reports received up to date. The General Commission is preparing to publish a book showing the record of every church in the connection. By the first of October every report from the North Carolina Conference should be handed in. There are only six or eight delinquents but those delinquents are holding back the entire report from this Conference.

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The Standard Plan for the Conservation Period.

Although the major part of the plan for the Conservation Period is to be worked out after Conference, yet, in order to put over the drives that occur this fall it is necessary for the pastors to have copies of this Standard Plan. We, therefore, are sending out such copies today to enable the preachers to organize their forces for the drive for specials and Sunday school drive and the stewardship drive. In January a series of District Group Meetings will be held setting up the program for the Evangelistic Campaign and completing arrangements for the collection of the Centenary subscription. Our Annual Conference begins November 19. In order that the Centenary matter may be out of the way for the clearing up of the regular church budget before conference, we suggest that Centenary treasurers get busy immediately, collecting up in full by the middle of October at the latest. If this is done the Church will have a full month to take care of its own finances. Although repeated announcements as to the duties of the Centenary treasurers have been made in the Church paper and in many letters from this office, yet we find a good many treasurers who are not alive and on the job. Remember that this office is making collections, keeping the books and attending to the correspondence connected with the Conference Centenary treasurer. If any church treasurer is in doubt as to what to do let him write to us at once and we will make all matters plain to him. The thing to do now is to collect the subscriptions and either deposit them in the local bank to the credit of J. E. Edgerton, treasurer, or to remit in a personal check to D. H. Dixon, Goldsboro, Conference Centenary Treasurer. If the money is deposited in a local bank in the name of J. E. Edgerton, treasurer, let the local church treasurer make report of such deposit to A. D. Wilcox, missionary secretary, Goldsboro. Upon receiving and filing this report D. H. Dixon, Conference treasurer, will draw on the local bank for the amount named in the report. This is the method we desire to follow wherever it can be done conveniently. If any local Centenary treasurer has failed to get report blanks, receipt books, rubber stamp, etc., through a miscarriage of the mails or any other oversight, let him write to this office immediately stating that fact and supplies will be sent to him by return mail.

OUR DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OCTOBER

1. China Mission Conference, in session at Huchow, Bishop W. R. Lambuth presiding.
2. New Mexico Conference.
3. South Brazil Mission, in session at Alegrete, Bishop J. M. Moore presiding.
4. Rev. Yui Tz-tsa, Secretary of Centenary Committee, China.
5. Rev. J. L. Hendry, West Huchow, China.
6. Huchow Union Hospital, F. P. Manget, M. D.
7. Virginia School, Huchow, China.
8. Pacific, Holston, and West Texas Conferences.
9. Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.
10. Rev. J. R. Fujii, Japanese pastor, Alemeda, Calif.
11. Rev. C. K. Yim, Korean pastor, Sacramento, Calif.
12. Our work to be opened in Belgium.
13. Deaconess Mary Hanscom, Los Angeles, Calif.
14. Revival on the Pacific coast.
15. Los Angeles Conference.
16. Mexican Mission Conference, in session at Monterrey. Bishop James Cannon presiding.
17. Intercession in Mexico.
18. Mexican volunteers for life service.
19. Wesley House, Chihuahua, Mexico.
20. Centenary campaign in Mexico.
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The Epworth League is not out in competition with any other organization or agency of the Church. We hail with delight the splendid progress being made by the Wesley Bible class movement. Brother Woosley is magnifying his office, is succeeding magnificently, and our cap is off to him.

Neither is there occasion for friction between the League and the missionary society. When one has the field, let the other keep out, unless there is room for both. The writer has in his Church a Senior League and a Junior Missionary Society. Sometimes the League people have importuned him for a Junior League. Again the missionary people have pressed for a Young People's Society. Both would have meant duplicating the agencies for doing the same work. meanwhile, we have kept both newcomers out, and at the same time, we have kept the peace.

How One League Succeeds

At Epworth League headquarters in Columbus, in July, I ran up with Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte. Knowing that his League is almost a model, I was greatly impressed to find him gleaning information for future work. Things that had succeeded in other Leagues he was copying into a note book for use in his League. Two books on League work were purchased and many things culled and gotten together to inject new interest into the work of these young people. These Leaguers prepare their own programs, drawing the material from many sources, such as the Era, the Epworth Herald, the Christian Endeavor World, etc.

Knowing that a successful League is not a mere happen-so, I made inquiry to ascertain methods used, etc. Two words spell success for this League—leadership and preparation.

Mr. Ivey, capable business man that he is, sustains about the relation of a city manager to the League. To do this he has given up his other Church work. Too long we have laid too many burdens on the willing workers in our Churches. The management of an Epworth League is a big job, even for a big man. On the other hand, one person with ability and consecration and time can insure the success of the League in the local Church. We need others who will cut loose from other things and try it.

Further, everything is worked out with precision. Programs are planned in plenty of time, so that those who are to take part on them may have ample time for preparation. How often we hear the request on Sunday morning: "Make us a talk in our League tonight." And then a subject is given which would stump a theologian. Half-baked, ill-digested, poorly-prepared stuff has been the death of many a League. Many of us, who have had to witness the performance of making a speech on a profound subject with no preparation, have wondered that so many Leagues hold on so long in a sort of lingering death. An average of four nights per week is given of four nights per week and preparation. Careful records are kept, so that by looking back it can be found just when a given young man led a prayer or a young woman read a paper. Has this work paid? Thirty young people can be depended on to do whatever called upon to do.

I shall be glad when Mr. Ivey gets his own successor trained, so that he may have more time for the district and the Conference.

Below we publish a circular letter sent out by Conference president to each district secretary. Following this we give the answer sent by the secretary of the Winston district. To those interested in the prosperity of the League these make interesting reading. President Edwards writes that other district secretaries have responded in the same hopeful strain.

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Newman:

The fall months are almost on us. Summer is gradually fading away and I am sure you are planning big things for your district. God's work demands big thinking and big plans. Do not let it pass by in a thoughtless way. Could I offer you a suggestion or so?

1. Get in touch immediately with your presiding elder, his name you can find out from your pastor, and find out from him the number and places the Leagues are located in his district. Also secure from him the names of the pastors who have charges in which there are no Leagues.

2. Write those pastors and offer your services in organizing in each Church.

3. Then write a letter of encouragement to the presidents of the Leagues already organized and offer your services to them in increasing interest in their own chapters.

These suggestions may seem hard to you, but it is God's work and we owe it to Him to see that this work is carried out in an efficient way.

I am very anxious to see that this year a complete record of every chapter of the work that they accomplish in each presiding elder's district is published in our conference minute book which is always published immediately after our annual conference. To do this we must begin our work at once. I am counting on you. Let us hear from you often as to things accomplished.

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Cordially yours,
W. W. Edwards, Pres.

P. O. Box 360,
Winston, Salem N. C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant and appreciate your suggestions with regard to my work as district secretary, in connection with which, I would like to state that I have already obtained a list of the pastors in my district, as well as a list of the Sunday school superintendents and their addresses.

In July I wrote the pastors of the following charges: Advance, Kernersville, Lexington, Mocksville, Thomasville Station and South Thomasville, inquiring if they had Epworth Leagues in their churches, and requesting the name of some young person who would be willing to take the lead in such work. Not having received any answers, I wrote them all again about two weeks ago, and to date have received replies from Mocksville and Lexington. Mocksville has a League, and I have the name of its president, while Lexington has no League, but I have the names of two young people who might be glad to help in organizing and conducting one. If I do not hear from the other pastors by Saturday, I am going to write their Sunday school superintendents; and, at the same time, it is my intention to write the three young people above referred to, as well as the pastors of several other charges.

You will understand, of course, that it will be practically impossible to put Leagues in all of the churches in my district, as I notice a large number of them are rural. For this reason I am at present concentrating my efforts on the larger charges, and hope to put rural Leagues in the district through the bigger ones.

So you see, I have anticipated you just a little, and already started on your suggestions. I am always glad to hear from you, and receive your help. You know, my aim is to put the Winston district way over Asheville—which will call for s-o-m-e work, eh?

Sincerely,
(Signed) H. Banks Newman.

P.S.—Miss Grace Bradley is going to be with our City Union at the September meeting. I will be calling on you to come down and talk to us sometime—what about it? Oh! we have a great Union! Ask Miss Bradley after September 9th, and see!

H. B. N.

Central, Concord, merits special distinction for the organization of two Leagues recently. An account of the Senior League with its officers is given below. We thank Miss Kestler for the good example she sets for others by reporting for the League page.

Concord, N. C.

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We have recently organized a Senior Epworth League at Central Church and have forty members enrolled. We feel very much encouraged over this, and also at the interest the boys take in the meetings. Usually we have more boys than girls present at the meetings.

The following members were elected as officers: Mr. James Klutz, president; Miss Maggie Yongue Willeford, rill, first department superintendent; Mrs. Ed Kestler, second department superintendent; Mrs. H. S. Williams, third department superintendent; Mr. Elwood Turner, fourth department superintendent.; Mr. Holbert Webb, Epworth Era agent; Miss Janie Kestler, corresponding secretary.

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A fly has a trunk without lock or key;
A timepiece may lose, but cannot win;
A cornfield dimples without a chin;
A hill has no leg, but has a foot;
A glass has a stem, but not a root;
A watch has hands, but no thumb or finger;
A boot has a tongue, but is no singer;
Rivers run, though they have no feet;
A saw has teeth, but it does not eat;
Ash trees have keys, yet never a lock;
A baby crows, without being a cock.
—Christain Rossetti.

THE MIX-UP

Dot lay wide awake in the trundle-bed, and could not sleep. She had been in this wide-awakeness for many hours, for Dolly, who lay beside her, would start at dawn on a great trip.

It would seem, this being the case that Dolly should be the one awake and Dot the sleper, but Dolly had a naturally drowsy brain, but Dot restless, eager one that had been ten times more restless and eager than usual since Uncle Henry's telegram at dinner: "Have your eldest girl waiting at the door at five-thirty tomorrow, sharp. Am swooping by on my way to the city; will return in a day or two."

It had seemed wonderful. Uncle Henry, who lived in another state, would "swoop" by in a big touring car; he would treat you like a princess in town, for years ago the two had gone down with him, and had never forgotten the delightful experience. To think that the eldest girl was to be waiting on the the doorstep at dawn for such a time again! The eldest girl herself went to sleep smiling widely.

The youngest sighed now, and wriggled under the counterpane. She did not grudge anybody such a great happiness, but she wished, and wished hard, that there might have been another "teen'y" seat in the automobile; and she simply could not go to sleep. After a while, however, she dozed, to wake with her heart thumping. Daylight, faint and pale, was in the room. She gave Dolly a swift punch that brought forth a sleepy "Ouch!"

"It's morning, morning!" she whispered. "Get up and dress!"

She had slipped into her own clothes before sleepy Dolly, blinking and grooping in the gloom, had found one stocking. "I'll go down and listen, and when I hear a honk, I'll rush back and let you know." she was off like a nimble little rabbit.

Downstairs the fro t porch was still and gray, and in the east a beautiful pink and pearl dawn grew deeper each moment. Uncle Henry would come from the southeast, and Dot turned her eager face in that direction. "I'll walk the porch," she decided presently, "and pretend that I am waiting to mo'or into town."

It came suddenly when it did come —a joyous blast of a horn, loud and clear, and then, plunging out of the pink sunrise, appeared the car itself, like a swift bird, big and blue.

Dot stood spellbound. She tried to move, but her feet stuck fast; she tried to call, but her heart beat so hard that it choked her. The flying car, coming nearer and nearer, slowed down; somebody waved a hand. An instant more and Uncle Henry was running up the steps.

"Hey, there, Curly Top! Right on the spot!" With one lunge he caught her up in his long arms and, dashing back down the steps, dropped her into a niche on the front seat. Before anybody could say Jack Robinson the wheels were whirring, and they were up and away!

Again Dot opened her mouth and could not speak. The wild wind was in her throat and ears. Ah, how they were going swiftly, and skimmingly, like a bird always down hills, up hills, along levels, flying, flying! The road had turned now, and they seemed rushing back into the pink and pearl, only it had turned to pink and gold now.

"I—Uncle Henry, Uncle Henry!" Dot stirred and struggled, but agin her words were blown queerly away. She could not help laughing for sheer delight, and yet how dreadful this was! A vision of Dolly—poor, puzzled Dolly rose before her, and she stopped laughing. Uncle Henry must be made to hear.

Then a terrible tempation beset little Dot. Why must he? It was not her fault that she was in the machine, but here she was, and they had gone several miles, and were doubtless in a great hurry. Besides, she had tried hard to make them hear. Besides, again—it was so splendid, so glorious.

The next moment she gave herself and angry shake. "Why, Dot Taylor!" she breathed, and began to struggle to her feet, determined now.

"Eh?" said Uncle Henry, bending down. "Not the right one? Upon my word; then you must be as alike as two peas. Tut, tut, tut—what's to be done about this?" He slowed the car and turned to the ladies behind.

"Why didn't you say something, dearie?" one of them asked Dot.

Dot gulped. "The wind choked me at first," she answered, "and after that oh, it was all so lovely!"

The ladies looked at Uncle Henry, and he looked at the ladies.

"I never rode in such a wonderful car before," Dot went on. "It's like flying. But poor Dolly; let's get back to her, quick."

"I don't mind catching another train," somebody said, and the machine began to turn slowly making a great racket, as though annoyed at being interrupted.

Dot shut her eyes. The flight back would be short, but she was going to enjoy it with all her heart and soul. Away they went, and away! It seemed little more than a second before they were stopping again, and there on the porch steps Dolly was standing, red and perplexed.

"They mixed us up," Dot cried. "They mixed us up, but you haven't lost your ride, Doll. My, but it's fine!" She got to her feet oh, so reluctantly!

But just then Uncle Henry made another sudden dive. With one arm he held Dot down, and with the other he scooped Dolly up. Then, before either could speak, while they were still gasping, his hands were on the wheel again, the wind was in their faces, and the automobile took them flying straight toward the laughing yellow sun.—The Sunday School Times.

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Resolved, that we tenderly condole with the family of our deceased chairman in their hour of trial and affliction, and devoutly commend them to the keeping of Him who "doeth all things well."

Resolved, that in our natural sorrow for the loss of a faithful and beloved leader, we find consolation in the belief that it is well with him for whom we mourn.

Resolved, that while we deeply sympathize with those who were bound to our departed chairman by the nearest and dearest ties, we share with them the hope of a reunion in that better world where there are no partings, and bliss forbids a tear.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, as a token of our respect and veneration for the Christian character of a good man gone to his rest, and of the interest felt by his fellow stewards in those he loved and cherished.

J. C. Brown, P. C.,
S. McAlexander,
A. F. Ross,
Board of Stewards of Cottonville Charge,
W. N. C. C.

SETZER—Alphonso Setzer was born January 18, 1843, in Caldwell county, N. C., and died May 27, 1919, at Lenoir N. C. He was married March 22, 1866, and lived very happily with his wife until her death a few years since. Several children, grandchildren, and a host of friends mourn his departure.

Brother Setzer was soundly converted to God and united with the Methodist Church during the year of 1865. Conversion was to him the entrance into a new world and life from which he never turned back. Those who knew him best say that from the very day of his entrance into the kingdom his life was above reproach. It was his lot to nearly lose his sight in his youth, and toward the close of his life his sight almost entirely disappeared, but he was never heard to complain against the providence of God. His saintly life made a deep impression on the writer, who only knew him a short while before his death. His simple, unwavering faith in God, his frequent conversation about spiritual things and his eagerness to attend Church even when he was in feeble health, was in striking contrast with the indifference and worldliness which is so prevalent at this time. Our sorrow at his departure is deepened by the fear that we may not soon see his like again.

D. A. Lewis.

HALL—William Columbus Hall, son of Elijah and Aline Hall, was born in McDowell county, near Marion, N. C., on the 15th day of April, 1855.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Finley on the 25th day of Dec., 1879.

He professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the Tabernacle, near Black Mountain, N. C., under the ministry of Rev. Geo. F. Kirby, on Aug. 23rd, 1896.

He passed to his reward from his home in Black Mountain, on the 13th day of September, 1919, after an illness of almost a year.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters, one daughter having preceded him.

He was a man of high integrity and honor in all matters of friendship and business, and he was a man to whom his neighbors went confidently for advice and counsel when they needed it.

For many years he was an official member of the Church, and was a constant friend to his pastor. He contributed liberally to the support of the Church, one of his last acts being a gift of $50 to lift a debt off the parsonage.

In his personal religious experience he was conscious of his imperfections and freely acknowledged them, but he also knew Christ as his righteousness and hope, and for twenty odd years had daily committed himself to His keeping mercy.

As he was approaching the end he expressed hope and confidence as to the future. Therefore, we committed his ashes to their final resting place not as those who have no hope, but confidently looking to a time of reunion when the friendships of today, now broken off, shall be renewed.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, assisted by the Rev. S. H. Hilliard and Rev. Mr. Cody, of the Episcopal Church, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Tabernacle.

May the mercy and peace of God and of his son, Christ Jesus, be multiplied upon the bereaved family. Amen!

J. L. Teague.

ARMSTRONG—Little William, the three-year-old son of Mrs. C. O. Armstrong, was taken away August 22. He had been sick of scarlet fever for three weeks. His father died last October in the influenza epidemic, leaving Mrs. Armstrong with their two little boys. He was in charge of the Stantonsburg circuit at the time of his death. The other son, C. O., Jr., survives. Mrs. Armstrong lives now at Ayden, N. C.

The sympathy of a large circle of friends, and of Methodist preachers and their families in particular, goes out to the stricken ones. May He who took little children in His arms and blessed them, and who called William home, comfort those who mourn.

W. A. Stanbury.

Wilson, N. C.

PAGE—George Guess Page, son of James R. and Mattie Guess Page, was born March 7, 1881, and died Sept. 3rd, 1919. He was married to Miss Lillie Hurley July, 1907. To them were born two children, George Guess, Jr., aged 10 years, and Martha Frances, aged 8 years.

Brother Page came to Carthage last winter as engineer on the N. & S. R. R. from Carthage to Pinehurst. He won friends rapidly and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

George Page was a Christian gentleman in whom there was no guile. He brought his certificate of Church membership and united with the Methodist Church here last May and at once became one of us. He was converted and joined the Church at Cary when in his sixteenth year, and lived a life that honored his profession. He blew no trumpet to attract men; but he walked with God and men took notice of the fact.

Though feeling very unwell he went on his run to Pinehurst and back Wednesday morning. About 12 o'clock he received the stroke that resulted in his death in a few hours. There was no time to get ready and say good bye; but Brother Page was ready. He had on the armor and "his loins girded about and his light shining."

Accompanied by friends from Carthage his body was carried to Bisco for interment. Besides his wife and children there are left to mourn their loss, one brother, James, one sister, Mrs. Susie Page Pleasants, and one half brother, C. C. Page, of Raleigh, and two half sisters, Mrs. James Atwater, of Bynum, and Mrs. Ben Morris, of Gastonia. May God bless and comfort them all, and the Holy Spirit strengthen the mother for every task and ever lead the children into the choice paths of life.

N. E. Coletrane.

SHERRILL—Jeptha E. Sherrill was born June 13th, 1839. On August 15, 1919, his spirit went back to God. Thus ended a useful, true life.

When a young man, in 1868, March 15, he was married to Miss Rachel Robinson. To this happy union was given six children, three boys and three girls. Mrs. M. F. Sherrill, of Statesville, N. C., F. C. Sherrill, J. A. Sherrill, C. A. Sherrill and Miss Nannie Sherrill, of Cornelius, N. C., and Mrs. Evie Atwell, of Davidson, N. C., all of whom with their mother and thirty grandchildren still linger on this side calmly waiting for God's call to summon them home to the saints' rest.

Early in life Brother Sherrill was converted and joined McKendree Church on the Mooresville circuit. He remained true to his Church and profession through life. His was a consecrated life to God. He lived so that death found him ready to go and meet his God in grace. Those who knew him, knew him only to love him, and his life has left behind an influence powerful for good that shall be an uplift to many lives through many days to come.

W. Baxter Davis.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from us our sister and co-worker, Mrs. Sarah Gilliam, be it resolved,

First, that the surviving members of Trenton Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society, feel keenly our loss and are saddened to think that we shall see her here no more.

Second, that while we grieve at her going we feel she is happier where she has doubtless joined her husband, the late Rev. R. B. Gilliam, who preceded her to the grave twenty-five years.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be sent to the Advocate for publication.

Mrs. J. S. Hargett,
Mrs. D. H. Herritage,
Mrs. J. F. Marquette,
Committee.

RALPH THOMAS—Not only the members of the Main Street Methodist Sunday school, but the people of Thomasville, were shocked and grieved when the message came, "Ralph Thomas is drowned." At once every thought was directed to the bereaved parents who, until a few months ago, had been faithful and efficient workers in the Sunday school.

Ralph, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thomas, had been a member of the Sunday school from the time he was old enough to join the Beginners' Department. During his earliest years his attention, his interest in the stories and pictures and his sweet little voice uniting with others in the songs, gave to his teacher inspiration and joy not contributed by every child. His love and loyalty for the Sunday school did not wane as he grew older. One of his prized possessions was the gold button which was given to him as a reward for regular attendance. At an early age, he took the vows of the church and remained a member of the Main Street Church until his death. Indications were that had he lived, he would have followed the example set by his devoted parents in being actively engaged in the church work.

To the bereaved father, mother and brother, the members of the Sunday school extend deepest sympathy. May they not think of their loss, but of Ralph's gain—his happiness and joy

"In that beautiful place He has gone to prepare
For all that are washed and forgiven,
And many dear children are gathering there,
For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

May they not think of the parting but of the meeting "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." May He who sorrowed and wept reveal unto them his love and sympathy; may He who knew the sorrow of Gethsemane lighten their burden of loneliness and anguish. Through all, may they be closer drawn to the Saviour. Through all their tears, may they see Jesus and may they be comforted as one whom a mother comforts.

Main Street Methodist Sunday School.
R. L. Pope,
Miss Mollie Lines,
Miss Lillian Yow,
Committee.

OUR DEAD—GALLEY TWO

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Miss Ann Blackburn is the first member of the Woman's Friendly Bible Class to be called to her reward beyond the great divide. It is with much sadness we give her up. We shall miss her, but not for long, for it is only "yet a little while," and we shall see her face to face around the eternal throne of God, where we shall more perfectly praise Him.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has taken her from us, our faithful, loyal and much loved member. We resolve,

1. To submit without question to the wisdom of Him who knows best, for we know for our good He chastises.

2. That in her going we have lost a good member of our Bible class, the example of an ideal Christian. May we imitate those good qualities of hers that are truly worth while.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and pray that their lives will be the better to meet her in that "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

4. That a copy of these resolutions sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. C. A. Jonas,
Mrs. Plato Miller.

SHELTON—Henry Durant Shelton, of Charlotte, N. C., was born February 27th, 1852, and died August 6, 1919, aged 67 years, 5 months and 19 days. He leaves an aged mother, one sister, wife and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Brother Shelton joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young, at Old Bethel on the Rock Springs circuit, remaining a consistent member to the time of his death. He loved his church and was a believer in her doctrines. His pastor could always depend upon him for any service he was capable of rendering. On all moral questions he was always on the side of right.

Sometime in the eighties he was happily married to Miss Laura Kelley, near Denver, Lincoln rounty, N. C. They had three children, Hartsell, Jessie and Mary. The son passed away in Gastonia some twelve or fifteen years ago. The writer of this was a life-long friend of the deceased. We began our school days together at old "Dry Ponds" when about six or seven years old. We joined the church about the same time and enrolled together at old Rutherford College in 1872. As I said at his grave, "I have had and have today, many friends, but have never had a better friend than Brother H. D. Shelton." I expect to meet him again some sweet day, and I know he will be glad to greet me.

W. L. C. Killian.

MARRIED.

Sept. 3, W. W. Carter and Chloe McDaniel, at home of bride's father, Robert McDaniel, near Woodland, J. E. Holden, officiating.

Sept. 7, William Parker and Icie Baker at home of bride's parents, near Rich Square, J. E. Holden officiating.

Sept. 9, Floyd Outland and Le Anna Wright, at Friend's parsonage, Eagle Town, J. E. Holden officiating.

Sept. 17, Walter Bryant and Fannie Warren, at the home of the bride, Roanoke township, J. E. Holden officiating.

Sept. 24, Leonard Bolton and Josie Boyce, at the home of the bride's parents, Rich Square, J. E. Holden officiating.

Correspondence

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present and extended greetings to the student body. Words of welcome were also spoken by President Few and Dean Wannamaker.

It was very evident to the friends and alumni present that the attendance both at the college and the Park School exceed by far that of any previous opening. Never in the history of the College has the attendance approximated that of the present year. Not only will there be a larger entering class than at any previous time, but a very large number of former students who were compelled to drop out on account of the war and for other reasons, have returned to complete their college work.

The College has been signally honored within the past few weeks by being granted a charter in the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, the great under gratudate fraternity of American colleges. Membership in it is considered as the highest recognition of of scholarly attainment. Only the leading colleges and universities are granted charters. Trinity was granted a charter by a practically unanimous vote of a recent session held at Harvard University. This session was composed of men from all parts of the country. Since the National Council has recently adopted the policy of admitting only those colleges that are distinguished, the granting of this charter is certinly to be considered a marked recognition of the high standing Trinity College has attained among the educational institutions of the country. It is expected that impressive ceremonies will attend the installation of this charter and that the event will be a notable one in the history of the institution.

CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD

Rev. W. T. Usry died on the 30th of August and Rev. M. C. Field on the following day. They were members of the Brotherhood. Therefore I sent out a call for assessments Nos. 27 and 28 to the clerical members and assessments Nos. 26 and 27 to the honorary membership. These calls were made on the 4th and 5th of September. The response has been as good as it has ever been, and I am not sure but that it is the best it has ever been. If it is convenient for the brethren who have not yet paid I would like for them to send the dues before Conference. It will be more convenient for me. However, if it is not convenient to do so it will meet all requirements to pay at Conference.

The following preachers have paid assessment Nos. 27 and 28: A. W. Plyler, R. G. Tuttle, R. M. Courtney, J. T. Ratledge, P. L. Shore, H. C. Sprinkle, E. O. Cole, J. E. Abernethy, E. E. Williamson, R. M. Hoyle, J. H. Barnhardt, W. L. Sherrill, J. B. Carpenter, G. D. Herman, H. M. Blair, W. E. Poovey, J. E. McSwain, R. A. Taylor, S. Taylor, R. H. Kennington, W. L. Dawson, D. R. Profitt, J. T. Stover, A. Burgess, W. M. Curtis, W. R. Ware, S. S. Higgins, P. L. Terrell, J. E. Thompson, J P. Hipps, J. P. Rodgers, J. M. Downum, J. W. Moore, James Willson, H. K. Boyer, S. M. Needham, W. F. Womble, F. L. Townsend, M. H. Vestal, E. P. Stabler, W. B. West, C. A. Wood, W. F. Elliott, W. B. Davis, J. F. Moser, W. J. Hackney, J. O. Ervin, M. T. Steele, Z. E. Barnhardt, J. L. Teague, M. B. Stokes, R. J. Parker, W. A. Wilson, Frank Siler, J. W. Fitzgerald, B. F. Fincher, W. I. Hughes, J. A. Wiggins, O. P. Routh, D. H. Rhinehardt, T. F. Marr, W. A. Lambeth, J. C. Richardson, W. M. Smith, N. C. Williams, G. H. Christenberry, W. H. Willis and T. J. Huggins.

J. B. Tabor, C. A. Johnson and J. W. Bennett have paid assessment No. 27.

I will give a list in my next report of the honorary members who have paid.

C. M. Pickens, Sec. and Treas.
Morganton, N. C.

The Sydney Bulletin tells a new story of the shirker caught at his own game. It was a soldier who said:

"Please, sergeant-major, may I be excused from church parade? I am an agnostic."

"Don't you believe in the Ten Commandments, then?"

"No, I don't."

"Not even the one about keeping the Sabbath?"

"No."

"Well, you're the very man I've been looking for to scrub out the canteens."
—Exchange.

District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	September
Brooksdale Circuit, Allensville, 11 a. m.	27-28
East Roxboro, Grace, 6:30 p. m.	28
October	
Milton Circuit, Connally's 11 a. m.	4-5
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	12
Chapel Hill, 8 p. m.	12
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	18-19
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m.	25-26
Graham, 8 p. m.	26
November	
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebane Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Third Round / Fourth Round	September
Hertford, morning	28
Edenton, night	28
October	
Moyock, Perkins	4-5
Currituck, Hebron	5-6
Pasquotank, Union	11-12
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates Zion	19-20
Dare, East Lake	25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet	28
Hatteras, Frisco	30
November	
Kitty Hawk, Colington	1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Duke, Duke	27-28
Dunn, Dunn, night	28-29
Newton Grove, Newton Grove, 11 a. m.	30
October	
Buckhorn, Cokesbury	4-5
Lillington, Lillington, night	5-6
Jonesboro, Broadway	11-12
Sanford, night	12-13
Fayetteville, Salem, 11 a. m.	15
Stedman	18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
November	
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Mount Olive Circuit, Rones Chapel	27-28
Mount Olive, Calypso	28-29
October	
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora	4-5
New Bern, Centenary, night	5-6
Jones Circuit, Lee's Chapel	11
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe	12
Snow Hill Circuit	17
Hookerton Circuit	18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night	19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
November	
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carteret Circuit, Harlowe	8 9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round / Fourth Round	September
Selma	28
Kenly	28-29
October	
Granville, Calvary	4-5
Oxford	10-12
Oxford Circuit, Salem	11 12
Louisburg	17-19
Youngsville, Leah's	18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove	19-20
Princeton	26-27
Benson	30
Four Oaks	31
November	
Millbrook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Memorial	10
Benson	11
Four Oaks	12
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16
Epworth	16

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill	27-28
Wilmington Circuit, Wesley Memorial	28-29
October	
Burgaw, Burgaw	4-5
Tabor, Tabor	10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn	11-12
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
November	
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Conway, Sharon	27-28
October	
Battleboro and W. McTyeires	3
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield	4-5
Rich Square, Pinners	11-12
Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro	12-13
Henderson	19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson	19
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
November	
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Bethel, Shiloh	4-5
Tarboro, preaching only at night	5
Aurora, Bennerton	11-12
Stokes, Whartons	12-13
Ayden Circuit, Salem	18-19
Ayden Station	19-20
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter	22-23
Mattamuskeet, Amity	23-24
Fairfield	25-26
Tarboro, night	30
McKendree, Pinetops	31
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, night	31
November	
Nashville Nashville	1-2
Spring Hope, Spring Hope	2-3
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	3
Elm City	4
N&S Rocky Mount, night	4
Fremont, Fremont	5
Wilson, night	5
Farmville, Farmville	7
Greenville, night	7
Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant	8-9
Stantensburg, Stantensburg	9-10
Vanceboro, Vanceboro	12
Bath, Asbury	15-16
Washington	16-17

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Henderson Circuit, Edneyville	27
Flat Rock-Fletcher, Fletcher, a. m.	28
Saluda, night	28
October	
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Waxhaw, Bonds Grove, 11 a. m.	27
Weddington, Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.	28
October	
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	3
Morven, New Hope, 11 a. m.	4-5
Wadesboro, night	5
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Coleridge Circuit, Concord	27-28
Deep River Circuit, Central Falls	28
October	
Randolph Circuit, Trinity	4-5
Asheboro, night	5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m.	19

FINAL MEETINGS

October	
Randleman, 8 p. m.	6
High Point, Main Street, 8 p. m.	9
Greensboro, Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, at Carraway Memorial, 8 p. m.	10
High Point, East End, 8 p. m.	13
Randolph Circuit, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m.	14
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, 8 p. m.	14
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 2:30 p. m.	15
Greensboro, Centenary, 8 p. m.	15
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 8 p. m.	16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 8 p. m.	17

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	27-28
October	
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

FINAL MEETINGS FOR MT. AIRY DISTRICT

October	
Summerfield, Center, 11 a. m., Monday	13
Stokesdale, Stokesdale, 11 a. m., Tuesday	14
Mt. Airy Circuit, Parsonage, 3 p. m., Wednesday	15
Pilot Mt., Pilot Mt., A. M., Thursday	16
Yadkinville, Boonville, 11 a. m., Friday	17
Jonesville, Jonesville, 3 p. m., Friday	17
Rural Hall, Rural, 11 a. m., Monday	20

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	September
Forest City, at Forest City	27-28
Broad River Circuit, 3 p. m.	28-29
October	
Enola Circuit, Saturday at 11 o'clock at warlick Chapel	4
Connelly Spring, at Rutherford College	5-6
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine, Tuesday night	7
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Wednesday night	8
Micaville, at Martin's Chapel, Friday at 11 o'clock	10
Bald Creek, at Bald Creek	11-12
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	12-13
Marion Circuit, at Capernaum, Tuesday at 11 o'clock	14
Mill Spring Circuit, Bethlehem, Thusday at 11 o'clock	16
Thermal City, at Trinity	18-19
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Gilkey, Sunday night	19-20

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Kannapolis Circuit	27-28
Kannapolis Station, night	28
October	
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m.	5
Kerr Street, night	5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 11 a. m.	27-28
Rock Spring, Webb's, 4 p. m.	28
October	
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Mooresville Circuit, Centenary, 11 a. m.	27-28
Troutman, Shiloh, 3 p. m.	27-28
October	
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	11-12
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	11-12
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	11-12
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

Fourth Round	September
Avery Circuit	26-27
Elk Park Circuit, Montezuma	28-29
October	
Watauga Circuit	4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Hayesville	27-28
Jonathan Creek, Hemphill, p. m.	28
Judson	27-28
October	
Ranger, Ranger	4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree	5-6
Robbinsville	7-8
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Fines Creek	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W. 4th. Street Phone 853
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Denton circuit, Newsome	27-28
October	
Davidson circuit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circuit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

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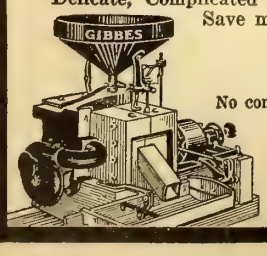
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This is a work of fiction of engaging interest. There is an abundance of novelty and action in the story, and the expectancy of the reader is kept at good tension from beginning to end. It belongs to that class of fiction that deals with social conditions from a religious standpoint. The hero of the story enters the community *in cognito* as a day laborer. He proves more than a match in a wrestling bout with one of the leading characters of the community, and is afterward employed by him on his farm. He is something of an artist with a violin, and upon one occasion at least plays for a neighborhood dance. The occasion breaks up in a row which brings the hero into conflict with the son of the wealthiest man in the parish—an irreligious family that had controlled Church matters because of its wealth and social position. The Church had called a rector and was awaiting his arrival. In the end the hero, wrestler and musician proved to be the man called to the Church. He preaches one sermon in his role as rector, but has won his place in the community before he is known in his real character. The war comes on, and he responds to his country's call, and leaves to enter the war service. There is a love story mixed with it. As a piece of purpose fiction, it solves no problem—not even on paper. And as to the method by which he was trying to solve the social problem so far as we can discover he at no point touched the methods of Christ.

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The Re-Creation of Brian Kent. By Harold Bell Wright. The Book Supply Co., Chicago, Ill. Price $1.50.

The author of this volume has written several preceding volumes that have attracted wide attention. Among them may be mentioned "That Printer of Udells" and "The Calling of Dan Matthews." These books are having a wide sale, and the publishers announce a 750,000 issue for the first edition of this one. It came from the press the latter part of August. One of Wright's pecularities is to place his best characters outside of the Church. This is, perhaps, not so marked in the Re-Creation of Brian Kent as it is in the two others mentioned. The Church is virtually ignored in this one. His saint here is a sweet-spirited old school mistress who has shed a hallowed influence over the community during a long life and was living in retirement. Brian Kent has defaulted as a bank cashier, and in a wild delirium of drink is introduced as seeking to commit suicide. He chances to find a boat at the river's brink and decides to push out into the middle of the stream rather than jump in near the bank. Of course, he doesn't jump at all, but drifts down the river and the currents throw out against the shore right under the home of this saintly woman who deliberately lies to the officers to prevent the arrest of the defaulter lodged in her home. It turns out that she was one of the people whom he had robbed. This fact becomes known to each one of them, and each conceals for a time their knowledge of it from the other. The fact does not change her attitude toward him, but his discovery of the fact and of the fact that she knew it so disconcerted hime that he came near wrecking himself a second time. Of course he is saved again. Brian Kent was a married man, but his wife does not come into the story till near the end, and then only to give an account of her tragic death while he equally tragically comes very near losing his own life in an effort to save hers. Nevertheless he had previously fallen desperately in love with another woman to whom he was married soon after the death of his wife. It is through such social rottenness that we are led by our recent fiction writers; and, when we recall that a generation or two have been fed upon that kind of literature, it is not surprising that the foundations of the home are crumbling and divorces abound.

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A NEW SONG

THE Psalmist tells us that the Lord had put a new song into his mouth, even praise unto our God. Probably that would be a new song to many of us too. We are interested in patriotic songs, in sentimental songs, some of us even have a fancy for comic songs, but that song of praise unto our God is not quite as popular as it might be. Suppose we cultivate it a little; or perhaps some of us would have the Lord do for us, what He did for the Psalmist, teach us the song from the beginning. There are many reasons why we should sing it. He has been very good to us in very many ways and life has had very many blessings that must have come from His gracious and loving hands. Yes, even though we may not make much of a hand of it at first, we ought to try to sing that song a great deal more than we do. And trying to sing it there is no doubt that He will help us until it will grow into a hymn of joy and praise that will fill our own souls with rapture past anything we have ever known.

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Editorial

WORSHIP IN THE HOME

The home that is built upon any other foundation than that of religion cannot stand. Isolated homes where there is no profession of personal salvation may, indeed, continue during the life of the inmates; but such homes are held together by the force of public sentiment created by homes of a different type. We are not speaking of exceptions, but we are announcing a general principle. Where the Christian religion is not known and practiced, the home in its highest and best sense is not known. The reason for this is not far to seek. There is no other source of sufficiently high ideals, and of sufficient power to attain those ideals, which are necessary to create and maintain the home. Exceptional men may have a far off vision of the home as it ought to be, but even they do not realize it apart from the Christian religion.

The heart of religion is worship. We know that the expression of it in righteousness of life in social relationships is essential, and this expression of it is thrust more prominently under the observation of the world. We are not unmindful of the statement of James: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." This is religion described in the outward expression of it, and to claim the inward reality when the outward expression does not exist is but a travesty. Still it remains true that the inward reality must exist before the outward expression can be maintained for any long period of time. We repeat that the heart of religion, the source of its inspiration and power, is the worship of God. It is in this that the soul lives and feeds and grows. It is there that God does His work of transforming the nature destroying the dominion of sin, and empowering the soul for that higher life that finds expression in works of charity and relief. Worship is the hidden dynamo that generates the power without which the life is hopelessly vicious. We must not neglect the element of worship.

And the occasional observance of public worship, though this serves a necessary purpose, is not of itself sufficient. Worship is not the repeating of a ritual, nor the observance of outward forms. These may be an aid to worship, but we fear they are also often a hindrance to it. And worship is not simply an occasional act wedged in between the secular concerns that occupy the largest part of the average man's time. Worship gets down into the hidden sources of life and has to do with the relations of our essential being to God. It is a state rather than an act—a state out of which all actions spring; and it shapes and fashions all the relationships of life that we sustain.

Now it is clear that a matter of such supreme importance must not be ignored in the home life. It ought to be daily nourished and fed there, and it needs to find expression in some form that will impress itself upon every inmate of the home. The child should not be uncertain about the father's and mother's attitude toward it. In this worship the Word of God ought to be honored, and the easiest way to do this is to read a portion of it at stated intervals. It should be read as the heavenly Father's message to His children and as the final authority upon any subject about which it speaks. Prayer and thanksgiving should accompany this worship in the home. If this thanksgiving can express itself in song, it is well. This service ought not to be hurried over, as if it were encroaching upon time that ought to be given to more important matters. There are no matters more important. Religion is, or ought to be, the chief concern of mortals here below; and the family worship ought not to be conducted in a way that would seem to contradict that idea. We are aware that life is rushed, but the rush should not set aside the most important thing. Honor God in the home, and that honor will redound to the home a thousand fold.

And do not let this family worship become a ritualistic form. Books are published that contain a Scripture selection and a form of prayer for each day in the year. Sometimes a hymn selection is added. We do not say that such books may not be used to profit, but there is a serious danger of allowing the use of them to drift into a mere formal thing that will only be a mockery of the spirit of worship. The language had better be broken and faltering and come from the heart rather than that it should be couched in the most elegant form and trip only off the end of the tongue. Be sure to make this family worship a heart worship, and then it will impress itself upon the home and upon the life of each inmate. The importance of this cannot be emphasized too strongly.

Our Church is wisely moving to put a new emphasis upon this matter of family worship. There never was a time when it was more needed. We are told that it is difficult to get the family together at any one time in order to hold this service, but this very fact only emphasizes the need of holding it. If the family is thus broken up and scattered, that is all the more reason for using this strongest possible influence to weld it into essential unity. We must take time for religion. If the things of the world, however good in their way, are to crowd out religion, what is to become of us? Soon we will find the forces of manhood and womanhood weakening, and then we shall be crippled in the effort to accomplish any worthy task. Put your family worship into the program of the day's life whatever else may have to be put out. You will be the gainer by it—and so will the world. Let the altar be established in every home of Southern Methodism.

PRAY FOR BISHOPS AND OTHER LEADERS

"For kings and for all that are in authority," writes St. Paul to Timothy, and we may well assure ourselves that he would have us include ecclesiastical as well as civil authorities. This is a time when the apostolic call to prayer should be heeded. Not only are our civil rulers subjected to great strain, but those who are over us in the Lord, holding positions of great responsibility, are sorely tried by the untoward conditions which they are called to face.

We should remember that these men are in positions of great responsibility, not by any choice of their own, but by our suffrage. Shall we lay the intolerable burden upon their shoulders and then forsake them? Nothing could be more cruel unless it would be to go the one step farther and heap ridicule upon them because of seeming failure or inefficiency. Some people, even Church people in prominent places, are guilty of just such cruelty as this, and we are making this plea with the hope that some such may reflect and change their attitude from that of the cold critic to that of the helpful and sympathetic co-worker.

In our great Methodist Church we need, perhaps more than all things else, a baptism of tender, sympathetic solicitude for the spirit of wisdom and courage in the hearts of those who are in positions of leadership among us. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, presiding elders, editors, departmental leaders and bishops, all should be borne to God daily in our prayers. What a wonderful change it would make in our feeling and attitude toward these men if we were all praying for them daily. What wonderful power it would bring into their ministrations and administrations!

Some of these men are walking daily under staggering burdens; burdens which can not be shared by others save as they enter into sympathetic co-operation through intercession.

The following note from Bishop Hendrix, in a recent number of the Christian Advocate will give some point and force to what we plead for:

"Bishop Lambuth, about sailing for China, opens his heart in a way that deeply touches mine. He writes July 24: 'I go rather reluctantly to the Orient this time because of Mrs. Lambuth's health. She had the 'flu' during the winter, which was followed by a partial stroke of paralysis. This has incapacitated her for domestic duties of any kind and has resulted in almost constant pain day and night in her right arm and shoulder. It is only from a stern sense of duty that I go to the fields, but at the same time I am trusting that in the providence of God I may be used in some way to comfort the distressed Koreans and counsel the Chinese in their perplexity. A grave injustice has been done and one that ought to be rectified at once.' His eminent fitness to serve the Oriental fields at this critical time led to his appointment despite his divided mind and heart. He has our prayers."

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

It seems to us that the critical time has come in the fight for a League of Nations to preserve the peace. We have somehow felt that the opposition to it was more bluster than reality, and designed more for political effect than to prevent the consummation of the League Covenant. We believe yet that the opposition with the exception of a few recalcitrant senators who are professional obstructionists, has been born and is fostered as a matter of partisan politics. With some it is probably a case of opposition to anything that President Wilson is for; but the situation in any event seems to us at this writing critical. We are in danger of being put in the attitude of defeating the very thing for which we professed to fight in the great war. Apart from the details of the proposed covenant, there are a few outstanding facts that merit serious consideration.

(1) It is at least an attempt to prevent future wars. The conscience of the civilized world has risen to the point where war is deplored. We believe in peace. It was only under the pressure of an apparent necessity that we entered the great world war. The central Powers alone wanted it, and it was their aggression that forced the other nations into it. We professed to make war in order that there should be no more war. There are those who tell us that the League will not prevent war, but it is at least a step in that direction. It is an effort to prevent a recurrence of the horrible experience through which we have just passed. We want no more of it, and the League is the only thing that is offered that proposes to prevent it.

(2) The League seeks to make disarmament possible. The world has staggered through the years under the burden of great military establishments. Rival nations have each struggled to build greater armies and greater navies than the other. Every success of the one has compelled a larger success of the other, and thus the endless chain has gone on. The industrial world has had this useless expense to bear and the moral world has had to battle against the spirit of hate and jealousy that it cultivates. Has not the world had enough of it? It forces the life of the nations to drive toward a cataclysm that becomes all the more terrible with the advance of science and learning. It is against the interest of humanity and should be abandoned. The League of Nations is the only feasible plan that has been proposed to bring it about.

(3) It is a movement toward the cultivation of the spirit of peace in opposition to the militaristic spirit. Whatever defects there may be in the present draft, it puts before the world the ideal of peace and co-operation in opposition to the old spirit of competition and war. The influence of such a proposal itself will of necessity have a tremendous effect upon the mind of the world, and it will be an effect for good. Instead of directing the thought of the world toward conflict and strife, it will direct the thought of the world toward peaceful pursuits and the brotherhood of the race. You may call this idealism, but it is only as we follow correct ideals that we walk in the right path. We may walk somewhat behind our ideals. We may not come to their full realization at once; but, if we continue to follow them, we cannot but move in that direction. The League will cultivate the spirit of peace.

(4) It proposes to provide for the weaker nations to work out their destiny unhindered by the

stronger ones. Is that right? Put yourself in the place of the weaker nation and then answer the question. The contrary view ends in the doctrine that might makes right; and we execrated Germany to the extent of the power of language for endorsing that heathen doctrine. There is certainly nothing of the spirit of Christ in it. When we reduce it to the unit of individual conduct, its immorality is clearly seen. But is not the principal just as true when a nation of individuals is involved? The principle is the same, and the conscience of the better element of humanity is grasping this truth as never before. It is perilous to put ourselves in opposition to it. Germany is now tasting some of the bitterness of that course, and nothing would better please them than the failure of the League of Nations.

(5) The League commits the greatest world-powers to a policy of peace and co-operation. Some of them may not be at heart in the greatest sympathy with it, but we believe they are. There will be some clashing of interests very naturally, but they are tired of war. They did not wish to go into this one until they were forced in by Germany, and the League will place Germany and her allies where they cannot start the fires of war again. They are now ready to commit themselves, and nations of honor cannot so easily reverse themselves. It is not an easy matter to go against the preponderance of the world's thought. Public sentiment is a tremendous influence, and with all the nations of the Allies throwing themselves into a covenant against future wars will have an unprecendented influence in accomplishing that end. It may fail here or threre, but it will put the life of the world moving in that direction—and that is about the best that can be hoped at any one time.

We believe that the Senate of the United States, or that part of it that is responsible for it, is making a serious mistake—not to use a much stronger term—in delaying the ratification of the peace treaty while the world, wounded at heart, lies bleeding waiting for its action. We are glad that our senators from North Carolina are in favor of immediate ratification, and yet we wish that our readers would write them a line endorsing their position and thus back them in the fight which they are making.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Universal Bible Sunday has been arranged by the American Bible Society for November 30th. It is intended that its observance should be nation-wide, and literature of an attractive character is being prepared for all Churches and Sunday schools. This will be supplied free to all those who ask for it. The great war stimulated a fresh desire for the Bible among all classes. This is one of the most encouraging features of this reconstruction era, which is attended with so much industrial strife. The American Bible Society is doing a great work in supplying the simple Word of God without note or comment, not only in the English language, but in the various languages in which missionary work by the various churches is being carried on. The offices of the American Bible Society from which the literature referred to above may be secured are at Astor Place, New York City.

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An Experiment in Industrial Democracy is being tried out by the Durham Hosiery Mills of which J. S. Carr, Jr., is president. We have been favored with a copy of Durable-Durham Doings, which is published monthly by the employees of that company. They have organized themselves into a House of Representatives and a Senate after the order of the State and of the General Government. This organization claims to be wholly apart from the question of labor unions and is designed to form a sort of self-government for the employees involved. Here is a partial list of the things already accomplished: "The lights in the boarding room are to be improved, shower baths are being placed, sinks are being installed, and dressing room situation improved at the annex, the winders have been relieved from stamping the cones, the rates for toppers and knitters have been adjusted, the rates for inspecting on style 263 corrcted, the card room troubles between Mills No. 1 and No. 6 adjusted, etc." Some of these things may be Greek to our readers who are not familiar with mill life, but it will give a fair idea of what is being attempted. The experiment will be watched with interest.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Pastors and subscribers to the Advocate will please note that the price of subscription, new and renewal, is strictly $2.00 per year. The $1.50 rate was discontinued the last of June. Some seem to have overlooked this. It is very necessary that we adhere to this and that all who are in arrears send in their renewals at once. Let all who have received notices recently look them up at once, pin check or money order to the notice and mail to us. It is not at all necessary to worry your pastor with this extra care. Return envelopes were mailed with notices.

President Wilson Ill. When President Wilson was within two or three days of the end of his itinerary in the interest of the League of Nations, he suffered a nervous breakdown and was compelled to cancel the remainder of his engagements. His physician announces that his condition is not serious, but that he must have absolute rest for some time in order to recover. The last report from him at this writing is to the effect that he is a little better. He has evidently been under great nervous strain for some time—in fact his whole administration has fallen in most turbulent times—and he has manifested great powers of endurance. This giving way of his physical strength has come at a very critical time, and the country learns of his illness with deep regret. Prayer for his speedy recovery will go up to the throne of grace from thousands of devout hearts the world over. He is making a great fight for humanity, and we trust that his illness will not be prolonged.

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Bishop Darlington at Carolina. We are glad to see that Bishop Darlington was to be at Carolina College Wednesday of last week at a Welcome Meeting and Supper to boost the interests of Carolina College. No account of the meeting has yet fallen under our eyes, but we trust that it was a great success. This young institution of our Church is now at a trying time in its development. It has started out well and is destined to fill a large place in the work of Christian education in the territory that is contiguous to it. Brother John is a strong man to plan for it in this stage of its development. There is the largest confidence that he will plan wisely and use to the best advantage any funds that are placed in his hands. He has strong helpers in Mrs. John and the select faculty which he has gathered around him. We understand that the present dormitory space is full, and the need is for enlargement. We trust that this enlargement will come to it. It is unfortunate that so many of our Christian institutions are hampered with lack of funds and sufficient equipment in this perilous period of our national life.

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Profiteering is Certainly Going On is the declaration upon everybody's lips and is universally believed to be true, but you cannot find the man who is doing it. Beginning with the farmer, he will tell you that he cannot now produce cotton at 30 cents per pound and must needs have 40 cents for it. Fertilizers and labor are so high that nothing less than 40 cents per pound will meet his expenses. When you strike labor the man you employed a few years ago for 50 cents to 75 cents per day you must now pay 40 cents per hour, and he is not yet "getting a living wage." The more skilled labor is higher in proportion, and yet they are striking for their "rights." Whatever article you buy from the retail dealer, he will tell you the price has advanced twenty-five per cent, or thereabouts, since his last purchase, and that he could not now purchase it for the money he is asking you for it. The manufacturer is sorely beset by labor conditions and the cost of the raw material and hardly sees how he can come out even at the prices he is asking. And so it goes the rounds. Everybody is complaining of the high cost of living and every fellow doing his utmost to put it a little higher. But the other fellow is to blame for it. No, sir, profiteering is going on all right, but you never find the man who will own that he is reaping the profits. May be the judgment will make some startling revelations!

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The Revising of the Prayer Book of the Protestant Episcopal Church is not of personal interest to us only as it is indicative of the drift of religious thought in the world today. A Commission appointed for the purpose has made quite a number of recommendations. Whether or not they will be adopted remains to be seen. Among the suggestions are the omission of the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, and on the reverse side the groom no longer promises "with all my worldly goods I thee endow." It is proposed also in the communion service to dip the wafer in the chalice instead of giving the cup to the communicants. In the service for the burial of the dead, they are proposing marked changes. There is to be provision for a collect, epistle and gospel for requiem communions in keeping with the Roman Catholic institution, the requiem mass. A prayer for the dead is also introduced. The ten commandments, as used in the communion service, are also abridged by the omission of explanatory or apposite statements. In all of this there is seen the tendency toward weakening the authority of Scripture on the one side and the drift toward Roman Catholicism on the other. It may all be characterized as a weakening of the spiritual element and a strengthening of the ritualistic and ecclesiastical side of Church life.

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An Important Prohibition Fight is on in Ohio. They have a peculiar referendum law in that State which made it possible for the liquor forces to refer to the people the ratification of the Federal Prohibition Amendment. The legislature of that State ratified the amendment as provided for in the Federal Constitution; but Ohio last year adopted an amendment to its state constitution providing that proposed Federal Constitutional Amendments must be referred to the people. This situation creates an interesting legal situation. To a layman it would seem that this amendment to the State constitution of Ohio would be void because of a conflict with the Federal Constitution, but that question has never been put up to the Supreme Court of the United States, and cannot now be carried before it prior to the election in November. This will enable the liquor forces to get a vote of the people of Ohio upon this question. If the vote should be adverse to prohibition, it is questionable if it would stand the constitutional test, and certainly the reversal of one state could not affect the adoption of the eighteenth amendment; but it would give the liquor forces leverage with which to weaken enforcement measures and would be heralded as an evidence of the revulsion of sentiment against prohibition. The nation and the world will have its eyes on Ohio in this election.

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The Persecution of Korean Christians by Japan is a belated incident in the history of the world. It is a thing unworthy the times in which we live, and a thing for which the sentiment of the world will no longer stand. We are publishing elsewhere in this issue their appeal to the Christian world, and we feel certain that it will not go unheeded. This appeal was dated May 1st, 1919, and since that date Japan has issued a manifesto purporting to give what they call home rule to Korea, but this should not weaken our sympathy for the Korean Christians. The manifesto is probably in large measure for effect, and it is doubtful if Japan is really letting up in this sort of persecution. Japan wishes to keep Korea subject to her government, and they are shrewd enough to know that the spirit of Christianity is favorable to liberty. Under its influence the oppressor always loses in the long run. It does not incite to revolution, and does not put its seal upon any special form of government. Christianity believes in loyalty to the government under which it lives. Jesus, as a Jew, paid tribute to Caesar and persistently refused to preach a revolution against the Roman Government, corrupt as it was under Augustus Caesar. Still it is true that Jesus introduced into the world a spirit of life that has overthrown the thrones of the despots of the world and brought freedom to humanity. It will bring freedom to the Koreans, and that is what Japan does not want to come. She cannot more surely hasten it than by adopting a policy of religious persecution such as is described in the appeal on our fourth page this week.

CONTRIBUTIONS

AN APPEAL TO THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

We the undersigned pastors and elders, representing the half-million Christians in Korea, who are being persecuted by the cruel Japenese Government, hereby appeal to our fellow Christians of all lands.

Korea existed as an independent nation for more than four thousand years, with a distinct language, culture and civilization, until the year 1910, when she was annexed to Japan at the point of the sword, contrary to the will and desire of the Korean people. Ever since the annexation, we, the Christians of Korea, have been the principal sufferers. As is already known to the world, the work of the Christian Church in Korea was progressing with a remarkable degree of success, but since the annexation, the work of the Church has been interfered with in every possible manner by the Japanese, and the Christians have been subjected to constant persecutions. The notorious "Conspiracy Case" of 1912 is an outstanding example of the legalized persecution of the Church. The Christian leaders have been tortured, imprisoned and murdered. Bibles and other Christian literature have been burned and destroyed, and our children in the Mission Schools have been subjected to insults and mockery by the invaders.

In order to check the advance of Christianity, the Japanese authorities have given encouragement to the activities of various heathen cults in Korea, and have even introduced a spurious Christian organization that does not believe or practice true Christian principles. While they encourage the building of temples for Buddhists and Shintoists, they are burning down Christian Churches whenever and wherever they can.

In spite of all these persecutions, the Korean Christians energetically continued to build up "The Kingdom of God" in Korea. They trained workers, built churches, and sent missionaries to China, Japan, Siberia and neighboring countries. The stronger the Church grows the fiercer the opposition on the part of Japan.

The Japanese government has been telling the world that the Koreans are satisfied and prospering under the Japanese rule and cleverly and cunningly hid the truth of Korean martyrdom from the outside world. During all these years of bondage they have never lost their ardent love for their country and their faith in Christ.

During the four years of the World War the Koreans heard with joy the echo of the guns of the Allied Powers, which they believed were for the rights and liberty of all nations. They passionately believe in the great principle of self-determination as advocated by President Wilson. Therefore, when the great war ended, with victory for the democratic nations, we believed that the time had come when the Koreans would receive their share of justice from the hands of the victorious Christian nations.

On March 1st, 1919, our entire nation declared its independence from the Japanese rule. It was the united voice of 20,000,000 people. They did no violence to the Japanese, nor did they break any laws. We purposely held ourselves free from the charge of using physical force. We simply organized a pacific demonstration, shouting "Mansei" for the independence of Korea.

For this reason the Japanese have massacred and tortured our people in a most ruthless manner. From the Governor-General down to the lowest officials, the Japanese have determined to crush out this independence movement by force of arms. They have brought two more divisions and six battalions of troops, and four hundred gendarmes into Korea, in addition to the former garrison of four divisions, in order to subdue the unarmed Koreans. The Japanese soldiers are committing all sorts of barbarous acts which have been partly reported to the Mission Boards and to the State Department in Washington.

We, the Christians, are the principal victims. The barbarous soldiers are plundering the Christians' homes, beating old women and insulting young girls of tender years. They have dragged the girls from the Mission Schools through the streets, after stripping them of their clothing before the crowd. Many of the churches have been burned and most of the Mission Schools have been closed. In some places, the Bibles have been taken from the Christian homes and burned. Most of the leading pastors and elders have been either imprisoned or killed.

God knows all this and the foreign missionaries are eye-witnesses. The Korean Church is passing through the most critical period of its history. We sincerely need your prayers and your support. Will you help us?

Yours in Christ,
Son Chung Do,
Kim Byung Cho,
Ahn Syung Won,
Chang Dug No,
Lee Won Ik,
Kim Syung Man,
Cho Sang Sup,
Pai Byung Seh,
Cho Bo Kyun,
Chang Poong,
Kim Se Hyuk,
Pastors and Elders.

THE RACE QUESTION

By L. B. Hayes.

If it does you or the cause any good to hear an "Amen" from away back in the rear of the congregation I don't object to saying it; in fact, I want to say it—even if it disturbs some of the saints who sit at ease in Zion. So "Amen" to your editorial on "The Race Conflict" in the issue of September 11th.

If straws show the way of the wind, such words as were used by the colored delegation that waited on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, coupled with the sentiments that you copied from the Northern Methodist Press, and the ever recurring clashes, lynchings and riots, this brother in black is up for some serious consideration; and our Church ought to have a distinct message on the matter. For it is in the realm of religion and ethics that the Negro gets his doctrine of equality. It is to him a spiritual ideal and Heaven is a place of "social equality".

He gets it from the Bible. When Christianity cracked the shell of Judaism it became a race ignoring religion. As long as he thinks he can read it in the book, we will never divorce this black Ephraim from his idol or ideal. He will preach it till the stars go out.

If this twilight zone of misunderstanding, suspicion, and bloodshed originates in this realm of religion, why do not our own pulpits have a clear forceful word to say when trouble grows imminent? for "The white man's burden" grows heavier with the passing years, and some day it will be insufferable. Henry W. Grady was right—"The future holds a problem in solving which the South must stand alone—This problem is carrying in her body politic two races nearly equal in numbers. She must carry the races in peace, for discord means ruin; she must carry them separately, for assimilation means debasement; she must carry them in justice, for to this she is pledged in honor and in gratitude; she must carry them to the end, for in all human probability she will never be rid of either."

We should preach to the negroes as often as we have opportunity. It is not necessary to go to Africa in order to be a missionary. It is a bit inconsistent to cry over the free, frowzy-headed, grown up children of the dark continent and not to be concerned about the ignorant and vicious at our doors. Likewise this jewel of consistency is tarnished by the picture of Bishop Lambuth going to Africa with John Westly Gilbert (colored) and working with Wembo Niama while those of us at home see no opportunity, or do not feel called upon, to interpret for them their hazy notion of the proper relation of the races.

The Negro preachers are, so far, the real leaders of their race—key men in the maintenance of harmony. How easy for them during the August meeting with emotion at flood tide, to pour out their fervid oratory about race injustice and sow the seed of discord! Hence, it has seemed a good thing to me to know and win the confidence of the colored preachers. Then I can better preach to them and their congregations, civil, political, industrial, and moral equality. There I stop and add with all emphasis that if they are after so-called social equality, which means the obliteration of races by the awful confusion of intermarriage and amalgamation, that the rivers of the Southland will run crimson with blood before it can happen. "What God hath separated let not man join together." The best of the Negroes respect such a message—though I've seen the returned colored soldiers grow restive under such gospel.

If history could show a single precedent of two races so different in nature dwelling in harmony in the same territory for any considerable time, we could feel easier about it; but it does not. It will certainly help matters to try to understand each other. If we use our minds and tongues more, we will use machine guns less.

Why not let the colored ministers set in on our Monday morning Ministers Meetings occasionally, in a kind of Jim Crow supplement? If we cannot do that, we had better find out what they are thinking about when we meet them on the street. Anything to keep our dark neighbors from going Bolshevic due to doctrines dished out to them by the Northern Press that has a great zeal but not according to knowledge.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

By R. M. Taylor.

Let us begin with the preacher. He is the most important human element in public worship. On him depends, more than on any one else, the success or failure of the service. All other elements are circumstantial and contributory. He must be held responsible, primarily, for the success or failure of the service. It is a great opportunity to do good. The responsibility is commensurate with the opportunity. This is always so. In the first place, then, the preacher must be prepared, if he is to make the service a success. This writer well remembers the words of Bishop Keener addressed to the class of young preachers. "Whatever you do, be sure never to appear before a congregation to preach without the most careful preparation." That admonition fastened itself on my mind, and from that day to this I have endeavored to put it in practice. It has been of great service to me. The people complain of long sermons. It may be said, I think truthfully, that the more thorough the preparation the shorter the sermon. A long rambling sermon shows lack of readiness to preach. Let "preparedness" be our slogan. Then many preachers spend too much time making announcements. Not long since I was in conversation with a layman from one of our important stations, a keen observer, and an intelligent business man. He remarked something like this, "Our preacher takes up his time making announcements, and leaves no time to preach without making the service too long." There you have it. Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly. But as some preachers do not take kindly advice and criticism from their brethren I will devote the rest of this communication to the congregation.

I have heard much of choir troubles. I have not had choir troubles to any extent. One thing I have noticed everywhere, and have tried to get at the matter, but am still at sea. Why is it that the congregation prefers to occupy the very back seats? This has not always been so. Once we had the "amen corner" and the front seats were occupied by zealous and warm-hearted worshipers. Now all the rear seats are first occupied, and if we have late comers we must insist before they will consent to come to the only unoccupied seats. Stewards, prominent members, often prefer the very back seats. If you call on a brother to lead the concluding prayer he is often so far back that you cannot hear him. Is it a good sign, or a bad sign, or any sign at all that the people will not occupy the front seats? The preachers with whom I have conversed on the subject, without exception, do not regard it as a good sign, but rather the contrary. The laymen with "one consent" are of the contrary opinion. I have stated a phenomena. I do not pretend t know the cause.

The Methodists are supposed to kneel in prayer. Who kneels? Well, the preachers, sometimes, and

perhaps generally. The rest may be counted on the fingers of one hand, as a rule. The Presbyterians stand for public prayers. This is better than to sit stock still, bolt upright and show no sort of recognition of what is going on. It is positively disrespectful to act thus in the house of God. Such disrespect would not be tolerated in any well regulated order of society, to say nothing of the house of God. The public prayer cannot impress a congregation sitting upright, looking r und, unmindful of the gravity of the occasion. If Methodists are not going to kneel in prayer, by all means let us ask the next General Conference to repeal the law requiring it, and make our law harmonize with our practice, if we cannot make our practice harmonize with the law. This is too great an incongruity to be tolerated.

When the congregation is dismissed some preachers rush to the door to shake hands with the people. This is not always practicable. There are two or more doors, sometimes. The aisles are filled with retreating worshipers before this writer can get from the pulpit to them. Immediately after the benediction the people turn their faces to the doors, and so it is difficult to get an opportunity to shake hands with the people. It seems like the people do not really want the performance, or they would give us an opportunity. But if the process should be reversed it would be much more desirable. Let the people come to the chancel and shake hands with the preacher. You may say this is more impracticable than the other, since if all should come it would consume too much time. But it would serve as a sifting process All could come who really want to shake hands with the preacher. But of course nobody will be influenced by this writing to any appreciable extent. These matters are only incidental, and do not vitally affect the service.

One other thing. This writer uses a blackboard in all his preaching services. Perhaps some do not like it. But when we consider that eighty-five per cent of impressions are made on the human mind through the eye, and only fifteen per cent through all the other senses, it would seem wise to give the people something besides bare walls to look at while we preach. Sometimes the text, if short, sometimes one word vital to the theme, sometimes the entire subject will be placed on the board in bold letters large enough to be seen readily in all parts of the room. I believe it pays. The teaching element is vital in the pulpit. What teacher would ignore the blackboard? Of course it takes study and some artistic skill to make the use of the blackboard a success. But if the preacher does not possess the requisite skill some member of his congregation perhaps does. Wherever practicable I believe it should be introduced and used.

Concord, N. C.

COME DOWN AND HELP US—THE MACEDONIAN CRY FROM BRAZIL

The following address was delivered by J. W. Clay, one of our missionaries to Brazil, before the International Anti-Saloon Convention held in the city of Washington some weeks ago. It shows that the fight against alcohol must be carried to the ends of the earth.—Ed.

It is natural that where men have gathered together from the four corners of the earth to discuss things to drink that the world's most popular beverage should be represented, and I have the honor of representing the coffee pot of the world. Brazil produces the international drink, and while it may not be altogether harmless, yet it is not the kind that makes the red-nosed toper want to beat his wife, nor the young buck fight a circular saw. And while I am not a user of this drink, yet I have had good people to tell me that it is a drink fit for the gods, and that after one has been so blessed as to have been able to take a single sip of this cherry-red nectar as it is brewed in its native haunts that they will ever after be insulted when presented with a cup of the muddy stuff that is served in these United States in the name of coffee.

But unfortunately coffee is not the most harmful beverage that finds favor in the great sister republic. King Alcohol is there in all his power, and he rules with a bloody hand. And it is a well-known fact that where you find alcohol enthroned you also find prostitution, for prostitution is his queen, and where you find alcohol and prostitution there crime and disease and all their accursed kind hold high carnival.

Brazil does not have the saloon as it is known in this country, but all grocery stores, restaurants and hotels sell alcohol, the average grocery store has a larger stock of strong drinks than it has of groceries. Therefore drink is not used on the sly as it is in this country, but most of it is used at the family table, and thus it gets in its deadly work not only among the manhood of Brazil, but the motherhood and childhood as well. As a rule the Brazilian is a splendid type of gentleman, and as a race they are quiet and peace-loving, and these splendid qualities usually assert themselves even when the individual is under the influence of alcohol. When the Brazilian gets drunk he either gets gloriously happy or he goes off into a sleepy stupor, and it is not the rule that he turns murderous savage or fire-eating devil like his brother of the north, and perhaps this very fact accounts for the almost universal lack of prohibition sentiment to be found in Brazil. In America there were two very strong reasons for prohibition. The first was in order that society might be protected from the user of alcohol. The second was that the user himself might be protected. And while alcohol is just as injurious to the user in Brazil as it is in any other country, yet because of the fact that the user there is not such a menace to his fellows, the non-users of Brazil have not been so forcibly impressed with its hideousness, and have allowed their fellow citizens to drink themselves into their graves, so long as they did not disturb the peace of the community. And in thus dealing more subtly with the Brazilian than it has dealt with the people of more rigid climes, it is undoubtedly dealing more deadly and it is sapping the lives of untold thousands of this splendid race and bringing them to an early and untimely grave.

Not long since I visited an asylum for the insane in the interior of the great state of Minas-Geraes, and when going through a ward where several hundred women were confined I asked the matron what was the cause, in her opinion, that had brought most of these women there. And she said that fully three-fourths of them were there because of strong drink. That is the effect that alcohol is having upon the mothers of Brazil. And its effect upon the fathers is even worse. And the saddest part of the whole thing is that the sins of the fathers are so indelibly impressed upon the bodies and characters of their little brown-eyed children for generations and generations.

So looking upon the United States as kind of a big brother, we paraphrase the Macedonian cry and say come down and help us. You have put the enemy to rout in this country, and as a result your manhood is robust, and your cities and nation are prosperous, and now it behooves you to lend a helping hand to your neighbors who are not so blessed. The very fact that you are driving from your country the makers of this bottled death, means that many of them will go to other countries to carry on their murderous art, and Brazil does not want any more of them. The facts are that nine-tenths of the brewers in Brazil today are not Brazilians, but they belong to the same race as those who trampled upon bleeding Belgium, who produced the sneaking pirates and concocted the poisonous gases, and while their work on Flanders fields was more spectacular, yet it was not more deadly than is their work in Brazil today.

You may want to know in what way you may be of service to the cause of temperance in Brazil. Well, on January 16th, 1920, when you abolish completely the liquor traffic in this great country, you will deal such a terrible blow to the evil in all other countries of the world as it has never had before. And by helping Protestantism in Brazil you will help the cause of temperance, because protestantism stands almost alone in its fight against the evil there. But perhaps the most promising field is in the use of literature. For demon rum to rule men must be ignorant. They must not know what moral teachers say about it. They must not know that science condemns it. They must not know that it saps the life of the nation, that it weakens the mind of the citizen, that it shortens the life of the user, that it curses the race unborn. And there is no antidote so effective against ignorance as is the printed page. Human brains and printers' ink, when properly mixed, are a wonderful compound. They create that wonderful force known as publicity. And pjublicity is a giant. Publicity fed starving Belgium. Publicity drove Uncle Sam to the rescue of civilization. Publicity floated every liberty loan put forth by this government. It made people pour out their coin to the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army, and to scores of other worthy causes. Publicity has dealt the death blow to demon rum in this good land, and it will win the fight in Brazil. Get the truth to the people and the fight will be won. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Brazil is a goodly land where spicy breezes blow, where birds sing the live-long day, where flowers bloom the whole year through, and the native Brazilian is a peace-loving, intelligent, and polished gentleman, but demon rum is there to turn his heaven to hell, and I would like to say to this Convention that if you have a helping hand to lend to your sister republics, then in the name of God come down and help us.

WHAT IS MY CROSS?

As the shadow of the Cross begins to darken the road along which, in reverent retrospect, we are f llowing the Master, we are fallen low indeed if we do not feel the reproach of the passion of our Lord, lending new and searching significance to the threshold command of Jesus, "If any man will come after me . . . let him take up his Cross . . ."

Thou sayest, Take up thy cross,
O man, and follow me.
Thy voice comes strange o'er years of change,
How can we follow Thee?

What are our crosses? The little sacrifices and self-denials to which sometimes we are compelled, to which sometimes we compel ourselves, seem too inadequate. Is there no middle way between trivialities which do not deserve that august and hallowed name and self-crucifixions whose barrenness does but mock their austerity?

What was Jesus' Cross. It was, in those aspects which we are called upon to imitate, no mere assumption of sorrow, fate or penalty. It grew out of the main purpose of his life. It was what He had come to do and to be, followed clean through to the end. The hostility of the leaders of His people set up the post of it; His courage spread the arms of it. He began by teaching, whosoever would hear, healing whosoever would be restored, cleansing whosoever would be made clean. That was His central essential service, the great continuing thing for which He was commissioned.

Our own Crosses are like His. They are not austerities and limitations which we hav searched out; they are holy tasks which search us out, lifted to splendid and fruitful conclusions. A man's Cross is the thing he was meant to do, done as Christ would have him do it, his own distinctive task in which he spends and expresses himself, his contribution to the kingdom of God. The cross of the teacher is his teaching, of the doctor his healing, of the minister his preaching, of the business man the administration of his business, all carried in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, to those fulfillments which crown them with fruitfulness and power, by men who are halted by no barriers of pain or fear, but, true to themselves and their Master, find in the completion of their tasks the consummation of their discipleship.

The sorrow and pain of the Cross are its accidents; the joy of it is eternal. There are men to whom it has been given again and again to render the last full measure of devotion to holy and accepted causes who through it all have walked in ever increasing fullness of life and in ways seemingly remote from the bitterness of Golgotha. None the less they bore their Crosses and were comrades of the Christ. Nay, they were prophets of what Christ meant cross-bearing should be in those diviner and ampler days which He died to make possible.

Most men who follow great causes to grave and consistent ends find themselves, at least once, called to those roads of loneliness which lead across the slopes of the hill of crucifixion or even to its crest. The world is not yet so constituted that we can be wholly true to the ideal without paying the price. Yet even then the Cross is not merely the lonely, tragic culmination of hostility between far-seeing love and short-sighted hate. Even then our Crosses are the supreme tasks of our life, the great work of love and service to which we have long been committed. Whether on ways of light or hills of pain, to have served is to have borne the Cross, to have been true to holy love is to have shared the secret of the Master.—The Congregationalist.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. A. P. Ratledge held revival services at Whitsett last week.

—Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of our Church at Dunn, and his little son, James, Jr., spent a few days last week at his old home in Warren county.

—Rev. R. A. Taylor, pastor of our Church at Dallas, reports everything moving harmoniously at that place and expects full reports at Conference.

—Rev. J. W. Bradley, of City Road church, Elizabeth City, is assisting Rev. M. W. Dargan in a meeting at Hebron church, Powell's Point, this week.

—Rev. G. C. Brinkman, pastor of our church at Elkin, is holding revival services this week with Rev. Tom. P. Jimison, of the Mount Airy circuit, assisting him.

—Hon. R. N. Page, former congressman from the seventh district and now candidate for Governor, is announced to deliver the opening address at the Dunn fair, October 14.

—Rev. W. C. Merritt, pastor of Ridgeway Circuit, was conducting a series of meetings at Middleburg on his work last week. Rev. J. C. Humble, of Durham, was assisting him.

—The Culpeper meeting at High Point is taking the usual wide range and Brother Culpeper's preaching is proving effective. He requests Advocate readers to pray earnestly for the meeting.

—Revival services were being conducted last week at Powellsville on the Harrellsville charge of which Rev. J. J. Barker is pastor. Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, of Texas, was doing the preaching.

—Revival services were announced to begin at our Church in Louisburg last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. G. F. Smith, is to be assisted by Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh.

—Mr. Brantley Lambeth, a prominent citizen of Davidson county and a member of Fair Grove Methodist church, passed away at his home near Thomasville last week. He had many relatives in and around Thomasville.

—Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Glenn, of East Burlington, were visitors in the city on Monday. Brother Glenn reports a fine revival in progress this week in his Church. A great number of the unsaved are responding to the call.

—Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial church, High Point, was a visitor in the city on Thursday of last week. He was accompanied by Rev. Burke Culpeper and his singer, Mr. Robinson. They were welcome callers at the Advocate office.

—Mr. Wise Pierce, a brother of Mr. W. F. Pierce, manager of the Richmond branch of our Publishing House and two children, lost their lives in the recent storm at Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Pierce was a grandson of the late Bishop George F. Pierce.

—The Coaster says of a sermon recently preached by our pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom, at Morehead City: "That was a very earnest, searching, evangelistic sermon preached by the pastor of the First Methodist Church." He is preparing for revival services.

—Presiding Elder Newell preached at the Methodist church here Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. L. A. Falls, is in Statesville, where he is conducting a ten-days' meeting at the Race Street Methodist church, of which he was formerly pastor.—Mooresville Cor. Landmark.

—At the last quarterly meeting for the Morganton station four ladies were elected to serve on the Board of Stewards. They are, Mrs. M. B. Kibler, Mrs. John M. Mull, Mrs. A. A. Connelly and Mrs. M. B. Goodwin. We venture the prediction that there will not be a slacker among them.

—Our people at Lincolnton are going right along with their new church building. At a church conferencce recently held they gave the pastor, Rev. D. M. Litaker, a free hand to supervise the work, releasing him from other pastoral duties as far as possible. The walls are now up to top of basement.

—Rev. J. M. Rhodes, former president of Littleton College, and who removed to this city recently, has taken over a large hotel property on South Elm street and will conduct it as a first-class and thoroughly modern hotel for South Greensboro. Those stopping in the city will do well to inquire for Hotel Rhodes.

—Rev. A. S. Barnes, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, spent a recent Sunday at Beaufort, filling the pulpit for Brother Bumpas who was absent at Battle Creek, Mich. Brother Barnes stopped over for a short time in Morehead City on his return. He is always busy looking after the interest of the orphan children.

—The whole state has been in the grip of one of the most serious droughts ever experienced at this season. It is now nearly two months since there has been a soaking rain. The mountain section seems to have suffered most, especially in the the vicinity of Asheville, where they have for some time been threatened with a water famine.

—Noting the last official visit of Brother Underwood, presiding elder of e Raleigh District, a writer from Franklinton says: "Mr. Underwood is popular here, and all regret that he is to be here no more in an official capacity." Brother Underwood is closing his fourth year on the Raleigh District, and is justly popular over the entire distr'ct.

—The Cuban Evangelist, published at Havana, Cuba, had the following note of interest to many of our readers last week: "Mrs. R. J. Parker and Mrs. R. L. Whitehead were for several weeks in July and August patients in the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium. We trust that both will return to Cuba greatly improved in health, if not entirely well again."

—Last Sunday West Market Street Sunday school observed promotion day with quite an elaborate and interesting program of exercises. Mr. Fred Odell, who for several years has held the post of superintendent of this great school, is gaining quite a reputation as an organizer. He is supported by some very able and faithful assistants in the different departments.

—Mr. Allen Munsey Sell and Miss Idoma Viola Hewlette were married at the home of the bride, Wilmington, N. C., Saturday evening, September 6th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. Sell, father of the groom, and Rev. V. P. Scoville, pastor of the bride. Scores of friends throughout the state wish the popular young couple a long life of uninterrupted happiness.

—Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist Church, Wilmington, preached a strong sermon to his congregation on the evening of Sept. 21, his subject being the work of the Sunday school. He recognized the supreme importance of bringing the children to Christ and building them up in Christian character. Oher things are only of subordinate importance. We must learn this lesson anew in all the work of the Church.

—We have examined with much interest a copy of "The Epworth League and the Centenary," recently issued by our Epworth League department at Nashville. The booklet is full of interesting matter regarding the mission fields in which the League is specially interested including many fine illustrations. A copy may be had free of charge by writing to the Epworth League Board, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

—The Rutherfordton Sun, of September 25th says: "Revs. T. C. Jordan and W. L. Hutchins, of Marion, are conducting a revival meeting at the local Methodist church this week. Services each day at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. If you are not attending these meetings you are missing a treat. Rev. Mr. Hutchins is one of the ablest ministers in the state and is delivering some excellent sermons. The public is most cordially invited to attend."

—Next Sunday is to be a great day for our people in Caldwell county. Bishop Darlington is expected to dedicate the new church in Lenoir at 11 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock he will dedicate the one at Littlejohn's. These two churches have only recently been completed and the congregations will enjoy the feast of dedication. Rev. R. D. Sherrill is pastor of the church in Lenoir and Rev. Elmer Simpson is pastor of the church at Littlejohn's.

—We acknowledge the courtesy of an invitation to be present at the wedding of Miss Gertrude Selby to Rev. John Robert Edwards, on Wednesday morning, October 1st, at the Methodist church in Plymouth, N. C. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Beulah Kirby Selby of Plymouth, and the groom is a member of the North Carolina Conference, and is now pastor of the Graham and Haw River charge. May their future be radiant with joy and happiness.

—Rev. and Mrs. Seymour Taylor are closing a full quadrennium of very acceptable and successful work on the Marshville circuit and the people are showing their appreciation of their faithful service. Last week the Marshville Home had the following item: "The ladies of Marshville, Gilboa, Wingate and Center Methodist churches presented Mrs. S. Taylor, wife of the pastor of these churches, with a beautiful coat suit a few days ago. Mrs. Taylor desires to extend her sincere thanks to these ladies for their generosity."

—We have learned with profound regret of the sudden death of Mr. William H. Miller, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Shelby, which occurred on last Sunday. Mr. Miller was a life long member of Central Church and will be greatly missed. He was for many years editor of local news papers and was widely known. He leaves a wife and three children. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. Andrew Miller, of Shelby. May the comfort of divine grace be given to the bereaved ones.

—Many Advocate readers will learn with sorrow of the death of Major W. W. Wood, long a resident of this city and a faithful member of West Market Street church, which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bryan, in Alleghany county, last Friday night. Major Wood was a prominent Confederate veteran and took great interest in the organization as long as he was able. He was a native of Halifax county, Va., but came early in life to North Carolina, where he was married to Miss Harris. He was always devoted to the things that are noblest in life and leaves to his children the priceless heritage of a good name.

—We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to be present at the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet in honor of Miss Camille Louise O'Brien, a noble member of the Emory Unit, who died in the service of her country while ministering to suffering soldiers in France. The exercises will be held at Emory University, Auditorium of the School of Medicine, 94 North Butler Street, September 30, 8:00 p. m. The presentation address will be delivered by Dr. W. E. Person, and the response will be by Bishop Candler, Chancellor of the University. The tablet will be unveiled by Miss Jean Waldron and Miss Sarah E. Johns.

—Among church items in the Statesville Landmark of September 24 we note the following: Rev. J. F. Kirk, of Gastonia, will be in Statesville next Sunday. He will address the Men's Bible class at Broad Street Methodist church at the Sunday school hour. He will preach at Broad Street church at 11 a. m. Mr. Kirk, who was at one time pastor of Broad Street church, is pleasantly remembered here.—A revival meeting is in progress this week at Race Street Methodist church, services being held at 3:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Williams, is being assisted by Rev. L. A. Falls, of Mooresville.—A revival meeting will begin at Broad Street Methodist church the first Sunday in October. The pastor, Rev. L. D. Thompson, will be assisted by Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the First Methodist church, of Hickory.

DEDICATION AT LENOIR

The new Methodist Church at Lenoir will be dedicated on the morning of October 5th by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington. All former pastors are cordially invited to be with us on this happy occasion.

R. D. Sherrill.

REVIVAL AT CENTRAL CROSS

A successful revival came to a close at Central Cross last Friday night when fourteen additions were made to the church on profession of faith.

Brother H. B. Porter, of Siler City, did the preaching, which was enjoyed by a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church each day.

W. G. Lowe.

DEDICATION OF LITTLEJOHN'S CHURCH

Littlejohn's Church, Lenoir circuit, will be dedicated October 5th, at 3:00 p. m. by Bishop Darlington and presiding elder, W. A. Newell. All former pastors, and ministers who have been members of this church, and the Advocate editors, are cordially invited to attend the all-day services. Services will begin at 10 a. m.

Elmer Simpson, P. C.

DEDICATION AT SEALEVEL

The Methodist Church at Sealevel is to be dedicated by our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. B. Hurley, on the fourth Sunday in October, 11 a. m.

We have just closed a fine revival at this Church. Six additions on profession of faith and an old score of five years standing entirely healed. Old members that had been estranged from the Church for many years were reclaimed and the entire membership brought in close touch with God.

W. E. Hocutt.

OPENING AT SCARRITT

The Scarritt Bible and Training School opened its twenty-eighth session on September the 18, with an enrollment which taxes the building to its utmost capacity to accomodate. All but four or five of the students have qualified under the standards for admission set by the Council. This indicates that the student body is of exceptionally fine material. With the addition of Prof. A. W. Trawick, as the head of the department of sociology, Deaconess Mary Ora Durham in the home-life of the School and in the department of applied Christianity, and Miss Gilberta Harris, as director of the courses in elemental medicines and nurse-training and supervisor of the health of the young women, the teaching staff of the institution has been greatly strengthened. The prospects for a very successful year.

FROM JEFFERSON

We just closed a very gracious revival here at Jefferson last night. It has been in progress eleven days. About forty-five persons professed faith in Christ. Some of them were reclamations. It was a great victory for the Church here. Mr. J. D. Thomas, one of Ashe county's most prominent citizens, and a very substantial

friend to our Jefferson school, was converted and joined the Church. We praise the Lord for this good meeting. Many of our school boys and girls were received into the Church. The Jefferson school is doing well. Prof. Scott, and, in fact, the entire faculty seem to be in high favor with the students and are all working together to make the school a blessing to this country It has already been a great blessing to many of our young people.

This school deserves and needs the sympathy and help of our great Conference.

T. J. Houck.

FREMONT CIRCUIT

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, our presiding elder, was with us Sunday and Monday. He preached three splendid sermons, Sunday afternoon at Eureka, Sunday night at Yelverton's and one Monday. He preached and held the Quarterly Conference at Yelverton's. The latter was unusually well attended and was greatly enjoyed as was the dinner on the ground, which followed. Rev. J. B. Thompson, of Stantonsburg, was present and added much to the occasion. He will help me in revival services beginning the third Sunday in October at Eureka. The Quarterly Conference reports were good, especially in the number of additions during recent revivals and the splendid financial reports. Brother Wilson is making full proof of his ministry as presiding elder and we shall look forward to his coming again with great pleasure.

W. T. Phipps.

BENEFACTORS' DAY AT TRINITY COLLEGE

For a number of years Benefactors' Day has been observed at Trinity College, when the gifts of the previous year have been announced and suitable exercises held. This year the program has been enlarged, and an effort is being made to have a greater number of the alumni present. The exercises will begin on the evening of October 2, and will continue through the whole of the next day. The following is the

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 8:30 P. M.

Craven Memorial Hall

Announcement of Gifts of the Year and State of the College—President W. P. Few.

Address, "The Graduate and His College—Mr. J. H. Separk, '96, Gastonia.

Address, "The City of Durham, the J. H. Southgate Memorial and Trinity College."—Mr. R. O. Everett, Durham.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3

11:00

Y. M. C. A. Hall

What the Graduates Can Do Through Organized Forms—Professor R. L. Flowers, A. M. '00.

What the Graduates Can Do as Individuals.—Reverend J. M. Daniel, '08, Dunn.

What the Under-graduates Can Do. —By a Representative Student.

FRIDAY NOON

Co-operative Dining Association Hall

Luncheon

What the Faculty Can Do.—Dr. W. I. Cranford, '91.

What the Trustees Can Do.—Hon. H. A. Page, Aberdeen.

What the Church Can Do.—Reverend H. M. North, '99, Rockingham.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30

East Duke Building

Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

HARRELLSVILLE CIRCUIT

I held my first revival at Ahoskie, assisted by Rev. C. A. Jones, when six were added to the membership by profession of faith. My second meeting was held at Lewiston, where I was assisted by Rev. W. E. Trotman, when fourteen were added by profession.

The last three weeks I have been assisted by Rev. Frank Wilkinson, of the North Texas Conference. At Colerain, two were added and at Harrellsville, nine were added by profession. We are still at Powellsville, saveral are expected to join there. These brethren have done effective work and my people join me in expressions of appreciation for their services. The work at Lewiston seems to be very much revived. Mrs. Barker, accompanied me last Sunday and organized a live missionary society at Lewiston.

I have two more meetings to hold. Trusting these may be as good as the five already held and that we may be able to report collections in full, Advocate in every home, a Sunday school in each Church and a Woman's Missionary Society at each Church.

J. J. Barker.

JAMES N. RICHARDSON PASSES AT RIPE AGE

Death occurs at daughter's home in his 93d year

As he was nearing his 93 birthday James N. Richardson, well known citizen, died last night at 8:15 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. L. Trogdon, 803 Pearson street. Death was attributed to the natural infirmities which accompany advanced age, and was not unexpected.

Mr. Richardson, who was born in Halifax county, Va., later moved to San Marcos, Texas, and he spent a number of years in the Lone Star state. About thirty years ago he moved from San Marcos to Greensboro, and he has resided here constantly since that time. He was perhaps best known as a teacher, having devoted many years to that profession.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. W. J. Richardson, of this city, and Dr. E. E. Richardson, of Leaksville, and a daughter, Mrs. S. L. Trogdon, of Greensboro.

For a long time Mr. Richardson lived with his son, Dr. W. J. Richardson, in fact, they lived together nearly 56 years.

Miss Mabel Wyche, a grand-daughter of Mr. Richardson, lives in this city.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of Dr. Richardson, 615 West Gaston street, on Monday afternoon, September 22, at 3 o'clock by Rev. E. L. Bain, D. D., pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, of which Mr. Richardson was a member, assisted by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., president of Greensboro College for Women. The burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

FROM ALBEMARLE CIRCUIT

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to state a few facts with regard to Rev. H. F. Starr and his work in the past four years. First I wish to express publicly our appreciation for the faithful service rendered by Rev. Mr. Starr.

Knowing that he will be moved this year we think any charge would be fortunate in securing him as minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Mr. Starr is a tireless worker and is always at the service of his people.

Number received into the Church on profession of faith and otherwise in the four years' pastorate of Rev. H. F. Starr are as follows:

By baptism and vows	68
By certificate	25
Total	93
Removed by certificate	8
By death	10
Total	18
Net gain	75
Infants baptized	30

Other work done worth while: A considerable debt was on the parsonage when Mr. Starr came on the work, and it has all been paid in full, along with other improvements on the parsonage, such as water and lights have been installed and all has been paid for with a lot of other work done on the buildings.

Also we have done some roofing on Stony Hill Church, and spent $865 on Pine Grove Church, making it double seating capacity as before. And various small improvements made during the pastorate of Brother Starr.And if he leaves us at the end of his quadrennium his successor will find the charge entirely out of debt and in good shape for a full grown man to work.

Respectfully submitted,

A Member.

SALEM CHARGE

Under the leadership of our much-loved pastor, Rev. A. C. Swofford, our Church and Sunday school has done a glorious year's work. Our Sunday school is at high tide, all we can take care of with the room we have. Our church is in good spiritual condition, the services are well attended and Brother Swofford seems to be at his best in preaching. Thirty members have been added. Brother Swofford is loved by all. He makes friends everywhere. The singing, both in Sunday school and Church is the best.

When Brother Swofford came to the work we had a nice lot on which to build a new church. He had a wife (who, by the way, is loved as much as he is) and three bright-eyed little children. We had to rent a house for him to live in. So we bought a lot adjoining the Church lot at a cost of $800, and we now have a nice eight-room bungalow ready for him to move into, and there is not a better parsonage in the Winston district. Unless all signs fail we will have this preacher's home paid for when he goes to Conference.

At the third quarterly conference we paid our presiding elder in full with $10 overplus. Today we gave Brother Swofford a check in full for the year. So both are paid up for the year, but we are going to give our pastor one hundred dollars more. We have only about one hundred dollars more to raise on the Conference collections and twenty dollars for the Children's Home. Our pastor has been paid one and two months in advance all the year. We expect the return of our pastor for another year. We give God the praise and glory for all these things.

We expect to build our new chruch next spring.

Yours truly,

Henry C. Jones, Supt. S. S.

MEMORANDUM OF THE NANNIE CARR CHINESE FOUNDATION FUND

Constituted as follows:

No. 1. The Mrs. Charlie Soong Kindergarten School, No. 4 Thibet Road. This Kindergarten School provides for the instruction of one hundred children.

No. 2. The Annie Carr Preparatory School, No. 4 Thibet Road, Shanghai, China. This school provides for the instruction of one hundred young girls from 12 years of age and upwards.

No. 3. The Eliza Carr Home School, Nanziang, China. This school provides for the instruction and training of two Bible women, and the instruction of twenty-five children.

No. 4. The Emma Carr Heitman Home School, Taitsaung, China. This school provides for the instruction and training of two Bible women and the instruction of twenty-five children.

No. 5. The Trinity Training School, Soochow, China. This school provides for the instruction of one hundred to one hundred and fifty young men, and is under the superintendency and care of Dr. W. H. Park, Soochow, China.

No. 6. The Nannie Carr Chinese Foundation Fund also provides for the support of three native helpers at $10 each monthly under the superintendency of Rev. Lim Chong Tan, Shanghai, China.

The Mrs. Charlie Soong Kindergarten School and the Annie Carr Preparatory School are both situated at No. 4 Thibet Road in fine old mansions. The Eliza Carr Home School, situated at Nanziang and the Emma Carr Heitman Home School situated at Taitsaung, all four of these schools are under the superintendency of Miss Alice G. Waters, No. 4 Thibet Road, Shanghai, China.

Dr. A. P. Parker, No. 19 Quinsan Road, Shanghai, China, agent for dispensing the fund.

FROM CLAYTON

We have just closed a series of meetings at Horne Memorial, Clayton, with most gratifying results. More than twenty-five names have been given for Church membership, twenty-one to the Methodist and four to the Baptist. There was the best of fellowship throughout the meeting, and the Spirit did His work in great power. Sinners were convicted of their sins with conscious salvation.

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, of Greensboro, came to our assistance, and he proved himself equal to the demands of the meeting in every particular. His preaching was with power—earnestness and consecration characterizing all he did. Most faithfully did he do the work, and God honored his efforts with marked success. We feel that our church has made decided gains both materially and spiritually. After paying off our Church debt last spring and raising our Centenary quota, we felt that our next great task was a revival, and our hearts are indeed grateful for the blessings that have come to our community.

O. I. Hinson.

MOORESVILLE CIRCUIT

We have just completed our round of protracted meetings which resulted in 170 professions and 70 additions to the Church. I have four Churches and I have held three of the meetings myself, by the help of the Lord and the people. I have some fine working people. Our meeting of nine days at Triplett was a spiritual uplift for the Church. There were 40 professions and nine additions. Triplett is a fine working Church. Our meeting at Centenary lasted eight days and Rev. A. C. Swofford did most of the preaching and to the delight of all that heard him. Brother Swofford is a good preacher and a fine mixer. The meeting warmed up and we had 35 professions and nine joined. Our meeting at McKendree warmed up some and there were seven professions and I received ten into the Church, and one yet to receive when he gets out of the hospital. Some of these were converted at Williamson's. This (Monday) morning while I write I have been called over the phone from McKendree and called to come back there as the meeting broke out again last night in a prayer meeting. When our meeting got started at Williamson's Chapel, we could not stop it for two weeks and we had 87 professions and 42 joined. This was a revival pure and simple. For a week our church would not hold more than two-thirds of the people that came. Nearly every member of the Church was revived. It was more like the old time camp meeting than anything I have witnessed in years. It looked good to see a hundred people at work. About fifteen promised to erect family altars. At all these meetings the people shouted the praises of the Lord and the pastor joined them. I have baptised more than 40 children. I think all finances will be paid in full. This has been a great spiritual year to me indeed. At Williamson's the people made up a purse for me of twenty-six dollars and fifteen cents. During this quarter Mrs. Robt. Edminston, J. L. Lype and Easter Kelly have passed to their reward. Sister Edmiston was a good woman and no one doubts her safety. Brother Lype and Sister Kelly both left evidence of their safety.

E. N. Crowder, P. C.

Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

CRADLE SONG OF THE SOUL

Now I lay me down to sleep,
In Thy shadows soft and deep;
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.
I lay me, Lord, among Thy shadows
soft and dark and deep,
I pray Thee, Lord, a helpless soul that
leans on Thee to keep.

If I should die before I wake,
For Thy unfailing mercy's sake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take,
If I should die in some deep dream,
and never here awake—
If I should die, I trust Thee, Lord, my
sleeping soul to take.

—Mary Lathbury.

Sherertz-Park

Dr. and Mrs. W. H Park, of Soochow, China, have recently announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Marguerita, to Mr. Dwight Lamar Sherertz, of Soochow.

For several years Miss Park, who is a graduate of Ward's Seminary, of Nashville, Tenn., has been an efficient kindergarten teacher in the Senah Staley Kindergarten school, of Soochow China. She is a young woman of splendid attainments and of attractive personality and has a host of friends throughout this and other states who will wish for her and Mr. Sherertz much happiness. Mr. Scherertz is a graduate of Princeton University and has for several years been a teacher in the Soochow University.

AN INTERESTING MEETING

Mrs. Walter Crowell, superintendent of Publicity, of Monroe Society, sends the following account of a recent most interesting meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Central Church, Monroe, N. C., had a very delightful and inspiring meeting in September. After the devotional services, conducted by Mrs. Walter Crowell, the meeting was turned over to the honor guests of the afternoon, Misses Lura Heath and Annie Lee, who were overseas for many months with the Y. M. C. A. doing such splendid work in France and Germany, and Rev. Sneed Ogburn, our representative in Japan for seven years, who is at home for a needed rest.

Each of these spoke most vividly and interestingly of the experiences in other lands and our society and church feel thankful that we have such examples of unselfish service.

After the formal exercises those present adjourned to the Ladies' Parlor which had been beautifully decorated in cut flowers and ferns and were served a delicious ice course by Mesdames Wriston Lee, Allen Heath, Erwin Stack and Tom Capehart.

Mrs. L. N. Presson, president of our society, and also district secretary of the Charlotte district, is busy these days bringing before the churches of the district and especially the churches of Union county, the cause of missions and its relation to the re-construction of the world.

DAISY DAVIES SOCIETY, OF HIGH POINT

We are indebted to Mrs. Thurlow Kearns, one of the members, for the interesting account of her society meeting which follows:

"The regular monthly meeting of the Daisy Daives Society, of Wesley Memorial Church was held Monday afternoon with Miss Marguerite Kirkman with Mrs. Robert Morrow, the president, presiding. The attendance at the meeting was one of the largest in the history of the society. Two new members were added to the list and two visitors were present.

"The devotional service was led by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, who chose for his subject, "The Supreme Test of Love."

Miss Vera Idol sang a solo and Miss Mary Sherrod read a letter from the French orphan the society has adopted, thanking her benefactor. The general subject of the literary program was: "A Democracy Saved Socially," while the subject of "The Church Saving the World Socially" was presented by Rev. W. A. Lambeth.

At the close of the program a solo was sung by Miss Marguerite Kirkman, followed by a short business session after which an ice course was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. E. Kirkman.

A unique feature of the social hour was the passing to each member a "Capsule." The president explained that in the capsule a slip of paper would be found on which a members name had been written, that we were to pray for the one whose name was in the capsule, remind her by card to attend the meetings, to do deeds of kindness, but by all means conceal until the end of the year our identity, merely to sign capsule to all communications.

LETTER FROM CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF SUPPLIES

It gives us great pleasure to present the following letter from our Conference superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. N. Hauss, of Thomasville. Mrs. Hauss has, for several years been the leader of this important department of our work and each year has shown progress along this line of work. We ask the careful reading of this letter by our auxiliary superintendents and let us try and make this department still more flourishing. The needs along this line are numerous, the calls are great and let us hear and heed.

"My dear Co-Workers:

Now that the cool October days are approaching and our missionary workers of the different departments are turning fresh to their tasks, it is high time that we of the Supply department begin to take up our work with renewed activity. October is Mission Study month. Why not make it Supply month also? I trust that each and every society in our Conference, will, during the early fall, either pack a box or make a cash donation to help forward this important work.

Under this department is included supplies sent preachers, to mission schools, to rescue homes, to city mission boards, and to missionaries. Partial credit is also given for boxes sent to the Children's Hom and for local charity work.

I wish to call your special attention to the needs of Brevard Institute. In a letter from Prof. Trowbridge, principal of Brevard school, he says, 'This fall we will have to have a good many new sheets, table cloths and table napkins. We will probably need some additional heavy bedding also, as we shall probably have more students this year than we had last.' This school, located, as it is, in our own Conference, is looking to us for its supplies, and we must not fail it.

I wish to say also that I have some urgent and important work to be done for preachers. If you are interested in this particular work, please write to me at once. If superintendents of Supplies will write to me, it will not only facilitate the work, but will enable me, in some instances, to get in touch with societies that, heretofore, I have not been able to reach.

Let me thank you again for the cooperation you have given in past years. Shall we not work together again this year in an effort to bring the Supply department up to its highest and best possibilities?

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Yours most cordially,

Mrs. J. N. Hauss,

Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

N. C. CONFERENCE

NOTICE ALL AUXILIARIES

All copy for page eight of the Advocate must be mailed to me ten days before the time you wish it to appear on this page, as this copy is set up in Greensboro the week previous to the next issue, please do not forget this. Let us hear from you often about your work.

Mrs. V. Royster,
Assistant Editor.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NEW BERN DISTRICT

Mrs. Fred Mintz, District Secretary

A Young People's Missionary Society has been organized with fourteen members, at Mt. Olive. An impressive installation service was recently held, and the new officers, with Miss Blanche Marquette, as their leader, has started to work in earnest. A Junior Society, with Mrs. Frank Culbreth, as leader, and a Baby Division with Mrs. Broadhurst as leader, have also been organized at Mt. Olive.

A Junior Missionary Society has been organized at Calypso, with a membership of fifty-one. Mrs. Hettie Powel, leader. The Young People's Missionary Society at Smith's Chapel has been reorganized with seventeen members. Let us pray that other Churches throughout the District and Conference will get busy and organize the young people, so that they may have a part in our great missionary work.

INFORMATION FROM HOME BASE SECRETARY

Dear Auxiliary Members:

Believing that a statement recently issued by Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, our Home Base Secretary, will prove a source of inspiration and encouragement to you in your work of "carrying on" for our Christ, we are taking the liberty of quoting the paragraph which deals with the financial increase, as well as the increase in membership for the entire society during the first half of 1919. Mrs. Lipscomb says: "The reports for the second quarter show an advance over the same quarter of last year of $37,361.82. Most conferences have had a share in these gains. For the half year, our collections are $68,893.90 ahead of the first half of 1918 or 27 per cent." "Moreover, almost every Conference reports new auxiliaries and members, the total for adults numbering 172 auxiliaries and 5192 members. For the first time in our history, the number of adult auxiliaries has passed 5,000."

With the above encouraging figures before us let us review briefly the work of the half year in our own Conference. By comparing the returns for the first half of last year with the corresponding period of the present year we shall be able to see just what part we had in the splendid record of increase for 1919. We shall also be able to determine how we, as a Conference stand in relation to the goal set for the year of 15 per cent increase in all departments of our work.

1. In the department of finance our Conference has a total increase of $3,207.68, a gain of 19 per cent, being 4 per cent above the goal.

2. In membership: The Juniors have increased from 3,380 to 3,444, or a little less than 2 per cent. The Young People from 965 to 1 007, or a little over 4 per cent. The Adults from 4,500 to 5,187, or a little more than 15 per cent. We are anticipating splendid results from our campaign for Young People which our superintendent of Young People and our District Secretaries are planning in every district this fall. We need to strengthen our Junior and Young People's departments.

3. Mission Study Classes: Our records show no increase in this department. Because of incomplete reports we are unable to determine our true standing as a Conference in Mission Study. It is of the greatest importance that every auxiliary should report each quarter on Mission Study and Publicity, as well as on every other department of the work. This should be done whether progress has been made or not. Only through prompt and accurate reports to the District secretaries and superintendents can we determine accurately our standing as a Conference.

4. Social Service: Is your society doing social service work? Do you use the quarterly program furnished by this department? It will be a great advantage to do so. You will recall that Mrs. E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh, was elected superintendent of this department at our recent Conference. Write Mrs. Duncan every quarter what you have done and get her suggestions for the development of your local department of Social Service.

Let us keep constantly before us the standard of excellence which is set for each auxiliary in the Church.

The North Carolina goal set for 1919 is that each auxiliary shall attain 100 per cent on the following points:

1. Organization and membership.
2. Intelligence regarding the work of the society.
3. Spiritual life of its members.
4. All financial requirements met in full.

This last item includes the yearly payment by each society of $4 00 to the Endowment Fund of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

If you were to grade your society on the above points, what percentage would it make on the scale of 100?

Never was the call for earnest service to the Christ so clear as it is today. May we not, therefore, urge you women, even in the midst of the many demands on your time and energies, that you give to your Church and to your Mission Society the very first and the very best both in thought and service?

How shall we as individuals answer the following question?

"What kind of a society would my society be,
If every member were just like me,"

With every good wish for you as individuals and with a great desire that during the remainder of the year as a society we may strengthen our weak places and continue our progress where we are strong we are

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. A. M. Gates, President.

Mrs. Harvey Boney, Corresponding Secretary



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Sunday School Survey

Conducted by C. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N. C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

LEAKSVILLE-SPRAY

Recently I had the pleasure of accepting Brother G. A. Stamper's invitation to spend a Sabbath with his congregation, and while there, to have the charge's reputation for co-operative loyalty confirmed. During the present year there have been quite a number of evidences of congregational advancement. a few of which may be given as follows: Pastor furnished funds by two stewards for Columbus Centenary trip, salary advanced $400, Centenary easily oversubscribed, Christian Advocate placed in practically all homes, good meeting resulting in some thirty additions to church, Rev. T. P. Jimison doing the preaching, and at present a systematic campaign is on for the erection of a new $5,000 church at Five Points, Leaksville's new suburbs.

To conserve this and other good work, the pastor is anxious that his Sunday school be made just as effective as possible. To this end, then, was the morning services given over, when the Sunday school field secretary attempted to outline the avenues for enlistment in Christian work through the Sunday school. The pastor announced the beginning of a new Wesley class of young men and that he himself would teach them till a suitable young man could be found to take charge of the class.

Following the morning services at Leaksville and attendance upon the Sunday school at Five Points in the afternoon I hastened over to Spray where Brother Womble was conducting the fourth quarterly conference on Brother J. F. Armstrong's work, it being the sixteenth quarterly conference held during the present pastorate. I arrived in time to see the presiding elder paid off in full and assured that every claim against the charge would be met. The quarterly conference assured the presiding elder that Spray would add $300 to the pastor's salary next year and asked that another good pastor be sent them, the time limit forcing the removal of the present one.

During the present year the Spray charge has bought a new parsonage in a beautiful location and is now the proud possessor of two parsonages. In addition to the parent plant, an additional Sunday school is being conducted in north Spray, where soon some extension work must be begun. Some ten thousand people live in Spray, and be it said to their credit that they are living contentedly.

At night your humble servant submitted a few feeble remarks to one of the pastor's splendid audiences.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS FEDERATION

It will be remembered that at our Western North Carolina Conference Wesley Bible Class Federation, held in August at Lake Junaluska, the following officers were elected for the present year: J. M. Holland, Gastonia, president; J. Milto Todd, Charlotte, first vice president; Mrs. J. Lloyd Ranson, Charlotte, second vice president; L. L. Gobbel, Lexington, secretary; J. E. Smith, Reidsville, treasurer.

These officers, associated with the Wesley Bible Class Superintendents from each presiding elder's district, constitute a working executive committee and it is a pleasure to note that work is already being directed towards making our Wesley Classes more closely bound together in Christian unity.

The president and secretary have recently gotten out stationery and information blanks and are doing all they can to get in touch with all organized classes in the Conference. Any assistance rendered them will be well worth while for the whole business outlined by these splendid fellows is altruistic, born of a spirit to make our Bible class more effective in their work and more closely identified with the Sunday school of which they are a part. They are going to succeed. Any indisposition to co-operate with them may delay the cause but not defeat it. Just a little push from everybody will make the wheels go round faster. Won't you push?

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

If you are going to build a new church please be careful to have in mind the needs of your Sunday school. It will pay you to consult a good architect who has carefully studied the modern Sunday school. The best plans I have seen have been worked out by T. L. Brodie, 1315 J. C. B. Bldg., Birmingham, Ala, Mr. Brodie is closely identified with our own Church Extension Board and knows what the Board's plans are. His plans for small churches are particularly good and can be obtained for a nominal charge. When thus obtained, a good contractor can build the church without additional architect's fees.

Mr. Brodie does not know that I am writing this. He probably will not know it unless his plans come into general use. It will be the greatest pity at all to build unwisely in these times of high prices and urgent needs. Brother pastor, please don't let any church on your charge be built till you have investigated the best plans.

FINE NEWS FROM CHARLOTTE

Dear Brother Woosley:

If you want to hear some good news you had better come down to hear Bob Jones. I am going to call the Wesley Bible classes in the city together at Tryon Street Methodist Church next Monday at 7 o'clock for the purpose of oganizing a City Federation after which we expect to march to the City Auditorium to hear Bob Jones. I would like for you to be here at that time. Am also going to call the superintendents of all the Methodist Sunday schools together at the same time for the purpose of organizing a Superintendents Association for the city. We do not have Wesley classes in all of the churches but are going to organize and then put them in all the other churches in the city. This will be known as Wesley night. Am also writing Brother Holland at Gastonia to come over and be with us.

I wish to thank you to send me by return mail a suggested constitution for the City Federation. We are going to put Wesley classes on the map in Charlotte and when the next Conference Federation meets Charlotte will be there with the goods.

With best wishes I beg to remain,
Yours very sincerely,
D. E. Henderson.

N. C. CONFERENCE

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In my letter last week I said that I would let you know how my meeting of the teachers came out. Well we asked them to come to supper Sunday night and five came besides the pastor. It was the most interesting meeting I ever saw anywhere. I found out our teachers were really interested in Sunday school and they all said they were willing to do anything they could to make it a success. We decided to get up a good program for Rally Day, October 5 and send a special invitation to every member of the Church to come and bring all the children. I appointed three of the teachers as a Program Committee and they have gone to work on it already. I am going to announce every Sunday about the Rally Day. We decided to have the pastor preach a special sermon about Sunday school work on that day. He said that he would be glad to. I will send you a copy of the program when we get it up. I am going to keep that Workers Conference going if I have to feed them every time. I believe that they will meet any time I say now if we have something important to decide on.

Yours for good Sunday schools,
Superintendent of New Town Sunday School.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

A copy of the new magazine, The Church School, has come to my hands this week. Sample copies will be mailed to the superintendents of our Conference in a few days. This magazine presents a very attractive appearance, and is filled with practical discussions of subjects that are uppermost in the minds of all who are interested in religious education. A glance at the contents shows that an attempt has been made to meet the needs of every class of worker in the Church. The list of contributors assures us that the very best thought has been brought to bear on these questions. We most heartily recommend this magazine to all pastors, superintendents and teachers in our Conference. Get up a club of five in your school and you will be amply repaid for the effort by increased interest in the Church and Sunday school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT DUKE

On the invitation of the pastor, Rev. W. E. Brown, I spent last Sunday in Duke. The visit with the Sunday school was very much enjoyed. Mr. E. S. Yarborough is the live and efficient superintendent. Under his derection the school is growing and pulsating with life. I believe the influence of that school will be felt in the years to come.

RURAL TRAINING CLASSES

The following illustrations of what some rural charges have undertaken in the way of Teacher Training are taken from a letter from Mr. M. W. Brabham:

One school has a central class composed of workers from all of the schools on the charge; the class meets once a month under the direction and leadership of the pastor who reviews the lesson which the members have studied individually and assigns studies for the succeeding week.

One school has a class meeting thirty minutes before the Sunday school hour each week.

One school uses time in connection with their monthly meeting of he Workers' Council; the work done at this hour is in the nature of a review.

Many schools have classes of selected young people at the Sunday school hour.

One school enrolled all teachers and some prospective teachers as individual students. Once a year they gather at a nearby camp-meeting ground and spend a week in the study of some special course.

One rural pastor is planning for a ten-day training school for the workers of his two charges. His congregations are backing this effort with more than one hundred dollars in cash.

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In this little note I want to get the ear of all our farmer friends. The crops are being put on market and money will be plentiful for the next three or four months. I want to ask our host of farmer friends the next time they sell any of their produce to mail us a check or money order to help defray our expenses. So many have remembered us in the past when they sold their crop, I feel greatly encouraged in making this appeal. I wish to thank each and all who respond.

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It is less than two months to the meeting of our Annual Conference. This year we will gather in Wilson before Thanksgiving Day. In spite of all we can do, the Methodist Orphanage will lose thousands of dollars by reason of this early date for holding our Conference. I am not objecting to the change since it seems that a majority desire that it be held early. In view of the urgent needs of the Orphanage I want to suggest to the brethren that large specials be raised before we go to Conference. I also desire that our pastors conduct Thanksgiving services after they return from Conference whether they move or not. These services could be held on Thursday or Sunday following Conference, according to the wishes and convenience of pastors and Churches.

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That was a most commendable deed that Miss Lettilla M. Edens, of Lumberton, did before she passed from the scenes of earth to her heavenly reward. When she came to dispose of her earthly possessions, she had it written in her will that the Methodist Orphanage should be one of her beneficiaries. Her will has been probated and her executor, Mr. R. C. Lawrence, writes that we will receive between seven and ten thousand dollars. This will be credited to our Endowment Fund and the interest will be used for the support of the children. Hundreds of years hence she will be helping and enriching the Orphans of our great Church and state. I can't conceive of a wiser disposition to make of our earthly possessions than the beautiful way in which Miss Edens gave hers. If more of our people want to live unselfishly and die happy, let them share their means with the Methodist Orphanage in life and in death. Miss Lettilla M. Edens has done a noble deed that will enshrine her memory in the lives of thousands of orphan children. Could a happier thought come to us at the end of life's journey than the knowledge that we had lifted the dark storm-clouds from over the heads of orphan children and wiped the tears from their eyes and provided a home and tender, loving ministry for them during the days of their orphanhood? Such a joy and privilege angels might covet.

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Within a week after this note is published I shall have to pay bills amounting to nearly five thousand dollars. Our winter supply of shoes has cost us nearly two thousand dollars. Every two weeks we are receiving a fifty ton carload of coal. The fall and winter clothes are to be bought right away. The suits I use to get for five to ten dollars now cost fifteen to thirty. Provisions are the highest in the history of our country. Salaries of all our officers have been increased. Those who have large families to provide for can better appreciate our embarrassing situation. Our two hundred and forty orphan children must not be neglected. Our great Church has taken the place of parents to these dear children. The privilege of fathering and mothering these precious little ones carries with it a tremendous responsibility. The Good Book tells us if we provide not for our own household we have denied the faith and are worse than infidels. There is no claim that comes to us more appealing and more worthy than that of the orphan cause. Caring for the fatherless is so important and sacred that the inspired writer unites it with our holy religion and makes it a vital part of it. In addition to this the Father of the fatherless has implanted in the hearts of His people the disposition and impulse to respond to the need of orphans. Realizing that the cause I am representing is just and holy, I make this appeal to the hearts of our people, believing that they will make an offering commensurate with their financial ability. Unless there is a prompt and generous response to this S. O. S. call we will be forced to go in debt or borrow a large sum from the bank. To save the Orphanage from that embarrassing experience it is important that you send your check or money order within the next two or three days.

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Honor Roll

Steps are being taken to make up the honor roll of churches that have paid one fifth of the amount pledged to the Centenary for the five years. A letter and postcard for a "Special Report of Centenary Treasurer" went a few days ago to each local Centenary treasurer in the Conference. This calls for the amount of individual pledges for the five years, (credits not included) and amount paid on pledges. We are expecting these to come back immediately after October 1st. Some are already coming in. In some churches one-fifth of the entire amount pledged has already been paid. These go on the honor roll. The first report from a church entitled to a place on the honor roll came from Mr. C. A. Russell, Centenary Treasurer for South Thomasville, the second is from Mr. Geo. C. Shinn, of Center Grove Church, Mt. Pleasant charge.

The Standard Plan

Realizing that the pastors would want to be planning their work and perfecting the organization for the Conservation Work, I sent a few days ago, to each pastor a copy of "The Standard Plan for the Conservation Period". This little book is a mine of information about the work we have on hand in conserving what has already been done in the Centenary Movement. I hope the pastors will go forward with the organization of local Church Cabinets, that these special campaigns may be put on in our Conference along with the whole church.

We expect to have district group meetings soon after Conference, but the work cannot wait for them.

Specials

Below is given a list of specials already assigned in the Western North Carolina Conference. Others are being assigned almost every day. We ought to have in every church a special or specials equal to the Centenary pledges.

In the following report of specials each paragraph is given in the following order: (1) The supporter; (2) the special; (3) the field; (4) the amount.

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Central Church, Mt. Airy, N. C., Mr. J. W. Clay, Brazil..... 600
Centenary S. S., Salem, N. C., Rev. W B Lee, Brazil..... 250
Good Hope Church, Winston District, Korean preacher, Korea..... 200
Mr. T. R. Deshields, Hendersonville, N. C., native helper, Korea..... 100
S. S. Missionary Society, Greensboro, N. C., native helper, Korea..... 100
Trinity S. S., Charlotte, N. C., two native evangelists, Korea..... 300
S. S. Wesley Mem. Ch., High Point, N. C., native helper, Korea 100
"N. V. Stockton," Winston-Salem, N. C., Medical scholarship, Korea..... 72
Church, Lexington, N. C., Rev. J. R. Moose, Korea,..... 600
Dilworth Church, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. M. B. Stokes, Korea,..... 820
Church, Morganton, N. C., Dr. E. W. Anderson, Korea..... 600
Church, Hendersonville, N. C., Rev. M. B. Stokes, Korea 600
Philathea Class, Wadesboro, N. C., Kindergarten teacher, Japan..... 100
Young Men's Baraca Class, Wadesboro, Min. Schol. Mex. Preacher, home 100
Wesley Byrd Bible Class, Central Church, Asheville, N. C., Home..... 60
"The W. T. Ross Baraca Class" Young Men's Baraca Class, Wadesboro, N. C., Schol. Indian preacher, home 100
Philathea Class, Trinity, N. C., Mex. Meth. Inst., home 10
Cottonville S. S., Cottonville and Oakboro Chg., N. C., Chapel rent, Japan 27
Belwood Circuit, (St. Peters Church and Palm Tree Church) N. C., two afternoon S. S., Japan 50
Madison and Stoneville S. S., Madison, N. C., Afternoon S. S., Japan..... 25
Snow Hill, Lewisville charge, Afternoon S. S., Japan 25
Snow Hill S. S., Lewisville charge, Afternoon S. S., Japan 25
S. S., Clyde, N. C., Kindergarten Teacher, Japan 50
Dilworth S. S., Charlotte, N. C., Japanese preachers Chapel, Japan..... 240
Dr. W. J. Weaver, Asheville, N. C., Rev. Watenabe, Japan 150
Miss Susie Johnson, Madison, N. C., Hiroshima Girls' School, Japan 50
West Market Street S. S., Missionary Society, Greensboro, N. C., Schol. Kwansei Gakuin, Japan 75
Wesley Mem. Church, High Point, N. C., Missionary, S. A. Stewart, Japan 800
Central Church, Monroe, N. C., Missionary, Rev. N. S. Ogburn, Japan..... 600
Main St., Church, Gastonia, N. C., Rev. I. L. Shaver, Japan.....1,400
First Church, Hickory, N. C., Rev. S. A. Stewart, Japan..... 600
Trinity Church, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. W. A. Wilson, Japan.....1,000
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Triplett Church, Mooresville Ct., N. C., Circuit, China..... 500
West Market St. Church, Greensboro, N. C., Circuit, China 400
S. S., Brevard, N. C., native evangelist, China 500
Haywood St. S. S., Asheville, native preacher, China 100
First S. S., Lincolnton, N. C., native preacher, China..... 125
R. C. Goforth, Lenoir, N. C., Chinese preacher, China 100
S. S. Wesley Mem. Church, High Point, N. C., native preacher..... 100
Philathea Class, Leaksville, N. C., native preacher, China 100
Miss Alta Clodfelter, Wallburg, N. C., S. B. T. S. School, China..... 50
Mr. M. D. Stockton, Salem, N. C., Rev. Robert T. Henry, China 1,200
West End Church, Salem, N. C., Dr. John A. Snell, China 1,700
Mr and Mrs. A. M. Smith, Elkin, N. C., salary of Dr. F. P. Manget, China 1,000
Epworth Leagues, W. N. C. Conference, ———— Africa..... 1,892
West End, Lambeth Mem. School, Japan 350
West End, Teacher's Support, Brevard Inst. 5,000
Reidsville S. S., Church building, China 500
Reidsville S. S., Weaver College 500
Main St., Thomasville, evangelist, Brazil 1,700
Main St. S. S., Thomasville, kindergarten building, China..... 1,500
Main St., Thomasville, night school for adult foreigners 1,000
Central, Asheville, Church building, Sao Paulo, Brazil 30,000
Suk Kyo, institutional plant, Seoul. Korea 14,100
Asheboro S. S., native evangelist, China 75

The Bureau of Specials has given us a list of specials to be assigned in the Western North Carolina Conference. This is merely a suggestion. Others may be selected from the book of specials. But if a suitable selection can be found in this list it is the desire of the Bureau of Specials that this be done.

(Centenary Specials yet to be taken, intended for this issue, are omitted for lack of space.)

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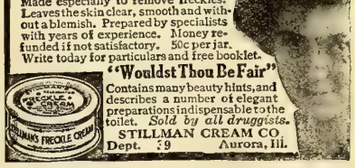
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A Bible Alphabet Contest

A was a traitor hanged by his hair. (Absalom.)
B was folly built high in the air. (Babel.)
C was a mountain o'erlooking the sea. (Carmel.)
D was a nurse buried under a tree. (Deborah.)
E was a first-born, bad from his youth. (Esau.)
F was a ruler who trembled at truth. (Felix.)
G was a messenger sent with good word. (Gabriel.)
H was a mother who lent to the Lord. (Hannah.)
I was a name received at the ford. (Israel.)
J was a shepherd in Arabian land. (Jacob.)
K was a place near the desart of sand. (Kedron.)
L was a pauper begging his bread. (Lazarus.)
M was an idol, an object of dread. (Moloch.)
N was an architect ages ago. (Noah.)
O was a rampart to keep out the foe. (Ophel.)
P was an isle whence a saint looked above. (Patmos.)
Q was a Christian, saluted in love. (Quartus.)
R was obscure but a mother of kings. (Ruth.)
S was a Danite who did wondrous things. (Samson.)
T was a city that had a stronghold. (Tyre.)
U was a country productive of gold. (Uphaz.)
V was a queen whom the king set aside. (Vashti.)
Z was a place where a man wished to hide. (Zarephath.)

Spelling Match

Conduct this spelling match of Bible names as you would any other spelling match. Select the names before the time. Begin with easy ones and gradually increase them in difficulty.

Bible Characters

Upon small slips of paper write the names of Bible characters. Pin one of these on the back of each person. Each one must guess what his name is from what the others say about him. Use such names as Moses, Jacob, Esau, Gideon, Joseph, Elijah, Samson, Paul, Felix, etc.

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His Policies

"The people prefer to know, and have a right to know, to what causes and policies any particular candidate will devote himself and his powers, if chosen by his fellow Democrat as head of the state government in 1921-25. It is on the following statement of purposes that I solicit your support in the primary.

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For Efficiency

"If elected governor, I shall use the leadership thereby conferred to press upon the legislature the desirability, aye the necessity, of authorizing the employment of experts to study every agency of our state government and report thereon so that our people may be assured of the utmost efficiency and economy in every department of our public service. This survey should include county organizations also, for there is probably greater possibility of effecting economy through proper organizations and administration here than at any other place in our system. As a business man I shall make efficiency and economy in both state and county government a chief purpose of my administration.

2. "We have begun a great era of road building. These roads must be built scientifically and economically. Good roads may be worth all they cost with even wasteful construction but this does not justify our former waste of millions through unwise construction and lack of proper maintenance. If elected I shall consider it a high duty to make my administration notable both for progress in road building and for economy in road building.

For Good Schools

"3. **Better Public Schools.**— We must not only continue our work for longer terms., better-paid teachers and better attendance, but our most neglected task is that of making public schools train for industrial efficiency and good citizenship. I pledge my best efforts to this end.

"4. **Better Health.** A great advance in matters of public health would be another high ambition of my administration. Our public health service should be made as effective and thoroughgoing as our agricultural demonstration and extension service.

"5. **Rural Progress.** It will be my purpose not only to use all my powers to promote good roads, good schools, and the State's wonderful campaign for better farming methods, but also to aid our farmers in their organized efforts to compel the world to give fair prices for their cotton, tobacco, peanuts and other products. We should also encourage home-ownership, either by tax-emption in limited amount or by lower rate on home property.

Labor's Demands

"6. **Relations of Labor and Capital.** The question most intimately and disastrously affecting our industrial life is the continued war between labor and capital. Nothing else so vitally and intimately affects, not alone the progress, but the happiness of the people. I believe that this question can be settled if approached fair-mindedly. There must be co-operation on the part of both sides to the controversy. Capital is largely corporate and labor is rapidly becoming so through unionism, so that the solution of this problem is no longer a matter for individual agreement, but must be reached on broader lines that may be termed a policy.

Capital is entitled to a fair return. Labor is entitled to a living wage. Unless both these conditions are met there can be no industrial prosperity. From the earnings of invested capital there are certain fixed charges constituting a first lien; taxes, depreciation, insurance, etc. Then an agreed return from the operation should be paid in dividends and all profits above this pro-rated between the stockholders and the labor that produced the profit. Co-operation upon some basis like this, here briefly stated, it seems to me might be worked out to the benefit of the individuals in both groups and to the happiness of all concerned. It may be somewhat ahead of the times in declaring for this policy, but I am convinced that in the long run the best interest of both labor and capital will be subserved by working toward it, the object of each being to achieve it by a process of evolution rather than revolution. Having through labor attained to a position of an employer of labor, I think I can claim the experience and sympathy that may qualify me to assist in the solution of this grave and complex problem in the state's industrial life.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

ON DUTY

Uncle Alex came out on the back piazza with his newspaper, and was just going to seat himself in one of the armchairs when a very large spider, weaving its web among the vines, attracted his attention. He went closer to look at it, and presently called to Neddie, who was playing in the yard, "Neddie, come and see this huge spider."

"I can't come now, Uncle Alex," replied Neddie. "I am on duty."

Uncle Alex stopped looking at the spider and looked at Neddie. He had a paper soldier cap on, and carrying a toy gun, was gravely passing up and down before his tent, which was pitched on the grass under the big cherry tree. Will Ramsey and two or three other boys were in the adjoining meadow, galloping along on sticks and flourishing wooden swords. There was probably a battl going on though the cows, chewing their cud under the trees, didn't seem to be frightened.

"What are you doing?" asked Uncle Alex.

"I'm a sentinel on guard," said Neddie.

"Won't you come over here just a minute if I watch the tent?"

"No, indeed," answered Neddie, decidedly. "Soldiers mustn't go away a second when they are on duty."

"Well, well," said Uncle Alex, seeming quite amused as he sat down to his paper.

Toward the close of the afternoon, when the tent was deserted and the boys were playing something else at the other side of the house, Neddie's mother came out on the porch from the kitchen, carrying a small basket. She looked hastily around, and then called, "Neddie, Neddie, where are you?"

"Here, mother," he shouted bounding around the corner of the house and up the steps.

"I want you to go over to the store and get me two pounds of sugar and a half pound of raisins," said the mother, adding: "Now, don't be long. I am making something good for supper, and I want those things as soon as possible."

About ten minutes after Neddie had gone Uncle Alex started to the postoffice. When he reached the little brook which had to be crossed to get to the village he saw Neddie standing on the bridge throwing pebbles into the water.

"Hello, Neddie!" he said, "I thought you were on duty."

"No, sir," replied the boy, looking surprised. "We're not playing soldier any more. Mother sent me on an errand."

"Did she send you to throw pebbles in the brook?"

"No, sir; she sent me to the store."

"I thought I heard her giving you a commission which was to be executed with promptness and dispatch; and, knowing you to be such a soldierly fellow, who could not be tempted away from duty a moment, I wonder, rather, to see you standing here." And Uncle Alex stroked his whiskers meditatively and knit his brow, as though he was trying to study the matter out.

Neddie, with a puzzled expression, looked steadily in his uncle's face for a moment or two, and then turning his steps toward the village was off in a flash.

Uncle Alex was standing on the postoffice steps reading a letter, when he happened to see Neddie come out of the grocery store with his basket and walk rapidly homeward. Some little boys on the other side of the street also spied him, and, running over, surrounded him, evidently wanting him to stop with them a little while. But he, though in a very good-natured way, declined their invitation, and kept on his way. He realized that he was on duty.—Sunday School Evangelist.

HOW SICK ANIMALS DOCTOR THEMSELVES

Few people realize how many animals are constantly getting hurt and sick. The wild animals seldom get sick from what they eat, but the domestic animals frequently do. Wild animals get injured from fighting with other animals of their kind or in fights with animal enemies. In all cases animals have a way of doctoring themselves that is remarkable.

Animals suffering from fever eat nothing, keep quiet seek darkness and airy places, drink much water, and sometimes plunge into the water from time to time. When a dog has lost its appetite, it eats that species of grass known as "dog's grass." Cats also eat grass, catnip, etc., when sick. Sheep and cows in the same circumstances seek out certain wild plants.

If an ant's foot is cut, other ants will cover the wounded part with a transparent fluid from their mouths. If a chimpanzee is wounded, it stops the flow of blood by placing its hand on the wound and dresses it with leaves and grass.

A terrier had an injured eye. It remained lying under a counter, avoiding heat and light, although it had been its habit to keep close to the fire. It adopted the general treatment—rest and abstinence from food. The local treatment consisted of licking the upper surface of its paw, which it then applied to the wounded eye, again licking the paw when it became dry. Cats, when hurt, also treat themselves by this simple method.

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Serve All People

"In Conclusion, let me say that if elected governor I shall whole-heartedly seek to serve all our people by concentrating my energies on these six great tasks without seeking any selfish ends by becoming a candidate for any other place. I shall seek to unify our state and our party. While most of my life has been spent in intimate touch with the farms and shops and factories in North Carolina, I have also had fourteen years experience as a public servant of the Seventh Congressional district and welcome investigation of my record. So far as I know but one act of all my fourteen year's service has been brought out for criticism by proponents of other candidates, and on this issue I also invite the closest scrutiny. It is true that in March, 1916, I was opposed to war. Most of our people were. The Democratic party as late as November, 1916, re-elected Woodrow Wilson on the ground that "He kept us out of war." But while resented and denounced in March, 1916, the efforts of special interest—and there were some such special interests—to push us into war prematurely, Germany's persistence in evil later convinced me, as it also convinced our party, that conditions had so changed as to give us no choice but war—and not only gave time and money to support the government when war came, but on the three great pre-war measures which President Wilson declared constituted the "acid test" for 100 per cent Americanism, my votes were uniformly on the President's side.

"To all Democrats and North Carolinians who believe in such a progressive and business-like administration as I have suggested, to all who wish to see a campaign based not on factionalism or personalities, but on generous rivalry in desire to serve our great state and her good people, I submit my candidacy with perfect confidence as to the result."

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The community has lost one of its best neighbors. His last message to the sinner was: "Get ready to die." His body was laid to rest in Lanes Chapel Cemetery. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, J. B. Fitzgerald, assisted by Dr. Frank Siler, Rev. P. L. Shore and Rev. E. M. Avett.

J. B. Fitzgerald.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

On July 15th the Ladies' Aid Society of Amity Church, was both shocked and saddened by the sudden illness and death of Mrs. Ellen Burrus, who was called to face her God, whom she had so faithfully served from childhood until the summons was heard to "come up higher. Therefore be it resolved.

1st. That while we shall miss her gentle and quiet presence in our society, we will not complain, for God makes no mistakes, and in his own good time released her weary spirit for its eternal flight to the mansion of rest Christ prepared for her.

2nd. That we extend our tenderest sympathy to her four brothers and grief-stricken children whom she so dearly loved, and pray God's richest blessings and guidance upon each of them.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to the Advocate for publication and one be placed upon our minutes.

Mrs. B. B. Saunderson,
Mrs. J. J. Tunnell,
Miss Bettie Mann.
Committee.

WINKLER—Wiley Armstrong Winkler, son of John and Mary Winkler, was born in Wilkes, now Caldwell, county, June the 26th, 1832. He died at his home on the Yadkin river September 19th. 1919. He lived to see eighty-seven years, two months and twenty-three days. His grand-parents came over from the Dutch land in the early days. Wiley was one of a family of seven children, whose names are as follows: Abram, Anderson, Joshua, Elizabeth, Sallie, Walter and Wiley A. He was the youngest and last one to go. He was raised on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then came to Moravian Falls, Wilkes county, and took a position as overseer of the late John Waugh, which place he held for four years.

He was happily married to Lucinda, daughter of the late Wm. and Sallie Dula, of Caldwell county, on June the 20th, 1857. To this union three sons were born, William Carter, James Marshal and John Thomas. Marshall died when very small, John Thomas died when seventeen years old. He is survived by his aged wife and only son, William Carter. He was only sick one week and his passing was peaceful. He professed religion when a young man and joined the Methodist Church, of which he remained a faithful member until his death. He loved the Church, and in his quiet way lived a Christian life. The last Children's Day which he attended at Union Church, he gave the children money to sing that grand old song, "Rock of Ages," this being his favorite song. He and his wife lived together over sixty-two years. He has gone, she will soon follow. May God bless and comfort all the bereaved ones.

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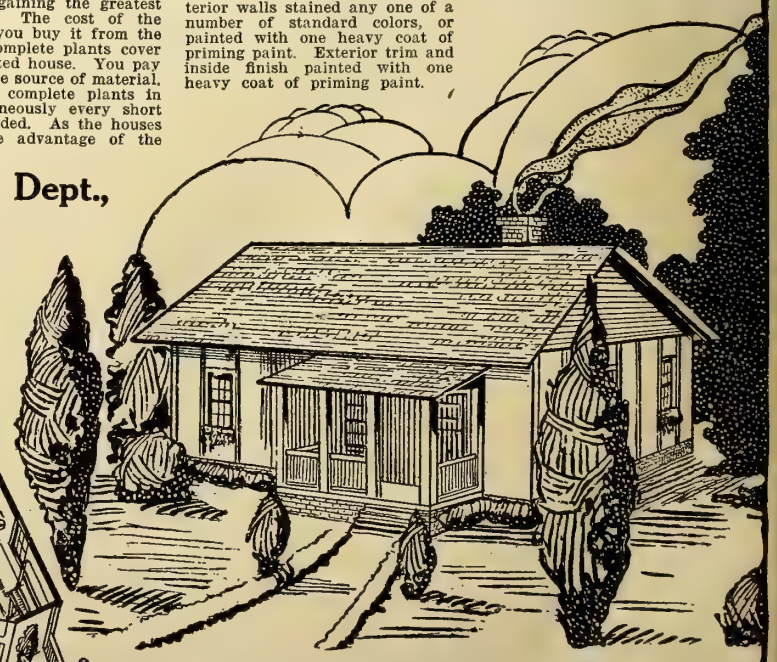
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Milton Circuit, Connally's 11 a. m.	4-5
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	12
Chapel Hill, 8 p. m.	12
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	18-19
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m.	25-26
Graham, 8 p. m.	26
November	
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Fourth Round	October
Moyock, Perkins	4-5
Currituck, Hebron	5-6
Pasquotank, Union	11-12
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates, Zion	19-20
Dare, East Lake	25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet	28
Hatteras, Frisco	30
November	
Kitty Hawk, Collington	1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Buckhorn, Cokesbury	4-5
Lillington, Lillington, night	5-6
Jonesboro, Broadway	11-12
Sanford, night	12-13
Fayetteville, Salem, 11 a. m.	15
Stetman	18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
November	
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary, night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT

J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C.

Fourth Round	September
Mount Olive Circuit, Rones Chapel	27-28
Mount Olive, Calypso	28-29
October	
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora	4-5
New Bern, Centenary, night	5-6
Jones Circuit, Lee's Chapel	11
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe	12
Snow Hill Circuit	17
Hookerton Circuit	18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night	19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
November	
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carteret Circuit, Harlowe	8 9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT

J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder

Third Round Fourth Round	October
Granville, Calvary	4-5
Oxford	10-12
Oxford Circuit, Salem	11 12
Louisburg	17-19
Youngsville, Leah's	18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove	19-20
Princeton	26-27
Benson	27-28
Four Oaks	28-29

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Burgaw, Burgaw	4-5
Tabor, Tabor	10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn	11-12
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
November	
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT

E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Battleboro and W. McTyeires	3
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield	4-5
Rich Square, Pinners	11-12
Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro	12-13
Henderson	19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson	19
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
November	
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Bethel, Shiloh	4-5
Tarboro, preaching only at night	5
Aurora, Bennerton	11-12
Stokes, Whartons	12-13
Ayden Circuit, Salem	18-19
Ayden Station	19-20
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter	22-23
Mattamuskeet, Amity	23-24
Fairfield	25-26
Tarboro, night	30
McKendree, Pinetops	31
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, night	31
November	
Nashville Nashville	1-2
Spring Hope, Spring Hope	2-3
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	3
Elm City	4
N&S Rocky Mount, night	4
Fremont, Fremont,	5
Wilson, night	5
Farmville, Farmville	7
Greenville, night	7
Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant	8-9
Stantensburg, Stantensburg	9-10
Vanceboro, Vanceboro	12
Bath, Asbury	15-16
Washington	16-17

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Mills River, Chapel	4-5
Central, night	5
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Polkton, Poplar Hill, 11 a. m.	3
Morven, New Hope, 11 a. m.	4-5
Wadesboro, night	5
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Randolph Circuit, Trinity	4-5
Asheboro, night	5
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett, 3 p. m.	19

FINAL MEETINGS

	October
Randleman, 8 p. m.	6
High Point, Main Street, 8 p. m.	9
Greensboro, Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, at Carraway Memorial, 8 p. m.	10
High Point, East End, 8 p. m.	13
Randolph Circuit, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m	14
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, 8 p. m.	14
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 2:30 p. m.	15
Greensboro, Centenary, 8 p. m.	15
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 8 p. m.	16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 8 p. m.	17

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N C.

Fourth Round	October
Danbury, Sandy Ridge	4-5
Ararat, Hatcher's	9
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

FINAL MEETINGS FOR MT. AIRY DISTRICT

	October
Summerfield, Center, 11 a. m., Monday	13
Stokesdale, Stokesdale 11 a. m., Tuesday	14
Mt. Airy Circuit, Parsonage, 3 p. m., Wednesday	15
Pilot Mt., Pilot Mt., A. M., Thursday	16
Yadkinville, Boonville, 11 a. m., Friday	17
Jonesville, Jonesville, 3 p. m., Friday	17
Rural Hall, Rural, 11 a. m., Monday	20

MARION DISTRICT

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	October
Enola Circuit, Saturday at 11 o'clock at warlick Chapel	4
Connelly Spring, at Rutherford College	5-6
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine, Tuesday night	7
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Wednesday night	8
Micaville, at Martin's Chapel, Friday at 11 o'clock	10
Bald Creek, at Bald Creek	11-12
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	12-13
Marion Circuit, at Capernaum, Tuesday at 11 o'clock	14
Mill Spring Circuit, Bethlehem, Thusday at 11 o'clock	16
Thermal City, at Trinity	18-19
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Gilkey, Sunday night	19-20

SALISBURY DISTRICT

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Concord, Central, 11 a. m.	5
Concord, Westford, 11 a. m.	5
Kerr Street, night	5
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Lincoln Circuit, Ivey's, 11 a. m.	4-5
Stanley, Iron Station, 4 p. m.	5
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	11-12
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	11-12
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	11-12
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

Fourth Round	October
Watauga Circuit	4-5
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Ranger, Ranger	4-5
Murphy Circuit, Peachtree	5-6
Robbinsville	7-8
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Pines Creek	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT

Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
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Fourth Round	October
Davidson circuit, Midway	4-5
Liberty, night	6
Salem, night	7
Centenary, night	9
Forsyth circuit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
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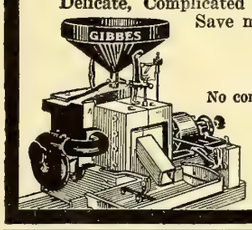
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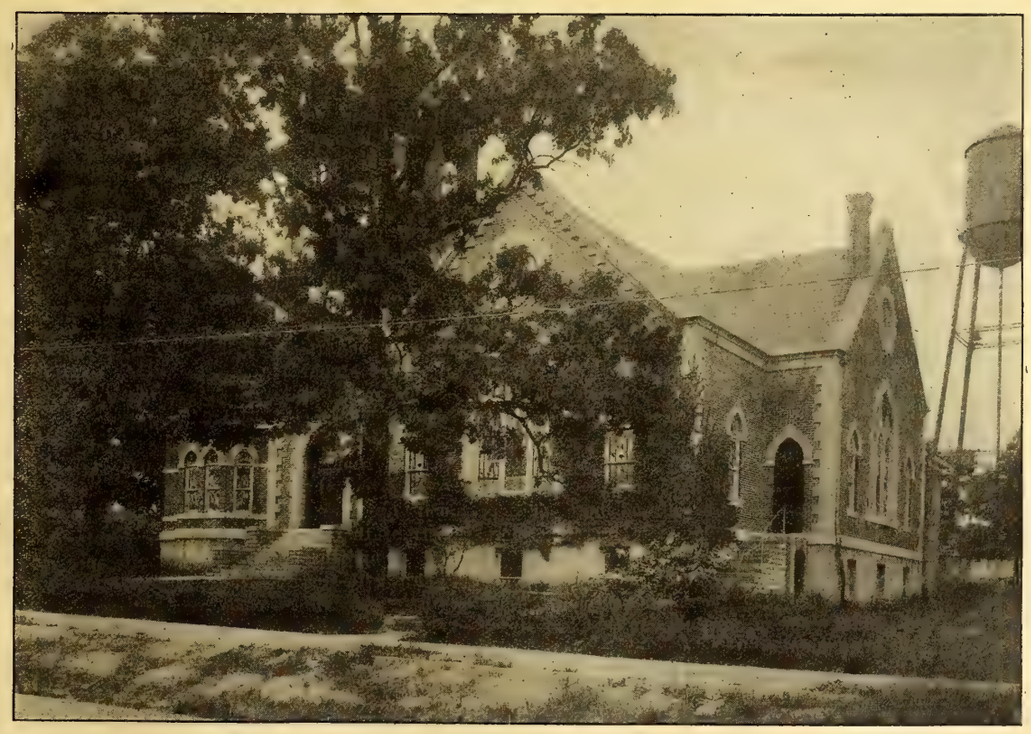
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PREACH THE WORD

Never did conditions demand more insistently obedience to this Pauline injunction than they do today. So many reforms and movements are asking for a day in the preacher's work, furnishing a subject for the morning service; and the year is getting so programmed by various things, that there is danger of crowding "the Word" out of the pulpit. The pulpit must not lose sight of the fact that there is only one source of authority for it. The minister is not only called of God, but he is called to deliver the message that was given to him. This message is contained in the Bible. The subject matter that he is to deliver is there. The word of reconciliation has been uttered. It has been put to record. It has found its completion in Jesus Christ. and by this Word we need to keep close company.

This does not mean that we are tying up with the "dead past." The truth is that the past is not altogether dead any more than the future is altogether alive. These terms are not wholly bound up with chronology. "The Word" is "life" in every age, and it is this alone that brings "life and immortality to light." It was Jesus who said: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." It is the truth that He brought to men that we are to continue to lay upon the conscience of men; and it is from the Book that we are to get them. In urging this, we are not estopping the Holy Spirit from speaking to men today; we are only pointing the channell through which He speaks. The Spirit interprets these Words to us anew for every condition of life that we face; but He does this, usually at least, as we study the Word that has been delivered to us. We must not get away from its unique inspiration, or from the fact that the Holy Spirit works in co-operation with the man who studies this Word to discover the message that God would have him to deliver. There is no substitute for this.

The conditions of life that surround us do not affect this general principle. Disorder and confusion often prevail in this world. Such conditions existed when Paul wrote to Timothy. There has scarcely ever been a generation when men did not prate of "a new age." It is some times more true than at others, for the world does not move with even step all the time; but the world is always new with the men who are newly in it. But the principles of revealed truth do not change. It is always in order to "preach the Word," and it is most in order when confusion among men is greatest. When the storm rages at sea, wise sailors keep close to harbor. When there is uncertainty and perplexity in the world of thought, the wise man holds the more closely to those established truths about which there can be no doubt. The Bible has stood the test of the centuries. Criticisms kindly and hostile have subjected it to the closest scrutiny. More than all of this, the human heart has beat upon it under all sorts of experiences, and it has stood the test. Preach that Word.

We are not contending that the preacher should stand apart from the age in which he lives. He needs to be a man of vision. He needs to have a fine sense of feeling that responds to the currents of life that surge about him. Perhaps there is no other man who needs to see life whole so much as the minister of the gospel. And yet there is a certain separateness that must characterize him if he is to do the best work. God has called him to put an emphasis upon the spiritual that no man who is absorbed in the material struggle of life can ever put there. He must be able to approach the problems that tax men's thought from the standpoint of the spiritual and the eternal, rather than from the standpoint of human comfort and earthly conditions. The theories and philosophies of men have ever clashed with the doctrines that God has proclaimed through Christ and the sacred writers; the minister must be in position to see the questions of life from the standpoint of God. He must keep his mind and heart—most especially the latter—in attune with the Spirit. The obligation to do this is upon him as it is not upon other men. He must attain this power to a degree that other men involved in other pursuits cannot attain. It is this sort of separateness that he must maintain, or his ministry as a distinct messenger of God cannot but be a failure.

It is perhaps this fundamental truth that made it necessary for Christ to ordain a ministry—to call men out in a peculiar sense from the world, and separate them in this distinctive vocation. Why did He organize the apostolate? Why did He call Peter and James and John and the rest of them from their nets? Fishing was an honorable business. It helped to augment the world's food supply, and was necessary. It was no reproach to that business that Christ called Peter and John away from it. Some one must needs collect the Roman taxes, hateful as it was to a Jew; but Christ came along and took Matthew away from it. The proper management of governmental support involves moral qualities, and at least from the standpoint of the Jew of our Lord's day that tax matter was in great need of reform. Many of us think that the same is true today. Why could not Matthew serve the cause in that position better than by leaving it to follow Christ? One reason at least was that there was another work to be done—a work that men who give themselves to doing these things could never do. It was infinitely higher work, say what you will of it, and the man who gives himself to the lower order of tasks can never accomplish it. The problems of government, the problems of business life, the questions of industry—these are all of material importance to men. There must be men to delve at them and attempt their solution; but God has called another class of men to a higher work, and this higher work they can never accomplish if they are to bury themselves in these earthly tasks. The Church must never lose sight of this fact, and her ministry must ever keep the higher and the clearer vision.

There is another truth that men must not forget. These lower earthly tasks wait for their successful accomplishment upon the accomplishment of the higher task. Political and business interests are but cutting their own throats when they would absorb the energies and interests of the ministry in working out directly these lower questions. If the Church, through her living ministry in co-operation with the Holy Spirit of God, can keep clear and strong the convictions of spiritual truth, she will have made comparatively easy the solution of the lower problems of strictly human relationships; but, if the Church fail in her higher mission, the wisdom and power of the world become helpless in the presence of human suffering and woe. It is important for a man to have a comfortable home in which to live, and that he should have enough of this world's goods to maintain himself and those dependent upon him in comfort; but it is infinitely more important that he should have a home not built with hands and that he should be qualified to hold fellowship with God and the saints redeemed. And the higher the type of spiritual life that is maintained the more easily will the earthly goal be reached.

We come back to the original proposal. Preach the Word. It is the supreme thing for the ministry to do; and in doing it, the Church makes its highest contribution to the life of men. It is the one contribution in which all humanitarian movements find support and without which they cannot be maintained.

METHODISM IN THOMASVILLE

From the beginning of the history of this flourishing town, Methodism has occupied a leading place, and the little story of Miss Lines, printed elsewhere, will be read with interest. It is with real pleasure that we are permitted to give our readers this week a good view of their splendid house of worship, also a look into the face of their present pastor, Rev. R. G. Tuttle. Brother Tuttle is a member of the family which has become distinguished for the large number of preachers and missionaries with which it has blessed the world during the last fifty years.

Following is a list of pastors who have served the Thomasville church since it was organized in 1855:

Rev. R. P. Bibb 1855-1856
Rev. S. D. Adams 1857-1858
Rev. T. B. Reeks 1859
Rev. John W. Lewis 1860-1861
Rev. N. H. D. Wilson 1862-1863
Rev. C. M. Pepper 1864
Rev. D. R. Bruton 1865-1867
Rev. Braxton Craven 1868
Rev. W. C. Willson 1869-1870
Rev. C. M. Pepper, 2nd 1871-1874
Rev. P. L. Herman 1875-1878
Rev. C. C. Dodson 1879-1880
Rev. J. J. Renn 1881-1882
Rev. J. B. Carpenter 1883-1884
Rev. S. V. Hoyle 1885-1888
Rev. W. C. Wilson, 2nd 1889-1891
Rev. R. G. Barrett 1892
Rev. W. S. Hales 1893
Rev. W. H. Willis 1894
Rev. Ira Erwin 1895-1896
Rev. L. T. Mann 1897
Rev. J. S. Nelson 1898
Rev. L. A. Falls 1899-1901
Rev. Paul Carraway 1902-1903
Rev. C. M. Campbell 1904-1905
Rev. T. A. Watts 1906
Rev. Parker Holmes 1907-1910
Rev. R. M. Courtney 1911-1913
Rev. D. M. Litaker 1914-1915
Rev. W. O. Goode 1916-1918
Rev. R. G. Tuttle 1919

CONCERNING CONFERENCE

Directories of the Western North Carolina Conference for 1919 will be mailed to the preachers, lay delegates, and members of boards next week. It has been a pleasure to the committee to accede to special requests, but it will be impossible to grant other changes. Homes have been provided for the traveling preachers, preachers on trial, local preachers actually serving as supplies, lay delegates, members of boards and representatives of Conference and connectional interests. Entertaining homes provide lodging and breakfast. Tickets for dinner and supper good at the principal restaurants and hotels will be provided each registered attendant at the Conference daily, each ticket bearing the recipient's name, non-transferable and of value for that day only.

Committees and Boy Scouts will meet trains to welcome, inform and direct guests.

Thus far the program runs: Tuesday evening, Historical Society; Wednesday afternoon, Children's Home Entertainment; Wednesday evening, Exercises by Sunday School Board; Thursday afternoon, Conference Brotherhood meets; Thursday evening, Boards of Education and Christian Literature; Friday, Church Extension and Centenary; Saturday evening, Board of Missions; Sunday morning, Love Feast in main auditorium at 9:00 a. m., Mr. Daniels addresses West Market Men's Bible classes in annex at 10 a. m., and Bishop Darlington preaches at 11 a. m. and ordains deacons; at 7:30 Sunday evening Hon. Josephus Daniels addresses the Conference, after which Bishop Darlington will ordain elders.

Class for admission on trial and classes in course will meet their committees on Tuesday. The commission on Finance will meet Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

It is very important this year that all preachers' reports be in the hands of Commission by Wednesday afternoon. This will facilitate work greatly in what promises to be the busiest Conference in years.

E. L. Bain.

A CASE IN POINT

The following is quoted from a letter recently received and is similar to many others which we have received recently.

Our little fund upon which we have been drawing to keep the paper going in such cases is exhausted and we trust that our good friends will respond and make it possible for us to continue the paper not only in this case but in others similar to it. Here is the letter:

———, October 3, 1919.

Dear Sir:

My daughter has been receiving the Advocate for the last two or three years through the kindness of a friend and we thought until we received your

notice a few days ago that she was still getting it the same way. She is as helpless as she can be and I am almost so with age. I have to take care of her and do my cooking and other house work without any help. So you see I have no chance to make any money for myself. My husband is old and we have no one to help us, besides we are very poor financially. We have enjoyed reading our Church paper. Will pay you what we owe as soon as I can.

Your friend,

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Now we are not going to cut these people off and shall look to the many prosperous ones on our list to shell out and replenish our charity fund. The charity rate now is $1.50 per year.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Continued Improvement of President Wilson's Health at this writing is a matter of great gratification to the whole country. There has been grave apprehension as to the outcome of his illness, and assurance has not yet been altogether restored; but up to this writing (Monday) the reports indicate that he is rallying. He has been under such high tension for so long that there has been an unexpressed wonder that he has held up under it so long. Let us hope that his improvement will continue, and that he will be able to remain at the helm of the nation until the skies clear and the present disturbed conditions be overpast.

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Some Interesting Church Extension Figurers have been furnished us by Dr. H. A. Boaz, Secretary of the General Church Extension Board. From April to October for the last four years the increase in the Loan Fund has been as follows:

April 1st, to Oct. 1st, 1916	$10,346.35
April 1st to Oct. 1st, 1917	32,518.58
April 1st to Oct. 1st, 1918	17,013.12
April 1st to Oct. 1st, 1919	100,628.84

The Loan Fund capital Oct. 1st, 1918, was $1,123,339.56. The Loan Fund Capital Oct. 1st, 1919, amounted to $1,296,256.48, showing an increase for the last twelve months of $172,916.92. This is the greatest increase for any single year in the history of the Board. No Centenary money is included in these figures, as the Board has not yet received any money from the Centenary.

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The Labor Conference at Washington City will have the eyes of the world upon it this week. The fact that President Wilson will not be able to give to it his personal attention and direction will be universally deplored. This fact will tend to weaken interest in the matter, as it will likely materially affect the efficiency of the Conference. No questions are of greater importance in the industrial world today than those that gather about labor. One of the vital features of the high cost of living is the shortage of production, and the shortage of production must be laid at the door of labor. Wages have advanced to a scale never known before in the history of the world in an effort to increase production, but in the face of this effort production continues to fall behind. Transportation is abnormally slow. Why? The railroads cannot secure the labor to handle the freight. Manufacturing plants are months behind their orders. Why? They cannot get the labor to produce results. Why should they lower their prices on the products they handle? They can sell more at the high prices than they can produce. There is a serious world shortage of food products, and yet farmers are falling over each other to get to town. What is the trouble? They tell you that they cannot get labor. If something can be done to solve the labor problem, it will certainly go far toward relieving the tenseness of the situation the world over. Will increased wages solve it? There are millions of men who are going to work only as much as they are compelled to in order to satisfy their hunger. If three days' work in the week will satisfy that hunger, they work three days and quit. Production is cut in half. We are forced back to the question if man it not like a wheelbarrow after all—he goes where he is pushed. The conclusion is easy, but nobody cares to state it. Let us hope that the conference at Washington will find a better one.

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The Race Riots in Arkansas appear to be in some respects the most serious that have yet occurred. The story carried in the secular press on Monday of this week indicate a wide laid plot among the colored people to ruthlessly slay the whites of the community in Southern Phillips county of which Helena, Ark., is the county seat. A number of those supposed to have been involved in the disorders in that section last week have been arrested, and it is upon the confessions of these parties that the larger plot has been discovered. The organization concerned was declared to be the local lodge of the Progressive Farmers and Household Union of America. Twenty-one prominent land owners had been selected of whom they would make certain demands; and, if those demands were refused, all the members of the organization were to attempt the indiscriminate slaughter of all white people in sight. Arms and ammunition had been provided, couriers had been selected to spread the information, and Oct. 6th was the day set for the carrying out of their plans. It is said that indications were that some white men had led them in this murderous plot. It is fortunate that the plot was discovered before the general uprising was put into execution, and for the moment at least that will be prevented. Of course, the white men involved in it, if this feature of the story be correct, are more villainous than the Negroes; and justice should overtake them first of all. No light punishment is sufficient for them. In fact no punishment can be too severe; and, if the case is clearly proved, an example should be made of them that will deter any others from lightly following their example. Already there is too much unrest throughout the country. Disorders of a serious nature are constantly breaking out here and there, and it is confined to no one section of the country. We need a general strengthening of law enforcement, fewer pardons, and the people taught that the law must be obeyed.

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Armenia's Last Call to America is the title to an appeal that has just reached our office. The sufferings of those people during the terrible years of war have been beyond description; and, judging by the following telegram forwarded to us by Jas. W. Gerard, Chairman of American Committee for the Independence of Armenia, the situation is still desperate:

> Turkish-Tartar threat against Armenia is under way of realization, viz., Kemal Pasha's two divisions assisted by Turks, Tartars and Kurds have started surrounding Armenian Republic. Our soldiers fighting desperately defeated enemy at several points, but were forced to abandon Nakh-Itchevan and Kars Districts, on account lack provisions and munitions, leaving Christian populations at the mercy of invaders. Our numerous steps with Peace Conference remain fruitless. . . No food, drugs, or money. Population naked and exhausted. Starvation everywhere. From thirty to fifty persons found dead in streets of Erivan daily. Are absolutely abandoned and without communication with outside world. Turks consider us responsible for overthrow of their empire. Words are lacking to describe the horror of the situation. *Will soon be completely annihilated. Our last hope for aid is America.* Armenia makes a last and supreme call to great and noble American people and government for help. Urgent that 10,000 soldiers be sent immediately with necessary equipment for organization of Armenian army of 30,000. If acted at once, situation can be saved. Very existence of Armenian people depends on America. You may come too late to save us.

That is a heartbreaking picture thrown upon the background of these dark and trying times. In urging American action Mr. Gerard says: "Two hundred thousand Armenians fought in the ranks of the allied and associated armies. According to General Allenby, Armenian battalions took a leading part in the defeat of the Turks in Palestine. According to Von Ludendorff, the inability of the Turks to reach Baku in time, owing to the resistance of the Armenians, following the defection of Russia, deprived the German army in the West of essential fuel supply. One million Armenian men, women and children have been slaughtered by the Turks because of their fidelity to the faith and cause of America. . . . . As men, Christians and Americans, we strongly urge every minister of the gospel to write to the President and to the Senators of his State, urging that necessary steps be taken to save Armenia."

FLASHES FROM THE ANVIL

Spiritual life does not concern itself wholly with the next world, neither does it exhaust itself in the present world. Religion has to do with the life that now is, but it also has to do with the life that is to come. Herein it is adapted to the needs of man. We are not content to face the issues of life upon the basis of the present alone. If death ends all, then life is an inexplicable inigma. Whether or not it is worth the living would be really debatable. But a religion that does not enable a man to live as he ought to live in this present world is likewise a failure; for it cannot make the next world what it ought to be.

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Man is an extremist. His thought is like the pendulum of a clock. From error on the one side it swings all the way by the truth and runs into the error of the opposite side. We do not stop to draw fine distinctions. So often we do not think straight. We see the outlines of things indistinctly and confusedly, and mix truth and error in a most remarkable manner. It i soften difficult to bring men to the knowledge of the truth because when you convince them of the error of any position, they swing to another position equally erronious as if it were the only alternative. Mental training and discipline is the only hope of escape from this sort of a situation, and even that does not always succeed.

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When a man throws prudence and caution to the winds, he becomes dangerous in proportion to his strength. Especially is this true of men in positions of leadership. Really strong men have never been revolutionists. They have not sought to break suddenly with the past. Martin Luther saw a new light and had the courage to follow it; but he did not break with the Roman Catholic Church, corrupt as it was, until conditions forced the break. He wrought a reformation that has formed an epoch in the history of the world, but he was not a revolutionist. John Wesley was stirred with a new and vital fellowship with God in the widst of degenerate times, but he clung rather tenaciously to the past. He consented at last to the organization of a new denomination, but not until all efforts to do his work in the fold of the Anglican Church had been exhausted. John Wesley was never a revolutionist. No leader is worthy the following of men who can see no good in the past. All real progress for the future roots itself there.

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Ever and anon we are warned of neglecting the returning soldiers, and especially are these warnings directed towards the Church. It is true that the currents of life are running swiftly these days, and the things that are continually coming upon us are liable to push other things out of mind; but we feel sure that the people generally are not ungrateful for the service that our soldier heroes rendered us and the world. Still less is this true of the Church. If ever an institution rallied to the call of the times, the Church rallied to it in the hour of the world's peril. Our soldiers should not return with a chip on their shoulders and feel slighted if the community does not continue to fall over itself in a public demonstration upon each new arrival. The country is not feeling this to be necessary any more, but it is not ungrateful for what they have done.

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We never add another cubit to a man's intellectual stature because he throws a stone at orthodoxy. It requires no wisdom to understand how a man may be orthodox in his professions without any high degree of sainthood or of mental acumen; but upon the whole the orthodox through the ages have exceeded in both regards those who have taken occasion to throw stones at orthodoxy as such. And even theology is not the criminal that the meteoric religious free lance would sometimes have us believe. Men have tried to throw into some sort of system the knowledge which we have of God and of spiritual truth, and it has been labeled theology. Of course, it has not been perfect. Not all the men of science have ever fully explained a blade of grass, but we do not, therefore, hold them up to scorn because they undertake to classify the blade of grass according to what knowledge of it they do have. Who presumes to know all about God, or about those great spiritual truths that pertain to the life that is eternal? Certainly theology has its limitations, and so do the men who rail against it. Those who make real progress in the knowledge of God are those who give sympathetic hearing to the men who have labored in that field before them.

CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMORIES OF A LITTLE MOUNTAIN STREAM AND A SHORT SKETCH OF MAIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH, THOMASVILLE, N. C.

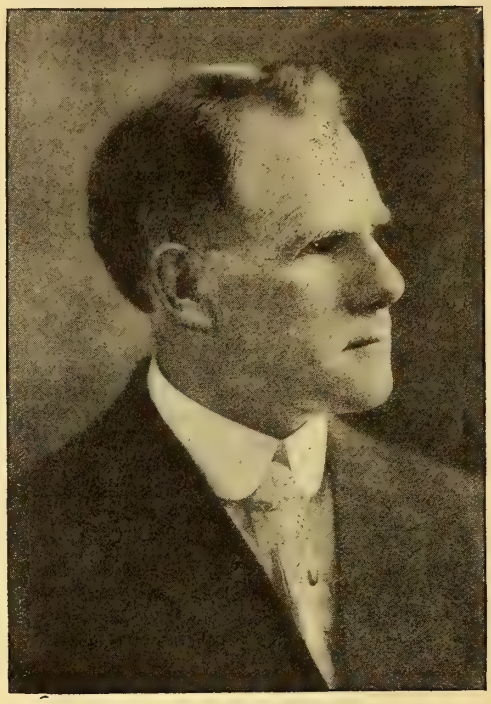
By Mrs. M. L. Lines

Years ago, while traveling through the mountains of Virginia, I remember crossing the same stream about twenty-seven times in less than that many miles. At the first crossing, it was a tiny sparkling rill gushing from the mountain side, so small that a little child could easily step across it, but soon began to widen and deepen as other streams flowed into it, and not far from its source, it had power sufficient to turn the machinery of a little country mill. The mill house was a small arbor covered with boards. There was the dam, the race, the wheel and the little hopper which held the corn and rye that was ground for bread and feed for the inhabitants living near by. But the little stream didn't stop there. It kept on growing in size and strength as it wound its way through mountain gorge and valley till it furnished power sufficient to run the machinery of a large flour mill that furnished bread for a town. But the stream didn't stop but kept on growing, joining other and larger streams, until its waters flowed into a river, upon whose banks are built some of the largest cotton mills of the South. The little stream didn't stop there, but has kept on and on till it has reached the great Father of Waters and today is aiding in carrying the commerce of the world. The influence and power of that little mountain stream will never cease, but will continue to widen and deepen as the years roll on. I guess you are all wondering what that mountain stream has to do with our Sunday school. As we pass through life, we often find a striking similarity existing in things and here we have one.

In 1834 there was not a Church or Sunday school in Thomasville, and the only place for any kind of public gathering was a little brush arbor building near where Mrs. Mock now lives. The preacher on the Davidson circuit was the Rev. R. P. Bibb with a Mr. King as his assistant. They occasionaly came along and preached under the little brush arbor. During that year, Uncle John Carmalt, the father of Mrs. Bettie Grimes, moved his family here from Washington, N. C. He was a full blooded Scotchman and a staunch Methodist of the old type. He soon took in the condition of things in the little town and in September, 1855, he organized a Sunday school under the little brush arbor. Of course, its beginning was like the little mountain stream, very small, as only a few people were living here at that time, but the little school began to grow in interest and members and soon they had to seek for a more convenient place. This they could only find in the depot, which was too small for the increasing numbers and interest in the school, and from there they moved to C. M. Lines' shoe shop, where it grew so rapidly that John W. Thomas invited them to move to the Chapel of Glen Anna Female Seminary, where it remained till 1863, when it was moved to the old Methodist Church, which had just been completed. And there it found a permanent home. Uncle Carmalt continued as superintendent till after the close of the civil war and when too feeble to continue the work he so much loved, he gave it up.

Our next superintendent was the Rev. John W. Long, the father-in-law of Rev. W. C. Wilson, but he lived only a short while, having died while preaching in one of the Methodist Churches in Atlanta, Ga.

Our next superindent was John D. Paylor, then G. P. Dodson, who continued to fill the office thirty-two years. After him came Prof. Hauss, who was followed by Charles Lambeth, making in all the six superintendents since the school was organized under the little brush arbor. For years, the only text books we had was the Bible, a short Catechism, Webster's Blue Back Spelling book, first and second readers, our song books, the old Southern Harmony and the Methodist Hymn Book. Since that small beginning, thousands have been brought under its influence. Four preachers have gone from its sacred walls, viz; Rev. C. C. Dodson, Junius Harris and W. A. Lambeth, of our own beloved Church, and Rev. Leach Hoover, of the Episcopal Church, besides many other good men and women who have gone forth



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Pastor Main Street Church, Thomasville, N. C.

to bless humanity. Among them, Miss Ellen Morphis, later the wife of Rev. Marcus Wood, with whom she went to China as a missionary. She died and was buried in that heathen land, leaving a son who is Rev. Charles Wood, of our Conference.

As the little mountain stream keeps on doing its alloted work, so has the little brush arbor Sunday school kept on growing in number and influence, till today we stand in the front ranks of the Western North Carolina Conference, with all the modern improvements and a superindenent second to none, not even Mr. George Hackney, of Lexington, or Mr. Fred Odell, of Greensboro. Like the little mountain stream, the influence set in motion under the little brush arbor will continue till time on earth shall cease. And in the great ocean of eternity live forever.

FACING THE FAR EAST

By Bishop Walter R. Lambuth.

There are three great harbors which are most frequently mentioned by travelers for their spaciousness, safety, and beauty—Rio de Janeiro, Sidney and Hongkong. I should be tempted to add a fourth—Vancouver. It is a marvel, this arm of Puget Sound, with its depth of water, its safe anchorage, its hinterland rich in timber, minerals and wheat; its wonderful mountains rising majestically from the water's edge into the blue above, with snowdrifts in the canyons to be seen from our hotel windows, and a multitude of wild flowers covering the slopes and foothills, wherever the dense forests of pine and fir have been cleared.

Vancouver is destined to be a great city, with the natural resources of British Columbia and all Canada to draw upon, the granaries of the entire Northwest to pour their millions of bushels of wheat, oats and barley into her elevators, the thrift and energy of the inhabitants, and the millions of Japan and China to feed and supply with machinery and the necessities of life growing out of and stimulated by the impact of Western civilization.

Japan draws heavily upon China, her big neighbor, for rice and beans. The recent boycott against Japan on account of the Shantung affair has had a singular effect—it has cut off a large measure of the rice supply from the island empire. Great Britain and Japan alike are dependent upon the outside world for foodstuffs with which to supply their dense population. This is especially emphatic in the case of Japan, since less than fifteen per cent of the soil is under cultivation or capable of it. And yet the population grows apace by half a million a year—"the rate according to Professor Hershey being nearly equal that of Italy and inferior only to that of Russia and Germany." He adds that Japan is now "importing over twenty-five million dollars' worth of foodstuffs annually, including a cheap quality of rice from India."

I did not intend, however, to take an excursion in this direction. Our steamer, the Empress of Russia, sails at 5 p. m.—a Canadian Pacific liner of fine proportions, with displacement tonnage of 30,625, a gross registered tonnage of 16,850, and a total passenger capacity of 1,172, which includes 296 in the first class and 700 in the Asiatic steerage. With all its varied interests, relationships, business, and nationalities, it is hardly less than a little floating world. Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Rawlings are here, Dr. Love, Miss Mitchell, and Mrs. Tsiang returning to China; Mrs. Rankin, of Chattanooga, Tenn., to join her son in Shanghai, who is at the head of our law school in that city. Miss D. Carleton, daughter of Mr. Murry Carleton, of St. Louis, is a member of our party; Dr. J. B. Fearn, just returned from France, and Brother G. C. Emmons, who was so valuable to me in Europe and who will render secretarial help to Dr. Rawlings and me in pursuance of our expanding Centenary plans. It was interesting to hear Mrs. Tsiang describe in her own tongue the wonders of the great missionary gathering at Columbus. One modest expression struck me forcibly when I was congratulating our Church upon the valuable service she was able to render. Her reply was: "I was thankful for the privilege of being a very small worker in helping on the kingdom of God."

It is a rare thing for a representative of the Roman Catholic Church to get left. Having journeyed with one over five thousand miles along the African coast and on the Congo, I became profoundly impressed by their alertness. The priest and the Methodist preacher are not exactly yoke fellows, but they generally get there about the same time. We had three priests with us on the train from Portland. They were also bound for the Orient. Rather reserved, but taking an intelligent interest in what was going on, the oldest member of the group took to the platform occasionally for a little exercise and opportunity for observation. To the amusement of the passengers and the consternation of his colleagues, our brother of the cloth got left just before we passed out of the United States into Canada. An obliging conductor stopped the train and took him aboard. He concluded he would forego any further exercise. But with all soberness one must recognize the power and reach of that wonderful organization which, with a map of the world in hand, sends its missionaries to brave difficulties and dangers on every sea and in almost every land. One might well covet the opportunity to study the plans of the College of Propaganda in Rome on the one hand and be able to emulate the heroic spirit of these missionaries on the other. The priest referred to on the Congo was one of six, he told me, who had gone into the remote interior of Africa five years before. Four were dead and buried in the jungles. One had been invalided home, and one was left. One might well wish that underlying such heroism might be found a truer motive than that of mere propagandism.

A few words about San Francisco. We spent last Sunday there, Brother Emmons and I. It was not possible to see Bishop Du Bose, since he had to fill the pulpit twice, and my own time was occupied in visiting Brother W. M. Acton, critically ill at the Alta Bates Sanitarium, in Berkeley, and young Stanley Reid, the sone of Dr. C. F. Reid, at the Franklin Hospital, in the city across the Bay. At night I preached for Brother J. Abner Sage at the Fitzgerald Memorial. Bishop Du Bose stands high in the esteem of his brethren on the coast. He is giving himself without stint to meet the demands, as far as time and strength will allow, of this very important field. It is happy that we have a resident bishop who can study at first hand the needs of these Western Conferences and give the bulk of his time to the ministry of preaching and of administration.

Brother Acton and his wife are among the most efficient missionaries our Church has had in any

field, at home or abroad. They have shown rare tact and devotion in the organization and conduct of the thriving work in behalf of Japanese and of Koreans. Let the Church make intercession for the speedy recovery of this good man. I am not asking too much when I make the added request that your prayer be offered for the splendid young man whose father wrought well in China, who, together with Bishop Hendrix, opened the Korea Mission and was its first superintendent, and then made such a splendid record as Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Young Stanley, who has for years been blind in one eye, has recently suffered detachment of the retina in the other eye and is perilously near being totally blind. With a determination which nothing could overcome and with a purpose born of high ideals, he has worked his way through college and taken high rank in his classes at the State University during the past year, though dependent upon paid readers and voluntary help to pursue his studies. With faith in God and a cheerfulness that is contagious, he lies there upon his back through the weeks and months in a hospital ward, hoping against hope that he might recover his sight.

The great Pacific fleet under Admiral Rodman and with Secretary Daniels as the justly honored head of the navy, is now steaming up the coast toward San Francisco. This means, in addition to their presence in our ports where they have received a wonderful welcome, that there will be a permanent increase in the number of splendid young men ashore in and about the Bay. Brother Sage called my attention to this additional demand upon our ministry and suggested the appointment of a vigorous, well-qualified worker who, in connection with Fitzgerald Memorial Church, might render a most valuable service on shore and afloat. We have for the first time by the wise planning of Bishop W. F. McMurry, while Secretary of the Church Extension Board, a building thoroughly adapted to social and religious welfare work. I would urge the War-Work Commission and the Home Department of the Board of Missions to adopt co-ordinate plans for a staff of workers in San Francisco and around the Bay which shall at last put us in position to meet the opportunities which have come to us in the providence of God.

We turn our faces toward the Orient as the sun sets in the Pacific far beyond us. Down there below that horizon there are emerging new nations, larger questions, international and racial and far more perplexing than we have yet encountered. No man can go forth in his own strength and hope to accomplish anything in so difficul'; a field. But our faith is in God. He is true to his promises. He has never failed his servants when they have trusted in Him, and it is with a consciousness that the great Church is making intercession in our behalf that our little party goes forth to the task assigned us. May the Spirit of power in and through Jesus Christ re-enforce the message and the messengers!

A BUGLE BLAST NEEDED IN EVERY PULPIT

M. T. Plyler

The times come when undue caution and careful calculations should be flung to the winds. Caution is good until it becomes a hurtful negation; calculations, profitable until they block action. Too often this occurs in Church work. Added to these hindrances are dull religious routine, the satisfaction of present attainments, and the dead inertia of theological conservatism. Thus gradually are woven the grave-clothes of religious life and progress. Herein arise the needs of the bugle-blast of men whose souls are on fire with that spirit that makes fanatics and prophets, breathing out definance against all existing rounds of religious routine. One of the most humorous situations of the present day is the call for a prophet-message on the part of some of those dear souls who believe all change is dangerous. The prophets have always pulled down and destroyed as they spoke for God and called to a new order. Theologians build systems, and priests minister within these; but prophets, never! They speak for God. They keep religious life fresh and strong. They prove to be the stable element when the old order is passing. They are the progressives in the coming of the Kingdom. They are the heritics of today; the orthodox of tomorrow.

These Autumn Sundays

In the towns and cities, the pews are filling and the Sunday schools feel the new impulse after the languor of the summer; out in the country, the ripening fields and brown forests are reminders of the coming winter with the general collapse of Church activities. Fortunate indeed are the people in town or in the country who have a leader that has led in a real constructive way and can now sound a challenge that will thrill the whole Church. A few notes from his good bugle horn should send a thrill along the whole line. They know the bugle blast. They are accustomed to answer when he blows the challenge.

Poor indeed are the members of a Church that must endure twaddle, listen to dull platitude, and be burdened with wails of despair. Jesus brought messages of hope and called men to enter the ripe harvest fields. Poor and to be despised today is that preacher, whether in high place or low, whose soul is not atingle and whose voice is not vibrant with a thrilling message of hope and a ringing challenge to service. Could a bugle blast sound out from every pulpit in North Carolina worthy of the tremendous hour now upon us and commensurate with the opportunity before us, what a new day would break upon us! Our peril is not that some program handed down from above, or some scheme of world reconstruction, may throttle individual initiative; but it is that we will settle down in our religious complacency and fear of the rash ventures of faith until we have become a lot of clerical nobodies unacquainted with prophetic fire and apostolic zeal. Could we stop every tongue and pen in North Carolina Methodism in the least disposed to sound a note of despair, or to drag out a lot of negations, or to screw down the brakes of caution, or to chill the ardor of the enthusiasts, what weeks these would be! It was the hot enthusiasm of the eager souls of the first centuries that overran the Roman Empire and the like quality in the early Methodists that sent them around the world with their songs and their shouts.

These Closing Weeks

The Centenary is to collect, the regular collections are to be secured, the coming revival is to be planned for, and a ringing challenge is to sound across the land, over the sea and around the world. Can you imagine anything more pitiable than a discouraged official board and a whining preacher in the pulpit? And no profit comes by railing against somebody somewhere and saying that it does not belong to the preacher to look after the business side of the Church. As a matter of fact, every Methodist preacher that has counted for any thing from the bishop to the humblest man in the ranks, has done this and will be apt to keep it up. But this is no excuse for failing to sound the challenge and leading on in the forefront of the conflict. Leaders are expected to lead; and a ringing note of victory is half the battle.

Could we retire from every point of vantage every laymen and preacher who has lost or never had a genuine vision of leadership what a day would dawn! All who are oversupplied with holding-back straps should be viewed with suspicion. Advances are usually made by some reckless adventures. Certainly, the man who is always seeing lions in the way never gets anywhere. To evermore be parading the objection to a movement and to be pointing out obstacles in the way of any advance is never the part of a leader. He gives his time and attention to overcoming these. His bugle blast can be heard above the din of the conflict.

Men and Brethren, would we not do well to press the crusade without note of complaint? Could we not for the next few months bring a ringing challenge out of the skies that will make men awfully conscious of God? Can not we shame the ultra-conservatives who are ever holding to dead men's hands? Why not sound the bugle call for a real advance born of God—flaming anew in the hearts of the children of men?

WE AND OUR CHILDEN

I believe in getting married. It is a good thing to get a good wife. Happy the man who finds in his wife what the first man found in the first woman, "a help meet for him." I take it that Isaac and Rebecca were an ideal couple though not a faultless one. They made mistakes as we all do, but theirs was a love match. They were named in the marriage ceremony of our Church until the last General Conference made a change. I don't know why.

As a general thing a man is not akin to his wife. But the holy mystery of heart marriage makes them one; the twain become one flesh in the ordinance and miracle of Christian wedlock. Our children become the pledges of our plighted confidence and love. We love our children because as husband and wife we love each other and in proportion as we love each other. A wise friend of mine used to say that any woman takes a risk in marrying any man. I think it a greater risk not to marry at all. Yes I do.

I received a letter not long ago from a good friend of mine. He remained a bachelor quite a while before he became a benedict. He wrote to thank me for some things I had recently said in our Advocate on the religion of little children. He begged me to adopt his little boy into the family of those for whom I am daily making prayer that they may early come to the Savior. It takes the experience of human fatherhood to know what this means: "Like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

Is it not a strange thing (and I hereby resent it) that a celibate ministry and priesthood should monopolize the honored title of "Father" in the Church of God?

Speaking of letters, I received another a few weeks ago. It was from one who is not a mother, but has a mother-heart all the same. It comes from a stranger, who is not strange. We never saw each other, but she is my sister, and I am her brother, of which fact the following extracts of her good letter will show: "I have thought of sending you a card before this to thank you for your letters in our Advocate, so after reading your article on the religion of little children this morning, it must go now. I did enjoy it so much! Yes, Doctor, we cannot set the time for little children to give their hearts to Jesus, and I would not for anything do or say anything to stop one if I knew it. Oh! how beautiful it is to see the young giving their hearts to Jesus, the One who l ves to take them in His arms and bless them. I would love to know you. I do through your pen."

I think I am beginning to know the meaning of the last verse of the Old Testament, in which the prophet tells of the coming of the fore-runner of Christ and declares that he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to the fathers. It seems to be less obscure as I grow older and know more.

I am not looking now for what was more familiar in the days of my early conversion when lying flat on my back on the dirty floor of a Baptist church, I came into the light with a psalm in my heart and a shout on my lips. I am expecting my children and my grand-children and my great-grand-children to come because they are glad to come to the loving embrace of Jesus who is made real to them in the nursery of the Church, at home. in the offices and lessons of Sunday school instruction, beginning with the infant class.

The late Bishop Wilson is reported to have told a beautiful story in one of his great addresses on Church Extension at a Western Conference. It was a scene from his home life. At evening worship he proposed to his family to have an experience meeting, when his little grand-child simply said, "well, I feel good." It so impressed and affected the venerable bishop that he felt free to tell a congregation of strangers about it. The little girl knew what she was talking about, or at least the good bishop though so. So do I, or I wouldn't tell about it here.

Let the notion that our children will have a season of sowing their wild oats be abandoned for the real fact that their hearts are the prepared soil for the sower who goes forth to sow the good seed of the Kingdom. How early the seed may germinate and bear fruit we do not know. It is for us to lose no good chance and to make opportunities to help our dear children to follow us as we ourselves are followers of Christ and lovers of the Lord. Plan as we may and must for a great revival to follow our great Centenary Missionary Drive, the good work must begin in our hearts and at home. In this we are all agreed. We thank God and take courage.—Samuel A. Weber, in Southern Christian Advocate.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—The revival recently held at the Methodist Church at Powellsville resulted in seven additions to the Church.

—Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham District, was assisting Rev. N. C. Yearby in a meeting at Mt. Gilead last week.

—Mr. T. R. Flack, prominent layman of our Church in Rutherfordton, was an appreciated visitor at the Advocate office last week.

—Rev. R. E. Hunt held a meeting at Clyde last week, and was assisted by Prof. L. B. White. There were two or three professions of faith in Christ.

—Rev. R. W. Bailey, the pastor is conducting a revival at Seaboard. He is being assisted by Rev. E. C. Few, pastor of our Church at Roanoke Rapids.

—Rev. Raymond Browning, evangelist, is holding a meeting at Ramseur under a large tent. We understand that the various pastors are co-operating with him in the meeting.

—Revival services began at Conway Methodist Church on Sunday September 28. Rev. J. J. Boone is the pastor, and he is being assisted by Rev. J. C. Humble, pastor of the Durham Circuit.

—The meeting recently closed in our new Church at Glenwood, was a great blessing to the congregation and community. Brother Woosley, the pastor, reports more than thirty accessions as one of the visible results.

—We learn from the Roanoke-Chowan Times that our people at Rich Square are agitating the matter of a new Church building for that place. They are figuring on $20,000 to $25,000 as the amount necessary to carry the project to completion.

—Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor Front Street, Burlington, N. C., left Tuesday morning for Hot Springs, Ark. He is taking his twelve year old son, S. E. Mercer Jr., who has been suffering from a vicious attack of inflammatory rheumatism for about eleven weeks.

—Rev. P. L. Terrell reports good meetings at all the Churches on the Davidson charge. There have been thirty additions to the Church membership on profession of faith. Some improvements have been made on the parsonage. All collections expected in full.

—The Franklin Times of October 3 has the following: "Rev. W. W. Peele, of Raleigh, has been preaching some exceptionally fine sermons at the Methodist Church in the revival meeting that is going on. Services are being well attended with quite a lot of interest shown."

—Rev. C. W. Robinson, who has been compelled to give up his work as pastor of Jenkins Memorial Church, Raleigh, is now making his home at Clayton where he was at one time pastor. He and his good wife are making their home with Misses Bettie and Rosa Smith.

—A union revival service was in progress at Troy the past week. Rev. J. B. Thrasher, of Statesboro, Ga., was doing the preaching. Rev. J. P. Bross is the Methodist pastor at that place. The Montgomerian says that Brother Thrasher is a strong preacher and that the services are well attended.

—Rev. H. B. Hill, pastor of Riverside, New Bern, is assisting Rev. R. H. Broom in a meeting at Morehead City this week. The Coaster says of Brother Hill: "While he is a young man, this being his fifth year in the ministry, he is rated as one of the most promising of the young members of the North Carolina Conference.

—On last Friday afternoon October 3, from 4 to 6 o'clock Mrs. John W. Autry entertained about thirty of her Sunday school class at a garden party, Magnolia Church. After many enjoyable games were played ice cream was served which delighted the heart of each little girl and boy present. Among those present was Master Edward Newberry from Florence, S. C.

—A note from Rev. B. A. York, of Lincolnton, one of the superannuates of the Western North Carolina Conference, brings the sad news that his son, Alfred York, has been in the hospital at Asheville for nine months and is still quite ill. He requests that the brethren and friends of the Conference pray for his recovery if it is the Lord's will. We understand that the hospital expenses amount to $100 per month, which must make a grievous burden for this superannuate. A good time for us to recall the words of St. James, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

—The Baraca class of the Front Street Sunday school presented Rev. S. E. Mercer with a purse of one hundred dollars last Sunday morning. This unexpected kindness was greatly appreciated by the pastor, as was the kind spirit shown by the board of stewards in granting him a much time as was necessary for the trip to Hot Springs. The pulpit will be filled regularly in the pastor's absence. This will be attended to by the stewards, and there will be no break in the order of service. During the protracted illness in the parsonage, the good people of Burlington have shown their sympathy in every possible way.

—Miss Ethel Terrell, daughter of Rev. P. L. Terrell, of the Western North Carolina Conference, and now pastor of the Davidson Circuit, has been elected superintendent of schools for Buncombe county. Miss Terrell enjoys the distinction of being the first woman elected to this position in North Carolina. Miss Terrell is a graduate of Davenport College, of the class of 1906. The honor which has come to her is the more conspicuous for the reason that Buncombe county is far advanced in public education. It is one of the foremost counties of the state. We have no doubt that Miss Terrell is entering upon a career of great usefulness as well as distinction.

—Mr. J. A. Jones, of Charlotte, has placed acousticons in Centenary Church, this city, as a memorial to his wife, Mrs. Emma Renn Jones, who before her marriage was a member of this Church and one of its most efficient and active workers. Mrs. Jones was a daughter of Rev. J. J. Renn, for many years an honored member of the North Carolina Conference and after the division a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. This gift of Brother Jones is greatly appreciated by the Centenary congregation and the formal presentation of these acousticons will take place with fitting ceremonies next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service. It promises to be an hour of unusual interest for the Centenary people.

NOTICE

The Committee on Admissions will meet at the place designated in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Tuesday, October 21, 3 o'clock p. m.

W. R. Ware.

DEDICATION OF ELLERBE METHODIST CHURCH

Ellerbe Methodist Church, Ellerbe, N. C., will be dedicated at 11 o'clock Sunday October 12, by Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate All former pastors are cordially invited to be with us. G. H. Biggs P. C.

PRIZES AWARDED

The Junaluska Woman's Club makes the following announcement as a result of the Literary contest for 1919:

The prize in class I ($10) was awarded by a selected committee of judges to Miss Rebecca Remos, of Athens College Academy, Athens, Ala.

The prize in Class II ($20) to Miss Frederika Pope Lewis, Waynesville, N. C.

The prize in Class III ($20) to Miss Alice M. Crone, Tampa, Fla.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT MARSHALL

We have just closed ten days of revival effort at Marshall. W. I. Hughes, well known as a successful combination of pastor and evangelist came to us on Sunday evening. I never heard preaching better adapted to mobilize Church forces and awaken sinners. He preached on the power of the Spirit; he is original and majestic. His life is given wholly to the Lord. The result was an awakened and reconstructed Church membership in all the denominations, but there were few conversions. It was universally agreed that could he stayed longer there would have been a great revival. There was praise of his work on every hand, and sincere regret that his engagements took him away from us.

Marshall, N. C. J. J. Gray.

LENOIR

We closed a successful ten days' meeting on Tuesday night September 23, resulting in a good revival in the membership of the Church, and in twenty-one accessions on profession of faith, with a few others to join later. Revs. H. C. Sprinkle and H. G. Allen were with us for nine days, Brother Sprinkle doing the preaching (with the exception of two good sermons by Brother Allen), and Brother Allen leading the singing. Both of these brethren did very fine work for us, and have thereby greatly endeared themselves to the people of Lenoir.

Next Sunday, October 5, our new Church is to be dedicated by Bishop Darlington. We are expecting a great day, a happy day for our people, who have built and paid for this splendid building in a little more than two years. Who has surpassed their record in this enterprise.

R. D. Sherrill.

CENTENARY PHILATHEAS

The Philathea Class of Centenary church, Greensboro is doing more work for the Kingdom than the public realizes. Under the leadership of such people as Mrs. R. L. Thompson, President, Mrs. E. A. Long, treasurer, and Mr. C. H. Ross, teacher, with an active membership of over fifty, the class is doing some very praiseworthy things.

Aside from the Sunday morning study periods and the frequent business meetings, the class has taken upon themselves the responsibility for the support of a splendid young Greensboro girl by the name of Miss Mary Burton, who is now in the Orphanage at Vashti, Georgia. The members of the class have pledged themselves for the support of the girl, and they regularly meet their pledges.

Last Tuesday night, for example, the class held an Apron Social meeting in the church, which was attended by around two hundred guests. An interesting program was rendered.

LENOIR

Our Church at Lenoir was dedicated by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, and the Littlejohn's Church, seven miles from Lenoir, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The Bishop was assisted in these services by Revs. W A. Newell, D. M. Litaker, R. M. Courtney, and R. G. Tuttle.

Yesterday was a great and happy day for Lenoir and Caldwell Methodism, a day long to be remembered. The people gathered in large numbers for these two special services. The Bishop preached two very appropriate sermons, great in inspiration and power, and the influence of which will abide for years to come. The Bishop's visit to these two Churches were great occasions for the Churches.

Our people at Lenoir are happy in the consummation of their Church building enterprise. They have fine equipment for Church work, and will go forward.

Brother Newell is completing two hard and very successful year's work on the Statesville District, and his return is hoped for and expected by our people in Lenoir.

R. D. Sherrill.

LOVE'S CHAPEL, WALKERTOWN

Our meeting in which we were assisted by Dr. G. T. Rowe, of Winston-Salem, and Prof J. Owen Long, of Harrisburg, Va., came to a close Sunday night, September 14, 1919, resulting in eighteen accessions to the Church.

Dr. Rowe preached a gospel that brought conviction to the hearts of sinners and built up the faith of the saints. It is being said by the people of this community that no better preaching was ever heard in these parts.

Prof. Long led the singing with ease and left for himself a splendid name. One of the best things which he accomplished was that of lining up the children. His "Sunshine Choir" did splendid work.

Recently two splendid Sunday school class rooms costing $550 have been built and paid for by class No. 14, composed of young men in their teens, and the Wesley Bible class, which is young yet, but doing excellent work. The Sunday school as a whole, led by Superintendent W. N. Poindexter, is doing fine work.

The Ladies' Aid Society has raised during the year about $350. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has already paid their pledges for the year. The Young People's Missionary Society led by Mrs. P. F. Hanes is doing excellent work.

The interest in all these societies is fine. In fact, everything is looking up at Loves Church. These are fine people to serve.

J. C. Harmon.

THE MARION DISTRICT

From the viewpoint of this superannuate the standard of our pastorate and presiding eldership is higher, and the work being done is more efficient and productive of good fruit, than ever before in the history of our Southern Methodism. From the high shelf on which we worn out ones rest and wait, we have a view of the whole field. We are more than glad now to make special mention of the Marion district of our Conference. In its present geographical shape it is compact and convenient and easily reached. The district embraces some of the most prosperous business and manufacturing towns and fine farming sections in the State. The citizens are true blue Americans, and those who are Methodists are whole-souled and full-hearted Methodists. Under the wise and popular leadership of lovable presiding elder, Rev. Parker Holmes, the district has developed and gone forward and upward; and the finest report is now in waiting from the district to the earliest Conference in all our history. Bishop Darlington will be requested and urged to return Brother Holmes to the district to finish the excellent work he now has in hand. Yes, our beloved Parker must return to us, not at our call only, but in answer to the call of the needs of the Church. The return of Brother Shelton to this pastoral charge is desired and expected. He has a beautiful grip upon the hearts and lives of the young people, the golden hope of the future great Church; and Brother Shelton is a capital young preacher, too.

S. M. Davis.

ROANOKE ISLAND

I suppose it is about time you had a word from Roanoke Island. We are still alive and on the job over here.

We made a successful drive for the Centenary, and came out with a good surplus without credits.

We have had good revivals at both of our churches. These meetings resulted in fifty-three additions on profession of faith; and we feel that the spiritual life of the church has been quickened, an evidence of which may be seen in the increased attendance at church and Sunday school since the meetings. Some of our people that had never paid any attention to the church are now very enthusiastic. We did our own preaching, and part of the time during the meetings we had to fight the malaria, as well as the devil; we had a regular old shake every other day, but still stuck to the job.

Our Sunday schools are doing fine work, but we miss our young people that are away teaching and going to school. We furnish a number of teachers to other places, and we have about twenty-five young people away attending school. All of these young people are missed by the church and their parents. I think I am in position to feel that this year as never before. My two boys have gone to Trinity Park School, and when people tell me it is lonesome when the children leave home, I will know what they mean now. Pray for all of our young people that have been called away from home.

The people here have been very kind to us, and I feel that we have some of as fine Christian characters here as can be found anywhere. We are doing some repair work on the church at Manteo, and are installing an acetylene gas plant. We ask an interest in the prayers of all good people for this work.

E. L. Stack.

NORTH LENOIR

For about ten weeks I have been in revival work in my own meetings and assisting other pastors. I trust some good has been accomplished in these meetings. I exchanged work with Brother Reavis, of Dudley Shoals, in two meetings. He is doing a fine work and is much loved by his people. He gets around among his people at a lively rate with his Ford. Brother Allen, of Granite Falls, helped me in two meetings. He is a "combination preacher" in many ways. Not only is he a "whole camp meeting" in himself as a singer and preacher, but he is better than the sheriff and revenue officers in breaking up distilleries. He can find "blind tigers" where no one else suspects them. He seems to be doing a great work at Granite Falls. If he don't hurry up and decide on some one of the nice, good girls he is interested in, he will soon be bordering on old bachelorhood. One of the best ways to help these "boy preachers," as they call themselves, is to give them right of way to practice preaching in your charge. One of our most successful pastor-evangelists (the pastor of Main Street, Gastonia) was converted in one of my meetings on the first charge I served, when I was a boy preacher myself. Some years after he spent a summer with me in revival work and there discovered that he could do more good as a pastor-evangelist than as an independent evangelist. The presidents of Davenport and Louisburg Colleges, respectively, practiced a little on my people while they were learning how to preach. That's how I know they have some big sermons. I heard them in the making. Give the boys a chance, for they will soon be the men. No matter how much education one has he must learn to preach by preaching just as one learns to plow by plowing.

John M. Price.

REVIVAL IN ELM CITY CHARGE

We have just closed a glorious meeting out at Mount Zion Church. The people of that Church have taken great interest in the services. They have attended the services real well I think. We began our meeting Sunday, September 14. The pastor preached Sunday afternoon and night. Rev. E. C. Durham, of Goldsboro, N. C., came to us on Monday and preached for us both afternoon and night until Saturday. The pastor then ran the meeting on and closed it Sunday morning. I believe that the last service was the best service of the whole meeting. It was at this service that the greatest manifestations were made. Many made their start to heaven for the first time. There were also a great number who made a renewal of their vows to God to continue faithful until the crown should be won. It was indeed a glorious service for any one to witness. There were the old and the young, the professing Christian and the sinner mingling together all seeking to meet each other in that heavenly home which Jesus has gone to prepare for all that love Him and serve Him in this world.

There are several talented and consecrated young people in this community who took especial interest in the singing. We had four additions to the Church, and several more are expecting to join in the near future.

Brother Durham is a good preacher. He is so whole-souled and spiritual in his preaching, and at the same time friendly and cheerful and easy to get acquainted with, that he won his way immediately into the hearts of those good people.

We are by no means asleep here at Elm City, although the Advocate has not heard from us in a long time. We are trying to hold up the banner of our great Captain the best we can. The Lord is with us and is giving us strength day by day. The people are real good to us here. We are thoroughly grateful to every one who has in the least contributed to our happiness. May God bless every one.

Rev. A. B. Crumpler is to hold a meeting with us beginning the third Sunday in October. We are looking forward to a genuine Pentecostal revival. Dear readers, don't forget to add us to your prayer list, please. This old place needs a revival very much. We have not had a good revival here in several years. We are praying for its coming.

Of course Elm City charge will not come up short when Conference comes in November.

METHODISM IN WILKES COUNTY AND ELSE

The writer has lived in Wilkes county for nearly two years and has given some study to conditions here. Agriculture and lumber are its chief industries. North Wilkesboro does considerable manufacturing and mercantile business. Fruits, Irish potatoes, poultry, roots and herbs are bought and shipped from here in great quantities. It has been said on good authority that the blackberry crop gathered and canned the past season was worth as much as the county's wheat crop. The population is about 35,000 people and is almost entirely rural. Among them are some as fine people as the state affords, but there are a great many who need much better religious and educational advantages than is now afforded them.

Methodism is weak in the county, very weak outside of the two Wilkesboros—weaker than some years ago, nor is it gaining strength to any appreciable extent. The M. E. and M. P. Churches are here, but they are much weaker than ours. The Presbyterians are in the two Wilkesboros only. There are a few Primitive Baptists. The Missionary Baptists are in the great ascendency in numbers and wealth, having nearly 100 Churches and a like number of preachers in the county. This has been the condition for scores of years. Still a vast majority of the people are not members of any Church. Only 30 per cent belong to any Church. (Possibly 95 per cent of the population are white people.)

From the above statement of facts is it not easy to see that here is a great opportunity and a ripe harvest? From a Methodist view point, we must do better, or a worse condition is upon us. I was told by the leading Baptist layman in the county, perhaps, that there was not an evergreen Baptist Sunday school in the county out side of the Wilkesboros. And many of their Churches are without preaching during a large part of the winter. Are these conditions ever to remain so? I sincerely hope not. The people from prejudice, or else, will not attend the ordinary services in our Churches. If we are to accomplish anything for God and ourselves in this county, men of grace, grit, preaching ability and "stickability" must be sent here with the assurance they will be amply cared for financially by the Board of Missions or out of the Centenary funds. If this is done for a few years, I firmly believe we can and will grow. And we will in the mean time prod our brethren of other denominations to greater activity and zeal. Signs of their awakening now in spots are manifested. I believe it is worth trying.

The camp meeting was a great and successful pioneer for the establishing of Methodism in the counties east of the mountains. It is my deliberate opinion and matured judgment that it would do a like work in this county. These people do not know what Methodism is. They need to know. Ignorance and prejudice keep them away from our Churches. They would go to the camp meeting; and, once there, they could see and hear the gospel, and, as in the olden times, many would be saved and brought into the Methodist Church. What is needed is simply a good, fair chance for them to see and know what the Gospel according to Methodism is. The results will be glorious as in the days of our fathers.

I believe the Methodists up here, few and weak as they are, will do a large part towards providing grounds, buildings, etc., for a camp ground, but to put it on foot to do the good designed and needed, help would be necessary. I truly believe it would be Missionary money well spent, or Centenary money well directed, to assist in establishing a camp meeting in Wilkes county. Something of this kind must be done or we shall have to abandon this attractive and needy field in a few more years in my humble judment after having been over this territory and studied the conditions as best I could. Comparatively little has resulted from the missionary money put into Wilkes for the past several years. Let us try a better and different plan.

Will the brethren interested speak and act with us? I hope so.

W. R. Ware.

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES

One of the most enjoyable and promising occasions ever held at Trinity College was the celebration on October 2 and 3 of Benefactor's Day. Instead of the old program of exercises consisting of announcement by the President of the donations of the year and an address by some invited guest one treating the general theme of the needs and opportunities of the college and how to meet them was substituted. The Board of Trustees and representative alumni from various parts of the state attended the exercises and the theme was presented from every standpoint —that of the trustees, the alumni, the undergraduate, the faculty, and the church. It was noted with great satisfaction by those who arranged the program that this means the bringing back to the college while it is at work friends and former students to participate in deliberations on the problems of the college met with high favor on all sides. The attendance at this first reunion was most gratifying, and the prediction was freely made these fall meetings with the purpose of taking and giving counsel in behalf of the college will quickly develop into a powerful source of help.

The address of Mr. J. H. Separk, of Gastonia, president of the Alumni Association, on the opening night was typical of the several short addresses made at the three meetings. It was a ringing appeal to all alumni to give unsparingly of their time and thought and means to the college. It was full of optimism and expressed the belief that the college is facing its greatest era of devolpment. It assured the audience that the great gymnasium will soon be started. It also expressed the common determination of friends and alumni and all others connected in any way with the college to equip the institution in such a way as to make possible and sure its ever increasing service to the great causes of mankind.

President Few read a long list of donations to the college during the last year. Among them were gifts of thousands of dollars in cash to be added to the running expenses of the college and others to establish scholarships and loan funds in memory of deceased friends and relatives of the givers. A striking gift was that of Messrs Benjamin N. and James B. Duke of $24,000 to make unnecessary any retrenchment this year in the working forces of the college. The sum total of subscriptions to the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium amounted to over $60,000. The late Mr. B. D. Heath, of Charlotte, gave $2,000 for scholarships and $3,000 for loan funds. Mr. S. G. Ring and family, of Kernersville, established a $1,000 scholarship in memory of Mr. John T. Ring, who fell in France. Dr. John W. Neal, of Monroe, North Carolina, has established a loan in memory of his son, John W. Neal, Jr., who died in Trinity College last year. Reverend G. W. Vick and wife, of Kannapolis, N. C. have recently given to the college $1,000 to be applied to the A. D. Betts Loan Fund. Among the most touching of recent gifts was one made by county superintendent Holland Holton and wife in honor of their little son, Winfred Quinton Holton, who died only a few days ago. The gift embraces war saving stamps owned by the little boy, and the proceeds of the fund are to be devoted as a reward for investigations in primary education. The many friends of Mr. James H. Southgage, who was for so many years closely identified with the college, will be interested to know that a movement headed by many of Durham's most able business and professional men has been started to build at Trinity College a lasting memorial to this great man. On the opening night of the exercises Mr. R. O. Everett, a prominent attorney of the city of Durham, who was the first to suggest such a step, delivered a remarkable address on Mr. Southgate in which he protrayed the noble qualities of this man in a striking way and concluded the address by the announcement that the city of Durham had determined to build at Trinity College a woman's building in memory of Mr. Southgate. General Julian S. Carr was announced as the honorary chairman of the Southgate Memorial Association. He expressed his appreciation of this honor and promised his full co-operation with the movement to build at the college this great building in honor of his dead friend.

It is believed that before college opens next September these several movements to add to the physical equipment of the college will have resulted in several new buildings on the campus. At present the most

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Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

NOTICE

The Rockingham District Meeting will be held in Laurinburg, N. C., October 29-30.

Elect your delegates and send names at once to Mrs. John D. Shaw, Laurinburg, N. C.

Georgia Biggs, District Secretary.

AYDEN AUXILIARY

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Ayden Church, held a most intersting meeting, September 24, at the home of one of the members, Mrs. J. J. Lauren. It was our Missionary Study meeting and the twenty members who were present for this final chapter on Working Women of the Orient testified to the gain they had gotten from the study of this book on Missions, a committee was appointed to select another book for our class by the next meeting. That is one of our strong points, the study and earnest work of all the assigned committees. One of our members Mrs. Anna L. Grimes, who was a domestic science demonstrator for Columbia University, has offered to help us raise funds to make a payment on our parsonage recently built. At the close of the meeting our hostess served a delicious salad course.

The Second Generation Returns

No more welcome aid is likely to go out from America to the liberated and war-torn countries of Europe and the Near East than the little groups of the daughters of immigrants brought up in America, imbued with American ideals, trained in American high schools and colleges who are now offering their services to the lands of their fathers, in whatever capacity they may be most needed. Forty of them, just now, representing fifteen nationalities, are living and studying together in the Training School for Old Country Service established in New York city by the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. The women range in age from twenty-one to forty-five, most of them between twenty-five and thirty; some of them have been engaged in social work, some are entirely new to it. All are enthusiastic in the desire to go overseas and aid in the reconstruction of the Old World. The six weeks' course is designed to give fundamentals rather than complete instruction in the different branches of work. Methods in elementary education—to give the theory of organizations and leadership as applied to work with children—industrial and economic history of women. health and education—with special reference to home hygiene, infant welfare, maternity care, contagious diseases—theory of social work—includes institutional visiting—are required subjects; among the elective ones are medical social problems, rural problems, folks dancing, home cookery, house-keeping, handicrafts, story telling, community singing.—Survey.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

A WORD PERSONAL

My Dear Co-Workers:

As was announced by Mrs. A. M. Gates, President of Woman's Missionary Society, of North Carolina Conference, in the issue of Advocate of September 25, I have been chosen editor of the Woman's Page, with Mrs. V. Royster, of Raleigh, as my able and efficient associate editor.

I realize fully the great responsibility that the editorship of this joint page brings with it and feel that I cannot rely upon my own strength but must look to Him who can strengthen me for any duty which may come to me.

Mrs. Royster and I are exceedingly anxious to make this page a live one—one that will reflect great credit upon the splendid work that the women of our two Conferences are doing, but in order to accomplish this end we must have the hearty co-operation of all our workers in both Conferences. Will you not help us in our efforts to this desired aim?

We feel indebted to each one who has contributed to the success of the page in the past, but we do want to insist that you continue to give us your co-operation.

And we also ask that you pray for the success of this page that God may be with your editor and associate editor, as they each week endeavor to bring before the societies the information relating to our great missionary work.—Mrs. W. R. Harris Editor Woman's Page.

MISS HASKIN

We regret to learn that Miss Sara Estelle Haskin, the live and capable editor of the Young Christian Worker, who has spent the summer at Weaverville for rest from the strenuous duties of her office, was the victim of an unfortunate accident recently. Miss Haskin was horseback riding with a friend and was thrown from the horse suffering painful and most serious injuries. While no bones were broken Miss Haskin has suffered intensely and at this writing is still unable to leave her bed. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

NEW ORGANIZATION

On Sunday, September 14, an adult missionary society was organized at Speedwell, on the Waynesville District, by the District secretary, Mrs. M. D. Cowan. These are the officers: President, Mrs. Sarah Tilley; first vice-president, Mrs. Z. V. Watson; second vice-president, Mrs. John Hooper; corresponding and recording secretary, Miss Bertha Hooper; treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Holden; superintendent Mission Study, Miss Davie Coward; superintendent Social Service Mrs. Lee Hooper; superintendent Supplies, Miss Fannie Rogers.

TO THE WOMEN OF AMERICA

Have you enlisted in the great mission study drive? "A call to colors," a Mission Study in every auxiliary, every woman and child a member. The Mission Study class is the training camp where leaders are developed; the ammunition is the text books (See new Prospectus which may be obtained from Conference Superintendent of Mission Study.)

October is the Mission Study campaign month and let us try during the next few weeks to enlist a greater number of societies in this department of our missionary work.

If you want to organize and have not the literature you may need, write your Conference superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. R. M. Courtney, Thomasville, N. C., of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. T. A. Person, Greenville, N. C., of the North Carolina Conference, who will gladly send you any information and helps that you may desire. Let us strive to increase the number of study classes in each Conference.

We are indebted to Mrs. Hume R. Steele, educational secretary of the Board of Missions, for the following names of the young women who have been accepted for the Scarritt Bible and Training School for the coming year.

These young women added to the students of last year and the self-supporting students, make an enrollment of between sixty and sixty-five, at the Training School. We all feel proud of these young women who are offering themselves to the service of their Master and pray God's richest blessings upon each of them. It is gratifying to know that so many of our young women are applying for admission to the school, we regret that in a great many cases they cannot be accepted because they cannot meet the qualifications necessary, because of lack of thorough edcuational preparation. It is absolutely necessary that each young woman applying must have at least two years of college instruction, so let all who are expecting to fit themselves for life service in either the home or foreign work, remember these education qualifications that are so neccessary.

We are glad to find in this list of names two from the North Carolina Conference, Miss Mary Ella McCall, of Windsor, N. C., and Miss Lucille Womble, of Goldston, N. C., and two from Western North Carolina Conference, Miss Fannie Bame, of Greensboro, and Miss Mabel Cocke, of Mooresville, N. C. We hope that others from our Conferences may hear this call to service and respond with a dedication of their lives to the missionary work.

CANDIDATES ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEES ON APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, APRIL 26 TO SEPTEMBER 17, 1919

Home field, North Carolina Conference, Miss Mary Ella McCall, Windsor, N. C.; Western North Carolina Conference, Miss Fannie Augusta Bame, Greensboro, N. C.; Louisville Conference, Miss Mary A. Dougherty Hopkinsville, Ky; Louisiana Conference, Miss Nell C. Richardson, Baton Rouge, La. Foreign Field: North Carolina Conference, Miss Lucille Womble, Goldston, N. C.; Western North Carolina Conference, Miss Mabel A. Cocke, Mooresville, N. C.; Memphis Conference, Miss Buna Benson Mason, Mayfield Ky.; Miss Mary Dill Overall, Dyer Tenn.; St. Louis Conference, Miss Ophelia Bobbitt, St. Louis, Mo.; South Georgia Conference, Miss Clara Howard, Kathleen, Ga.; Miss Georgia Uhels, Perry, Ga.; Miss Kathleen Knox, Lumber City, Ga., Miss Mary Louise Searcy, Thomasville, Ga., Miss Susan Willard Brown, Boston, Ga.; Miss Mary Helen Rosser, Cordele, Ga.; Central Texas Conference, Miss Gladys L. Briggs, Waxahachie, Texas; Miss Ione Clay, Dublin, Texas; West Texas Conference; Miss Carlyne Trautwein, Shiner Texas; Alabama Conference, Miss Mary Vick Mauk ,Troy, Ala; Mississippi Conference, Miss Willie G. Hall, Walnut Grove; Miss Myrtle Pollard, Battesville, Miss; Miss Anne Deavours, Laurel, Miss; North Alabama Conference, Miss Ha Soo Whang, Athens, Ala; East Oklahoma Conference, Miss Emma Leila Eldridge, Tulsa, Okla; Little Rock Conference, Miss Lillian Wahl, Hope, Ark.

Miss Ha Soo Whang, Athens, Ala. has accepted a position with the Y. W. C. A. in Honolulu.

Miss Lucille Womble, Goldston, N. C., the doctor gave a good health record and then advised Miss Womble personally that she could not stand foreign climate. She has decided to teach another year to test her condition.

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Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

NEW BERN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By invitation from the pastor, Rev. H. A. Humble, I spent Sunday, Sept. 28th, in New Bern. It was my privilege to speak to the congregations at Centenary Church in the morning and Riverside at night. Methodists in New Bern are planning for great things in the Sunday schools. They have adopted an educational program that, when carried into effect, will make the present work more efficient and prepare for the future. Miss Sarah Leslie has been elected director and teacher of training for Centenary Church. Three classes in training have been organized. One is for the teachers in service and meets for study one evening each week. The others are for young people in preparation for teaching and meet at the Sunday school hour. Competent teachers have been secured for all these.

Rev. H. B. Hill, pastor of Riverside Church, has organized a class of young people in training for teachers and has secured the services of Prof. Williams as teachers.

At a meeting of pastors, officers and teachers in Centenary Church Monday night plans were set on foot for an Every Member Canvass of the Methodist churches in the interest of the Sunday schools.

New Bern Methodists are also planning for a Community Training School to be held some time in January. They have decided to leave nothing undone that might contribute to the training of their teachers for greater service in the Master's kingdom.

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SOME THINGS EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD DO THIS MONTH

The following are some of the things that we believe every Sunday school ought to undertake at some time, and, since many have not already done these things, we are suggesting them for October:

Every school ought to set apart one day as Rally Day, with an attractive program planned and carried out. Special invitations should be given to all who ought to be in the school and have not been attending.

At least one class in Teacher Training ought to be organized in every school. If the pastor or superintendent is not available for teacher, then one of the class members may be selected as leader. The class can study the work together. Be sure your class is enrolled with the Department of Teacher Training in Nashville.

An Every Member canvass ought to be made of the church in the interest of the Sunday school. Blank record cards will be furnished by the office at Nashville. This canvass will stimulate interest in the Sunday school, and secure new members.

The school should subscribe to the Church School for every officer and teacher. It may be secured for one dollar each in clubs of five or more mailed to one address. Send all orders to Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, Nashville,

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A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

You ought to have been with us last Sunday. We had Rally Day in our Sunday school and it certainly did stir up the folks. Seems like everybody is talking about it. It's funny how folks will wake up and take notice when somebody starts to do something extra. Well, we had one hundred and twenty-two people out. Nearly every one there said they would come regularly after this. You know I have decided that the reason folks don't go to Sunday school any more than they do is because we don't give them anything worth while when they come.

We had a good program in the school for Rally Day, but the best thing was the talk by the pastor. He is certainly stirred up over this subject of Training Teachers. Anybody can see that teachers have got to know what they are doing before we can have a good Sunday school. But it is mighty hard to get teacners to take a class these days, much less to get them to study and prepare for it. I feel the need for a Teacher Training class though, and am going to do my best to organize one. I don't think I'll use the volunteer method, but the draft method. I've noticed that when people volunteer in public so cheerfully they back out in private with a grouch. I'm going to select my crowd. I wish you would suggest somebody to teach them.

Yours very truly,
Supt. of New Town S. S.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

RALLY DAY AT ASHEBORO

One of the best prepared and most evenly balanced Rally Day programs I ever noted was given by the Asheboro school on the last Sunday in Septembekr. Two things have recently been worked out by this school that are proving noteworthy successes. Both featured in the Rally Day program.

First, much attention is being given to the boys and young men of the school. They have been enlisted in a chorus class and have been regularly trained, trained so well that every one of them can stand right up on both feet and look you in the face and sing to beat the band. There were more boys singing, listen, singing, than girls.

Second, the Beginners and Primary children have recently been placed in a school of their own, the church having to be enlarged to make the arrangement. Consequently this department has over doubled itself in two months. Brother Erwin, the pastor of the church, tells me that it is wonderful to note the way Mrs. J. A. Spence, the superintendent of this department, handles her work. He likes to visit that part of the school. Of course these children played a prominent part in the Rally Day. What would a Rally Day be anyway without children?

Mr. J. O. Redding is the superintendent at Asheboro and he is trying to make the most of his work. He has not solved it all yet but he is on the job, and not merely going over beaten paths.

HALLELUJAH!

"Five Wesley Classes applied for charters today, one Wesley adult and four intermediates. Teacher-Training class just organized with every teacher taking the course. Prof. F. M. Williams is the teacher. He is a Sunday school expert. Have ordered 15 copies of The Church School, one for each teacher, superintendent and pastor. Send us some information relative to Graded Lesson, our next move. Watch Wadesboro school come right up to the top notch."

So writes pastor E. R. Welch, of Wadesboro. I understand that Mr. Paul J. Kiker former superintendent of public instruction of Anson county, is the new superintendent at Wadesboro.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The first night of Conference will this year, as usual, be set aside for promoting the interests of the Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference. A slight departure in the order of the exercises will prevail this year. One hour will be spent in discussing the following topics.

1. Worship in the Sunday School.
   W. A. Lambeth
2. The Elementary Division of the Sunday School
   O. V. Woosley
3. The Qualifications of a Good Superintendent
   G. L. Hackney
4. The Wesley Bible Class Movement
   J. M. Holland
5. The Whole Church in the Sunday School
   D. E. Henderson
6. The Pastor's Relation to His Sunday School
   W. E. Poovey
7. The Sunday School and Evangelism
   H. H. Jordan

No speaker will be permitted to run over time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

It is very important that the figures dealing with Sunday school facts be full and correct. It is hoped that any having to do with this important matter will be diligent in getting the true situation. It ought not to be said of Sunday school satistics that one can prove anything from them.

"Total Sunday School Enrollment" does not mean the enrollment for merely the last quarter but a bona fide enrollment for the whole year. So frequently this year I have met this statement: "Those figures are not right." Be sure to give the right name for superintendent, together with correct postoffice. He is a big personage in my estimation.

ATTENDANCE AT THOMASVILLE

Superintendent Chas. F. Lambeth, of the Thomasville school, keeps up with things. One of his aims is to first get and keep people in his school. Note how well he succeeded during the hot summer weather.

Attendance in 1919

January	5th	12th	19th	26th	
	157	230	286	219	
February	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	
	289	252	321	303	
March	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
	329	356	362	386	403
April	6th	13th	20th	27th	
	407	407	378	423	
May	4th	11th	18th	25th	
	428	500	497	214	
June	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
	446	434	431	404	383
July	6th	13th	20th	27th	
	355	363	244	373	
August	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
	348	342	359	348	350

THE CHURCH SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

The Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference are asked to secure 684 new suscriptions during October for our new Sunday school magazine, The Church School, a magazine of 48 pages dealing with live principles and methods for live Sunday school workers. The price of this monthly magazine is one dollar the year, if taken in clubs of five or more to one address.

Every school ought to have this magazine coming to it with its regular order of literature. So many teachers would do more if they had new ideas coming to them every once in the while. The greatest trouble I see with our schools, save a lack of religious earnestness, is routine. The Church School breaks up routine. Take a dose every month.

Sample copies have been forwarded to many superintendents, together with an appeal that their school subscribe for this magazine, the combined best efforts of three leading denominations, the M. E Church, the M. E. Church South and the Congregational Church.

I am going to publish a list of those schools which state their good work along this line. Get on the "Church School Honor Roll" next week.

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Since cold weather is beginning to make itself felt, I am reminded very forcefully that we are short on quilts, blankets and sheets. Just the other day, Mrs. Jenkins, our Orphanage mother, spoke to me about our needs along this line. Those who are comfortable and warm will not forget our children and let them sleep cold. Let me thank our big-hearted friends for responding to this suggestion.

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Five barrels of flour from Brother C. G. Morris, of Washington, N. C., found their way to our storage room one day last week. Brother Morris is one of the leading laymen of the Washington district and finds his highest joy in making sacrifices for our Home. Such kindly remembrances in these days of H. C. of living is doubly appreciated. As he shares his blessings with us may he find the saying true that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

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Last Monday Bishop Darlington made our Home a brief visit which was sincerely appreciated. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the surroundings. He thinks we have exceptionally good buildings and a beautiful campus. As he had only a few minutes to stay we did not call the children together in the chapel so he could make them a short talk. The next time he comes we hope he can stay longer and see all of our big family in one body. We are indebted to Brothers J. E. Underwood and D. N. Caviness for bringing the good bishop over.

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Last Saturday afternoon we had the pleasure of entertaining the Holly Springs Sunday school. The school came over in automobiles and large auto trucks. Our children sang and recited which was enjoyed by the visitors. All the buildings were visited and the various places of interest about the campus. It is hoped that many of our Sunday schools will follow the example set by Holly Springs Sunday school and have their annual picnics on our spacious campus. The young people who come and see what we are doing will become more interested in our great Methodist Orphanage. For that reason, as well as for others, we invite our Methodist Sunday schools to have their picnics on our grounds.

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Soon after coming to the Orphanage I learned the names of many of our staunch friends. These have continued to share their substance with us each year while others have been added to the list. Among those who take delight in getting under our burdens is Brother A. Cameron, of Vass. His great heart ever goes out in the tenderest sympathy toward those who have lost home and dear ones. Upon my return to the office a few days ago I found his check for three hundred dollars to help us pay our big store accounts which are exceptionally large this fall by reason of soaring prices on groceries and clothes and every other thing which we have to buy. Brother Cameron has the gratitude of every one of our two hundred and forty children for his liberal contribution. It does my heart good just to know that we have friends who are standing back of us in our financial affairs. They know what it costs to live these times and they are not unmindful of our urgent and growing needs Thanks to one and all who so unselfishly remember us in the times of our greatest need.

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It is a source of great sorrow to me to announce that we will not be able to take any more children before the first of next July. Our room is all taken and there are hundreds who need to find shelter at the Methodist Orphanage. My heart is pained to have to write these sad words. It seems so heartless to close the only doors of hope in the faces of so many innocent and helpless orphan children who are begging for a Christian home like ours. It does seem to me if the good Lord had blessed me with material prosperity like he has so many throughout our Conference, I would covet the privilege of erecting a cottage for thirty or forty of those out "in the night crying for the light with no language but a cry." I long to see the day come when our great Methodist church will say to every Orphan child in our State that we will give them a home, love and tender sympathy. May the good Spirit touch the heart of some of our well-to-do Methodist folks and make another dormitory possible to meet the pressing needs that are now upon us!

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A visit to Beaufort is always a delightful experience and especially so when the thermometer is running high. When I arrived there several days ago I found a delightfully refreshing breeze which was enjoyed to the fullest extent. Brother R. F. Bumpas was in a distant State for the benefit of his companion whose health is somewhat impaired. Two fine congregations greeted me at the church on Sunday. It was a rare privilege to look into the faces of those to whom I ministered for a short while before coming to the Orphanage. The fact that I was pastor of this old, historic church will always be a source of genuine joy to me. As the years come and go I trust that a good Providence will make it possible for me to make an occasional pilgrimage to the kind, hospitable town by the sea.

I never visit Ann Street Methodist Church without having my heart gladdened by the offering they send to our orphan children. The members gave me about eighty dollars in cash and Brother C. P. Dey promised to give one hundred and twenty dollars for the support of a child for the coming year as he has done this year. The beauty about the offering from my good Beaufort friends is that it was voluntary. I never took any collection at the Church or asked any one for help on the street or elsewhere. Such giving is highly appreciated.

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Hyde County

The secretary has just returned from a trip through Hyde county in which he visited all of the charges and most of the churches in that unique section of our Conference. Hyde county is a state in itself. Methodism is strong in that section. Nearly all of the churches in the county went way over their quota and those churches that had not made their quota enthusiastically agreed to raise it in the near future. Likewise, every Methodist church in Hyde county is either taking Mission Specials or planning to take them up immediately. The congregations were large and deeply interested in the message. What our church needs there is more preachers and more buildings and more intensive work. The territory is too large to be covered by three men, which is all that we have in that county at this time. Brother Singleton on the Swan Quarter charge, with the presiding elder, are making plans for the missionary enlargement of his territory. The church at Englehart on the Mattamuskeet circuit is planning for a handsome new building. Several thousand dollars have already been raised for this work.

The crops are abundant and the prospects are fine for unusual prosperity in Hyde this fall and winter. The people are happy and hopeful. The church has a right to expect great things from these prosperous farmers.

Specials

It is too early after the close of the week for the drive for specials to give a complete statement as to the number taken in the North Carolina Conference. From the reports that are coming to us, however, we estimate that more than one hundred specials have been assigned. It is impossible yet to state the sum of money involved in these specials, but it is quite likely that, at least, a million dollars of our quota will be diverted to mission specials. When this work is complete and the reports are fully in we shall be pleased to publish a statement giving the complete list of specials taken by churches and individuals. In the meantime if you have not made your application, rush it in so that you may be reported in the list of specials yet to be published.

Collections

We have just received a letter from Col. J. E. Edgerton, general Centenary treasurer, showing that the large churches in the big towns and cities are further behind in their collections than the circuits and country churches. It is possible that the treasurers of the large city churches are waiting for the people to come and voluntarily make their payments? This money is to be collected just like any other fund and the collection of it will require a great deal of time and energy on the part of the treasurer and those responsible for making the collections. Only a few of the large churches of this Conference have made any remittance at all of moneys collected. The country churches are far ahead of the city churches in this matter. Of the $75,000 sent in to headquarters from this Conference more than three-fourths of it comes from the country in small amounts. Let the treasurers of the big churches get busy. We want to see some checks in four figures and five figures.

College Evangelism

The joint evangelistic committee which is composed of the stated committee on evangelism and the Centenary commission is arranging for a series of revival meetings to be held in all the colleges and schools under the control of our denomination between now and Christmas. A systematic effort is being made to enlist all of these schools in a revival which shall serve definite goals. The first goal is the spiritual conversion of every student in the college. The second is the enlistment of volunteers for the ministry and for mission work in home and foreign fields. The third is the enlistment of time service volunteers, namely, those who will agree to give a certain number of hours every day or week for religious work. The fourth is the placing of a mission special in every school in the connection.

For this work about seventy-five of the best qualified evangelistic preachers in the conference have been enlisted. These men come from the ranks of the bishops, general evangelists, college presidents, missionary secretary and successful pastors with evangelistic gifts. A group of fifteen of these workers from the southeast section met at Atlanta Wednesday, October 1. At this group meeting plans for conducting the revival and the methods and goals of the work were thoroughly discussed. The conviction is deep among these men that such a revival is of imperative need. This, of course, is to be in conjunction with the evangelistic campaing now being arranged by the joint committee. This work will be conducted with very little expense as the labor of the evangelists is to be volunteered. The only expense will be the incidental expense of setting up the program in each school. This is paid by the Centenary commission.

Home Missions

At the executive committee meeting of the North Carolina Board of Missions at Rocky Mount, September 18, the missionary secretary made partial report of his studies and investigations concerning the development of home mission work in our Conference. His report seemed to be enthusiastically favored by the entire committee. While the plans are not yet complete we have gone far enough with our thinking and planning to make some preliminary statement.

Ten per cent of the Centenary money raised by this Conference is to be returned to the North Carolina Board of Missions for use in the home field. If the pledges already made are paid in full the annual income of this Conference will be $35,000 from this source. When this is added to the regular missionary income and the church extension money available for our use we shall have approxmiately $60,000 a year for the development of our home work. To use this money without materially developing our work and showing results wothy the expenditure would be worse than folly, it would be a sin. The policy which shall guide the Board of Missions for the use of this money is now under serious consideration. It is proposed that we strengthen at least two of the weak spots in our work. We desire to open up some new rural mission territory and to develop a more complete policy and program for the country church. We also desire to do the similar thing for the city mission church especially with reference to the cotton mill section.

At the next meeting of the board of missions which will be held on Tuesday, November 18, at Wilson, the program for the coming year will be adopted. At this meeting we urge the attendance of every member of the board of missions, both lay and clerical. Matters of vital interest will be discussed and plans made that will probably affect the church for years to come.

The missionary secretary has been investigating the plans of rural development work in other Conferences and churches and is still engaged in studying the details of this part of his work. Various plans for such development will be presented at the forthcoming meeting of the board of missions with specific information concerning their success or failure. The secretary is not trying to develop the policy but he is undertaking to get suggestions and information together by which the board of missions can develop the policy.

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Unsolicited testimonials are the most valuable. Advertisers announce with pride that such and such expressions in praise of their goods were made voluntarily. Those interested in the success of the League are sometimes encouraged by like testimonials. For instance, this writer was one day this week in the company of a number of Methodist preachers and laymen. The Epworth League Anniversary at the coming Annual Conference was under discussion. In this company was a Methodist layman who is doing great good as an evangelistic singer. "All I am," said he, "I owe to the Epworth League."

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARY

Those responsible for the Conference program have been racking their brains to try to see how to get six special interests in, with only four nights at their disposal. Not being able to find the solution to such a knotty problem, we referred it to Bishop Darlington, when he was in Greensboro a few days ago. So far as it affects the League, the decision was to give us from twelve to one o'clock one day of Conference. Bishop Darlington seemed in fine spirits, and is covering his episcopal district as thoroughly as a presiding elder does his. I believe our people will welcome with joy such thoroughgoing episcopal oversight. First hand, personal knowledge of the field is bound to be of immense value to a bishop in directing the work of Conference.

SAVING THE YOUTH

We held a revival meeting in a certain town recently. One night during the meeting the chief of police came to the altar and bowed to pray and rose up to confess Christ. Friends were overjoyed, and crowded about to shake hands and lend a word of encouragement, At the close of the Sunday school service Sunday morning, five boys, ten or twelve years old, came also to pray and confess. No such enthusiasm was in evidence on the part of the church, while the chief's conversion was the talk of the town.

Let no one detract from the importance of adult conversions. On the other hand, the saving of youth will mean vastly more for the years to come. A boy of ten and a man of 50 are converted. They both live out the three score and ten years. One has 20 years of service to render while the other has 60 years. Further, the mature man may help the forces of the wicked one more than he helps the forces of God's kingdom. A man's soul may be saved and yet he may have done vastly more harm than good in the world.

PROGRAM OF BELMONT LEAGUE

The following program was rendered at our League Sept. 28:

Song 176—Bring Them In.

Prayer—Rev. J. E. Thompson.

Scripture Lesson—Acts 8:26-40.

Song 137—Let the Lower Lights Be Burning.

Introduction—Miss Herring.

The Bigness of Africa—Miss Stephenson.

The Purpose of the Epworth League—Mary Ida Armstrong.

Song 111—Somebody.

Shall Africa Stretch Out Her Hands in Vain?—Prof. Fitzgerald.

Africa's Improvements in the Last 40 years.—Rev. J. E. Thompson.

Renewal of pledges (African special).

Announcements.

Song—129 Rescue the Perishing.

League Benediction.

NOTICE TO PASTORS OF SHELBY DISTRICT

Miss Grace Bradley, our Conference organizer, will be in this district from Oct. 6th to 20th to do League work.

If there are any young people in your churches who would be interested in this work, please write Miss Bradley at Canton, N. C., and she will gladly help you with the work.

It was brought out in our district conference minutes that the Epworth League was the most needed organization in our district. Therefore we must get busy and get the young people interested.

Sincerely,
Clyde L. Hager,
District Secretary.

TAKE A SHARE IN AFRICA SPECIAL

The Epworth Leagues have had a distinctive place in the Centenary Cultivation. Beside pledging as church members during the period of the big drive they also made pledges for the continued work in Africa and the advance askings of the Centenary for Africa and the building program of Paine College. In other words Epworth Leaguers have contributed twice in the Centenary askings: First as Epworth Leaguers for the Africa Special, and again as church members.

The slogan for Epworth Leaguers is: A Pledge by Every Chapter; a Pledge by Every Member for the African Special. It is not sufficient that Epworthians raise the money asked for. It is necessary that every member feel his share of the missionary responsibility and enter into the privileges of contributing.

To make the contributors realize the greatest good the entire budget of the General Board work in Africa and the building program of Paine College is reserved for the Epworth League. This has been divided into Specials, and shares made so that every chapter, regardless of its strength, can take a share. If your leagues have not taken a share write the Department of Missionary Work of the Epworth League, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., asking for information.

Rally Day in the Epworth League, September 28th, is the day when all chapters check up their pledges for the African Special and every Leaguer makes his individual pledge. This should be a great day for the Epworthians in conserving the interest of the summer months. Not only this, but recognizing his stewardship of the means intrusted to him will make his pledge.

(Signed) Garfield Evans.

HERE AND THERE

Rev. J. E. Thompson has a live League at Belmont.

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The Shelby district is fortunate in having a wide-a-wake district secretary in the person of Mr. Clyde Hager.

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Miss Grace Bradley is to spend Oct. 6-20 organizing the League work in the Shelby district.

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Rev. A. W. Plyler reports having two of the best Leagues he has ever known; Junior and Senior.

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Mr. G. G. Adams, young local preacher of Mooresville, and grandson of Rev. T. L. Triplett, is now in Trinity College. He received his start in the Epworth League.

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And waited for a groan—
But how he laughed! Do you suppose
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There's sunshine in each word he speaks,
His laugh is something grand;
Its ripples overrun his cheeks,
Like waves on snowy sand.

He laughs the moment he awakes,
And till the day is done;
The schoolroom for a joke he takes;
His lessons are but fun.

No matter how the days may go,
You cannot make him cry;
He's worth a dozen boys I know
Who pout and mope and sigh.
—Exchange.

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PLAIN WHITE

Mary June caught sight of the tired little figure by the big range as soon as she reached the kitchen door. "I'll dish up the potatoes, mother," she called out cheerily.

Mother turned. She was a little frail woman, with soft brown eyes.

"That you, dear?" she said, with a relieved sigh. "Run in, please, and see if the table is all right. Mrs. Jackson is bringing a friend to dinner today and I do want everything to be nice."

"Poor little mother!" she whispered. "She's forgotten to give Mr. Snodgrass a napkin and Mrs. Willets hasn't any fork. It's just a shame she has to work so hard. Boarders are no fun and she has had them so long. If father had just lived," and then Mary June, supplying the missing napkin, sighed a little.

Father had *not* lived and mother had been obliged to work, and work very hard, to keep food in their mouths and a roof over their heads and Mary June in school.

After seeing that the table lacked nothing Mary June went back to the kitchen and for the next few minutes both were so busy that neither spoke. It was just after dinner that the opportunity came.

"Marjory Mills has invited me to her party," said Mary June, suddenly.

"She has?" answered mother, and then just a little shadow crept over the sweet tired face, for Mary June would have to have a new dress if she went to the party, and with the high cost of living, how was she to give it to her?

When her bills were met there was scarcely anything left. For boarders, to be permanent, must be well fed, and Mary June's mother could not economize at *their* expense.

Mary June saw the look, and when she came back from the pantry she put both arms about her. "Now, mother," she said, fondly, "if that party is going to worry you, I won't go."

"But your dress," protested mother, faintly.

"Well," replied Mary June, with a practical air, " I've about figured out the dress. What the other girls wear must not influence me. Wasn't it grandma who used to say that we must not 'measure our oats in other people's half bushels'? In other words, what the rest of the world has need not concern us."

"And I thought," added Mary June, in her sweet young voice, "that if you could get me a few yards of plain white goods I could make it myself after school."

Mother looked at Mary June. "Plain white!" she repeated.

Mary June nodded. "Plain white and nothing else. The goods won't cost much and the making nothing. And I can go to the party after all.

"You remember the little rhyme of the 'Bird's Ball' you used to tell me about, and what Jenny Wren said? The other birds were all going to dress up, but Jenny Wren said:

" 'I must wear my brown gown,
And never look too fine.'

"I'm Jenny Wren and my mother keeps boarders, but when I get to teaching after I have my diploma, *she's* going to rest. We can both have better clothes then, but just now it has to be plain white. Why, mother, I don't care a bit, really. That Alice will wear pink chiffon and Edith blue messaline and Mildred lace does not matter to me. If my mother is willing I will be happy to go in the plain white."

For a moment mother did not reply. She could not. Mary June was such a help, and so unselfish, asking for so little always.

And then she saw Mary June in the plain white, with her sweet, glowing young face and her brown curls, and she knew that even in a plain white dress Mary June would still be Mary June—the sweetest little daughter in the world. It was worth all her struggles to feel that. A tear ran down the pale cheek, but there was joy in her heart.

"We will get the plain white, dear," she said huskily.—Susan Hubbard Martin, in Baptist Boys and Girls.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Adopted By the Woman's Missionary Society, Jacksonville M. E. Church.

Mrs. Lula Hurst Farnell was born November 2nd, 1862, and died August 5, 1919.

Resolved 1. That in the passing of our sister, we have lost a faithful member.

Resolved 2. That we shall miss her going in and out among us.

Resolved 3. That by these resolutions we give expression to our sorrow and extend our heartfelt sympathy to her children, her sister and brothers.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
less deep,
Again turns home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar.

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our society and a copy be sent the family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. W. Burton,
Mrs. E. W. Summersill,
Mrs. Mamie Grimsley,
Committee.

LITTLEJOHN—Thomas J Littlejohn was born August 9, 1846, and died July 31, 1919.

He was never married but he leaves two sisters and one brother to mourn his loss. Although Brother Littlejohn did not join the Church until late in life, he was a consistent Christian and was devoted and loyal to Littlejohns Church.

He was a civil war veteran.

I visited him several times during his illness, and found him resigned to the will of God and possessed of a strong and simple faith in Christ. He was always cheerful and kind and ready to help others. His loss to the community is distinctly felt, though his influence for good will continue with the growing years.

Elmer Simpson.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our much beloved friend and coworker, Mrs. Leila Harris Henderson; therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Missionary Society of Franklinton Methodist Church, of which she was a most excellent and worthy member, wish to record our sincere love and appreciation of the purity, devotion, gentleness and dignity, which marked her high type of a consecrated Christian life.

2. That we will ever cherish the memory of her lovable character, Christian influence, and active service in our society, of which she held the office of treasurer.

3. That we, the surviving members feel deeply our love and will endeavor to follow her shining example in being wholeheartedly true in the service and offerings of our Church and society.

4. We thank God for having felt the influence of her modest, gentle life, radiating its sweetness and power to those about her.

5. We extend to her bereaved ones our tender sympathy and trust that her life as wife and mother will lead and beckon them to follow on, till they shall pass like her into the home of the soul.

Mrs. W. F. Joyner,
Mrs. J. D. Speed,
Mrs. W. W. Rose,
Miss Sue Cheatham,
Miss Eula Furman,
Committee.

MRS. LOUISA J. PERRY—After many months of terrible suffering, patiently and uncomplainingly borne, this saintly woman on the 19th day of Aug., 1919, sweetly fell on sleep and went home to be with God in the house of many rooms. She died in Durham, where she had lived for many years, a consistent and devoted member of Trinity Church; being at the time of her death one of the few of its original membership, a generation now almost gone, many of whom were the white souls of their day, whose memory lingers sanctifying the altar at which their children worship.

Mrs. Perry was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Stone, and was born in Nash county, N. C., June 28th, 1841. On Nov. 12th, 1865, she was married to Mr. S. R. Perry of the same county, and on December 4th of that year she and her husband joined the Methodist Church, being the happy converts of Rev. Moses J. Hunt, that humble but consecrated Methodist preacher who did so much to establish our Methodism in Nash and adjoining counties.

A more ideal union is seldom consummated on this earth. Husband and wife literally lived "each for the other, and both for God."

The blight of an inflammatory rheumatism seized her, and for years she was an invalid, shut out from the house of God and the larger activities of life, and shut in with pain and suffering that racked her frail body day and night with unceasing and increasing violence. It was then that the noble husband exhibited a love, a devotion, a tenderness as beautiful as human eyes ever looked upon. He became both nurse and companion, keeping unwearied watch by her suffering pillow. For months he practically gave up all business that he might keep his station by her bedside, where he anticipated every want and ministered to every need with a gentleness never surpassed, and when merciful death came as the messenger of release from intolerable pain for which there was no earthly cure, she almost literally expired within the circle of the arms that had shielded her with such ineffable tenderness through all the suffering years.

Naturally gentle and gracious, she was made more so by the long and severe illness through which she passed. Excruciating pain, from which she was seldom free, deepened and enriched her spiritual life, drawing her ever closer to her loving Lord whose image she bore, and the benediction of whose peace brooded over her life amid all her physical suffering, the intensity and keenness of which she and God alone knew. In her sick room, made radiant by His presence, and strangely attractive by her sweet submission, she ripened for the kingdom even as a beautiful flower ripens in the sun. I visited her often; she never failed to greet me with a smile, and a word of complaint never fell from her lips. She was in God's hands, and all was well. Though the mortal way was one of almost unbroken pain, it grew brighter and brighter with every passing day until love flung wide the gates and the glories of the eternal morning broke upon her enraptured spirit. Suffering as she did, with no hope of relief; made helpless by the disease that had smitten her, she longed to go to that fair land where there is no more pain, and yet she would have lingered in weariness extreme that her gracious presence might bless and comfort the devoted husband of her youth whose love had been absolutely consecrated to her, and laid as a living sacrifice upon the altar of her suffering, that if by any means, and at any cost he might have the joy of seeing her lifted out of the torturing years into the gladness and strength of restored health.

And when the end came, for which she was so perfectly prepared, how calm, how restful, how free from pain she looked now that death had set his silent seal upon her unmurmuring lips, and gently "kissed her eyelids down to quiet sleep."

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." This was the vision that filled the writer's mind as he looked upon her dear sweet face from which all the lines of suffering had vanished, whilst a soft light from an open window streamed in upon her pillow, a faint suggestion of a brighter light streaming through the valley of the shadow into whose glory God's veiled angel had led her pilgrim feet.

And there by the open casket sat the broken-hearted husband as he had sat by her bed of pain through the long weary months, love still keeping it's unsleeping watch above its own. Love followed her to the marge of the mystic river, and turned not back until the gates of the grave closed before his eyes, and the hand that clasped hers at the bridal altar could do no more. His beloved was with God and He alone amid the deepening shadows, but with precious memories that enrich life and save it from despair.

Will they meet again? Will they greet each other "beyond the sunset's purple rim" in that city that hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God"? In this confidence she died with her hand in his. Believing it she slipped away into the silence of the night to find the gates of dawn, and there she waits, whilst he, desolate and alone, sits amid the hush of the evening twilight and listens, and listens, and sometime, it may be when the stars picket the sky and the earth sleeps, a voice will call, and he will arise and go, and so somewhere, somehow, in God's own way they shall meet again, and love will claim its own.

R. C. B.

HAMMOND—The subject of this sketch, Elizabeth Fleming Hammond, was born in New York State. She and her husband came to North Carolina soon after the civil war, located near Bethel, Pitt county, for several years taught school in and around Bethel during their active life time.

Brother Hammond preceded his good wife to the glory land about four years ago, and on the 24th of September, 1919, Sister Hammond heard the call to go and be with him. She slipped quietly away at the ripe old age of 88 years.

She was a faithful member of the Southern Methodist Church and loved her Church, her preacher, and loved her Bible above all books, and everybody loved her who knew her. Her life was a benediction to every one and an inspiration to her pastor.. Religion, heaven and God were real things, place and person, with her; she loved to talk of them. God bless her memory and her loved ones.

W. E. Trotman.

WILKINSON—On August 9th, 1919, the sad news of the death of Mrs. W. D. Wilkinson was flashed over the wires from Richmond, Va. About twelve months ago her health began to fail and she was a constant sufferer from that time until the end came. She had traveled rather extensively and had consulted many eminent physicians, but none of them seemed to be able to relieve her. As a last resort she went to Richmond and placed herself under the care of a specialist, and was there when the end came.

Before her marriage Mrs. Wilkinson was Miss Lenora Saine. She gave her heart to God and joined the Methodist Church at Moores Chapel when she was yet a mere child. From that time until her health failed she was an active and consistent member. She loved her church and took a deep interest in everything that pertained to it. After her marriage to Mr. Wilkinson they came to Charlotte to live. They identified themselves with Tryon Street Church and at once found their places in the ranks of active workers. She will be sadly missed by a host of devoted friends both in this church and in the city at large.

Mrs. Wilkinson was just in the prime of life, being only thirty-five years of age, when she crossed over the river. She leaves to mourn her sad death her husband and one child, W. D., Jr., her father and mother, two sisters and one brother. May the Lord comfort these bereaved loved ones and give them grace to sustain their loss.

Z. E. Barnhardt.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas our Heavenly Father has taken unto Himself the wife of Mr. E. B. Whitehurst, a member of our Quarterly Conference, we, the members of the Caswell Street Quarterly Conference have drawn up the following resolutions.

1. That we bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Her beautiful, sincere Christian life will always be a shining testimony of her love for her Master.

2. That her presence in her Church and community will be sorely missed, and that her loving and unselfish service will ever live in the minds and hearts of her friends.

3. That we extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and pray that they may realize that underneath are the Everlasting arms and that the house in which she reigned as queen may be brightened by the loving presence of our Father.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our records, and one sent to her family, and one published in the Advocate.

Signed,
The Fourth Quarterly Conference Caswell Street Charge.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Since God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our dearly beloved sister, Mrs. Alva Pittman, we, the members of the Quarterly Conference of the Caswell Street Charge have adopted the following resolutions:

1. That in the death of Mrs. Pittman our Church has lost one of its most faithful members; one whose place was seldom vacant at preaching services, prayer meetings, or Sunday school; one whose tender loving heart was ever ready to respond to every call for help and whose devotion to her church and all of its institutions was an inspiration to all her fellow members and especially to her pastor.

2. That we sorely miss the sunshine of her presence, her cheerful greetings, and the assistance she so freely gave in every department of Church work.

3. That we extend to her husband and daughter our tenderest love and assurance that in their dark hours of grief that they may have our sympathy.

4. We pray that her beautiful life and her Christian influence may ever live in her Church as it is sure to live in the hearts of those who loved her and that her example may be an inspiration to those who are trying to fill her place.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her loved ones, and one published in her church paper as a token of our love and respect for her.

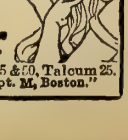
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DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	October
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	12
Chapel Hill, 8 p. m.	12
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	18 19
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m.	25-26
Graham, 8 p. m.	26
November	
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Fourth Round	October
Pasquotank, Union	11-12
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates Zion	19-20
Dare, East Lake	25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet	28
Hatteras, Frisco	30
November	
Kitty Hawk, Collington	
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Jonesboro, Broadway	11 12
Sanford, night	12-13
Fayetteville, Salem, 11 a. m.	15
Stetman	18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
November	
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary, night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C. Fourth Round

	October
Jones Circuit, Lee's Chapel	11
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe	12
Snow Hill Circuit	17
Hookerton Circuit	18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night	19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
November	
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carterett Circuit, Harlowe	8 9
New Bern, Riverside, night	8
Vandemere Circuit	15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

Fourth Round	October
Oxford	10 12
Oxford Circuit, Salem	11 12
Louisburg	17-19
Youngsville, Leah's	18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove	19-20
Princeton	24-27
Benson	27-28
Four Oaks	28-29
November	
Mill Brook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	2-4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Mem.	9
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Fourth Round
H. M. North, Presiding Elder

Elizabeth, at Wesley's October 11, at 3 p. m.
Old time preaching at Trinity, October 12 at 11.
Lumberton, at night, October 12.
Caledonia, at Caledonia, 4 p. m., October 18.
Biscoe, at Star, 3 p. m., October 25, and at Biscoe, October 26, at 11.
Lauringburg, during their meeting. Maxton, during their meeting. St. John and Gibson at St. John, October 7, at 11, and October 2nd.
Roberdel, at Roberdel No. 1, November 15, at 3 p. m.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbe, November 16, at 11.
Richmond, at Zion, November 16, at 3 p. m.
Appointments for the other charges will be made later.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Tabor, Tabor	10
Chadbourn, Chadbourn	11-12
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
November	
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Rich Square, Pinners	11-12
Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro	12-13
Henderson	19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson	19
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
November	
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Aurora, Rennerton	11-12
Stokes, Whartons	12-13
Ayden Circuit, Salem	18-19
Ayden Station	19-20
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter	22-23
Mattamuskeet, Amity	23-24
Fairfield	25-26
Tarboro, night	30
McKendree, Pinetops	31
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, night	31
November	
Nashville Nashville	1-2
Spring Hope, Spring Hope	2-3
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	3
Elm City	4
N&S Rocky Mount, night	4
Fremont, Fremont	5
Wilson, night	5
Farmville, Farmville	7
Greenville, night	7
Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant	8-9
Stantensburg, Stantensburg	9-10
Vanceboro, Vanceboro	12
Bath, Asbury	15-16
Washington	16-17

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Rosman	11
Brevard, a. m.	12
Hendersonville, p. m.	12
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Wentworth Circuit, Bethlehem	11-12
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	12
Ruffin, night	12
Uwharrie Circuit, Oak Grove	18
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett 3 p. m.	19

FINAL MEETINGS

	October
Greensboro, Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial, at Carraway Memorial, 8 p. m.	10
High Point, East End, 8 p. m.	13
Randolph Circuit, Pleasant Hill, 11 a. m	14
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, 8 p. m.	14
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden, 2:30 p. m.	15
Greensboro, Centenary, 8 p. m.	15
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 8 p. m.	16
Greensboro, West Market Street, 8 p. m.	17

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N C.

Fourth Round	October
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19

FINAL MEETINGS FOR MT. AIRY DISTRICT

	October
Summerfield, Center, 11 a. m., Monday	13
Stokesdale, Stokesdale 11 a. m. Tuesday	14
Mt. Airy Circuit, Parsonage, 3 p. m., Wednesday	15
Pilot Mt., Pilot Mt., A. M., Thursday	16
Yadkinville, Boonville, 11 a. m., Friday	17
Jonesville, Jonesville, 3 p. m., Friday	17
Rural Hall, Rural, 11 a. m., Monday	20

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	October
Micaville, at Martin's Chapel, Friday at 11 o'clock	10
Bald Creek, at Bald Creek	11-12
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	12-13
Marion Circuit, at Capernaum, Tuesday at 11 o'clock	14
Mill Spring Circuit, Bethlehem, Thusday at 11 o'clock	16
Thermal City, at Trinity	18-19
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Gilkey, Sunday night	19-20

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Mount Pleasant, Friendship	10
Concord Circuit, Rocky Ridge	11-12
Forest Hill, 11a. m.	12
Epworth, night	12
Bethel-Loves	16
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Mayworth, South Point, 11 a. m.	11-12
Belmont, 4 p. m.	12
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	11-12
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	11-12
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	11-12
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18 19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

Fourth Round	October
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Tuckaseegee	11-12
Waynesville Circuit	15
Fines Creek	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
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Winston-Salem, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Forsyth circucit, Bethel	11-12
Grace, night	13
Burkhead, night	14
Southside, night	15
Thomasville station, night	16
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

The Annual Conference meets in Greensboro this year on October 22, one month earlier than last year.

Correspondence

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pressing need of the college is the increased dormitory space for both men and women. All available rooming space on the college campus is now occupied, and students have been turned away because of no further available rooms. The college have also had to add to its teaching force even since the opening in September, and all possible means are taken to protect and safeguard the interests of the students.

CHINA GROVE

We closed on Tuesday night, September 23, at China Grove, a very interesting meeting of ten days, resulting in a dedcided quickening of the Church and nine additions to the Church. Rev. P. W. Tucker, of South Main Street Church, Salisbury, was with me from Monday night (15th) and did the preaching, and a splendid series of sermons they were.

While many of our most faithful members were shut in by sickness and other providences, the meeting took on good interest from the beginning. It is seldom one will see a more inspiring service than that of Sunday morning (21st). After a sermon of decided excellence on Eph. 4:30 a call for penitents was made and the altar was filled with young people from 13 t 18 years, all of whom were happily converted at that service. Had it been possible to have held two services a day instead of one, as we did, I am sure a great meeting would have been the result.

Brother Tucker made many friends at China Grove while here who will give him a hearty welcome when he can rteurn. They appreciate not only his preaching, but the man himself.

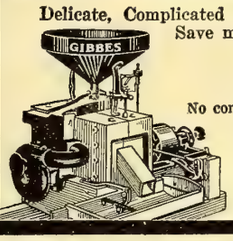
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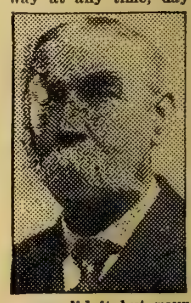
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Editorial

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

We are persuaded that a more accurate interpretation of this great truth is needed today than the one that is current. We have fallen upon an interpretation of it that fails to recognize the differences of individuality and that therefore leads to a communal socialism that will undermine the very foundations of our faith, if carried to its logical conclusions. We have become familiar with the doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God, and from that has been deduced the correlative doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man. Both of these doctrines are capable of an interpretation that is true, but they are also capable of an interpretation that is false. It all depends upon what we mean by these terms.

The brotherhood of man does not mean that all men have identical capabilities. They differ not only in physical powers of endurance, but also in mental powers of attainment. Some men have broader vision than others. Their sympathies are different, and the measure of their information is different. Any doctrine of human brotherhood that fails to recognize these differences will lead us into all sorts of absurdities in our attempt to apply the principle in the every day affairs of life. No one can, for one moment, dispute the reality of these differences when they are stated, but it is easy to let them drop out of sight when we begin to construct social theories. It is here that we run upon the breakers.

The brotherhood of man does not demand identical treatment for all men. On the contrary, it demands very different treatment for different individuals. The father in the home would like to treat all his children alike. His love for them would lead Him to do this; but he soon finds that the treatment which develops John into noble manhood will run William upon the rocks. He cannot deal with both alike, if he would get the best results. The variations between different homes and under different conditions of life are still greater. These things all have to be recognized in the application of the principle of brotherhood. They are recognized by the great Father of us all. He has both the wisdom and the love to do this unerringly; but we often fail to understand it and are hopelessly mystified by the divergent providences that surround us. God does not treat all alike—not on the surface view of life. One suffers in body, scarcely knowing what it is to feel well and free from pain; another is strong and robust, a stranger almost to physical disorder. One is quick and alert mentally, while another is slow and plodding. One is bright and cheerful, always seeming to be perfectly happy; another bears a constant load upon his heart and feels the depression of the burden he carries. One has every earthly comfort that wealth and culture can bring; another spends his life in poverty and privation. On the surface of life God seems to treat men very differently.

We are very apt to misunderstand these apparent discrepancies and complain of these inequalities. Sometimes we are prone to grow rebellious against God and charge Him in our hearts with favoritism among men. But He has declared that He is no respecter of persons. At other times we are disposed to charge it all to a disordered state of society, and there is certainly much of evil in this world. But even that is not a complete explanation of these differences. The best of men are as apt to be poor and to suffer as the most wicked—we are sometimes prone to think that the good more often suffer than the wicked, but that is probably not true. However, the explanation of the diverse conditions that surround men in this world cannot be found in the moral character of those who suffer. Job was declared by inspiration to be a "perfect" man. Yet he was stripped of his property and then of his children, his wife turned against him, and he was terribly afflicted in his own person. It was not because God was against him. The record shows that in the end God turned it all to the profit of Job; but we cannot always see the end when we are in the midst of the suffering. The fact is we never can see it; hence the need for faith and patience in the midst of them. Jesus was the greatest sufferer the world has ever known. These discrepancies do not disprove the brotherhood of man, nor do they convict God of dealing with men with partiality.

The Brotherhood of man does not, therefore, *ipso facto*, determine the exact conduct of men toward one another. Many of our plausible theories go to pieces under the searching analysis of this truth. It does put us under the control of the principle of brotherly love in dealing with our fellowmen, but it does not require, or permit, us to treat everybody exactly alike. It does not give us an iron clad rule for dealing with many social problems. It will not settle off hand all the questions involved in the race conflicts that are acute today. It throws much light upon these questions. It determines the viewpoint from which we must look at them. It shows us the sin of race hatred, and it demands that we must deal with every question that arises from the standpoint of the highest good of all. So far there can be no difference of opinion; but in detail of treatment, there is a wide diversity among thoroughly conscientious people. Hence the fallacy of urging the principle of brotherhood as a final settlement of all questions of this character.

DEATH OF REV. J. D. BUIE

On last Thursday morning, Rev. John Duncan Buie passed to his eternal reward at his home in San Bernardino, California. This announcement will bring sadness to the hearts of many of our readers in both Conferences, for he spent many years of his active ministry within the bounds of each.

Brother Buie was born in Cumberland county, North Carolina, May 22, 1837, and was therefore in his eighty-second year. He was licensed to preach at Bethesda Church on the Danbury circuit, in October, 1857. He was admitted on trial in the traveling connection at Raleigh in 1862, continuing to fill appointments in the North Carolina Conference till the Western North Carolina Conference was organized in 1890, when his lot fell with this Conference, he at that time holding a superannuate relation, with his residence in Greensboro. He had been in this relation for a number of years at that time, but at the Conference held in Concord in 1890, he was again placed on the effective list and served the Enochville circuit in the Salisbury district in 1891.

We regret not having full data at hand, but after a short period of effective service he again took the superannuate relation and shortly moved to California, taking up his residence at San Bernardino, where his daughter resided and where he continued to reside till the day of his translation.

The writer had the good fortune to be rather intimately associated with Brother Buie for a short period just before he went west and was impressed with him both as a preacher of great force and power as well as a man of piety and zeal. In the early period of his ministry, which included the civil war and reconstruction period, he served in many hard and trying fields. While these years of peculiar hardship did not break his spirit they doubtless had much to do with breaking an otherwise powerful constitution and paved the way for a long period of superannuation and suffering. But all these years of suffering have been years of patient waiting, exhibiting a beautiful process of mellowing and ripening for the eternal life beyond. Once a year for many years he has remembered the editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate with a message of brotherly greeting and affection, and for three years has sent a little contribution out of "the Lord's tenth" to help start an endowment fund for the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

His heart was always with us and across the wide stretch of distance which separated him in body from the brethren whom he so dearly loved, his greetings and prayers came as an inspiration to those who could labor while it was allotted to him only to wait. We trust a full memoir will be prepared for these columns at an early day. Meantime we commend the aged companion and other loved ones left behind, to the sympathy of numerours friends and to the grace of God whom our brother served and trusted through so many years of faith and service.

THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR

The closing of another year is upon us. It is less than one week to the convening of the Western North Carolina Conference, and only four weeks later the North Carolina Conference will meet in Wilson. It has been another year of disorder and confusion in the world—a year of uncertainty as to what would develop next. At the same time it has been a year of plenty and prosperity with our people. We have not been able to do all that we wished to do, and there has no doubt been much to test our patience and tax our judgment.

The religious world has likewise had in it much of confusion and disturbing elements. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." It is an unfailing source of confidence—a satisfying ground for our faith—to know that God does not change. The redemption that is in Christ is always sufficient for the salvation of the soul who turns to Him. The breaking up of old orders, the coming of revolutions, the breaking down of empires and republics, the raging of the heathen—all these things may go on without affecting the stability of the cross, or the efficiency of the blood that was shed upon it. It is still true that we have no need to "be ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

As we come to the close of another Conference year, it will not be amiss to put the question to our own conscience, How faithfully have I proclaimed this gospel to dying men? How many souls have been saved under its preaching? What have been the net results of the year's work? The answers to these questions are not always easily determined, for God alone knows the processes that have gone on in the spiritual lives of men; but we can satisfy ourselves as to the sincerity of our purpose and effort, and we can judge something of the results by the fruits that we have seen. And the important thing is not the report that we will make to Conference, but the results that God knows to be true. The record in heaven is correct; the one we write on earth may be defective.

But what will we do in these last few days? There are special times when we can do more than we can at other times. The last few days or weeks before Conference is one of these times to the people called Methodists. It is a time when the issues are sharply drawn—a time when men must do certain things, or never do them. This is particularly true on the financial and material side of the Church's work. Salaries must be paid, or the preachers suffer the loss. Collections must come in full, or it goes into the record as a permanent deficit. This always means hardship on a worker somewhere. Let us hope that no congregation in North Carolina Methodism will commit this crime this year. To this end preachers and people should co-operate most heartily for the next few days. Let the Centenary motto, "No shrinkage, but a surplus," be the motto by which every charge shall wind up its financial affairs before the pastor starts to Conference.

WEAVER HALL CAMPAIGN CLOSING

The campaign for funds to erect the new dormitory at Rutherford College is closing gloriously under the leadership of Rev. J. R. Walker. This dormitory has been erected as a memorial to the late Dr. James H. Weaver, who was at the time of his death Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Dormitory is now full of young men, but the heating plant is not yet quite ready, nor are all the rooms furnished as elaborately as the must be. It is expected that the electric lights will be turned on at an early day, as arrangements have been made with the Southern Power Company to furnish the current.

Prof. Walker, formerly of the faculty, has given heroic service as the special agent and reports the largest results in recent weeks that he has had since going into the field. He now urges that at least $15,000 be pledged by one hundred and sixty men that ample provision may be made for completing the lighting and heating systems; also the

water works. All these are urgently needed now, and a school with such a worthy record behind and such a magnificent outlook for the future ought not to be compelled to wait for these things.

We understand that the student body is practically double what it was formerly and that nearly fifty of the young men are looking to the ministry. This alone should give mighty emphasis to this special call. We have learned with genuine pleasure that the recent appeal through the Advocate for volunteers to furnish rooms, brought five volunteers, and Prof. Walker urges that others fall in rank. Seventy-five dollars furnishes a room as a memorial to any one whom the donor may name.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The First International Congress of Working Women has been called to meet in Wishington City Oct. 23-29. It is to be held under the auspices of the National Women's Trade Union League of America. It is expected that there will be delegates to this Congress from all those countries that sign the League of Nations Constitution, which, by the way, may exclude delegates from this country at that time, and the purpose of it is to discuss the problems which concern women and which are to be taken up at the international Labor Conference immediately following, and to make recommendations concerning these questions. This sort of a conference is a natural consequence of women entering in larger measure the fields of industrial life and in keeping with the tendencies of this age; but it also shows something of the measure in which this movement is affecting our American life.

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The World's Temperance Sunday will be observed Nov. 2, 1919. The Abstience Dept. of the Anti-Saloon League has prepared a special program and other literature that will be helpful in the observance of that day, and it may be had free by addressing the Anti-Saloon League of America, Westerville, Ohio. There are two things in connection with the temperance question that we must keep constantly before us. One of these is moral suasion as to personal abstinence from the use of intoxicating beverages. This is the most effective prohibition as far as it goes. Get as many as possible, both old and young, to sign the pledge. Make it good and strong, and let the appeal have all the sanction that religion can give it. We cannot give too much emphasis to this. And then we must constantly guard against laxity in the enforcement of prohibition laws. Officers and juries and courts need to be kept informed of the fact that public sentiment demands the rigid enforcement of the prohibition laws. These two things go together, and Temperance Sunday should emphasize both of them.

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The American Cotton Association, if the proposed plan is carried out, is destined to play an important part in the future of the cotton growing industry in the South. The plan of organization seems to be well nigh perfect. If carried out to the letter, it can do what it will with the cotton industry. The organization extends to the township, as the smallest unit, while the largest unit is the nation, or rather the ten cotton growing States of the South. We have not the space for a full announcement of its purposes, but the literature of the organization will be widely distributed, and it will be well for our readers to inform themselves definitely concerning this movement. It proposes to protect the interest of the cotton producer, to promote the economic regulation of cotton production, to promote intelligent diversification of crops, to broaden the market for raw cotton, to maintain a unified and solid effort for retaining permanently a fair and equitable price for cotton.

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The Fight for World Prohibition is rapidly taking shape, and it cannot take shape any too rapidly to meet the pressing need of the world to be delivered from the slavery of strong drink. The success of the prohibition movement in the United States will furnish a good vantage ground for the larger work. Despite the persistent efforts of its enemies to handicap its operations in every possible way, the influence of its results in this country will necessarily have great weight in extending the cause. On the other hand, it is evident already that liquor dealers will many of them seek to carry their business to other countries—to China, Africa, Japan and India—to the weaker nations whom they think will not be able to resist their efforts. Poor Mexico is also destined to suffer from the invasion of the liquor forces from the United States. It is not altogether of charity, therefore, that the Anti-Saloon League of America proposes to help as far as it can the temperance forces of other countries to destroy the demon of strong drink. There is something of obligation connected with it—the obligation of brotherhood, to be sure, but also the obligation that springe from turning these emissaries loose upon them. The Anti-Saloon League is not sending them by any means; but they are going because the Anti-Saloon League has run them from this country.

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The High Cost of Loafing is the rather unique way that the "Corn Exchange" puts the present situation as to prices. That does not mean that every one who has to pay high prices is loafing, but there are so many loafing that it cuts down production so as to make prices abnormally high. An investigation has been made covering several states, and the result shows that the average wage per man has increased 240 per cent, the production per man has decreased 62 per cent since the beginning of the great war. It is useless to talk about decreasing the cost of living while these conditions prevail. In commenting upon these conditions, "Corn Exchange" says: "The man who loafs on the job, no matter to what division of society he belongs, elects to surrender his claim to be an honest man; for he is pretending to do something that he knows he is not doing. This lowering of the moral standard of the people of the nation . . menaces the stability of the State." The conditions which this paper finds would seem to justify the exhortation with which it concludes as follows: "Let us be honest with ourselves by recognizing the high duty of working at maximum speed at whatever task circumstances bring to us. The loafer is father of the liar, and the liar is father of the traitor to all that we hold dear in America. It is the worker who has always won, the shirker who has always lost. Let us stop talking about the high cost of living. Let us put a stop to the high cost of loafing."

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The New World Movement is what the United Presbyterian Church is calling their effort to meet the enlarged demands of this age upon that Church. They are calling for 100,000 intercessors and are seeking to inaugurate a campaign for a revival of family religion. We wish them the largest possible success, and we doubt not that the members of that Church will rally to the call of its leaders. But we do wish that men would use saner language than they sometimes do in trying to rally their forces. Take the following, for instance, reported to us for publication, as the language of the moderator of the Assembly of the above Church: "Christianity is face to face with God's call to meet the world's need, or go into the discard and give place to some other organized agency that shall meet His claim." What do men who call themselves Christian mean by using such language? Do they mean to say that if Christianity fails to save the world, then God will effect some other organization that will do it? Have we come to the point where we believe in Christ only as the world seems to follow Him? Is that to be the test of the efficiency of Christ and His atonement for the salvation of men from sin. Certainly, no genuine Christian can for one moment accept such a statement, and yet the same writer quoted above proceeds: "The vital inquiry is—Will Christianity fail, or will it be able to save the world? That is the situation we face today." That is not the situation at all. Christianity is not going to fail—is in no danger of failing. It can never fail till God's throne falls and He Himself proves false. Christianity is no human institution that we may deal with it as we would with a fraternal order, or a political party, or a social club. Even the Church is not going to fail; for it has the promise of the Christ behind it. "Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!" Some of those who threaten the Church with disaster if it should decline to follow their special program would do well to read slowly and meditatively the following scripture: "Whosoever shall fall upon this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him into powder." The question for the world is, Will it accept Christ for salvation, or will it in the end be ground to powder?

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The Illness of our President continues to be a matter of solicitude, not only with the American people, but throughout the world. The short bulletins that are being issued by his personal physician continue to be hopeful. They indicate a very slow improvement, and together with the consulting physicians he holds to the opinion that he must have continued rest from governmental affairs. However, the conference of Dr. Grayson with the newspaper representatives on Monday morning of this week brought assurances to the public that in case of an emergency the president was in condition to give attention to his official duties. This, of course, would be limited to any matter over which a crisis might arise, but it sets at rest rumors more or less persistent that he has been incapacitated for the exercise of his office. While the condition of the President is admittedly serious, let us hope that he will recover from the attack and again be able to take an active part in guiding the affairs of State through these troublous times. To this end let Christian people continue to devoutly pray.

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The Progress of the Steel Strike and of the labor situation generally in the country has taken no decided turn within the last week. There have not been so many outbreaks of violence, though some have occurred here and there. Matters seem to be waiting somewhat on the Conference that is being held in Washington between representatives of the public, of labor and of capital. This conference has to do with the most acute questions in industrial life at the present time. We do not think that the situation is hopeless, but serious possibilities are nevertheless imminent. The absolute breaking up of pre-war conditions has thrown the industrial world into confusion, and to bring it back into something like normal conditions is a very difficult undertaking. There is enough of radicalism to endanger the situation; and it imposes upon the lovers of law and order to use the wisest and most cautious methods possible in dealing with the situation.

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The Interchurch World Movement has made report of the Industrial Conferences held under its auspices in New York Oct. 2, 3. Among the things it did was an attempt to define the fundamental ethical principles of Jesus. They are as follows: (1) The inestimable value of the individual, and the right of the individual to the fullest development of personality. (2) Service the supreme motive of human activity and the test of human achievement. (3) The unescapable responsibility of the individual for complete devotion to the welfare of society of all that he has and of all that he is to the end of establishing a genuine human brotherhood." There is nothing radical or unusual in these findings. We have all been familiar with them from our childhood. In the interpretation and application of these principles as they would have us believe, they announce five points about which there is plenty of room for sincere differences of opinion. It is in this realm that we always run against difficulties, and find wide divergences of opinion on the part of men equally able and equally sincere. They are difficulties, too, about which we have no 'thus saith the Lord' to guide us, and it is therefore dangerous for the Church to undertake to dogmatize. However, we lay before our readers these five points set forth by the Industrial Conference above referred to: "(1) The representation of the various parties in the government of industry. (2) The right of the workers to organize themselves and the development of just and democratic methods of collective bargaining between employers' and workers' organizations. (3) The rational extension of the cooperative movement in both the distribution and the production of goods. (4) In relation to the industrial status of women, freedom of choice of occupation, the assurance of equal opportunities with men in technical and vocational training, the determination of wages on the basis of occupation and service and not upon the basis of sex, the establishment of healthful conditions of employment and an equal voice with men in the democratic control and management of society. (5) The recognition of the right of our nearly 12,000,000 Negro fellow Americans to economic justice and to freedom from economic exploitation. The abolition of economic discrimination and exploitation of immigrant aliens and foreign born citizens." There is enough room for discussion here to fill volumes, and it cannot be crowded into one editorial note. Suffice it to say that much of it is similar to the old question: "Have you left off beating your wife?"

CONTRIBUTIONS

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED MACANALLY SLAGLE

(Killed in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1919.)

O lad, within thy robust heart there burned
A passion pure for meadow-fields and slopes
Of age-long mountain heights and streams between
Seeking, with upland wild impulse and calm
Of valley depths, to find the far-off sea
That ever calls its errant children home
To lose themselves again in mystery.

The whir of birds from out the meadow grass,
The waves of light and shade on fields of wheat;
The south wind's breath among the rustling corn;
The whirling maze of butterflies above
The gold of summer and autumnal flowers—
These helped to sing thy earliest lullaby
In rippling measures of the sweetest joy.

But roar of storm among the mighty hills
That battled with the clouds about their crests;
The upward stretch majestic of the pine;
The eternal threat of precipice and crag;
The freezing breath of snow and winter wind—
These woke the heroic depths of thy young soul,
And made the organ notes in life's great hymn.

And thou didst think to sow the fair home fields
Whose furrows sire's and grandsire's feet have known
And reap, in days of golden harvest time,
The full fruition of thy honest toil
'Neath skies familiar as thy mother's face,
All glorious with the day's unveiling hours
Or moonlit, starry splendor of the night.

Now like the presence of the unchanging God,
God of thy fathers, whom thy soul adored,
That same familiar sky broods low and kind—
A miracle of sun and clouds and dark and stars—
Above thy cross-marked place of comrade rest
In ancient fields of ravaged France war-ploughed;
There, facing foes of human liberty,
Thy heart with holy aspiration filled—
Poured out its blood like sacrificial wine.

Emily Allen Siler.

Read at the Siler family meeting, August 7th, 1919, Franklin, N. C.

RATIONALISTS SOWING TARES WHILE GOOD MEN SLEEP

By Bishop Warren A. Candler.

In the parable of the tares Jesus explained the mixed condition of good and evil in the world by these words: "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way." (Matthew xiii:24 and 25.)

About the propagation of evil there seems to be a certain slyness and aggressiveness in contrast with the somnolence and passiveness of goodness. Evil works with unwearying zeal, and often does its work unobserved and under cover of darkness. And this is particularly characteristic of the present time. The most radical and revolutionary tenets are taught by the propagandists of evil, while most well-meaning people are asleep and utterly indifferent to the mischief which is being wrought.

As far back as 1851 James Martineau said, "It is a remarkable characteristic of the present age, that, when the most startling attacks are made upon the very foundations of existing churches, nobody repels them. Nothing is offered to break their effect, except the inertia of the mass that rests upon the base assailed." These statements apply even more forcibly to the present day than they applied to the period when Martineau uttered them.

A sort of soporific optimism has fallen upon the ministry, which has put many of the preachers to sleep, while the foundations of the faith they profess, and which they are set to defend are subverted. The laymen are too busy making and investing and spending money to take notice of what is going on, or to do anything to arrest the evil. Bishop Butler in his day joined issue with the deism of his times, and drove it from the field with his incomparable work, "The Analogy."

About the year 1800 the colleges of the United States were infected with deistical and sceptical influences which corrupted the lives of the educated young men of the country. Bishop Meade of Virginia declared: "I can truly say that then, and for some years after, in every educated young man in Virginia whom I met I expected to find a sceptic, if not an avowed unbeliever." That learned and holy man characterized the College of William and Mary, which had been founded in religious motives for Christian ends, as "the hotbed of French politics and religion." Harvard College had departed very far from the faith of its devout founder from whom it derived its name—Rev. John Harvard. On its cornerstone was carved the motto, "For Christ and the Church"; but it had elected Henry Ware, an avowed and extreme Unitarian, to the divinity professorship founded in 1722 by Thomas Hollis, a pious Baptist of London, who endowed the professorship for the purpose of propagating evangelical religion among the New England colonists. Yale College had succumbed to the noxious principles of French infidelity, and was honeycombed with atheistical clubs. Lyman Beecher, who entered Yale about that time, testifies that it "was in a most ungodly state", and adds, "Most of the class before mine were infidels, and called each other Voltaire, Rousseau, D'Alembert, etc". But when Dr. Timothy Dwight came to the presidency of Yale in 1795, he began a warfare upon the scepticism and infidelity of the hour and carried it on until, according to Dr. Lyman Beecher, "All infidelity skulked and hid its head". Under this aggressive leadership of Timothy Dwight other institutions were saved by the influence which issued from Yale. In 1802 a great revival of religion prevailed in Yale, during which it is of record that "it seemed the whole mass of students would press into the kingdom of Christ". During Dr. Dwight's presidency of Yale there were thirteen revivals of religion in the institution, in which hundreds of young men were converted, very many of whom entered the ministry and went into "the Northwest Territory" to serve the Churches which came into existence during the "Great Revival of 1800". It is impossible to overestimate the value of the service of Dr. Dwight in driving deism from its strongholds in America and purging the educated classes of the country of their scepticism.

But we have had no Timothy Dwight in the United States during the last fifty years, during which time German rationalism has been stealthily imported into many American institutions of learning. While men have slept this evil influence has worked its baleful results. Christian men have endowed professorships to which professors have been elected who have subverted the faith of the philanthropists whose donations furnished their salaries and poured this hurtful rationalism into the minds of all the young men whom they have taught. German tares have been sowed in fields which devout men prepared to receive the good seed of the kingdom of Christ.

When the world-war disclosed in lurid flames the outcome of German rationalism, many hoped it was thoroughly discredited and checked. But such is not the case. It is silently and steadily going on as aforetime.

In the inaugural address of the president of a Northern theological seminary, which address was delivered about a year ago—before the armistice—it was boldly and baldly declared that since the influence of German theology was now excluded from the United States this particular seminary should supply what no longer could be imported from Germany. And that institution is doing exactly what its president in his inaugural address said it should do. It is spreading the tenets of destructive criticism as far as its teaching and influence extend.

And let it be remembered that what is commonly called "the higher criticism" is nothing more nor less than the deism of the eighteenth century revived. In Tom Paine's "Age of Reason", to which Bishop Watson made a crushing reply, may be found very much of what "the higher criticism" now teaches as "progressive orthodoxy". This rationalism is really and truly worse than the deism which was routed by Bishop Butler, Bishop Watson, and Dr. Timothy Dwight; for it pretends to be Christianity, when in truth it is not. Tom Paine was far more honest and candid. He knew that his principles were utterly subversive of Christian principles, and he did not pretend to conceal or disguise the fact. But our present-day rationalists betray Christianity with a kiss, even as the treacherous Judas betrayed the Lord.

It is time that both preachers and laymen awaked to what is going on. A great revival of religion is needed to save our nation in this time of trial and peril; but no revival can come until the authority of the Holy Scriptures is asserted as Butler and Watson and Dwight asserted it in their day. Amateurish rationalists are in the pulpits of not a few Churches, and the noxious tenets of rationalism are being propagated through the periodicals of the Sunday schools even.

The propagandists of rationalism talk much of reconstructing the world"; but they do not propose the conversion of the individual as the only way the world can be reconstructed. They prate about "the Christianization of the social system", and put the emphasis of their preaching (if preaching it may be justly called) upon the redistribution of earthly goods. They are socialists in disguise, and the disguise is often very thin—almost diaphanous. They are creating the unrest which they profess a desire to cure.

From a publication of one of the orthodox Churches—a Sunday School periodical—the following specious paragraph is extracted:

"Did the fishermen leave their task for good when Jesus called them to follow Him? It would appear to be a fair inference from the meager records that on occasion they went back to the boats and nets to earn their livelihood, just as Paul at times practiced his trade of tent-making. It would seem as though they lived off the country while on their preaching tours, but were not sustained as a paid ministry is today. This raises the question, not whether Jesus meant to take people from the ordinary work of the world and set them apart to preach and teach, but whether such a plan is the best thing for the gospel and for the world. As long as our present economic order continues unchanged there must be a specialization of work; the unchristian and detrimental distinction between workers of brain and workers of hand will continue. To many people it appears that the ideal of a free and powerful ministry would be one which was not dependent for its support, but, like the prophets, could cry aloud what it pleased and when it pleased and be silent when it had no message. We are told the work of the modern Church cannot be done on that basis. Yet suppose, as one of our most prominent production engineers declares, it is possible to get all the necessary economic production of the world done on the gasis of two hours work a day by all available workers. Would it not then be possible for a man to follow preaching, or any other intellectual or spiritual vocation, in addition to performing some of the economic tasks of the community, without impairing their vigor or their power? Would it not be better for religion if a greater part of the work were done by the membership of the Churches instead of leaving it to paid workers?"

This writer puts his stuff in very plausible form; but it is evident for his goal he proposes a revolution in industry which will lead to a "basis of two hours work a day by all available workers" and the abolition of the Christian ministry to make way for lay workers, who have no better call to the ministry of the Word than their release from other work. This is in the teeth of Paul's teaching that "the Lord hath ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel" (I Corinthians ix:14). But the contradiction of Paul by this writer is not strange; for these rationalists make no bones of correcting Paul or any of the Apostles.

Our business men will do well to wake up and open their eyes to the tares which the rationalists are sowing.

Our brave boys have died to save the world from the oppression of German autocracy; but German rationalism is a far greater evil, and it has not been defeated.

German rationalism had much to do with making the war in which so many millions of men were slain. It is now fomenting wars between classes

that will be more dreadful than the horrible war between nations which has cost mankind so much. It will set the world afire again, if it be not put down soon. It is the inspiration of socialism, feminism, and all the other isms which threaten the family and menaces stable government and organized society throughout the world.

LET US KEEP THE MISSIONARY MOTIVE AND MESSAGE STRAIGHT

By Costen J. Harrell.

The year 1919 might fittingly be called Methodism's Year of Jubilee. We have come upon unusual times. God has led us into magnificent opportunities. The Church has bestirred herself and without doubt has a keener appreciation of her debt to mankind than she has had for a century. There are many indications to strengthen the hope that greater things are just ahead of us. The sentiments expressed in these articles are in no sense meant to deprecate the things done, or to discourage any hope we have in us of Pentecostal experiences to follow. For the one we are deeply thankful, and for the other we devoutly pray. But no one will gainsay the statement that our motives and message must rest on the foundations of evangelical Christianity, or beholding our zeal a needy world will say to us as Joab said to Ahimaaz, "Wherefore wilt thou run seeing thou hast no tidings?"

We are an evangelical denomination. While it has never been the policy of the Methodist Church to put its communicants in a theological straightjacket, we hold with other evangelical Churches that our faith is divine in its origin; that it is a revealed religion; that it is administered in the world through the operaton of the Holy Spirit, and to the end that man may be saved from his sin, that Christ may be formed in him; and that through Christ man may be brought into a holy relation with the Father. The part that man plays in this process is to repent of his sin and by simple faith to look for salvation in Jesus Christ. It is a Gospel of redemption, resplendent with the holiness of God, His sacrificial love, His grace whereby we become His sons, and human brotherhood growing out of divine Fatherhood. It may be foolishness to the Greeks and a stumbling block to the Jews, but nevertheless it is the power of God unto salvation.

From the days of the apostles there have been arrayed against this gospel of redemption the subtle, illusive, deceptive teachings of humanitarianism. Its chief modern exponents have been men of the German school and their disciples. Humanitarianism is a gospel of human powers exercised to human ends. It speaks much about wrongs against man and little about sin against God; much about clean living and little about redemption; much about civilization and little about regeneration; much about an ideal world and little about the Father's House. It most usually puts on the garb of religion, but it is utterly contrary to the genius of evangelical Christianity. It has had its apostles in every century, but it has never been productive of a great religious awakening. This humanized form of religion has so subtly crept into our institutions and into our common thinking that it quite often appears without being recognized and we become its apostles without knowing it.

The Methodist Church stands in the evangelical line. We have been there from the beginning, and we are still there. We are a missionary Church because we are evangelical. And yet, notwithstanding our evangelical traditions, our evangelical faith and commission, we read a pronouncement like this:

"The ancient conception of a missionary was an evangelistic mission for the sole and only purpose of converting the heathen and saving the benighted denizens from everlasting perdition. It is a far cry from that idea to the modern missionary attitude. Today the missionary is a civilizer, whose task is that of bringing backward people into the front ranks of human progress." (Centenary Bulletin for June.)

Indeed! Is it true that we have been mistaken all these years and that our commission is to bring "backward people into the front ranks of human progress' rather than to bring sinful men into fellowship with God through Christ? And in the same article, after relating the beneficent work of Dr. Mumpower in inventing a written language for the Betetelas, we are informed that "the Centenary will civilize the Belgian Congo at the cost of a little more than a quarter of a million dollars. Education, religion, medical aid, social benevolence, and the institutions and implements of the Western World will help Albert of Belgium to develop a colony that will take its place eventually among Christian people."

One would not take notice of these pronouncements were it not that such sentiments in one form or another are continually appearing. They do not constitute the aim of the Methodist Church—there is at our altars and in our counsels too much of evangelical faith. They do not express the motives of our missionaries. As a body they are the highest expression of the religion of Christ to be found among us. Their sacrifices manifold and their appreciation of redeeming grace put most believers to shame. My admiration for them knows no bounds. I have no doubt that the author of the sentences above quoted does not mean to say all that he seems to say. But if such a motive as to civilize the world should control our missionary policy we would be led far afield and would land nowhere. It is indeed a far cry from the missionary who converts to the missionary who civilizes—and the difference is the difference between evangelical Christianity and humanitarianism. It is the difference between Paul and Harnack.

Since the matter has arisen, however, there are a few questions we would like to ask. What civilization do we propose to take to backward people in order that they may take their places in the front ranks of human progress? Is it Chinese civilization? China has a civilization that was old when Nineveh and Babylon were young. Are we to build on the Yang-tse, Kiang or on the Congo a second Greece or Rome? These hold pre-eminence in art and jurisprudence, and yet for all their civilization were as deeply lost in sin as the benighted denizen of Batetela. Is Germany to be the model? She has for a considerable time stood in the front ranks of human progress—in "education, religion (of the humanitarian kind), medical aid, social benevolence, and the institutions and implements (!) of the Western world." Are England and America to be the models? But who does not remember with shame our sins both public and private? It is a well known fact that contact with English speaking nations has introduced into pagan lands vices hitherto unknown by them.

Again, what is meant by civilizing a people? Is it to introduce them to the conventions and habits of the Western world? But if a Chinaman prefers wearing a cue to parting his hair in the middle what matters it? If the African is content to bathe in the Congo no material gain is made by persuading him to use a porcelain bath tub instead. Or is it meant that by civilizing other people we are to introduce them to Western arts and sciences? But withal these may have a very undesirable influence upon our pagan neighbors. An eminent modern preacher says most pointedly: "Civilization so far from obliterating iniquity, imports into the world iniquities of its own. It changes to some degree the aspects of iniquity, but does not make them less. Further than that its effect is rather regularly to dress iniquity in a less repulsive and more attractive form and in that way makes it more difficult to get rid of than before. There is no sin so insinuating as refined and elegant sin, and of that civilization is the expert patron and champion. Evangelization conduces to civilization, but civilization has no necessary bearing on evangelization; that is to say, there is in civilization no energy inherently calculated to yield Gospel facts. By carrying schools and arts, trade and manufacture, among people that are now savages you may be able to refine the quality of their deviltry, but that is not the first step toward making angels or even saints of them."

Of course every student of missions knows that a great amount of preparatory work must be done and that a great variety of methods must be used in bringing a people whose life is saturated with the errors of paganism to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is likewise a most evident fact that the religion of a people is the principle factor in shaping their social and political institutions. But methods and institutions are the implements and by-products of a missionary endeavor, and must not be mistaken for the aim and content of Christianity. To so mistake them is hopelessly to muddle our missionary policy. It behooves us to be very careful how we say of ourselves that our task is to "civilize" men, or to "rebuild the world," or to "reconstruct the world," or to "make the world safe for democracy." Such aims are not big enough to float so great a business as Christ committed to His Church, and they will inevitably find their places in the graveyards of Eutopian dreams.

While in a sense ministering to all worthy human institutions, the missionary is in a very large sense independent of them all. In the first century there was in Jerusalem a considerable movement to make Judaism safe for the world. Let us introduce into Judaism the spiritual conceptions of Christ they said, and we will have the thing of which the prophets prophesied. So great and so apostolic a man as Simon Peter was greatly influenced by this movement. But there arose one out of the ranks of Judaism who claimed the liberty wherewith Christ had made him free, and would have none of it. Paul seems to have laid no great store by the civilizations that flourished in his fields of labor, neither Hebrew nor Greek, but rather he writes to the Philippians, dearly beloved, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord . . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable unto His death." We may boast of a good many modern improvements, but it is hardly to be hoped that the most progressive will improve on Paul's ancient "missionary attitude." A goodly portion of the New Testament is given to relating the conflict between Paul's evangelical Gospel and the Judaistic party. Paul's interpretation of Christianity won. It has come through him to us—the converting power of God. It saves individuals. It has wrought far-reaching social and political changes, and will continue to do so. The two reasons why it has so influenced the institutions of the world are that it has applied saving grace to individual hearts and it has ever kept its hope and aim above and beyond civilizing institutions—in the heights where Christ is. We are not apostles of human progress; we are preachers of the Evangel. Our message is no temporary expedient, but rather, "We beseech you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Our zeal does not grow out of mere human necessity, but out of divine compulsion.

Methodism will still go to the New Testament for her missionary motives. She will not disparage her converting ministry to the end that she may become a civilizing agency. She will hold to the dynamics of faith. We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

"Yea, thro' life, death, thro' sorrow and thro' sinning,
He shall suffice us for He hath sufficed;
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ."

WANTED—MORE OF THESE "JEWELS"

W. A. Betts.

"He was one of those rare members of the Church that delight a pastor's heart; a member who was ready to work anywhere and who worked well everywhere." That is the uncommon and worthy tribute paid one of his deceased brethren by a pastor recently.

Instantly my heart cried out, Wanted—More of these "Jewels" rare!

Much we hear and read these days about the need for "leaders;" but a far greater demand is for persons of the type indicated above—followers. Any ordinary undershepherd (his Latin name is Pastor), "called of God as was Aaron," can wisely direct the work and workers. He will discreetly advise with those forming his inner circle of men and women whose hearts the Spirit commands, and, like the true general of the sacramental host, surely knows what Israel ought to do.

Manifestly the crying need of our times is Church members who are indeed "ready to work anywhere and who work well everywhere." Quickly go and tell, or write, your preacher that with the help of the Holy Spirit you desire to enlist under that standard.

Olanta, S. C.

Watch the label on your paper and send in your renewal promptly.

Notes and Correspondence

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

—The revival services at the Methodist Church at Louisburg have come to a close. There were a number of professions of faith in Christ.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bush, who were invalided home from Africa some time ago, have regained their health, and sail for Africa at an early date.

—In case of removal, all Centenary pledges should be paid at the charge where subscription was made. This applies to pastors as well as to members of the congregation.

—Rev. W. C. Ball is conducting a series of meetings in his Church at Wood, N. C., this week. He asks for the prayers of the readers of the Advocate for the success of the meeting.

—Rev. E. C. Durham, of Goldsboro, is assisting Brother Autry in a revival meeting at Magnolia with prospect for a good meeting. He informs us that he has as many engagements as he can fill between this and the session of his Conference.

—Dr. B. K. Hayes, a Methodist layman of Oxford and one of the leading physicians of the State, has just been appointed to the staff of the National Tuberculosis Association. He will go into the field and teach tuberculosis soldiers the best way to fight the disease that has attacked them.

—Dr. D. L. Mumpower sailed Oct. 8, for London. The object of his visit to England is to buy the big steam boat that will be put on one of the big rivers of Africa. After making the purchase, he will return to the States, where he will remain until February, when he sails for Africa to again take up his work.

—Rev. Jasper Bibb Thompson, pastor of the Stantonsburg circuit, was happily married at Belhaven, N. C., on Wednesday morning, Oc' 8th, to Miss Bertha Eldridge Lupton, of that place, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, presiding elder, officiating. The Advocate joins in expressions of congratulation and all good wishes.

—We regret to see the loss by fire of the home of Mrs. R. R. Harris, of Louisburg. The estimated loss is $8,000 with only $2,000 insurance. Sister Harris is a widow lady, a Methodist who lives next door to the parsonage, and had a widowed daughter living with her. We sincerely sympathize with her in her loss.

—Rev. A. J. Ewing has been compelled, owing to the failing health of both himself and wife, to give up his charge, Huttig Station, in the Little Rock Conference. They have gone to Mena, Ark., where they will make their future home. Huttig Station will be served by J. P. Williams, a local elder, of Eldorado, until Conference.

Mr. J. B. Ivey, prominent business man of Charlotte and a leading layman of the Western North Carolina Conference, was married to Mrs. Daisy Weatherly Smith, of Clio, S. C., on Wednesday, October the 8th. At present they are on their bridal tour, but will be at home after November 1st, 764 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. The Advocate joins in hearty congratulations and the wish for a very happy and useful life.

—A revival service is reported in progress at Mt. Gilead where Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, is assisting the pastor, Rev. N. C Yearby. The Montgomerian says: "All the services are well attended, for the people are delighted with Mr. North's strong, forceful and spiritual sermons. He is a preacher of unusual force and eloquence. There has been a number of professions and the Church is much revived."

—We acknowledge the receipt of the anouncement of the marriage of Miss Neppie Clary Brothers, daughter of Rev. C. C. Brothers of the North Carolina Conference to Dr. Mark Alexander Griffin, of Morganton, N. C. The happy event took place in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, on Wednesday, October 8, 1919, the father of the bride officiating. They will be at home at Morganton, N. C., after October 22. The Advocate extends its best wishes to the happy couple.

—Rev. Chas. P. Goode, pastor of the North Thomasville charge, called last week. He had just closed his sixth revival. Reports 50 professions and 47 accessions. Hopes to have all finances in full. Has paid off the mortgage which has been standing against the parsonage since 1910. Sold the Zion Church property three miles northwest of Thomasville and purchased the old Quaker "Pine Woods" Church and cemetery, nearer Thomasville. This old Church was established in 1792.

—A private note brings us the information that Rev. W. A. Forbes is critically ill. This note was received some days ago, but we have seen nothing of it in the papers and do not know whether there has been any change in his condition or not. Brothther Forbes has been for several years a superannuate of the North Carolina Conference, a man greatly beloved, and the news of his illness will bring sorrow to many hearts. May he be speedily restored to his usual health.

—The Roanoke News (Weldon) says: "The series of meetings at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which were conducted by Rev. Mr. Paylor, of Chase City, Va., came to a close last Wednesday night. He is indeed a hard worker and a fine preacher. . . On Sunday morning last, with a very impressive service, Rev. F. M. Shamburger received a class of eight children into the Church. . . Two members were received by transfer and there are others who will unite in the near future."

—Revival meeting has been in progress at Broad Street Church, Statesville, since Sunday. Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of First Church, Hickory, is preaching twice daily to large congregations. Conversions at several services. Thirty people gave their names for Church membership at the Saturday morning service. It has been several years since Broad street has been so deeply interested in revival work. The congregation as a whole is responding to every call and demand of the pastor and the preacher.

—It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. Bascom Alfred York, son of Rev. and Mrs. B. A. York, of Lincolnton, N. C., whose illness was referred to in these columns last week. He passed away at West Asheville, on Thursday, of last week, and the body was interred in the cemetery at Lincolnton on Saturday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. M. Litaker, assisted by Rev. E. W. Fox, pastor of West Asheville. Brother and Sister York will have the prayers and sympathy of a host of friends.

—A note from Rev. Thomas McM. Grant under date of Oct. 6th brings the sad news of the death of W. W. Ormond, of Greene County. His death occurred on Saturday, Oct. 4th. It came, we understand, after protracted illness. Brother Ormond was a brother of A. L. and J. M. Ormond, of the North Carolina Conference, and was one of the leading men of his county. We have not been informed of the details of his death, but we are sure a suitable notice will be sent for our columns. We extend our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing loved ones.

—The Advocate is in receipt of the formal announcement of the marriage of Mr. George Anson Tuttle, of Lenoir, to Miss Jessie Ingold Williams, of Reidsville, which took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sue Fetzer Williams, in that place, October 8. Mr. Tuttle is a brother of Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of the Western North Carolina Conference. The bride has been a very efficient teacher in the public schools of Durham for a number of years and is eminently worthy of the fine young man with whom she is to walk through life. Congratulations.

—Just as we go to press a note from Rev. W. L. Maness, Parkton, brings the sad news of the sudden death of his sister, Mrs. L. J. Wallace, No particulars are given. Our sympathies go out to Brother Maness and the other members of the family of the deceased. May the Great Comforter be with them in this hour of their sorrow!

—A dispatch from Statesville to the Greensboro Daily News brings the information that Rev. L. D. Thompson, pastor of our Church at Statesville, was taken ill with appendicitis last Saturday, October 11, and was taken to Dr. Long's sanatorium for treatment. It had not been decided at that time whether or not an operation would be necessary, though it was thought that such would probably be the case. Brother Thompson is one of our most valuable men, and we sincerely trust that his health will soon be restored

FROM CANDLER

Under date of October 9th, Rev. J. C. Postelle, pastor of the Sulphur Springs circuit writes:

I wish to try to express my appreciation to the kind people of this circuit for the generous pounding—even little tots, young folks up to older men and women—also other tokens of their sympathy since I came from Biltmore Hospital last month. I pray God's richest blessings upon them always.

LARGEST LISTS FOR WEAVER HALL

Eight charges have subscribed more than a thousand dollars to the Weaver fund at Rutherford College:

West Market	$2,033
Hickory	1,899
Main Street, Gastonia	1,863
West End, Winston	1,761
Connelly Springs, Rutherford College	1,470
Tryon Street	1,429
Centenary, Winston	1,145
Trinity, Charlotte,	1,014

Watch this list go to sixteen by October 27.

J. R. Walker.

BAKERSVILLE

We closed a very successful series of meetings in our Bakersville congregation on Tuesday night, October 7th. The meeting continued ten days. Many delinquent members were revived and a few conversions. We have had an excellent year. All our meetings have been good. About 83 have professed faith in Christ. I received 19 on profession of faith and 6 by letter. I understand that a great many have joined the Baptist Church as a result of these meetings. May God bless the people of old Bakersville. I shall never forget their love and kindness. They are pressing on to higher ground.

A. L. Lucas, P. C.

EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The General Sunday School Board has adopted the plan of the Ad Interim Committee of the Missionary Centenary for a Campaign of Evangelism in the Sunday School. The Board has outlined a program which includes a Sunday school membership campaign to be conducted from November 1 to January 4, 1920. The program includes studies in evangelism preliminary to the intensive evangelistic campaign.

Dr. Charles D. Bulla, corresponding secretary of the General Sunday School Board, has been elected director of the Campaign of Evangelism in the Sunday school.

A SUGGESTION

That there is need of evangelists in our ministry is an axiom. That there is need of business men in our ministry was emphasized by Jesus Christ who, before undertaking to teach men rules for their general conduct, himself learned, and applied, business methods to his own life.

Captains of industry find little of practical value in a ministry which is untrained in business methods, no matter how deep may be its spirituality, or great its theological learning. Artisans, tradesmen, laborers, mechanics, find that ministry most congenial and helpful which is manful in practical things. In fact, all classes most readily confide in a ministry which spells *manhood applied.*

Prayer without wit and prudence is like dough without yeast.

Geo. Steedson DeLano,
Pine Bluff, N. C.

A REPORT of EAST SPENCER AND NORTH MAIN CHARGE

This charge is moving along and doing some things this year.

We are raising funds for a new Church building for East Spencer. This Church is a necessity as the congregation has outgrown the present one.

North Main is buying a parsonage for their preacher and when this Church is made a station they hope to be ready.

The meeting at North Main was a good one and while we did not do all that we had hoped to do yet it was a success.

At East Spencer we held twelve days. Rev. A. S. Raper did the preaching and did it well. The result was a real revival such as our town has never had and eternity alone can tell the result. It is the beginning of a new day for East Spencer.

We had more than sixty professions. And forty-four have joined our Church here with more to follow and several have joined other Churches.

R. K. Brady, P. C.

CAMPAIGN CLOSING

I am meeting with splendid responses during the closing weeks of the campaign for Weaver Hall, and water and electric lights at Rutherford College. Lately High Point added $500 to what it had done; and in four hours I added $483 at Elkin to what Elkin had already subscribed.

The campaign closes on the last day of our Annual Conference, October 27. In the closing two weeks I want to hear from ten men that will subscribe at least $500 each; fifty, $100 each; and one hundred $50 each. The payments may extend over five years, beginning this year or next year. Whether the full number is found or not, your subscription is to be counted.

J. R. Walker.

FROM CENTRAL, MONROE

Just a few lines to give a brief account of our work here during the year.

First, we had a good meeting early in the year, conducted by the pastor, assisted by the congregation. We have had one hundred and seven accessions to the membership of the Church—seventy-five by vows and thirty-two by certificate, and there will be a few more before Conference meets.

We have secured one hundred and five new subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. I think we will clean up all the old indebtedness and have all collections in full. We had hoped to have a new Sunday school building by this time, but the conditions have not been favorable, so we have had to postpone it until later.

We are closing the best year in the

history of this great Church, and the outlook for the future is full of promise for still greater achievements.

H. H. Jordan.

ROSEMARY

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington dedicated the Rosemary Church on the fourth Sunday in September. He preached two most excellent sermons while in our midst and made a profound impression on all who heard him.

Bishop Darlington has a big heart as well as a sane head, and also a keen insight into the affairs of the Church. We feel that his visit to our growing town was a real benediction and will be long remembered by many, especially the pastor and his wife, whose guest the bishop was from Saturday evening till Monday noon.

Our new Smith's Church (1 1-2 miles from Rosemary) is now nearing completion. It has six class rooms and a gallery in addition to the main auditorium. All together will seat about 450 persons. The Rosemary parsonage is now in process of construction. We think it will be ready for occupancy by Dec. 1st.

Rev. B. F. McLendon (Cyclone Mack) will begin a three weeks evangelistic campaign for Rosemary and surrounding communities Oct. 26th. Our community is very much in need of a meeting of this kind—a real revival. The pastor requests the prayers of the brethren to this end.

Chas. M. Lance, P. C.

DEDICATION OF LITTLEJOHN'S CHURCH

Littlejohn's Church, Lenoir circuit, was dedicated yesterday, Oct. 5th.

We had two able and soul-stirring sermons preached. The one in the morning by the Rev. MacGruder Tuttle, and the one in the afternoon by Bishop Darlington.

A number of the ministers of the Conference were present. Among them were Revs. MacGruder Tuttle, R. G. Tuttle, R. M. Courtney and G. W. Clay, who went out from this Church to preach the Gospel.

These ministers, in connection with Rev W. A. Newell, our presiding elder, assisted the Bishop in the dedicatory service.

Littlejohn's Church is a pretty and well arranged church; one of the best country churches in the Conference.

It stands as a monument to the devotion of its members to God and their loyalty to His service.

We regret very much that Rev. Herndon Tuttle and Miss Lelia Tuttle, our missionary to China, could not be present.

In this connection I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to Revs. Herndon Tuttle, MacGruder Tuttle, R. G. Tuttle and O. L. Simps for their strong sermons and faithful work done in our revi al meeting at Littlejohn's and Gamewell Churches.

Elmer Simpson, Pastor.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Whereas, our presiding elder, Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, is now closing his quadrennium in our Salisbury District and especially in Park Avenue Church, therefore be it resolved,

First: That we, the members of the quarterly conference of Park Avenue M. E. Church, South, now assembled, hereby express our most hearty appreciation for his interest in our church, and for his untiring services and able administrations of the affairs of our church.

Second: That we pray for his continued success in whatever field of labor his lot may be cast, and assure him of our deepest concern for his welfare and happiness in all things temporal and spiritual, present and eternal.

Third: That we regret that the time has come for his labors with us in this district to be severed. With him goes our earnest prayers and all good wishes for a final and glorious triumph when at last his final work may be done.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, a copy be sent to Dr. Rowe and a copy spread on a page of our quarterly conference records of this the fourth quarterly conference for the year 1919.

Rev. V. O. Dutton,
B. R. Ketchie,
A. S. Morgan,
Committee.

Dated Oct. 3rd, 1919, Salisbury, N. C.

OUR CONFERENCE BOOK EXCHANGE

Some reasons why everybody should help the Book Exchange all he can.

1. It opens the way for our good books to go on and repeat their good work.

2. It saves the purchaser about 50 per cent on each purchase.

3. It puts money into the preacher's purse instead of leaving books to mold on his book shelves.

3. It helps the superannuate or his widow or his orphans.

Brethren, bring some books to Conference. I mean good books, put your name in them and fix a fair price on them and put them on the book table. A charge of 10 per cent on sales is made. No sale , no charge.

We will be open for business this conference from Wednesday to Saturday, only, and will wind up the Exchange business for this year on Saturday night, Oct. 25.

A. R. Bell, Mgs.

CONFERENCE NOTICES

Candidates for Admission

Those who expect to apply for admission on trial into the Western North Carolina Conference are requested to meet the committee on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 2:30 p. m., in the room designated.

Z. E. Barnhardt, Chmn.

Class of the First Year

The class of the first year is hereby requested to meet the committee, at the place designated in the Directory, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1919, at 3 o'clock p. m. Every member of the class is earnestly requested to be present on time.

H. H. Jordan, Chmn.

Board of Missions

The Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference is called to meet Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1919, at 3:30 p. m. in West Market Street Church.

E. K. McLarty, Chmn.

Class of Fourth Year

The class of the Fourth Year will meet at the place provided Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, at 8 o'clock.

G. T. Rowe.

Class of Second Year

The class of the Second Year will please meet in West Market Street Greensboro, on Tuesday, Oct. 21st, at 4 p. m.

D. M. Litaker, Chmn.

OXFORD

Oxford is the prettiest town in the State. Col. Olds, who knows most of the towns in the State, gives it second place; but we don't admit it. A great many tourists who pass through here say that it is the prettiest town between New York and Florida. Perhaps this is one reason why we have such fine pastors in the Methodist Church here—Massey, Shamburger, Tyer, Willis and the matchless Craven. We love them all, and that is another reason we get the best.

One beautiful custom that originated here with Brother Willis should, I think, be general in the Church. That custom is to keep the communion over to the evening service so that those who were not present at the morning service can commune.

We are delighted with Brother Craven. He is a great worker as well as a good preacher and pastor. One Sunday morning 27 joined the Church and the following Sunday eight more joined. Quite a number have joined by certificate.

He organized the Boy Scouts, and is giving a good deal of his time to the young life of our community which will tell for good in the years to come.

Brother Thompson also is very popular on the circuit. I have not heard a word of adverse criticism about either and every one loves them. Oxford is an illustration of the advantages of the itinerant system. The big Churches do not get all of the best preachers.

J. P. Hunt.

FROM CENTENARY HEADQUARTERS

Mr. Chas. T. Schaedel, Rev. J. J. Davis, and Rev. Ansie Lynn, visited Centenary offices recently before going to Africa where they will serve as Missionaries under the M. E. Church, South. They sail Oct. 8th.

Mr. Schaedel is not a preacher, but a practical business man. For several years he has been in the oil business. He will do industrial and agricultural work in Africa, as well as have charge of the big new steam boat. In speaking of his new venture in faith, Mr. Schaedel says that he could not get away from the "Go Ye," and as he was not a preacher decided to serve as a business man.

Rev. J. J. Davis, Witmore, Ky., goes as an evangelistic missionary. He has been interested in Missions for several years, and has made several trips to the Orient as an onlooker. Last winter, after reading "The Lure of Africa", he decided that God's plan for his life meant missionary work in the dark continent.

Rev. Ansie Lynn also goes as an evangelist. He is a S. M. U. man, and his personality fairly radiates virility and enthusiasm. Mr. Lynn signed the volunteer card last December, with China in view as his field of labor. After talking with Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Foreign Secretary, and learning of the great need in Africa, he decided to go to that country.

Great things are expected of this trio. Although there are now but two Southern Methodist charges in Africa, it is expected that new work will soon be opened.

RURAL EVANGELISM

In our large stations it is practicable to secure noted evangelists, or, if preferred, our best pastor evangelists for a series of meetings. In our small towns and country churches it is much more difficult to obtain efficient help. The old idea that every Methodist preacher is a revivalist not dependent upon other ministerial help for his annual revival meetings was never entirely correct, and present conditions justify more than formerly expert help for the best results.

On our circuits the people, as a rule, insist that the protracted meetings be held after the "crops are laid by," or in some instances in the fall of the year. The few weeks that seem to our Church people suitable for these meetings, limit the time for each of several meetings to a hurtful degree, and keeps each pastor at his own tasks without opportunity to help another pastor in similar work.

So, in this my first recent year on Circuit work I carefully planned and had Rev. A. B. Crumpler at Hebron early in August, Rev. G. B. Starling at Warren Plains early in September, and Rev. C. A. Jones at Macon early in October and have the promise of Rev. T. B. Price at Warrenton November 3-16. The three meetings already held have been good revivals, and we are praying that the fourth will be even more so.

We need, in my opinion, Conference evangelists for many of the rural Churches, and in almost every instance two weeks time or more for the revival meeting. Having said this, I single out Brother Starling of my helpers this year as the one of them who like myself is simply a pastor. He is a strong preacher, did us fine work, and we had a great meeting for the few days he could spare from his own charge to help us.

I hope at our approaching Conference this matter of rural evangelism will receive the attention its importonce seems to me to demand. One of my helpers, Rev. C. A. Jones, has taken a correspondenc course in evangelism and his work at Macon causes me to think that he would be almost ideal as a revival evangelist, and I hereby call the attention of the committee on evangelism and the board of missions to him.

J. T. Gibbs.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING UNIFICATION

Unanimously Adopted by the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Atlanta, Ga., at Their Regular Meeting Held October 6, 1919

Whereas, the Joint Commission on Unification has appointed an Ad-Interim Committee which we understand will assemble in Richmond, Va., on or about the fifth of November, and that said Committee will endeavor to formulate a plan of unification which will provide for the status of the Negro in the proposed unified Church which will be acceptable to both Churches; and

Whereas the General Conference of the Methodist Church, South, at Oklahoma City voted in favor of setting the Negro apart in a Church to himself with fraternal relations, which action was confirmed by the General Conference of our Church which met in Atlanta in 1918; and

Whereas, this Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Atlanta, Ga., desires to record itself as being in favor only of a plan which will provide a separate church for the Negro and is unalterably opposed to any other plan relating to him, as we believe that this will be best for the Church and best for the Negro;

Be it resolved, that this Board respectfully and earnestly requests the Commissioners of the Southern Methodist Church assembled at the Ad-Interim meeting in Richmond next month, that they do not tentatively or otherwise agree to any plan with reference to the status of the Negro in the proposed reorganized Church which is in any way different from the declaration by our General Conference at Oklahoma City in 1914.

Resolved, Further, that the secretary of this Board be directed to furnish a certified copy of these resolutions to Dr. W. J. Young, of Emory University, who is a member of the Ad-Interim Committee, with the request that it be presented to that Committee.

I, Robert Lee Avery, secretary of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Atlanta, Ga., hereby officially certify that above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted by said Board of Stewards at their regular meeting held October 6, 1919.

Witness my official signature this October 7, 1919.

Robert Lee Avery, Sec.

THAT STRANGE VERSION OF THE BIBLE IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

I for one am thoroughly disgusted with it. The idea of our S. S. editor and the S. S. Board using such a version when there are so much better ones, besides the authorized version which, while it is not very clear in some places and a few mistranslations in minor matters, is so much better than the one they are using. I hope

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Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

SHARING

Life's choicest blessings are
By sharing richer far:
When love bestows the best
Seems better still the rest;
The joys that we divide
Are more than multiplied.

Life's burdens, heavy grown,
With sorrow bowed me down;
I shared another's grief
And straightway found relief;
Of others good I thought,
My ill was quite forgot.

—Selected.

A SPLENDID SUGGESTION

Miss Amy Hackney, Conference superintendent of Children's Work, gives out, in the following message to the children, a splendid suggestion that has come to her and we trust that all our auxiliaries will read it and if necessary use it.

My Dear Little Folks:

Just at this time of course the most of our societies are planning to start a Mission Study class and sometimes we wonder how we can purchase our books for the class without much expense to any of us. Having received the following splendid suggestion from one of our enthusiastic leaders, I am going to "pass it on" to you, believing that it may be of service to some one.

This leader gave a lawn party and had such wonderful success with it that after all the expenses of the party were paid, there was enough money left with which to buy a dozen copies of one of our interesting mission study books, and send in 12 subscriptions to the "Young Christian Worker" also. Now, do you think that was a good way to secure the mission study books as well as to place the Young Christian Worker in so many of the homes of the children?

This plan worked well with one society and perhaps it would be successful in yours. It is worth trying anyway, don't you think? I am hoping that the third quarter reports are going to bring in glorious results in our children's work. With best wishes

Miss Amy B. Heckney.

In a personal letter from Miss Annie Kate Jones, of Walnut Cove, a representative of one of our enthusiastic young people's societies, we have a most interesting account of a Japanese Garden Party given by these young people with the members of the Woman's Society as invited guests This party was held on the porch and lawn of the home of one of the girls, which had been artistically decorated in Japanese lanterns for the occasion. A goodly number of the young people were present with the adults and the pleasures of the evening were many and varied. Refreshments were served by members of the society dressed in Japanese costumes. We think it a splendid idea for our young people to entertain the adult society occasionally and then for the adult society to return the honor and thus make each familiar with the work of the other.

The Hendersonville correspondent of the Asheville Citizen gives a most interesting write-up of a recent meeting of the Woman's Society of Hendersonville which was held a few days ago with Mrs. M. F. Moores at her home at the parsonage.

A large number of members were in attendance and a program of unusual interest was given by several members of the society. After the program a delightful social hour was spent and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

A Uunion Missionary Meeting on the Salisbury District

What could have been more inspiring than this splendid meeting of which Mrs. J. F. Shinn, district secretary, tells us in the following letter:

My Dear Mrs. Harris:

The ladies of Bethel Church, in Cabarrus county, who comprise the newly organized Woman's Missionary Society, were hostesses on Sunday, Sept. 28th, to quite a number of sis er societies. Bethel is the place of Camp Meeting fame, and is always a delightful spot for a gathering.

On this occasion there was a large crowd present, the day was perfect and so was the dinner and the program was interesting, helpful and inspirational. In the forenoon Mr. J. F. Shinn, of Norwood, talked on Mission Fields abroad and in a brief but comprehensive manner gave a fine summary of mission work in those fields.

After dinner the program was splendidly filled by the representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Church, Concord, N. C. We had fine talks and readings from Mrs. J. E. Smoot, Mrs. J. F. Dayvault, Mrs. A. S. Dayvault, Mrs. W. F. Goodman, Mrs. H. S. Williams and Mrs. Ed Kestler. So helpful was this service that we are hoping that next year the missionary societies will hold another meeting with a still larger attendance. The officers of the Bethel Auxiliary are as follows: President, Mrs. C. W. Bost, Concord, N. C., route 7; vice president, Mrs. R. F. Honeycutt, Cabarrus, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. H. D. Eudy, Cabarrus, N. C; treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Black, Harrisburg, N. C., route 2. Other officers will be added.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father saw fit to take unto Himself on the 16th day of August, 1919, our much beloved co-worker, Mrs. Johnnie Randolph Biggers.

Resolved 1st. That in her death the Woman's Missionary Society has lost one of its most loyal members and the church one of its most lovable Christian women.

2nd. That we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well and that as the years pass away we will ever cherish her memory.

3rd. That we point out her life of devotion and faithfulness as an example to all who knew her.

4th. That we record these resolutions on the records of our society, send one to the bereaved husband and also to the Woman's Page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. E. N. King,
Mrs. A. G. Hagler,
Mrs. W. B. Berryhill.

N. C. CONFERENCE

DURHAM DISTRICT MEETING

Mrs. S. F. Nicks, Secretary

The opening services of this meeting were held the evening of Sept. 23rd, in the M. E. Church at Graham, the devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Edwards, with beautiful music by the choir, after which Mrs. A. M. Gates, our Conference president delivered to us a very striking and forceful address on the subject: How to Make the Centenary Permanent in the Church—Woman's Part.

She outlined very plainly woman's part and then with strong appeal told them how to go about it. Showing that we are facing the greatest opportunity in the history of the work, which only can be met by pressing to the front with the three great principles of the Centenary, namely, prayer, stewardship and life service, the greatest of which is prayer, and this she stressed largely as woman's part.

She would not be satisfied with our private and public prayer but that we must teach our children to pray using the influence of the family worship.

The devotional services were conducted Wednesday morning by Revs. S. E. Mercer and the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. E. C. Glenn, S. E. Mercer and J. R. Edwards

The conference was conducted by Miss Mattie Pulliam, our district secretary.

Twenty-four delegates were present.

Miss Pulliam in a very calm and beautiful way delivered to us an interesting message, which showed that her heart was in the work and that she appreciated the loyal support on the part of all the members of the various auxiliaries.

She encouraged not only a continuation of every old member but that they should do all they could to enlist new ones and thus make our auxiliaries helpful to a larger number of our women.

She spoke of the vast amount of work we are being called on to do in China and in order to meet this pressing need our collections should be increased 15 per cent.

The following program was briefly outlined in her message, and an urgent request for it to be observed:

October, Mission Study Rally. November, Week of Prayer, and December, Harvest Day.

Mrs. Gates then gave much information on mission study and how important to have our mission study classes.

It was then open for any questions to be asked on mission study.

A very timely and good address on Social Service was delivered by Mrs. E. C. Duncan, superintendent of Social Service.

She began by asking the question: What is social service? This she answered taking as her basis the life work and teaching of Jesus Christ, who always was found going about doing good.

She showed so plainly that together with evangelism and education went also redeeming the body and life of individuals from poverty, disease and crime.

She stressed the fact that there should be a social service committee in every Auxiliary in order that this very important work of our Church should not be overlooked nor neglected.

Miss Lillie Duke conducted the noon devotional as a consecration service. It was inspiring to hear the prayers and talks of the different members.

It strengthens us when we do or say anything for the Master's cause.

The meeting adjourned and a most elegant luncheon was served at the church by members of Graham church.

The devotional for the afternoon was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Duncan.

Reports from the Young People's Societies were given.

Mrs. J. C. Angier and Mrs. A. M. Gates talked for the "Missionary Voice," encouraging all our members and others to read the "Voice."

Miss Lillie Duke, leader of the young people, whom we all love to hear, talked to us on the young people's work, showing the importance of teaching and training the young people.

We know Miss Lillie studies and loves her work because she can tell you just what to do with your boys and girls. Organize your young people; make the meetings attractive.

Two new Young People's Societies were reported and how they were organized. We then had the report of the Bright Jewels.

A letter was read from Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, leader of the children's work, whom we had expected to be with us. We missed her bright, pleasant face and her glad message she always brings to us.

In her absence Mrs. Gates who is ever ready to give helpful ideas and suggestions talked on children's work which was interesting and causing us to be encouraged to do all we can with the Bright Jewels.

Give the children the Young Christian Worker to read.

The Graham Bright Jewels gave a good report and sang "Tidings."

Our meeting closed with a devotional by Mrs. A. M. Gates.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the hospitable manner in which the Graham people welcomed us int their homes and extended to us every courtesy, and to all those lending a helping hand to make the meeting enjoyable and a blessing.

Mrs. S. F. Nicks,
Sec'y. of the District Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Wilmington district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held at Wallace, N. C., October 30 and 31, beginning on the evening of Thursday, the 30th, and continuing through Friday, the 31st. An interesting program is being prepared and it is earnestly desired that every auxiliary be represented. Send names of delegates to Mrs. W. F. Murphy, Wallace, N. C.

Mrs. C. H. Fore.
Wilmington Dist. Sec.

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419 EGGS FROM 20 HENS IN 30 DAYS

Mr. Dougherty Got This Result in October. Plan is Easily Tried.

"I tried Don Sung and the results were far past any expectations. I got 419 eggs in 30 days from 20 hens while moulting. I think this is wonderful, as they hardly laid at all before while moulting."—Frank Dougherty, 5940 E. 11th St., Indianapolis.

Mr. Dougherty bought $1 worth of Don Sung tablets in October and wrote the above letter in November. Figure his profit on 35 dozen eggs from hens that formerly laid little or nothing.

This may sound too good to be true, but it costs nothing to find out. We'll make you the same offer we made him.

Give your hens Don Sung and watch results for one month. If you don't find that it pays for itself and pays you a good profit besides, simply tell us and your money will be promptly refunded.

Don Sung (Chinese for egg-laying) works directly on the egg-laying organs, and is also a splendid tonic. It is easily given in the feed, improves the hen's health, makes her stronger and more active in any weather, and starts her laying.

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Any poultry raiser can easily double his profits by doubling the egg production of his hens. A scientific tonic has been discovered that revitalizes the flock and makes hens work all the time. The tonic is called "More Eggs." Give your hens a few cents' worth of "More Eggs," and you will be amazed and delighted with results. A dollar's worth of "More Eggs" will double this year's production of eggs, so if you wish to try this great profit maker, write E. J. Reefer, poultry expert, 3257 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., who will send you a season's supply of "More Eggs" Tonic for $1.00 (prepaid). So confident is Mr. Reefer of the results that a million dollar bank guarantees if you are not absolutely satisfied, your dollar will be returned on request and the tonic costs you nothing. Send a dollar today. Profit by the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.

Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

THE CHURCH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Last week I called attention to the fact that an effort is being made throughout Southern Methodism to increase the circulation of our new Sunday school magazine, The Church School. The Sunday schools of our conference were called upon to favor themselves by putting across the campaign for the 684 new subscriptions asked from our 900 schools. The following constitute the honor roll to date:

Wadesboro	15
West Market Street	30
Thomasville	10
LaFayette Street, Shelby	10
Centenary, Winston	5
Chestnut Street, Asheville	11
Trinity, Charlotte	8

This is a mighty good list so far as it goes, but it is short on going. We are not going to fall down on this campaign. We never fall down on any meritorious enterprise. Every school ought to have The Church School coming with the regular order of literature, so come along.

Lambeth, at Thomasville

"Replying to your circular letter of November 3, beg to advise that I have already received ten copies of The Church School, which will be distributed to our Sunday school teachers and workers tomorrow. I think this is one of the best periodicals our Church has ever put out and I am sure it will result in great good.

Sincerely hoping that every Sunday school in our Conference will use five or more copies of this periodical, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
Chas. Lambeth.'

Weaver, at Asheville

"I received copy of "The Church School" and enjoyed it exceedingly, and on yesterday morning presented it to our school, stating that the one article in the October issue by Margaret Slattery was worth five years subscription to the periodical, if indeed it could be estimated in dollars. We then asked for individual subscriptions but to come in a club with our regular literature each month, and received the most gratifying response aggregating eleven yearly subscriptions.

Thank you for calling attention to the matter.

Yours truly,
J. H. Weaver."

Blanton, at Shelby

"Well, it is done. I just mentioned The Church School to my school today and got ten subscribers to the magazine, one for each officer and teacher of my school, and we have never seen a copy of the magazine yet. I told my school that you said, "it would be good for us," and we are going to try it for twelve months and prove it. Our school is getting along fine and we will have a good report this year. May the Lord help us all in this great work is my prayer.

Yours with best wishes,
Marvin Blanton."

TEACHER TRAINING NOTES

Miss Estelle Warlick, Granite Falls, has a live class of thirteen young people.

The following pupils from Spring Garden, Greensboro, have recently received credit for two units of work in "Life in the Making:" Misses Jinnie Hunt, Irma Sadler, Ethel Sadler, and Katherine Gregg.

Mr. W. H. Davis, High Point, our district superintendent for the Greensboro district, is constantly on the job. Each Sunday finds him urging some school to start a Training Class. The Greensboro district leads the Conference in Teacher Training.

Before the winter has passed it is thought that at least two city Standard Training Schools will have been put across.

THE DAUGHTERS OF WESLEY

"Just a few lines to tell you that our Wesley Bible Class of Biltmore Methodist Church is still alive. Since organizing in February, 1919 with an enrollment of twelve members, we have increased our number to sixteen active members. We are trying to live up to our motto, "Onward." Each week we make a special effort to do something for those in need, either by visits or sending flowers and fruits. Our officers are: Miss Eileen Proffitt, teacher; Miss Lucy Stevens, president; Miss Faye Cook, vice; Miss Katherine Alexander, secretary; Miss Harriet Gatlin, treasurer.

Sincerely,
The Daughters of Wesley."

INFORMATION WANTED

Some time ago I addressed letters to two hundred of our pastors asking for information dealing with all organized classes within the bounds of their charge. With the request went a self addressed stamped envelope for reply. Just about half of the pastors addressed have replied. Those other pastors are awfully busy I know, but our Bible Class movement waits on them.

Mr. J. M. Holland, president of our Wesley Bible Class Federation, writes me once to three time each week asking for an up-to-date list of our Wesley Bible Classes so that he can get in touch with them and their work. If those tardy pastors don't hurry and come across I shall have to try to muzzle Holland, who is an active business man and does not seem to understand why it takes a month to get a bit of information.

N. C. CONFERENCE

ELIZABETHTOWN CIRCUIT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The Annual Sunday School Conference on the Elizabethtown Circuit met at Bladen Springs Church, Saturday, October 4. All Sunday schools on the circuit were well represented. An excellent program was presented by the secretary, J. A. Gooden. The pastor, Rev. W. B. Humble, presented the field secretary, who spoke morning and afternoon on Sunday school problems.

Of special interest on the program was a singing contest by the choirs from each Sunday school. A very high quality of music was rendered by each choir. Under the direction of the pastor, the leaders in the churches on this circuit are seeking to improve the quality of the service which the Sunday schools render to the Church and community.

ROWLAND CIRCUIT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By invitation from Mr. Lacy Edens, I spent Sunday, October 5 on the Rowland circuit. It was a pleasure to be with the pastor, Rev. A. J. Groves, in the morning services at Rowland and the afternoon services at Centenary. Plans are being formulated for organizing a Sunday school association on this circuit. Mr. Lacy Edens is the moving spirit in this. A Training Class for teachers is being organized at Rowland under the direction of the pastor. A copy of the Church School will be placed in the hands of each teacher every month this year. Rowland circuit is looking forward to the day when the Sunday schools will receive the attention which they merit from the community.

HOW TO SECURE GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Start now to secure teachers for next year. Look around you and see what young people you have in the Sunday school and church who may be expected to become teachers later on. Talk to these young people individually about the needs of the school and their responsibility in the matter. Organize them into a Training Class. Challenge them with the greatness of the task. Except the call to the ministry, no greater call can come to the laymen in the church than that of teaching in the Sunday school.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I received a sample copy of The Church School yesterday. It looks to me like a good magazine. I read it all through last night. What most of us lack in the Sunday school is vision. I think this magazine will improve our vision if we take it and read it. I am going to get a copy for each one of my teachers. Is it all right to include this expense in the Sunday school budget?

Last Sunday we had 92 in the Sunday school and every teacher present. If we can just hold them it will be fine. I know they will not keep coming unless we make it worth their while. I am writing out a program each Saturday night for the next morning. It certainly does help a superintendent to know just what he is going to do when he goes into the school. And I expect it helps the school more than it does him.

I want to have Decision Day the last of this month. We have right many boys and girls about ten and fourteen who would accept Christ if they had the right appeal made. I am going to call a Workers Conference meeting and put it up to the teachers. Getting the teachers together that Sunday afternoon has meant more to the Sunday school here than anything else we've done. When I want to do anything after this, I know the first step at least.

Yours truly,
Superintendent New Town Sunday School.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"I seen a copy of our new Sunday school paper t'other day—it's called 'The Church School,' an' has the finest pictures an' best readin' matter in it of any Sunday school paper I ever read. It's only a dollar a year in clubs of five or more an' I move we get 'nough so's every teacher can have one."

"If I'd kep' on learnin' things all my days like I did the first six weeks o' my life I'd know more'n a dictionary full now."

"Sister Jenkins, what do you s'pose th' effect 'd be if ev'ry parsonage was a model of house-keepin'?"

160 HENS—1500 EGGS

Mrs. H. M. Patton, Waverly, Mo., writes: "I fed 2 boxes of 'More Eggs' and got 1500 eggs from 160 hens in exactly 21 days." This scientific tonic has made big profits for thousands of poultry raisers all over the U. S. It revitalizes the hens, tones them up and makes them lay al the time. Get ready now and make big profits out of your hens this winter. A $1.00 package will double the egg production and a million dollar bank guarantees to refund your money if you are not entirely satisfied. Send $1.00 now to E. J. Reefer, the poultry expert, 3257 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., and get a season's supply of "More Eggs." Profit by the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.



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RECEIPTS.

Bethany ss., Wanchese, Roanoke Island chg., $30; Merritt Bible Class, Pittsboro, $10; New Hope ss., Northampton ct., $3.05; John C. Fuller, Lumberton, $240; Lumberton ss., $14.76; Middleburg ss., Ridgeway ct., $5; Mt. Sylvan ss., Rougemont ct., $5,90; Berea Class, Central ss., Raleigh, $20; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Smithfield, $10; Kenly Baraca Class, $10; Sulphur Springs ss., Biscoe ct., $1.10; Fairfield ss., $7.80; Class No. 13, Rockingham ss., $10; Swepsonville ss., South Alamance ct., $5.50; Wesley Bible Class, Trinity ch., Durham, $15; Bowmore ss., Raeford ct., $4.47; Wesley Bible Class, Wilson, $2.71; L. E. Barnes, of Wilson, $8; Mt. Olive ss., $5; Carlton ss., Magnolia ct., $10; Norman Class, Edenton St. ch., Raleigh, $44.75; Union ss., Pasquotank ct., $5.10; Louisburg ss., $25; Lemon ss., Vass ct., $1.14; Tabernacle ss., Laurel Hill, $4.93; Beaufort ss., $5; Warren Plains ss., Warrenton ct., $10; Oak Grove ss., Person ct., $7.51; Henderson ss., $20; Mt. Zion ss., Currituck ct., $9; Ebenezer, ss., Newton Grove ct., $1.05; Woodland ss., Rich Square ct., $10; Mrs. G. M. Burton, Mt. Gilead, $15; Carver's Creek ss., Carver's Creek ct., $2.03; Banks ss., Franklinton ct., $10; Rev. J. D. Bundy, Fayetteville, $59; Mill Brook ss., Mill Brook ct., $2.45; Red Springs ss., $15.45; Bethel ss., Roseboro ct., $5; Class No. 3, Kinston ss., $10; Zion ss., Gates ct., $10; Selma Cotton Mill ss., $4; B. C. Thompson Bible Class, Harrellsville ct., Ahoskie, $20; Epworth Class, Fifth Ave., Wilmington, $10; Parker's ss., Raeford ct., $3.19; Soule ss., Swan Quarter., $25.59; Bethlehem ss., Warren ct., $1; G. H. A. Lilly, Mt. Gilead Station, $10; Miss Harriette G. Cole, Morganton, N. C., $10; J. C. Burwell, Mayesville, Ky., $5; Oxford Baraca Class, $10; Alfred R. Wilson, Onslow ct., $2.50; Jeff Barnes Wilson, Onslow ct., $2.50; Mrs. A. R. Wilson, Onslow ct., $2.50; Mrs. Alfred R. Wilson, Onslow ct., $2.50; Youngsville ss., Youngsville ct., $2; Gray Rock ss., $5; Rowland ss., $10.60; Susanna Wesley Class, Trinity Church, Wilmington, $10; Macon ss., Warrenton ct., $20; Castle Height ss., Fifth Ave ch., Wilmington, $10; Wesley Bible Class, Stantonsburg, $10; Pleasant Grove ss., Millbrook ct., $2.35; Kenly Baraca Class, $10; Warsaw ss., Faison and Warsaw chg., $9; Business Men's Class, Trenton, Jones ct., $10; Bethel ss., Roanoke ct., $41; Rougemont ss., Rougemont ct., $3; St. Paul ss., St. Paul ct., $5.40; Mr. G. O. Goodyear and family, Robeson ct., $25; Capt. Geo. D. Hawks, Weldon, $30; Parker's ss., North Gates ct., $10; Centenary ss., Rowland ct., $7.50; J. C. Burwell, Maysville, Ky., $5; Fred W. Bynum, Rockingham, $10; Jas. Church, Southport, $10; Seaboard ss., Garysburg ct., $14,32; Wadeville ss., Troy, $5; Littleton ss., $25; Epworth Class, Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, $10; Daniel's Chapel ss., Goldsboro ct., $3; St. Paul ss., St. Paul, Goldsboro, $30; West End ss., Aberdeen chg., $8.80; Wesley Bible Class, Trinity, Durham, $15; Mt. Bethel ss., Rougemont ct., $2.30; Rev. John D. Spinks, Crabtree, N. C., $3.61; Eureka ss., Fremont ct., $1.65; Alpha Class, of Norlina ct., $10; Mrs. G. G. Allen, White Plains, N. Y., $50; St. John ss., St. John and Gibson, $21.74; Lumberton ss., $25.07; Ridgeway ss., $3.25; Carthage ss., $20.78; Holly Springs ss., Cary ct., $5.13; Ebenezer ss., Garner ct., $1; A Friend, Raleigh, $5; A Friend, Raleigh, $1; Wesley Bible Class, Mt. Gilead Station, $3; Rockingham M. E. ss., $13; Mt. Olive ss., Mt. Olive, $5; Conetoe ss., Bethel ct., $2; New Hope ss., Northampton ct., $10; Newton Grove ss., Newton Grove ct., $1.70; Tabor ss., Tabor ct., $10; Campbell's Creek ss., Aurora ct., $3.57; Zion ss., Conway ct., $7.50; Wesley Class, Wilson, $10.33; L. F. Barnes, Wilson, $8; Sulphur Springs ss., Biscoe ct., .80; Ayden ss., $8.27; Baraca and Wesley Classes, Zebulon ct., $10.25; Mrs. E. L. Hart, Grace ch. Wilmington, $10; Trinity ss., Fairmont, Robeson ct., $15; Soule ss., Swan Quarter ct., $28.50; Shocco ss., Warren ct., $1; Roberdel No. 1 ss., $4.32; Yanceyville ct., $3; Clinton ss., $4.42; Miss Lola Gibson and mother, St. John and Gibson chg., $20; Y. W. Miss. Society St. John and Gibson chg., $6; Baraca Class, Kinston, $5; Mrs. Carrie L. Brantley, Winston-Salem, $2; Class No. 13, Rockingham, $10; Swepsonville ss., South Alamance chg., $6.10; Bank's ss., Franklinton ct., $10; Roseboro ct., $5; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Smithfield, $10; Parker's ss., Raeford ct., $9.14; Mill Brook ss., $1.80; Carver's Creek ss., Carver's Creek ct., $1; Wallace and Rose Hill ct., $4.48; Bethany ss., Wanchese, Roanoke Island, $15; Eno ss., Hillsboro ct., $2; Susanna Wesley Class, Trinity ch., Wilmington, $10; Fairfield ss., $10; Baraca Class, Oxford, $10; Zion ss., Gates ct., $10; Mrs. S. Mitchell, Carver's Creek ct., $50; Stem ss., Granville ct., $5; Philathea Class, Henderson, $20; Lemon Springs ss., Vass ct., $2.11; Trinity ss., Fairmont, Robeson ct., $70; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thompson, Robeson ct., $60; Deems Chapel ss., Bladen ct., $1.71; Raeford ss., $20; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horner, Oxford, $10; Ebenezer ss., Tar River ct., $5; Selma Cotton Mills ss., $5.04; Shocco ss., Warren ct., $1.25; Thomas M. Davis, Perquimans ct., $5; Centenary ss., Rowland ct., $7.50; Wesley Bible Class, Conway ss., $10; Buie's ss., Red Springs ct., $3.70; Willing Workers' Class, Epworth, Perquimans ct., $5; Wesley Bible Class, Tabor ch., Roanoke ct., $10; Mrs. T. G. Moore, Bath ct., $5; Chatham ss., Pittsboro ct., $2.75; Oak Grove ss., Person ct., $6.42; W. R. Gordon, Roberdel ct., $1; Bladen Springs ss., Elizabeth ct., $2.50; Union ss., Harrellsville ct., $1.25; Carr ch. ss., East Durham, $20; Gen. J. S. Carr, Trinity ch., Durham, $60; Miss Lillie Duke's Class, Memorial ch., Durham, $10; Two classes, Parkton ss., $10; Miss Vallie Hill, Benson, $5; Pleasant Plains ss., Lillington ct., $2; Asbury ss., Bath ct., $5; Jackson Baraca Class, Northampton ct., $10; Shearan ss., Conway ct., $20; Burlington Baraca Class, $19; Baxter's Grove ss., Moyock ct., .50; Clayton ss., $10; Brown's Chapel ss., Pittsboro ct., $5; Business Men's Class, Louisburg, $7.50; Rose Hill ss., Wallace and Rose Hill, $8.96; Excelsior Class, Memorial ch., Durham, $10; Conetoe ss., Bethel ct., $2; Providence ss., Conway ct., $8; Leigh Wesley Workers Class, Elizabeth City, $5; Four ss., Chadbourn ct., $20; Mrs. Carrie Brantley, Winston-Salem, $2; Mt. Zion ss., Pittsboro ct., $4; Middleburg ss., Ridgeway ct., $5; T. J. Rouse, Burlington, $10; Tabor ss., Tabor ct., $7.32; Concord ss., Perquimans ct., $6.08; Ebenezer ss., Garner ct., $1; Fletcher's Chapel, ss., Durham ct., $8; Grifton ss., $10; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King, Grace ch., Wilmington, $100; Person St. and Calvary, $10; Wesleyan class, Burlington, $5; Rosemary ss., $5; Kinston Baraca Class, $5; Asbury and Edeth Star Classes, Branson, Durham, $10; Wesley Bible Class, Mt. Gilead, $3; Leasburg ss., Leasburg ct., $2.85; New Land ss., Camden ct., $5; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Westbrook, Rocky Mount., $10; Center Hill ss., Chowan ct., Union ss., Biscoe ct., $4.27; Wesley Bible Class, Rocky Mount, $20; W. E. Springer, Grace ch., Wilmington, $5; Will Casey, Goldsboro ct., $10; Philadelphia ss., Gates ct., $5; New Hope ss., Perquimans ct., $6.54; Wesley Chapel ss., Elizabeth ct.

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TEN PER CENT.

Rev. Amos Gregson, Randleman-Naomi, $10; Rev. R. F. Wellons, Greenwood, Bina, $2.50; Rev. R. F. Wellons, Ashley, Bina, $5.30; J. S. Bell, Elkin, Elkin, $75; Rev. J. W. Combs, Pilot Mtn. Cir., Pilot Mountain, $57; Rev. R. P. Fikes, Mills River, Horse Shoe, $14.84; Rev. J. H. Brady, Canton Sta., Canton, $60; Dr. L. T. Smith, Main St., Reidsville, $50; Rev. Geo. D. Herman, Central, Mt. Airy, $45; Rev. N. R. Richardson, Cooleemee, $21.44; Rev. C. A. Johnson, Hendersonville, R. 2, $13; Rev. Z. T. Bell, S. Thomasville, Thomasville, $10; A. G. Foard, Treasurer First Methodist Church, Lenoir, $200; H. B. Pulliam, Centenary, Winston-Salem, $142.32; John Lambert, Treas., Spring Garden, Greensboro, $80; Rev. R. H. Kennington, Hickory Grove, R. 9, Charlotte, $37.36; Rev. C. M. McKinney, Spring Creek, Spr. Creek, $12.16; Rev. D. W. Brown, Fallston, Belwood, $12.66; Rev. C. M. Campbell, Spencer Memorial, North Charlotte, $18.43; Rev. T. B. Johnson, Trinity, Randolph circuit, $7.60; Rev. T. W. Hager, Rutherford College, Enola, $12.50; M. F. Kirby, Jr., Main St., Gastonia, $100; E. B. Claywell, Morganton Sta., Morganton, $117.70; Rev. J. W. Kennedy, Haywood charge, Lowell, $80; Rev. W. M. Boring, Yadkinville, $17.72; Rev. W. L. Dawson, Forest City, Forest City, $20; total $1,222.53.

SPECIAL GIFTS.

W. A. Ring, High Point, $15; J. W. Alspaugh, Winston-Salem, (L. L. White's Class) $25; A Friend, Letter Mailed Monroe, $25; Elkin Furniture Co., Elkin, $20; H. A. Dunham, Asheville, $10; R. H. Latham's Bible Class, Winston-Salem, $22; Mrs. J. W. Alspaugh, Ladies' Aaid, Winston-Salem, $10; Chas. Binkley, Winston-Salem, $9; H. A. Dunham, Asheville, $10; E. H. Kochtitzky, Mt. Airy, $30; two Salisbury Friends, $2; total $153.

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The story is told of a famous lady who once reigned in Paris society that she was so homely that her mother said one day: "My poor child, you are too ugly for anyone ever to fall in love with you." From that time Madame de Circourt began to be very kind to the pauper children of the village, the servants of the household, even the birds that hopped about the garden walls. She was always distressed if she happened to be unable to render a service. This good will toward everybody made her the idol of the city. Though her complexion was sallow, her gray eyes small and sunken, yet she held in devotion to her the greatest men of her time. Her unselfish interest in others made her, it is said, perfectly irresistible. Her life surely furnishes a valuable lesson.—Exchange.

There is contagion in a sweet and beautiful character, for health is contagious as well as disease. We are all the time giving to others either wholesome or unwholesome moods—poisoning their atmosphere with doubt and suspicion, or clearing it with helpfulness and good cheer.—Phillips Brooks.

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Correspondence

(Continued from Page Seven)

our coming Conference at Greensboro will pass a resolution requesting or demanding a change from this version, to the authorized. If we want to use the other versions in comparisons let us do so, but only in that way. I have several versions which I use in that way. E. Myers.

MARSHVILLE CHARGE

The progress of the Marshville charge during the past four years has been very marked. When the present pastor, Rev. S. Taylor, assumed the oversight of this work there was a $1,500 debt on the parsonage. This debt has been entirely liquidated. The charge oversubscribed its allotment in the Centenary drive. Starting four years ago with a salary of $1,000, the annual compensation of the pastor has been increased yearly until the amount paid this year is $1,500, as the stewards voluntarily raised the salary at the fourth quarterly meeting from $1,350 to $1,500 and fixed the salary for next year at $1,650.

Mr. Taylor has served this charge during this period and he leaves it in a most harmonious condition, the spiritual state of the different churches being good. To him belongs much of the credit for the progress of the charge, and quite a number of his members are persistent in their demands for a petition to be sent to the Annual Conference for his return for the fifth year and all are anxious for him to come back. Mr. Taylor, however, seems to belong to the old school Methodists who believe that a preacher can do his best work in four years and he refuses to encourage the petition.

Wherever our beloved pastor may find his field of labor for the coming years, our admiration, our prayers and our heartiest best wishes go with him. L. E. Huggins.

NEW METHODIST CHURCH

Since the new Methodist church now being built here is unusual in its size and arrangements, the following facts about it furnished by the pastor will be of interest.

The walls outside from ground to main floor will be stucco on brick. Above main floor cream colored shale brick with stone trim will be used. Four large stone columns two feet in diameter and twenty feet high stand at the entrance. Semi-circular steps fifty-four feet in length extend from the stone columns to the street. The design is strictly Romanesque severely adhering to this classic model throughout.

A large dome surmounts the slate roof. In this dome is an attractive class room with a capacity for 120 men. The building from the front to rear is 112 feet and from side to side 89 feet. It is four stories high and contains 10,000 square feet of floor space, which figured 5 sq. ft. to a person gives seating capacity for 2,000 persons.

There will be 30 rooms with a seating capacity of 60 each, making accommodation for a modern Sunday school with its departments in groups of rooms. The parlor, large enough to hold 150 persons, has folding doors dividing it into two sections, with a grate in each section. Another room directly above the parlor is same in size and arrangement. In addition to this there is a single parlor for the girls. Fireplaces are in six different rooms. The general heating will be steam, and there are two lavatories. The lighting will be indirect, no lights visible. Inside wood trim will be oak. A large dining room will be fitted up and a well equipped kitchen adjoins it. To illustrate the unusual size of the building, there are nine outside doors, and fifty-eight inside doors, and ninety-one windows, most of them large ones. It will be one of the largest and best appointed churches in the state. Its cost is estimated at $50,000 and its completion is expected by next May.—Lincoln County News.

A SUGGESTION TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Our Conference Board of Missions I understand is planning to cover our Conference field as never before. This will be possible through the Centenary. I want to suggest some things which my experience on circuits largely, has, I think, brought out clearly. We need a number of capable men, one at least in every district, with evangelistic gifts above the common, to hold revival meetings, especially in the weak places and where new work is to be enterprised. Some times the pastor can fill the bill and sometimes he can call in another pastor who can, but usually the very place that needs a strong man most, who can stay until something happens, is the place he cannot be secured.

The stronger Churches can secure the best help because they are able and willing to support the workers, while the even more important weak ones which feed them lack and the stream runs dry at its source. I want to suggest that in each district a suitable man be appointed and be given an adequate salary that the board purchase a number of tents and that each man be furnished a good singer if possible and put in the field under the direction of the presiding elder of the district.

In case the men cannot be found, and I apprehend on account of the shortage that this may be true, could it not be arranged that the presiding elders let the preachers in charge hold the second and third quarterly conferences and themselves take charge of the evangelistic campaign in the weak places?

There could doubtless be found nine men with the necessary qualifications either among the presiding elders now or in the rest of the Conference who would be able and willing to to this imperatively needed work.

W. T. Phipps.

A SOUTHERN BENEFACTOR

Editor: Inasmuch as a great deal has been published anent the Carnegie Philanthropy, I consider a little story relative to the world-wide beneficence of the most popular man in the South, General Julian S. Carr, of timely interest and importance.

Residing in Durham, N. C., General Carr is the owner of the largest hosiery mills in the United States, if not in the world, and in his half century of business activities has never had to contend with a strike, although giving steady employment to thousands of men and women. He is president of the First National bank of Durham; owns the handsomest and most productive farm in the South, and, last but not least, despite the fact that he is largely identified with innumerable business interests he has found time to do more good for the benefit of suffering and down-trodden humanity, not only in the South but in our own New England, as well, than can be attributed to any other man in the South today. And but very little of this beneficence leaks out to the public.

General Carr served valiantly in the Confederate army and has aided his former comrades in gray as no other man has, and yet today he hails his numerous G. A. R. friends in Boston, Somerville and Cambridge as comrades saying: "Once we opposed each other in battle. Today, thank God, we are united as comrades under the Stars and Stripes."

Those who have been privileged to meet him say that more than any other person they have ever known does General Carr fairly radiate sunshine, with a hearty "peace on earth, good will to men."

A few years ago General Carr lost his adored and adorable wife, and as the years roll 'round the depth of his affliction has not lessened. This union, this strong mutual attachment, formed above never to be shattered, has ever been the theme in the admiration of General Carr's friends and neighbors. A few weeks ago, in tender memory of the loved, but not lost, he erected in his home cemetery what is considered the handsomest monument ever erected in the South by any individual. In all of his undertakings he has felt the inspiration and the influence of a wife who was one of the loveliest of the lovely daughters of the South.

In this connection, illustrating the fact that General Carr's benefactions are not confined to his state and New England and other sections of our country the following, prepared especially for your paper, will interest every reader who is cognizant of the work going on in the Orient in the interest of civilization generally.

Memorandum of the Nannie Carr Chinese Foundation Fund, constituted as follows:

1. The Mrs. Charlie Soong Kindergarten School, 4 Thibet Road; this kindergarten school provides for the instruction of one hundred children.

2. The Annie Carr Preparatory School, 4 Thibet road, Shanghai, China. This school provides for the instruction of one hundred young girls, from 12 years of age and upwards.

3. The Eliza Carr Home School, Nanziange, China. This school provides for the instruction and training of two Bible women, and the instruction of twenty-five children.

4. The Emma Carr Heitman Home School, Taitsaung, China. This school provides for the instruction and training of two Bible women and the instruction of twenty-five children.

5. The Trinity Training School, Soochow, China. This school provides for the instruction of 100 to 150 young men and is under the superintendency and care of Dr. W. H. Park, Soochow, China.

6. The Nannie Carr Chinese Foundation Fund also provides for the support of three native helpers at $10 each monthly under the superintendency of Rev. Lim Chong Tan, Shanghai, China.

The Mrs. Charlie Soong Kindergarten School and the Annie Carr Preparatory School are both situated at 4 Thibet road in fine old mansions. The Eliza Carr Home School, situated at Nansiang and the Emma Carr Heitman Home School situated also at Tait-saung, all four of these schools are under the superintendency of Miss Alice G. Waters, 4 Thibet road, Shanghai, China. Dr. A. P. Parker, 19 Quinsan road, Shanghai, China, is agent for dispensing the fund.

Darwin C. Pavey.

292 Highland Ave., West Somerville, Mass., Sept. 23, 1919.

ANOTHER TRAINING CLASS ORGANIZED

South Main Street M. E. Sunday school, High Point, N. C. organized another Teacher Training Class on last Sucnday morning, October 12, with the following ten members.

Mr. L. G. Lee, president; Mrs. W. P. Harville, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. John Green, teacher; Mr. W. H. Davis, assistant teacher; Mrs. L. G. Lee, Mrs. Elma Winslow, Miss Bernice Spencer, Miss Ruby Hicks, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Miss Elsie Pegg, Miss Mable Russell, Mrs. E. W. Franklin.

The class will stick until the course is completed at which time another class will be started.

W. H. Davis, District Superintendent.

NOTES FROM NEWTON

Rev. N. C. Williams, of Shelby Circuit, held a weeks meeting for Pastor Hoyle, closing September 14. There were a number of conversions at the altar. Twenty-one were received into the Church, after having been instructed by the pastor on the vows of the Church. Brother Williams is an able preacher, and is very earnest.

A memorial service was held Oct. 5 for C. C. Taylor, Chas. Cline and Mrs. Chas. Saunders, who died of influenza last fall. A. C. S.

APPEAL FOR RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

An earnest effort is being made for the better equipment of Rutherford College. This institution has done a great work for Methodism in that section of the State and it deserves the support of our people. Just as we go to press we receive an urgenat appeal by telegram from Brother M. T. Hinshaw, president of the institution. We invite the earnest attention of our readers to this telegram, as follows:

Prof. Walker's ambition is now fifty thousand dollars by October 27. All who have been interested in the progress of Rutherford College feel a great debt of gratitude to Prof Walker for his untiring efforts and abundant success. Now that he is making a special effort to increase his success to a still larger benefit to the College, I feel that I cannot do less than make a personal appeal in the interest of this closing campaign. The people have been gracious in their responses so far, but the work of making the great institution of Rutherford College that we have in mind is merely begun. I am sure that its friends would be disappointed if the work should stop. We must have water and lights. Prof. Walker has very generously added to the task of raising money for this purpose to the gigantic undertaking which he first entered. He suggests that we close the campaign with ten people to subscribe at least five hundred dollars each, fifty to subscribe at least one hundred each, and one hundred to subscribe fifty dollars each. I sincerely hope that by October 27 Prof. Walker may be made glad and the College blessed with the good news that the fifty thousand dollar mark has been reached. M. T. Hinshaw.



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THE CENTENARY

R. M. Courtney, Thomasville, N. C. Missionary Secretary, Western North Carolina Conference.

ADDITIONAL SPECIALS

Several additional specials have been assigned since the list was published in the Advocate. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte have assumed the support of a native Korean at $120 per year. Waynesville has taken the support of a missionary evangelist in Huchow, China at $1,200 a year. To Wesley Memorial have been assigned the following specials: Changchow Hospital, China, $25,000, Fushimi Church building in Japan, $8,500 and $1,000 each for Brevard Institute, Rutherford College and Weaver College. To Main Street, Reidsville, the following have been assigned: Missionary Physician in Changchow, China $8,200 and $5,000 in Weaver College.

Others have made selections, but the assignments have not yet been made. Some are finding that the specials that they would like to have are already taken. But there are still some very fine specials for assignments.

SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES ADVANCED

Since the book of specials was printed the salaries of the Centenary missionaries have been increased $200. Where a salary is listed at $1,000 it should be $1,200.

PAYMENT ON PLEDGES

A look over the books of Mr. Jas. A. Gray, Conference Centenary treasurer, is interesting indeed. The following Churches had paid $1.000 or more on their pledges up to September 25: Hendersonville, Tryon Street, Forest City, Morganton, Elkin, North Wilkesboro, First Street, Albemarle, Lexington, Main Street, Thomasville; Centenary, Winston-Salem; and West End. Only five Churches have passed the two thousand dollar mark. They are: Tryon Street, North Wilkesboro, Main Street, Thomasville; Centenary and West End, Winston-Salem. Only one, Tryon Sreet, has passed the three thousand dollar mark.

Two things are needed very much at this time. First we need some good work on the part of local Churches Centenary treasurers and their fellow-workers in collecting the pledges. Some people will pay without being solicited, but most people wait for the collector. Then we need, in the second place, promptness on the part of the treasurers in sending reports and money to the Conference treasurer. There are thousands of dollars of Centenary money already collected that has not been reported to Mr. Gray. Every dollar that can be collected ought to be in the hands of the Conference treasurer long enough before Conference for him to include it in his report for the Conference.

PASTORS AND TREASURERS

Pastors and treasurers can save confusion by seeing that all the funds collected on the Centenary pledges go into the hands of the Conference Centenary treasurer. It has been asked if it will not be all right to put this money into the report envelope at Conference. It will save Mr. C. W. Brown, treasurer of General Conference and Conference collections, a great deal of work if the Centenary funds are sent direct to Mr. Gray. More important than this is that the records of payments be kept which will be almost impossible if the money is placed in the report envelope. You will insure your Church receiving proper credit for your Centenary money by sending it direct to Mr. Gray.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS

The Conference Board of Missions is not unmindful of the added responsibility that is upon it in using the increased funds that will come into the treasury of the board from the Centenary for use within the bounds of the Conference. In order that a wise policy might be adopted a meeting of the board was called August 26. After the policy that was suggested by the executive committee was discussed by the board the presiding elders were called in and their counsel was asked. Some changes were made in the original policy as it came from the executive committee, but final adoption was postponed till the session of the Annual Conference. Typewritten copies of this policy have been sent to each member of the board so that thorough consideration may be given to it before its final adoption.

HONOR ROLL

According to the special reports of the Centenary treasurers the following Churches have paid one fifth of their five year pledges to the Centenary; Asheville District: Teagues Chapel, Moores Grove, Reedy Patch, Sardis, Roaring Fork, Pleasant Hill. Charlotte District: Forestville, Savannah, Unionville. Greensboro District, Oakdale, Fairview, Jamestown. Old Union, Bethlehem, Mt. Olivet Whitsett, Mt. Pleasant, Franklinville. Marion District: Mt. Pleasant, Gilkey, Warlick's Chapel, Greenlee. Mt. Airy District: Eden, St. Marks, Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant, Maple Springs, Pine Hall, Hatchers Chapel. North Wilkesboro District: Ashley, Valle Crusis, Shiloh. Salisbury District: Shiloh, Mt. Carmel, Bethpage, Shiloh, New Mt. Tabor, Center Grove. Shelby District: Ebenezer, Plateau. Statesville District: Hopewell, Littlejohns, Pisgah, Bethelhem, Trinity, Turnersburg, New Colliers. Waynesville District: Shoal Creek Winston Distric: Shiloh, Arcadia, Macedonia, Newsom, Linwood, South Thomasville.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR MISSIONARY ARMY

Southern Methodist Board Calls for Seven Hundred Recruits

Nashville, Tenn.—(Special correspondence)—The Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with headquarters in this city, is calling for 735 new missionaries, to be sent out during the next five years in connection with the Centenary program, for which many millions of dollars were subscribed last summer. These are to be divided about equally between the home and foreign fields and both men and women are eligible to appointment.

For the foreign work there will be needed preachers, teachers, kindergartners, domestic science specialists, physicians, surgeons, nurses, writers, translators, publishers and industrial workers. Of these Japan calls for thirty-three, Korea for sixty-three, China for seventy-seven, Africa for twenty-eight, Mexico for seventy, Cuba for twenty-Seven, Brazil for eighty-nine. The number that will be required for the work to be opened in Europe has not yet been determined.

For the work in America there will be needed four superintendents of missions, ten preachers and twenty teachers among foreigners, ten nurses, five teachers among negroes, and a large number of deaconesses. Seven superintendents of mountain work are needed, ten specialists in city work and ten in rural work four superintendents of night schools, and a large number of social workers in addition. Fifteen Mexicans, ten Indians, five Bohemians, ten French, eight Italians, and ten Cubans are to be prepared for pastorates among their respective people in this country.

This enlarged program will offer opportunities for life service to hundreds of young men and women properly fitted by character and training. The recruiting of volunteers for this work will be largely in the hands of Rev. C. G. Hounshell and Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

(This list of Speciais was crowded out of our issue of October 2nd.)

SPECIALS TO BE ASSIGNED.

The Western North Carolina Conference.

Specials	Annually	Total 5 yrs.
AFRICA.		
One Industrial and Agricultural School, (E. L.)	———	$1,000
Ten Boys scholarships, $10 each	$ 100	500
Travel and outfit (for missionary evangelist)	———	800
—Three native teachers, $250 each, Porto Alegre	750	3,750
One native doctor, Peoples Central Inst., Rio de Janeiro	600	3,000
One Church, Santa Anna	———	8,500
Land for same	———	1,500
One school building, Port Alegre	———	75,000
Land for same, Port Alegre	———	75,000
Equipment for school	———	2,500
One missionary (W)	750	3,750
Travel and outfit	———	500
CHINA		
One missionary physician, Changchow	1,200	6,000
Travel and outfit	———	800
One Church and parsonage, Tsang Yien Ct. (Ding Ling)	———	1,800
One Church and parsonage, Tsang Yien Ct. (Gna Zien)	———	1,800
One missionary residence for physician, Changchow	———	3,000
One missionary parsonage, Songling	———	800
One missionary teacher (W) day school, Shanghai District	750	3,750
Travel and outfit	———	500
One physical culture teacher (W) Davidson School, Soochow	240	1,200
One primary teacher, Virginia School, Huchow (W)	250	1,250
Share, Scarrit Bible and Training School	———	18,000
CUBA.		
Land, Candler College, Havana	———	9,000
Land and Building, new girls' school, Havana	———	90,000
One missionary in service	2,100	10,500
JAPAN.		
—One native teacher, Kwansei Gakuin, Kobe	250	1,250
Building and parsonage, Shimoneski	———	10,000
—Chapel rent, Wakinohama	———	600
—Equipment	———	150
One missionary evangelist (W), evangelistic plant, Osaka	830	4,150
Travel and outfit	———	400
One Bible woman (W) Beppu	115	575
Building, evangelistic plant, Kure	———	9,000
Land, evangelistic plant	———	5,000
KOREA STATION.		
One native copyist, Union Methodist Theological Sem., Seoul	75	375
Sunday school room, Choongni church, Wonsan west district	———	1,000
Three Boys' country schools, each $65	195	975
Land for S. S. room, Choongni church, Seoul	———	500
Equipment Ind. Dept., Songdo higher common school, Songdo	———	100,000
One missionary residence and outbldgs, Wonsan E. Dist.	———	3,400
Budget, running expenses, Severance hospital, Seoul	———	3,750
Painting and roofing Ivey Hospital, Songdo	———	300
Plant and land, Suk Kyo Church	———	1,500
One missionary evangelist among Japanese (W) Seoul	750	3,750
Travel and outfit	———	500
One Bible woman (W) Wonsan W. district	90	450
One Bible Woman (W) Frances Hitch prim. school, Wonsan	90	450
One Keul Pang native teacher, Choon Chun	90	450
One native kindergarten teacher (W) Seoul	240	1,200
—Hwa Chun school, salaries, Choon Chun district	———	1,400
City evangelistic plant, land for building (W) Wonsan	———	2,000
Running expenses, nurses' training school (W) Songdo	———	1,500
MEXICO.		
One missionary teacher, Effie Eddington school, El Paso	330	1,650
One missionary, Chihuahua City	1,260	6,300
—One native teacher (day school) Chihuahua State	195	975
—One native teacher, Laurens Inst., Monterry	175	875
One day school building, Chihuahua District	———	4,000
One nurse (clinic) (W) Chihuahua District	345	1,725
Running expenses (W) Chihuahua District	———	9,610
HOME.		
One efficiency superintendent, Mountain work, Western N. C.,	2,500	12,500
Rutherford College, Rutherford College	10,000	50,000
Weaver College, Weaverville, N. C.	10,000	50,000
One night school for adult foreigners	1,000	5,000
Miners	———	10,000
Christian literature	———	5,000
Girls' dormitory, Brevard Inst., (W) Brevard	———	40,000
Maintenance Italian work, Louisana and Texas	3,000	15,000
EUROPE.		
1,000 Shares, $100 each	———	100,000
200 Shares, $500 each	———	100,000

(Those specials marked with a dash are reserved for Sunday schools. Those with E. L. are for Epworth Leagues. Those with W indicate woman's work.)

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A BUSHEL OF HARVEST APPLES

There were other harvest apple trees in Bloomdale, but none that bore fruit with so fine a flavor as the single tree that stood in the garden of Fernview Cottage. The apples had been ripe and ready to pick for a week or more. Herbert Wilson, weeding the beets in his father's garden next door, looked with longing eyes on the apples and wondered if Mrs. Dunn, the new occupant of the cottage, would share the fruit with them, following the custon of her predecessor. At this moment a man came down the side street with a load of kindling wood which he proceeded to dump outside the cottage gate. A few minutes after he had driven away, a second man appeared and knocked on the cottage door. No one responded, and Herbert remembered that he had seen Mrs Dunn leave early with her husband that morning, dressed as if she might be going to the city.

Herbert stepped over to the fence dividing the gardens. "Guess there's nobody home," he said to the man.

"We've got to have this wood out of the way; we're laying new gas pipes before the road's fixed," was the reply.

Herbert thought for a moment, then he said: "I'll 'tend to it."

In a short time Herbert was busily at work, with the aid of a wheelbarrow, conveying the kindling to the shed behind the cottage. He had just finished the task when Mrs. Dunn returned.

"The men had to have the wood out of the way before they began laying new gas pipes," Herbert explained, touching his cap. "I live next door. I'm Herbert Wilson."

"And a very kind neighbor," Mrs. Dunn supplemented. "But, indeed you must let me pay you for your trouble."

"It wasn't any trouble," Herbert declared. "I'm glad I happened to be on deck." He took hold of the wheelbarrow and turned it around. "It's all in now and I'll go back and finish weeding."

"I'm sure I am very grateful to you," Mrs. Dunn said.

The next day was Sunday. As Herbert entered the church he saw Mr. and Mrs. Dunn standing just inside the door. Instantly he thought "They are waiting to be shown seats," and stepped up to them. "Good morning!" he said; "may I offer you seats in our pew? There is plenty of room. Father and mother are away."

"Thank you," Mrs. Dunn smiled, adding, as she turned to her husband, "This is our kind young neighbor who put in the wood."

Mr. Dunn shook hands with Herbert, then the latter led the way to the pew. After the service was over, Herbert introduced Mr. Dunn to Mr. Keech, who had the pew renting in charge, and having thus assisted his new neighbors, went to his place in the pastor's Bible class.

Nora Muldoon, who took charge of the Wilson kitchen in particular, and the whole house in general, openly critized the new mistress of Fernview Cottage, when her wash failed to appear on the line Monday morning.

"'Tis a foine housekaper she is and not a bit of a rag out this illegant day," commented to Herbert, who was training the wild cucumber vine to climb over the fence.

"'Tisn't a good way to judge from appearances." Herbert replied "Besides," he laughed, "why isn't Tuesday as good a day to wash on as Monday, providing the sun shines?"

A mouth full of clothespins prevented Nora answering. Herbert went off for a piece of string, and when he returned Nora had disappeared in the laundry and Mrs. Dunn stood on the other side of the fence a bandage around her head, a pitcher in her hand.

"Thank you for defending me," she smiled. "I'd much rather be washing than trying to get rid of this wretched headache. I wonder if you'll be kind enough to get me some cream for a cup of tea."

Herbert reached for the pitcher. "I'll go right away," he said; "and you mustn't mind Nora. She's working overtime getting things ready for father and mother. They're coming home tomorrow."

"It won't be your fault, either, if they don't find things nice and ready," Mrs. Dunn said. "Early this morning, when I could not sleep, I looked out and I saw you watering the lawn."

The next day, when Herbert went into the garden, the first thing he noticed was that the harvest apple tree had been stripped of its fruit. A few minutes later Mrs. Dunn appeared in her kitchen doorway and called to him to come over. When Herbert stood beside her, she pointed to a basket of apples on the kitchen floor, and said:

"Mr. Dunn arose betimes this morning to pick them; he's gone to see his mother today and wanted to take some apples to her. These are for you, if you will accept them."

"A whole bushel!" Herbert cried delightedly. "But can you spare so many, Mrs. Dunn?"

"Indeed we can and will, to a good neighbor, a good churchman, and a good son," the little lady smiled.—Young People's Weekly.

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DEATH OF T. J. HICKS.

August 19, 1919, as the sun began to set, the death angel came to welcome our beloved friend and brother home. Mr. T. J. Hicks was born in Warren county April 26, 1846. On February 17, 1876, he married Winnie Moss, who survives him, together with three children, one son, T. R. Hicks, of Baltimore, Md.; and two daughters, Mrs. Wreford Hockaday, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and Miss Stella Hicks of Wise. Also two brothers, Mr. L. P. Hicks, of Louisburg, N. C., and J. W. Hicks, of Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Hicks served four years in the war. An old soldier he was proud to be called, for he loved his fellow brethren and country.

In earlly life he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. He was a loyal member, loved her and supported her institutions. In early manhood he was made a steward in the Church and there remained until death. He was a good husband and a loving father.

These are only a few facts of this good man, for we know his life and works can not be so simply told. When a man lives wisely and well for more than three score and ten years, the good which he has done cannot be measured nor estimated. One may say something of such a life but its usefulness cannot be revealed in words. One man it has helped here, another there. Some seed have fallen by the wayside, some among thorns, some in good ground. Often men see and enjoy the harvest when the sower is unthought of or unknown.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Merritt, in the Methodist Church. The Church was crowded with people paying their last respects to our beloved friend. There we said farewell to this good man who was loved by everybody. May the radiant love of the Holy Spirit cheer and comfort the bereaved, and may that light which has never failed lead them even through the valley of the shadow of death.

A Friend.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from this world our sister and co-laborer, Mrs. E. L. Parker, thus causing our Missionary Society to sustain a grievous loss; and whille we are submissive to our Father's will, yet we wish as a Society to express publicly our grief. Therefore be it resolved

1. That in the death of Mrs. Parker our Church and society have lost one of their most loyal members; one whose place was seldom vacant and one whose heart responded to every call for help.

2. That we shall sadly miss her presence, her help, her cheery greetings and hearty friendship for all.

3. That we extend to the bereaved husband, children and aged mother our tenderest sympathy, and pray that they realizing that the "Everlasting Arms" are around them, may bow in humble submission to the Father s will.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society, a copy furnished the family and a copy sent to the Dunn Dispatch and the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. J. W. Whitehead,
Mrs. H. O. Mattox,
Mrs. J. L. Thompson,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

From the Woman's Missionary Society of the Mooresville Methodist Church, Mooresville, N. C.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His all-wise providence to take unto Himself our sister, and first president, Mrs. C. E. Voils, who passed to her eternal reward on Friday, August 29, 1919.

Resolved 1. That in the death of our sister, the Woman's Missionary Society has lost one of its most loyal members and our Church has lost a most lovable Christian character and her presence will be greatly missed in all our meetings.

Resolved 2. That we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well. We will cherish her memory as the years go by.

Resolved 3. That we commend to all the members of our society and the Church which she loved so well, her life of marked devotion and self sacrifice to the cause of Christ, and that we will endeavor to emulate her example of faithful service and seek to catch inspiration from her life.

Resolved 4. That we send a copy of these resolutions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, send a copy to the bereaved family, and that we spread a copy of these resolutions on our minutes.

Signed.

Mrs. Mort McKnight,
Mrs. L. A. Falls,
Mrs. R. M. Abernethy.
Committee.

NELSON—Mary E. Nelson was born Sept. 7th, 1839 and passed away, after a lingering illness of several months, Sept. 23rd, 1919. Her husband preceded her by 11 years. She had no children born to her. She spent the last few months of her earthly pilgrimage at the home of her nephew, C. T. Wood, near Roxboro. Brother and Sister Wood nursed her most tenderly until God called her home to heaven.

Sister Nelson became a Christian many years ago and later connected herself with the Methodist Church at Concord, on the Person charge, where she lived in the faith of the simple Gospel truth to the end. She left one brother, Chas. H. Wood, to mourn her loss. May God's grace be su..cient unto the loved ones.

J. A. Dailey, Pastor.

VEST—Mary Jane Vest (nee Schaub) was born Feb. 22nd, 1840 and departed this life Aug. 23rd, 1919, after a lingering illness of more than two years.

On November 27th, 1862, she was happily married to Lewis M. Vest. To this union were given eleven children, eight daughters and three sons, namely: Mrs. Lenora J. Phillips, of Pinnacle, N. C., Mrs. Martha Poteat, of Fletcher, N. C.; Mrs. Lelia Russell, of Fort Mill, S. C.; Mrs. Ellen Kapp, Misses Eliza and Sallie Vest, Mrs. Fannie Moore of Rural Hall, N. C.; Miss Annie Vest, of Washington, D. C.; Wm. L. Vest, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; S. Alexander Vest, of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. Besides the children there are nineteen grand-children and one great-grandchild, and added to these are three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Amanda Vest, Lydia Gordon, Martha Keiger and James Schaub, of Tobaccoville, N. C., a large circle of relatives and life-long friends.

She united with the Methodist Church at Mt. Pleasant at the age of fourteen and later moved her membership to Antioch with her husband. All through this long pilgrimage she was a faithful servant of her master, and a real mother in every sense of the word. Her joy was in rearing a useful family. Her home was always a home for the preacher.

Her life was full of good works, thinking of and doing for others and especially those in needy circumstances. Her husband, one son, four grandchildren preceded her to the spirit land.

During her illness she expressed herself many times being so willing and ready to go home to Jesus and asked her loved ones to meet her in heaven.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Mock (her pastor) Aug. 24th, at Antioch Church, amidst a host of friends whose sympathy goes out for the bereaved family.

A Loved One.

ETHRIDGE—Mrs. Celia Ethridge died at Dr. Parker's sanatorium, near Norfolk, Va., September 9th, 1919, in her 68th year. Sister Ethridge was first Miss Celia Holley and married Mr. Demosthenes Bell. After a few years Mr Bell died, and Mrs. Bell was married to Mr. Jos. H. Ethridge, with whom she lived happily for about 30 years. She leaves by her first marriage two sons, Holly M. and John C. Bell, prominent men of Bertie county.

Sister Ethridge was an excellent Christian woman, faithful member of Mt. Gould Methodist Church, Bertie circuit, and was in poor health for several months.

The above two sons and husband survive, but are encouraged to strive for a happy meeting with this loved one in the home beyond the skies.

F. B. McCall, Pastor.

YORKE—Bascom Alfred Yorke was born at Lilesville, N. C., Anson county, Dec. 22, 1893. Departed this life Oct. 9, 1919, in Asheville, N. C. He was trained in the home, Sunday school and Church. He professed religion at the age of twelve at Cherryville, N. C., and joined the Methodist Church. He told his father a short time before his departure that he was all right with the Lord and was not afraid to die. He was kind and affable and made many friends wherever he lived. He was very fond of little children and the children where he lived loved him. He has gone to the land of rest. He leaves behind him to mourn their loss his father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Yorke, and sisters, Mrs. M. M. Rudisill, Mrs. L. B. Farris and Miss Allene Yorke.

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Where saints immortal reign,
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G. W. Fox.

LAMBETH—Brantley Shadrach Lambeth, was born Sept. 28, 1863, and died Sept. 15, 1919, at his country home near Thomasville. He was the second son of the late David Thomas Lambeth and Caroline Simmons Lambeth. His early days were spent at the old Lambeth home near Thomasville. In November, 1883, he was happily married to Miss Louisa Underwood. To this union were born eleven children, nine of whom survive. They are: Ben S. Lambeth, S. D. Lambeth, of Charlotte; C. J. Lambeth, who is in China, Mrs. E. L. Jones, of Charlotte, Mrs. C. I. Allen, of Wadesboro, George S. Lambeth, Mrs. Arch Everhart, John Lambeth and Miss Caroline Lambeth. Eight grandchildren and seven brothers and sisters are left to mourn their loss. The brothers and sisters are: F. S. Lambeth, Mrs. G. H. Yow, J. W. Lambeth, D. T. Lambeth, Mrs. J. R. Myers, R. L. Lambeth and Mrs. E. W. Dixon. One beloved aunt, Miss Jennie Simmons, of Pantego, survives.

At the age of fourteen Mr. Lambeth was converted and joined the Fair Grove Methodist Church of which he remained a member until his death.

He was a steward and an active member attending the quarterly conference which was held there Saturday. For a number of years he had not been well but bore his affliction with patience. He was a kind father, neighbor and friend. He was public spirited and interested in the movements of the present time. Bravely he bore the separation when three of his own children were in the service of Uncle Sam; anxiously he awaited news from them "Over There" and happily he received the dear ones at home when the war was over.

At Fair Grove Church on Wednesday morning the funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. P. Goode, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. P. E. Parker, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Rev. R. M. Courtney and Rev. W. A. Lambeth. Hundreds of loved ones and friends were present to pay their last respects to the deceased and to sympathize with the bereaved ones. With Masonic honors and under a mound of beautiful flowers he was laid to rest.

To the grief-stricken family the community extends deepest sympathy. May He who spoke peace to the troubled sea, speak peace and comfort to each sorrowing heart.

CONNALLY—Isla Isabel Connally was born near Milton, N. C., March 30, 1896, and died August 22, 1919.

At the early age of twelve she united with the Methodist Church. In life, as in person, she was beautiful, always kind, thoughtful, sympathetic and true. She took upon herself too much, perhaps, of the sorrows and burdens of others until one day her nerves gave way and her spirit went back to the God who gave it and left her little over-burdened heart and body to be laid to rest.

Many relatives and a host of friends mourn their loss and submissively await the day when we shall understand the now mysterious providences of God

J. E. Elaylock, Pastor.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst a beloved friend and co-worker in all branches of the Church, Mrs. Iver Cade, wife of our pastor, Rev. W. A. Cade, therefore be it resolved,

1. That her life was worthy of emulation; the dignity, purity and gentleness that radiated her home life was felt and is missed in the community as well.

2. That we bow in humble submission to God's will, extending heartfelt sympathy to the husband and two children, praying that heaven's richest blessing and consolation be upon them in their loss.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be given the family, one be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, and one be copied upon the records of our Young Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. Gray Williams,
Mrs. S. B. Lassiter,
Miss Minnie Paris,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken from us our beloved sister, Mrs. Pauline Williams, resolved,

1. That while we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, N. C., sincerely mourn our loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

2. That we realize having lost one of our most useful members, who for several years occupied most efficiently the responsible position of corresponding secretary.

3. That we extend to the family our deepest sympathy, praying they may emulate her example of devotion to the Master's cause.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, one sent to the family and one sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. S. H. Scott,
Mrs. L. H. Cutler, Sr.,
Mrs. A. B. Powell,
Miss Anna Pearce,
Committee.

JARRETT—Effie Springs, daughter of T. S. and Jane Jarrett, departed this life at the Meriwether Hospital, Asheville, N. C., August 22, 1919. She was 34 years of age, lacking 2 days. Her father and mother were members of the Methodist Church, and Effie joined the Church in her early teens. Her greatest work was her work in the home. She had been in bad health for several years, although she never complained of any pain. She leaves a husband, five children, a mother and four sisters to mourn their loss. Her father and seven sisters preceded her to the promised land.

Her little infant passed out of this for a better world when it was one month old and the mother went next day. They were both buried in the same casket at the Fines Creek Methodist Church August 23.

May God take care of the little motherless children and help that they be trained up to know God's word.

A Friend.

MARRIED.

GRIFFIN-BROTHERS—In Edenton St. Church, Raleigh, Oct. 8, 1919, Miss Neppie Clary Brothers, of Washington, N. C., became the bride of Dr. Mark Alexander Griffin, of Morganton, N. C. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Rev. Chas. C. Brothers.

COKER-WAY—At the parsonage of Bladen Street Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C., October 8, 1919, Mr. Thomas W. Coker and Miss Louise Way, both of Wilmington, Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

EAST-WOOLEY—At the Methodist parsonage, St. Pauls, N. C., Sept. 22, 1919, Robert L. East and Miss Lillie Wooley, Rev. G. W. Starling officiating.

SAVAGE-GUYTON—At the close of the Sunday School Conference for Elizabeth circuit, Saturday, October 4th, Miss Florence C. Guyton to Mr. Paul Savage. The ceremony was performed in Bladen Springs Church by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Humble.

At the Rosemary parsonage, Sept. 27, 1919, Edward H. Day and Mary O. Burton, both of Rosemary, were happily married, Rev. Chas. M. Lance officiating.

On Sept. 24, 1919, Chas. L. Shell and Ruth F. Spencer, both of Rosemary, were united in marriage, Rev. Chas. M. Lance officiating.

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District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	October
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	18-19
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m.	25-26
Graham, 8 p. m.	26
November	
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Fourth Round	October
North Gates, Savages	18-19
Gates Zion	19-20
Dare, East Lake	25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet	28
Hatteras, Frisco	30
November	
Kitty Hawk, Collington	1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Stetman	18-19
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
November	
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary, night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C. Fourth Round

	October
Snow Hill Circuit	17
Hookerton Circuit	18-19
Grifton Circuit, Grifton, night	19-20
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
November	
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carterett Circuit, Harlowe	8 9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

Fourth Round	October
Louisburg	17-19
Youngsville, Leach's	18-19
Tar River, P. M., Piney Grove	19-20
Princeton	26-27
Benson	27-28
Four Oaks	28-29
November	
Mill Brook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	2-4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Mem.	9
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Fourth Round
H. M. North, Presiding Elder

Caledonia, at Caledonia, 4 p. m., October 18.
Biscoe, at Star, 3 p. m., October 25, and at Biscoe, October 26, at 11.
Lauringburg, during their meeting. Maxton, during their meeting. St. John and Gibson at St. John October 7, at 11, and October 2nd.
Roberdel, at Roberdel No. 1, November 15, at 3 p. m.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbe, November 16, at 11.
Richmond, at Zion, November 16, at 3 p. m.
Appointments for the other charges will be made later.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	17
Carver's Creek, Bolton	18-19
Whiteville	19-20
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
November	
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes Presiding Elder, Weldon, N C.

Fourth Round	October
Henderson	19-20
N. and S. Henderson, N. Henderson	19
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
November	
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Ayden Circuit, Salem	18-19
Ayden Station	19-20
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter	22-23
Mattamuskeet, Amity	23-24
Fairfield	25-26
Tarboro, night	30
McKendree, Pinetops	31
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, night	31
November	
Nashville, Nashville	1-2
Spring Hope, Spring Hope	2-3
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	3
Elm City	4
N&S Rocky Mount, night	4
Fremont, Fremont,	5
Wilson, night	5
Farmville, Farmville	7
Greenville, night	7
Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant	8-9
Stantensburg, Stantensburg	9-10
Vanceboro, Vanceboro	12
Bath, Asbury	15-16
Washington	16-17

W. N. C. Conference

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder Weaverville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Leicester	18-19
West Asheville	19

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Unionville, Mill Grove, 11 a. m.	11-12
Seversville, 11 a. m.	19
Hawthorne Lane, night	19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Greensboro, West Market, 11 a. m.	19
Gibsonville, Whitsett 3 p. m.	19
FINAL MEETINGS	
Greensboro, West Market Street, 8 p. m.	17

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder, Mount Airy, N C.

Fourth Round	October
Madison, Madison	11-12
Dobson, Siloam	18-19
FINAL MEETINGS FOR MT. AIRY DISTRICT	
	October
Summerfield, Center, 11 a. m., Monday	13
Stokesdale, Stokesdale 11 a. m., Tuesday	14
Mt. Airy Circuit, Parsonage, 3 p. m., Wednesday	15
Pilot Mt., Pilot Mt., A. M., Thursday	16
Yadkinville, Boonville, 11 a. m., Friday	17
Jonesville, Jonesville, 3 p. m., Friday	17
Rural Hall, Rural, 11 a. m., Monday	20

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	October
Thermal City, at Trinity	18-19
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Gilkey, Sunday night	19-20

SALISBURY DISTRICT
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder, Salisbury, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Salisbury Circuit	18-19

SHELBY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder, Gastonia, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
McAdenville, 8 p. m.	18-19
Dallas, Dallas, 11 a. m.	19

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder, Statesville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Olin, Olin, 11 a. m.	11-12
Cool Springs, Cool Springs, 3 p. m.	11-12
Broad Street, Broad Street, night	11-12
Alexander, Hiddenite, 3 p. m.	18-19

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder, Jefferson, N. C

Fourth Round	October
North Wilkes, Millers Creek	18
Wilkes Circuit	18
Wilkesboro	19
North Wilkesboro, night	19

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder, Box 312, Waynesville N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Fines Creek	18-19

WINSTON DISTRICT
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
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Fourth Round	October
Lexington station, night	17
Lexington circuit, Erlanger	18-19

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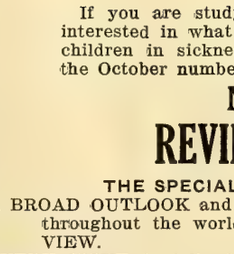
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Correspondence

MY PRAYER

While Captain of my soul, lead on;
I follow Thee come dark or dawn.
Only vouchsafe these things, I crave;
Where tremor stalks, help me be brave!
Where righteous ones can scarce endure
The siren call, help me be pure!
Where vows grow dim, and men dare do
What once they scorned, help me be true.

(Sent to his mother in a letter on September 26, 1918, by Alfred Mack Slagle. He was killed in action September 29.)

COUNTING CONVERSIONS

My playful statement in last week's Advocate that I had about quit counting conversions has provoked the serious inference with some that there are no converts to count. No, I did not mean for it to be taken that way. But I meant the emotion is so meager and demonstration so dwindling in religious matters that I fear convictions are not pungent and conversions not so clear cut as to warrant a count. A story is told of a man who sent his boy to feed the pigs. When the boy got back the father said, "Tom, did you feed the pigs?" "Yes, sir." "Did you count them?" "Yes, I counted them all but one. He jumped about so, I couldn't count him."

Just the opposite of that is causing me to hesitate in counting conversions. If demonstration were wanting in other things I would not take it so seriously. But we have it almost everywhere else. The mere announcement that the President is coming, or that the returned hero is at hand will make the people go wild with excitement and rend the air with shouting. Nobody objects to that, but I do think we have too little of it in religious matters. When the King comes down there ought to be a stir in the camp, and when he breaks the shackles and sets a prisoner free, the prisoner and all who realize what has been done, ought to celebrate the great event in some positive and well-understood way. An unmoved church at such a time means a prayerless church, and it robs the convert of the influence so needful to give him the onward and upward trend at this critical time in his life.

Why should he want to join such a church? A church that would not rejoice over his conversion would not help him much along the way. The intercession period of the Centenary is not over. I think we ought to go back and start again. The money has been pledged and collections are being made. What will we do with it? We must bring ourselves as an offering to God. Then we will have a happy people and convictions that are felt and conversoins that can be counted and counted on. I long to see that day. An official board said to a new preacher on his arrival, "If you want any praying done do it yourself. If you want any money come to us." That is an exaggerated statement, I know, but it is full of suggestion as to our condition and our great need at this time.

Very truly,
D. L. Earnhardt.

A PLEA FOR THE OLD VERSION IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

I have read with a great deal of interest the protests in the Advocate against the revised version in the S. S. Lessons. I heartily endorse each one and I fell sure that the majority of S. S. teachers are not ashamed to be called "old fogies," "cranks" or any other epithet when so much is at stake. I have a class of tiny tots with an enrollment of forty-eight who are nearly always all present. They delight in learning new verses of Scripture and repeating in concert the verses they have learned. A few have learned to read and sometimes it happens that the "memory verse" on the Illustrated Lesson Chart starts off like one they are familiar with, but, alas! the *Revised Version* of some of the wording appears and the little fellows "fall down." I have heard "grown-ups" say that since the revised version is used they do not care anything about the S. S. lesson; I have heard some say that they didn't care to go to Sunday school any more.

Now, what are we going to do about it? Are we going to sit idly and do nothing regardless of protests? I feel sure if it were left to a vote of the Sunday schools that few, if any, would sanction it.

In our Hymnal, also, the dear old words and the dear old tunes are being desecrated. I should never protest against progress in any good cause, but it seems that we Methodists are becoming so progressive that we are about to omit "pure religion and undefiled" as taught by our blessed Savior "by dressing up Truth in new finery," as Brother Fink so aptly said.

Mrs. R. C. Stevens.
Asheville, N. C.

AN ENGAGEMENT OF INTEREST TO DURHAM PEOPLE ANNOUNCED IN CHINA

News by the latest mail from China is that announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Margarita, the accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Park, of Soochow, China, to Prof. D. Lamar Sherertz, of Soochow University. (Prof. Sherertz is a native of Virginia.)

Dr. Park is remembered as physician in charge of the Soochow Hospital, and is one of the most useful and remarkable men in China.

Bishop Lambuth, Uncle of the bride, will perform the ceremony.

Prof. Sherertz will have the superintendency of Trinity Training School. Trinity Training School is named in honor of Trinity Church, Durham, the mother Church of Methodism in Durham, and was the Methodist congregation of which Mrs. Julian S. Carr was a member at the time of her death.

Trinity Training School is one of four schools in China supported by the Nannie Graham Carr foundation fund, and gives free education and Christian training to 100 Chinese boys between the ages of 15 and 20 years. This chain of schools was established by General Carr on his visit to China some two or three years ago as a memorial to his wife.

WORLD-CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL AND MORAL PROBLEMS

To take part in a program that includes reports from nine world-commissions on as many different international social and religious problems, as well as addresses from over fifty leaders from various parts of the world, representatives of over forty nationalities will meet in Pittsburgh, Armistice Week, November 9 to 16, for a World's Christian Citizenship Conference, under the auspices of the National Reform Association.

Among the American speakers already secured are Charles Evans Hughes, Henry Van Dyke, Charles E. Jefferson, Nicholas Murray Butler, P. P. Claxton, Henry W. Temple, Gifford Pinchot, Frank J. Cannon, and Arthur Capper.

Fully a score of prominent statesmen and social reformers are to come from various countries including Albania, Belgium, Bolivia, China, Canada, England, France, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Honduras, Japan, Montenegro, New South Wales, Norway, Panama, Russia, Scotland, Switzerland and Wales.

It is expected that fully 10,000 persons will attend the Conference. A committee of 150 of Pittsburgh's most prominent citizens, with headquarters in the Union Arcade Building, have the local arrangements in charge.

The subjects to be discussed deal with conditions that are today challenging the attention of the Church, and it is hoped that out of this important Conference there will be evolved a practical program of action for the moral betterment of mankind.

Full particulars and program regarding the Conference may be had from the National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WAXHAW CHARGE

My last report of the work on this charge was at the beginning of our meeting at Mineral Springs, our meeting continued there ten days. We had seventy-five professions and during this and other meetings near this place we received for Mineral Springs twenty-nine members and one by certificate before the meeting, making thirty during the year.

Our next meeting which was the last for the year was at Flint Ridge school house. This is a central point between our Churches and we had a good attendance from all the Churches, and we continued eleven days. We had seventy professions and about twenty-seven were added to the Churches at the different places. We have had more than three hundred professions during the year, most of whom have been members of our Church or some other Church in the territory. I see the importance of getting the dead Church members converted—"sinners" as James calls them, (Jas. 5:20). The work of digging up dead Church members is second to nothing, and when this is done as it ought to be, sinners out of the Church will be converted. There are so many shoddy methods of getting people into the Church in these days, such as "decision days" signing cards, hold up your hands, etc. etc., that the Church is full of folks who have no religion and many of them never did have. They know nothing of real salvation, and will as surely go to hell as the folks outside of the Church unless they are mightily stirred up to seek the Lord and get right with Him.

Our work for the most part is in fine shape. I feel sure our finances will all be in. E. Myers.

BETHEL-LOVES

For the past four years we served a very splendid and appreciative people on the Mills River Circuit. We arrived here last December. In coming to this charge we were just coming back home. For it was within the bounds of this Circuit that I was born. It was here that I was dedicated to the Lord, when a child, by my mother, who went home to heaven five years ago, and it was here that I joined the Methodist Church when but a barefooted boy. I received a warm welcome and am very glad to be here.

This people have not been as progressive along some lines as they should have been, but we have some most excellent people and the charge has most wonderful possibilities. Already they have caught the spirit of progress in the way of improving their property. The parsonage is being remodeled at a considerable cost. It is located in a fine oak grove just upon the hill from Cabarrus station. When these improvements have been made, we will have here a very valuable and attractive piece of property, which we will all be proud of.

We have had good meetings on the charge. At Love's chapel 14 joined the Church. At Bethel 33 were added to the membership as a result of the meeting. Brother H. C. Sprinkle did the preaching at the latter place, and better help in a meeting I have never had. Sprinkle belongs in class A No. 1.

On the whole we have had a good year, for which our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to the dear Lord who has so wonderfully blessed us.

We are hoping to wind up our work in good shape and be ready for Conference on October 22.

R. F. Huneycutt.

ROUGEMONT CIRCUIT

Last week, September 14 to 21, was a week of great momentum for Mt. Tabor Church. There had not been a revival there for several years. The Church needed a re-awakening.

Reverend Isaac Richmont, who had just completed his year's work of his first appointment in the West Virginia Conference, assisted us in the meeting. He was totally possessed with the Holy Spirit, and prayed and preached with such power that God poured out a blessing upon His people.

Those who had grown cold and indifferent came to the altar and renewed their vows to God. Men who had been hardened in sin sat still and trembled. But practically every young person who attended the services gave Christ their hearts.

One glorious afternoon in a children's service conducted by the pastor, twenty-six children knelt about God's altar and the front seats, in answer to an invitation to let Christ shine in their lives and make their hearts as white as snow.

At our last service some of the parents promised to establish family altars, and all the people of the community promised to attend Sunday school all through the winter. God has abundantly blessed us; to Him be the honor and glory forever.

D. A. Petty.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION GETS $25,000 CHECK FROM TEXAS OIL FIELD

Dr. H. A. Boaz, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, recently accepted an invitation from a conference classmate, Rev. S. J. Vaughan, presiding elder of the Cisco district, to visit him in the interest of several new churches. He spent seven days going over the district, a good part of which is in the famous oil fields of Texas. Nine new churches are now in prospect in the Cisco district, two of them costing about $70,000 each, are already in process of construction. About $70,000 was pledged on three new churches during the trip. Much more will be secured in the near future, as two of them are to cost about $75,000.

The trustees of the Pleasant Grove church hold three acres of land which is now in a proven oil field. The well on this church property is now making for the church about $500 per day. Two others are nearly down to the oil sand.

The quarterly conference to which the Pleasant Grove church belongs has appointed a committee of three to act in co-operation with the presiding elder, Rev. S. J. Vaughan, and instructed them to deposit the proceeds from these wells with the Board of Church Extension to be loaned for the building of chuches and parsonages, and to be known as the Cisco district Loan Fund.

At the close of the visit through the district, the treasurer of Pleasant Grove church, Elisha Roper, handed Dr. Boaz his check for twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) as the first amount coming from this source. Other checks will be coming from month to month.

Rev. S. J. Vaughan and the Pleasant Grove church are to be congratulated on this wise decision.

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Editorial

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Manager wishes to thank a number of good friends who have responded generously to the recent call for contributions to our charity fund. We have noted with a good deal of interest that the names of those responding are, many of them, the same as those who have responded to similar calls heretofore. May God richly reward these sympathetic and liberal friends.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

By the action of our Joint Board of Publication at their annual meeting on October 15th all pastors who look after the circulation of the Advocate are to receive the paper free of charge. Also all superannuates and the widows of deceased preachers of the two Conferences. We will thank all preachers' widows who are thus entitled to the paper without charge to notify us so we may avoid mailing them notices of renewal hereafter.

IS THE FUTURE DARK?

God's people should not lose courage in times of social and political unrest. They hold in themselves the elements that are essential in the process of setting right whatever is wrong in human society. God never forsakes His throne. His people should never desert the post of duty, nor fail to sound the note of hope no matter how dark may seem the way. War means turmoil and upheaval. The worst elements in human society are turned loose for the time being and do their worst. These may seem for a season to dominate and control all departments of government and to dictate its policy. The Church may even seem to be controlled by these elements; but it is only apparently so, for such elements have always proved themselves incapable of perpetuating themselves. They are born only for the day and pass away discredited and renounced by those who were at first inclined to follow them. The Psalmist understood how to appraise these elements of human society for he said, "When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish, it is that they shall be destroyed forever." Again, "I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away and lo he was not; yea, I sought him but he could not be found."

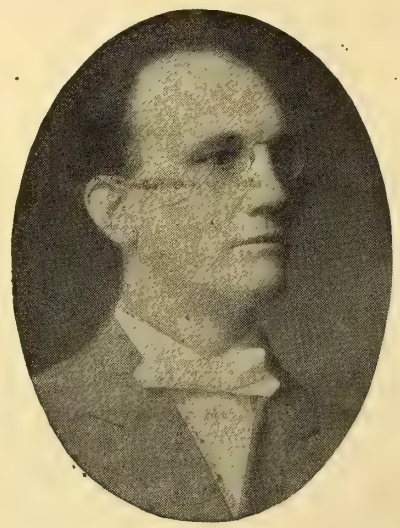
It is the sediment in the great cauldron of human society that has been shaken up. The water will be purer and clearer and healthier when the scum is removed, as it will be, and things settle down again to the normal, orderly program of life.

Congress, parliaments, legislatures and great industrial and social conferences will all try their hands in the effort to bring order out of this chaos and will fail. The prophets of a new social order will try their skill; but it will remain for the evangel of truth to point a weary world again to the love of God as displayed in the cross of Christ, and lead them to settle all their differences by the principles of righteousness as set forth in the Sermon on the Mount. The final treaty of peace that will bind all nations into one league of brotherhood will come when men are controlled, not by the gospel of vindictiveness and resentment, but when they are controlled by the gospel of reconciliation and love.

Why, then, should we prophesy evil and forsake the post of honor which our Master has given us? There has never yet come to the world a great era of peace and prosperity which was not preceded by an era of social unrest. The future is not all dark but is radiant with hope, because Jesus is going to be made more real to the world than ever before. The nations will come out of their Gethsemane redeemed and glorified because they will have discovered that the Golden Rule for man will make the Golden Age for the world.

BISHOP U. V. W. DARLINGTON

The interest of an Annual Conference centers about the Bishop. He is the man of the occasion, and, by every token, he should be. He is the man, called of God through the agency of the Church, and no less for this reason, by the Holy Spirit, to blaze the way for us and to lead us into larger places. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has had forty-three Bishops since the organization of the Church in 1845, yet not one of these men has proved false nor has there been one who has not been capable of great leadership. This Advocate takes great pleasure always in writing the names of these men where they belong, at the head of the list, and in according to them that honor which belongs to the high and holy office which they fill. A very good test of one's loyalty to the Great Head of the Church is his reverence for those whom God has chosen to be our spiritual leaders.



BISHOP U. V. W. DARLINGTON
President of the Conference

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, who comes to preside over our Conference, has, for many months, labored among us and is already widely known as a man who spares not himself in order that all the interests of the Kingdom may be set forward. Many of our readers will be interested in a brief sketch of his life. He was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, August 3rd, 1870. He was educated in the common schools of his native State and at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He was licensed to preach at the age of eighteen and joined the Kentucky Conference in 1896. He served pastorates in the Kentucky Conference for several years and was then transferred to the Western Virginia Conference, where he served several prominent charges and as presiding elder of the Ashland district. At the time of his election to the Episcopacy, he was president of Morris-Harvey College, at Barboursville, West Virginia.

While it may be said that in all his previous work he had shown great executive qualities, yet his reputation as a great pastor perhaps had more to do with his elevation to the Episcopacy than anything else. In going after a man who had been distinctly marked as a great pastor, it is now evident that the General Conference laid hands upon a man of marked executive ability. Having presided over our Conference last year and traveled throughout the State preaching and superintending the work all through the year, we feel safe in asserting that no Bishop has impressed the Methodists of North Carolina more profoundly. To the limit of his strength, and sometimes we fear beyond this limit, he has laid himself out for the work.

The Western North Carolina Conference will greet him with the glad hand and will trust him to handle all the difficult questions of administration in the fear of God and with a heart of brotherly sympathy for all concerned.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE—AN OPPORTUNITY

When these lines reach their readers, the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will be in session; and only four weeks later the North Carolina Conference will meet. Are these events of importance to North Carolina Methodism? Will the coming together of these ministers and representative laymen mean anything for the kingdom of Christ? It seems an opportune time to consider what possibilities for good are here.

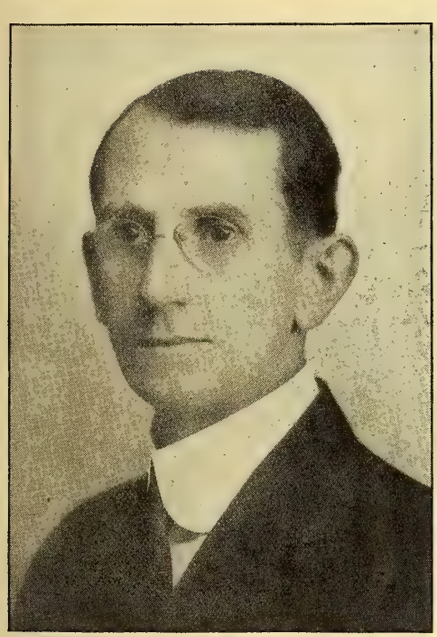
The *social value* of an Annual Conference may be great. The ministers have been out in their several fields, toiling apart from their ministerial brethren. Each one has had his own difficulties, and let us hope his own triumphs in his efforts to save sinners and build up the saints. There have doubtless been periods of discouragement and trial as well as of victory. The coming together of these laborers, the glad hand clasp of men engaged in a common cause, the touch that one gets with the leaders of Zion whose opportunities have brought them into vital contact with the whole field, the inspiration that comes from hearing some of the men who represent the best thought and life of the Church—these things should all tend to put new life and inspiration into the workers. In a sense it is a rest period from the strain of the year for the pastors, and should serve to give them a fresh hold upon their ideals and hopes, and thus send them into the new year with fresh courage.

We believe that the Annual Conference should look forward more than backward. It is true that reports of the past year are to be made, and every pastor should be careful to make them accurately and intelligibly. This is essential for the historian, and it is from a proper understanding of the past that we are to get our most valuable and reliable judgments for future operations. But more important still than this is to get a proper conception of the task to be accomplished in the year that is ahead. What specific waste places shall be built up? What particular phases of Church work shall be especially emphasized. What more can be done to quicken the spiritual life of the Church? That is really the central question in the whole undertaking. What new enterprises shall be launched, and how shall the old ones be strengthened or carried to completion? These are general questions that seem to us should underlie our planning for the work to be done, and in all of which we need to be cognizant of the conditions that we face and of the call of Christ to bring this disordered world into harmony with His will.

Should there not be a unifying influence felt at the Annual Conference? The membership of an Annual Conference is made up of men (and women now) who are supposed to think for themselves. They have been laboring in their respective fields, either as pastors or laymen. They have been thinking about the problems that press for solution, each from his own viewpoint. There are always more angles than one from which to look at a question —sometimes there are many sides to it. In the interchange of thought at the Annual Conference, may we not be able to see the angles we have not seen before and be able to reach a more unified purpose? The view that one has held may be somewhat modified in the direction of the view that another has held, and the view which that other one has held be modified in the direction of the view that the one has held, so that there shall be at least an approach to unity of viewpoint. And, if convicions must necessarily differ after all has been done that can be done (and this is usually true with people who really think), cannot at least brotherly love be maintained in the midst of differing convictions? Surely as Christian people we ought to reach that point. We cannot compromise our convictions, of course, but that does not mean that we are to kill everybody who chances to differ with us, or even class them with Pharisees and hypocrites.

Once more let us hope that the session of the Annual Conference will be inspirational for revival work. That we need a great soul stirring revival throughout Methodism is universally conceded. It is in the air. We are glad that it is. We need a revival that really enthrones Christ in the lives of men. No other sort is worth while. We must not be satisfied with enrolling names on Church registers. We do not want dry-eyed, un-

feeling "decisions for Christ" by people who have felt no conviction for sin and who know nothing of an experience of salvation. We do not think that any one desires that kind; and yet, unless the Church insists upon an inner spiritual work wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost, the tendency of human nature is always to revert to the superficial. Hence we need to keep an unyielding emphasis upon that inner work. If our pastors and representative laymen at the Annual Conference can only be inspired with an earnest, unconquerable desire to see North Carolina Methodism aflame with that sort of a revival, it will mean more for the Kingdom of Christ than anything else that can come to pass. If we can bring the Church



REV. J. H. BARNHARDT
Presiding Elder, Greensboro District

close to Christ, if we can get our membership filled with the Holy Spirit, if we can get our ministry fully surcharged with the dynamic of the gospel, all the serious difficulties in the way of the Church will straighten themselves out. The wonderful transforming power of the Holy Spirit, based upon the merit of the atonement which Christ has made for sin, by which we are made "new creatures in Christ Jesus" is the hope of the hour. Let the Church emphasize this truth. Let the Annual Conference lay this truth upon the conscience of ministers and laymen. Let the Church be made to feel that it is its work to save sinners—to save them from sin—and to empower men to live godly in this present evil world. If our Annual Conferences can put a new emphasis upon this truth, we may expect the coming year to be one of great blessing to our Zion.

CARE FOR OUR SUPERANNUATES

The Journal of the Western North Carolina Conference shows that there were 123 individuals on the list of Conference claimants, and that a total amount of $16,245 was distributed to them for the year. This was the immense sum of $132.07 each! But we find a more appalling record still when we turn to the Journal of the North Carolina Conference. The list there shows ninety persons, and the amount distributed was $9,800, or $108.89 each. Combining the figures for the two Conferences, we find that we have 213 claimants on this fund. To these were distributed $26,045, or $122.28 each. These figures give the average to each individual; the amount actually given varied according to the needs of the parties concerned in the judgment of the men to whom this distribution was committed. It is but fair to say also that the above figures do not include the Duke Fund, the figures for which we do not have at hand.

This, then, is the situation here in North Carolina. It is no wonder that we should begin to write of the superannuate as "The Forgotten Man." These heroes have labored to make Methodism what it is, and we have entered into their labors. We enjoy the fruits of their toil, but we do not stop to see that they do not suffer in their latter days. We are piling up millions now for certain causes even in the Church, and yet we call their names as the Honor Roll at Conference, and leave them unfed so far as the Church is concerned the rest of the year! Surely we are just not thinking about what we are doing; and yet not to think is sometimes criminal.

We are glad to record that the Western North Carolina Conference is moving to make some better provision for these heroes. Last year they put a man in the field to raise an endowment of $100,000. When Conference met in Charlotte he was able to report $80,000 of it raised and Bishop Darlington took a collection amounting to $15,000 more. This set them within $5,000 of their goal, when they wisely set their goal forward to $250,000. How much of this Brother Rodgers has been able to raise this year, we do not know at this writing; but we trust that it has been a successful year with him. This is moving in the right direction; but suppose they should reach this goal also. At six per cent this fund would bring in $15,000 a year, or just about equal the amount that is now being paid through the regular channel. This would certainly be a great help, but it would not enable them to live at all luxuriously. If we understand it correctly, these special Conference Endowment funds are counted in the ten million dollars that it is proposed to raise in the Church at large for this cause, but the raising of which seems to wait upon other things.

But, while the Western North Carolina Conference is doing this work, the North Carolina Conference has so far made no move in this direction. We are taking the collection for them among the Conference Benevolences and we believe making a small assessment for the Endowment Fund; but these "fathers in Israel" should not go hungry until that method will bring relief. Will not the approaching session of the North Carolina Conference at Wilson start the movement to make some worthy provision for our own Conference claimants? We do not believe that our people are any less appreciative of these heroes than are the members of other Conferences. The thing has just gone by default, but we must not allow it to go that way any longer. We must begin now, and begin in a way that is worthy of our great Church and especially in a way that will bring a little more sunshine and cheer into the last days of these veterans of the cross and of their dependent loved ones. Who will take the initiative?

METHODIST ORPHANAGE, RALEIGH

The appeal of the dependent orphan is more and more reaching the hearts of our people. Evidences of this are multiplying on every hand. We learn that the will of the late Z. W. Lyon, who recently passed away at Oxford, carried a bequest of $10,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. The announcement of this fact was the first report of his death that had come under our eye. We knew Brother Lyon intimately, having been his pastor for more than two years. We came then to appreciate the real worth of the man. He was rather quiet and retiring in disposition, never forcing himself forward into the limelight; but he was a man of more than usually kind heart. He was always more than ready to help the needy and the suffering. His closest friends did not know the amount of that sort of work that he did. He was true to his Church and to his pastor. We regret to learn of his going from us, and commend the example of his upright and generous life. The $10,000 that he has laid at the feet of the needy orphans of the Church will be doing its beneficent work through the years to come.

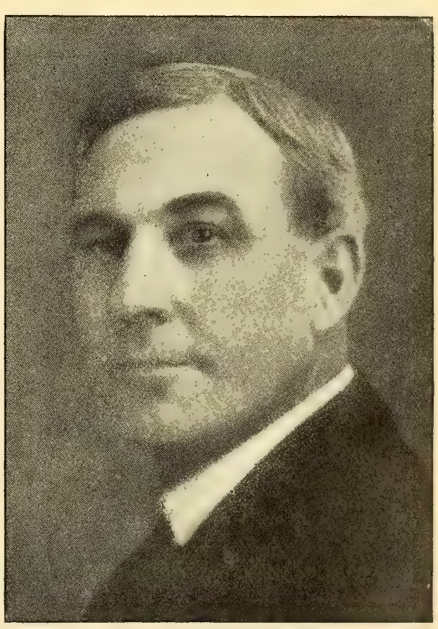
Another man of sterling character and of devotion to the Methodist Church went from us in the person of W. W. Ormond, of Greene county, whose death we noticed last week. We see it stated since in the secular press that he left a farm valued at $75,000 to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. In this case the Orphanage will not come into the possession of it till after the death of the widow. This is another instance of wise benevolence. A few years ago Brother Ormond contributed the money to purchase a building for Carolina College at Maxton—a home in which poor girls could provide for themselves while taking their college course. He was a man of large influence for good in his community. This act of benevolence to the Methodist Orphanage crowns a life that had been a centre of blessing through the years. Such men leave behind them the odor of a good name—a good name that is rather to be chosen than great riches. We trust that many others will follow their example.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Anti-Saloon League of America in conjunction with the League of this State will make a campaign in North Carolina from Nov. 2nd to Dec. 21. It is stated that 300 meetings in all will be held, and speakers of national reputation, such as Hon. M. R. Patterson, former Governor of Tenn., Rev. J. D. McAlister, Supt. Anti-Saloon League of Tenn., George W. Morrow, former Supt. of the Michigan League, Joseph G. Camp, Atlanta orator, Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, Wayne B. Wheeler, Washington, D. C., attorney and Counsel for the national organization, and others will be among the speakers. The reputation of North Carolina for the enforcement of its liquor laws is not just now of the best. Moonshining is said to be more popular in this State than anywhere else in the Union. this is not a reputation that will do the State any good at home or abroad, and it behooves every lover of his State to rally to these speakers wherever they go and help to create a sentiment that will hunt down this lawlessness and bring it to justice. It is immensely important from every standpoint that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors of all kinds should be stopped. The business has now been outlawed in the whole nation, and we must see to it that the law is strictly enforced.

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Shall We Have Watch Night Meetings? It is a time now when an especial emphasis is being placed upon prayer. It is to be hoped that it will not be simply theoretical discussion of the value of prayer, but that it shall be a time when men will learn anew to pray in the school of experience. A league is being formed for a concert of prayer for world-wide revival, and it has been suggested that we have a simultaneous movement for watch night meetings with which to close the old year. The primary object is to intercede for a world-wide revival. Not merely thousands, but tens of thousands, are praying for revival—the old-fashioned, heaven-sent, Holy Ghost kind, producing



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Pastor West Market Street Church

conviction of sin, genuine repentance and transformed lives—such revival as was witnessed in the days of Wesley and Whitefield, and later in the days of Finney and Moody. If every Church throughout the length and breadth of the land would hear and respond to the Divine call to self-humiliation and prayer, there would be days of spiritual refreshing ahead such as this sin-rent world has never witnessed. God "commandeth men everywhere to repent", but first of all "judgment must begin at the house of God." The Church must go to God for itself before it can go to God for a lost world. Would that God's call to intercession might be heard above every other call. O, for more prayer in the Church of God!

CONTRIBUTIONS

LET US KEEP THE MISSIONARY MOTIVE AND MESSAGE STRAIGHT

Costen J. Harrell

II.

Our Lord and His disciples were in Galilee. The land had for Him a sweet charm. His home was there. All the twelve disciples, save Judas, were Galileans. It was there that men were most responsive to His Evangel. It was poissibly at the season of the year when the plains were verdant with growing grain and the wheat fields waved to the wind like the swelling waves on the sea of Galilee. Jesus was no doubt looking on such a scene when he so pointedly said to His disciples, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." The company and the circumstances suited the message. He was talking to men who believed in Him and He was telling them of the quiet growth in spiritual things—the beginnings, the fuller growth, and finally the fruit.

Months later the same company was assembled under circumstances very different. They were near Jerusalem where lived the Lord's sworn enemies. Jesus had been rejected and crucified and had risen again. And "they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Different circumstances called for a different pronouncement. Here He speaks of seasons, of sudden manifestations of the Holy Spirit, of leaps in spiritual experience.

These are the two methods of spiritual attainment as set forth in our Lord's teaching. They are ever repeating themselves in the experience of individuals and in the broad history of the Church. There is the quiet, effectual unfolding of life. The power that worketh is mysterious, but the stages follow one another in well-ordered fashion and may be marked off with some degree of accuracy. The trustful faith of the child, the questioning but sincere faith of the adolescent, the strong, energetic faith of the man full grown, and the rich confidence of him who for three score years and ten has walked with God—these are the commonplace of Christian knowledge. The Church, in her parts and as a whole, passes in like manner from one stage of life to another.

The other method of spiritual attainment is more difficult to define. There are seasons of the soul when the Holy Spirit suddenly makes Himself manifest. Saving truth flashes like lightning, and things thitherto shrouded in darkness stand forth in clearest light. It comes in sudden conversion.

"So may the truth be flashed out by one blow,
And Guido see, one instant, and be saved."

God deals with His Church after the same fashion. The seasons when the Holy Spirit breaks through the regular order and revivifies the Church are shining epochs in her history. The story of them is like holy romance. No one who is acquainted with Christian experience or the history of the Church can doubt the reality of the tidal movements of the Spirit. "To lose faith in God's divine lightning," says Carlyle, "seems to me the consummation of unbelief." The lightning strikes and there is a Pentecost, or a Wesleyan Revival, or a Great Awakening like that in our country in 1740.

Christian leaders have for some years prophesied that Christendom will soon be stirred by a sweeping revival of religion. There is reason for the hope entertained in many quarters that this season of God is very near at hand. "My God shall supply all your needs," says St. Paul, and there can be no doubting that our generation stands in dire need of a spiritual revival. The "idealism of the war" and our recent "passion for humanity" have not changed the world as prophesied by many overly sanguine prophets. Strife and greed and moral laxity proclaim most loudly that sin, the age-long enemy of man, still lurks in human hearts and only waits for the opportunity to manifest itself. Our human devices do not reach the malady —we need the Gospel's renewing power. Great revivals have often come at periods of unrest. Tokens of the approaching fall of Jerusalm and the dispersion of the Jews were manifest when the fires of Pentecost fell upon the Church. The Protestant Reformation and the Wesleyan Revival appeared at times of notable economic, poltical, and religious disturbances. It may be that the present unrest is the foreboding of a new era in Christian history. To that end it behooves the Church of God to pray and work and wait that she be not found without oil in her lamps when the Bridegroom cometh.

This time of enlarged vision and great expectancy urges upon us the necessity of keeping our message and motive straight. Church-wide revivals do not effervesce out of thin air, but they rest on the solid foundations of Christian truth. A study of the history of revival movements reveals that they have been always borne on the wave of some Scriptural doctrine rediscovered and reemphasized. This revealed truth gets hold of men, it is proclaimed with divine insistency, it draws men with new charm and power—and then is heard the cry, "What shall we do to be saved?"

But, while our Church is being called to her knees in the Upper Room, the suggestion is every now and then advanced with more or less definiteness, that the time has passed when any great store is to be laid on the power of preaching the evangel of salvation and that the doctrines of the Church are quite out of date for the business that now awaits us. "Of course we are to have preaching, but"—. One wonders if we are in any peril of so exalting methods that we forget grace and become like the proverbial man who could not see the forest for the trees. These intimations come somewhat to a poiint in this announcement:

"The ancient creeds and dogmas will not be brought out of the limbo of neglected things and set up as controlling principles—however much the oldler conservatives may pine for them and bewail their passing—but there will be a mighty appreciation of spiritual values and a new emphasis on the social conscience."—Centenary Bulletin for July.

These are very fine sounding words. But we are prone to inquire what these creeds and dogmas are that are to be given a place on dusty shelves with the relics of other days. The first article of the creed is, "I believe in God the Father Almighty." I suppose we are not to surrender our belief in God! Is it meant that in the coming revival we are to speak very softly of the Diety of Jesus Christ, lest practical-minded men be offended? But if our Lord be not divine His Gospel has no power to save the world and her faith is built on stubble. Or is reference made to the Christian doctrine of sin? But if sin be an illusion why should we exercise ourselves at all to preach Christ?

Is it the dogmas of the Atonement, Repentance, Forgiveness, and the witness of the Spirit that are to be committed "to the limbo of neglected things?" When we have thrown these overboard we are as helpless to lift men out of their sin as an ethical culture society. They are verily the glad tidings of the Gospel. Is it the Christian doctrine of immortality that is to be laid away with neglected things? It has been suggested that not much will be said about heaven and a good deal about making the world "a fit place in which to live." But we cannot forget that since "Our Savior Jesus Christ brought life and immortality to light" a new incentive has laid hold on the hearts of men, quite transforming their attitude toward life and death. We would be loath to surrender this doctrine. The consciousness of the other world has been a tremendous factor in transforming conditions in this one, a fact worthy of remembering when we apply Christianity to the social order. These are the leading creeds and dogmas which the "older conservatives" in evangelical Churches have been preaching for some generations. I cannot believe that he who would relegate them to the dead past means all that he seems to say.

The truth is we must take our Bibles into our closets with us when we pray for the coming revival. There we must apply its unfailing truths to our own hearts and to the world. Lord Macauley once said, "I do not care to have a preacher who believes less than I do," and in this matter most people feel as Macauley. We must come from our closets with a saving message—a light, a way, a creed that rests on divine foundations. Prayer is the minister's vital breath: Scriptural truth is his weapon. Altruism and liberalism have never produced a revival of religion. The Church will not be able to produce tremendous "conviction and earnestness" and a "mighty appreciation of spiritual values," and a "social conscience," nor will men be "revolutionized in thought, heart and attitude" when she dares cut loose from the fundamentals of revealed Christianity. At Pentecost Peter preached of the Messiahship of Jesus; in Asia Minor and Europe Paul preached of Justification by Faith. In Germany Luther rediscovered the apostolic message and proclaimed that the just shall live by faith. Edwards in New England preached of God's sovereignty and holiness; John Wesley preached of the universal Atonement and the Witness of the Spirit. These may serve us as very good models!

There is another thing which we should remember about great revivals: The seasons of the spirit cannot be commanded. It is not the part of prudence or wisdom to say that at "the psychological moment Methodism will stage another Pentecost." This high business cannot be "staged" or "put over." "The times and the seasons the Father hath put in His own power." We may prepare, we may work, we may wait, but we cannot force the issue. Of course there have been times when a human movement has swept multitudes into the Church visible who seem to have had little connection with the Church Triumphant. Constantine by edict and by royal patronage made the Roman Empire Christian, and the Church suffered more from pagans thus brought into her communion than from three centuries of persecution. We will be careful in this matter lest we be crying with Hosea, "O Ephraim what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as the morning cloud and as the early dew it goeth away."

The mighty awakenings of the past have appeared for the most part in unexpected places and worked in unexpected ways. The Holy Spirit does not work by rule and rote. We will pray for His coming. We will pray for humility, remembering that Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." We will not dictate to the Spirit; we will pray that we may be ready instruments in His Hand to work in us and through us for the salvation of men. We will become intercessors for all men. We will prepare and pray and wait.

In this whole matter the words of one, who was himself no mean winner of souls in a great city, are most illuminating! "The picture which Christian saw in the Interpreter's house should hang on the walls of every preacher's study; and this was the fashion of it: It had eyes uplift to heaven, the best of books in his hand, the law of truth was written upon his lips, the world was behind his back; it stood as if it pleaded with men, and a crown of gold did hang over his head. **It stood as if it pleaded with men;** and the Church's great revival will come when on the lips of her ministers is heard once more the great apostolic note of appeal. **"We beseech you in behalf of Christ be ye reconciled to God."**

A CONFESSION AND A PROTEST

Rev. Jno. H. Hall

To my brethren of the North Carolina Conference I wish to make a confession and enter a protest. To start with, both the confession and protest are mine and are born out of my own soul and life. If the confession and protest seem to blend I will have to trust to you to draw the line of demarkation. I am not in harmony with my

Church, and I think the reasons for this lack of accord are good and sufficient.

I have always been taught that the bishops are our chief pastors, our leaders and guides and that the General Conference alone has the right to make laws for our government and that those laws are embodied in our Book of Discipline and not in any delegated right to Board or Commission.

But now it seems that we have Standard Plans for our Benevolences, our revivals, etc., which seem unconstitutional. See Article of Religion No. 5, and that unnumbered and unwritten Article, the Article of Common Sense.

If I understand Article 5 it teaches that The Holy Scriptures furnish the only rule for our faith and practice; for it says, "That whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation."

Now, my brethren, I have believed and felt that the Centenary movement seriously violated the spirit and teachings of the Holy Scriptures. Wherein do we find a warrant for the apotheosis of money?

I have always had a fear of money either for the individual or the Church. And this fear arose from the teaching of the Bible. Nowhere therein does it commend it, but on the other hand condemns it as a curse to men in unmistakable terms. It is the world's God and therefore the everlasting enemy of the true and the living God. Have we forgotten the solemn, awful warnings with which the Scriptures are filled? How many shipwrecks of faith in the living God are therein recorded! Consider Achan, Balaam, Dives, Judas, Ananias, Simon. Do we find any where in the Bible where great sums of gold were gathered in order to carry on God's great work in the world? Who acted as Moses's treasurer when he led Israel from Egypt to the land of Canaan? The Master and Discip'es had a treasurer who valued the Lord of Glory at thirty pieces of silver and sold Him for that sum! And the horror of the thought that men are still selling him for money!

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8.9. And who have been His truest friends through all these years, the rich or the poor?

Whatever may be your idea as to the value of these millions to His cause is not for me to say. Nor have you a right to deny to me the right to my ideas. I think they'll prove a curse rather than a blessing. If, for no other reason, the secrecy, the failure to act brotherly, to be square, open and above board, in a word, Christ-like, must necessarily be a curse to it. I think the whole procedure was unscriptural. Here is Paul's rule for giving: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.

And how was it done? By a drive and by threats. Bishops, presiding elders, and pastors were to find the trash pile if they did not put their Conference, their district, their charges "over the top" and this in the year when democracy is having a new birth, world-wide!

And how was it done? First of all: Boards representing other causes as Education and Superannuate Endowment of equal importance, were asked to name the sums necessary. However, at Junaluska when it was launched—without a single speaker of the M. E. Church, South—and all of Thursday at Goldsboro nothing was said of these other objects. Missions and Church Extension only. Why this silence?

On Sunday night of Conference I was told by a pastor that thirty-five millions for missions was to be followed later on for thirty-three millions more for Education and Superannuate Endowment Fund. Why not all in one drive? No body could tell, or if they could, they wouldn't. And when the drive started information was given out a little at a time.

The Master says: "No man, when he hath lighted a candle putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candle stick, that they which come in may see the light. Luke 11:33.

John says: "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." John 1. 5,6.

Oh! beloved, serious and awful are the Apostle's words of warning against things which are dark.

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19.

But some say the great success that has attended the campaign is proof of divine blessing.

Be it far from me to oppose any of God's movements, great or small, or hurt any of His servants. Brethren, let us pause, let us consider, let us listen to one of the best and wisest of men, John Wesley, the founder of our Church: Vol. 4 P 166.

"One eminent author, no less a man than Dr. Newton, the late Bishop of Bristol, has been at no small pains to show that the conversion of Constantine to Christianity, and the emoluments which he bestowed upon the Church with an unsparing



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hand, were the event which is signified in the Revelation by "the New Jersusalem coming down from heaven.

"But I cannot, in any wise subscribe to the bishop's opinion in the matter. So far from it, that I have been long convinced, from the whole tenor of ancient history, that this very event, Constantine calling himself a Christian, and pouring that flood of wealth and honor on the Christian Church, the clergy in particular, were productive of more evil to the Church than all the ten persecutions put together. From the time that the Church and state, the Kingdom of Christ and the world, were so strangely and unnaturally blended together Christianity and heathenism were so thoroughly incorporated with each other, that they will hardly ever be divided till Christ comes to reign upon the earth. So that instead of fancying that the New Jerusalem covered the earth at that period, we have terrible proof that it was there, and has ever since been, covered with the smoke of the bottomless pitt."

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"It does not occur that these extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were common in the Church for more than two or three centuries. We seldom hear of them after that fatal period when the Emperor Constantine called himself a Christian; and, from a vain imagination of promoting the Christian cause thereby, heaped riches and power and honor upon the Christians in general, but in particular upon the Christian clergy. From this time they almost totally ceased; very few instances of the kind were found. The cause of this was not, (as has been vulgarly supposed,) because there was no more occasion for them, because all the world was become Christians. This is a miserable mistake; not a twentieth part of it was then nominally Christian.

"The real cause was the love of many, almost of all Christians, so-called, was "waxed cold." The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ than the heathen. The Son of Man, when He came to examine his Church, could hardly "find faith upon the earth." This was the real cause why the extraordinary gift of the Holy Ghost was no longer to be found in the Christian Church; because the Christians were turned heathen again, and had only a dead form left."

So from the Word of God and Wesley's sermons I am convinced "That the love of money is the root of all evil."

There were many subscribers to the fund. I think the following a fair and just classification:

1. Those who saw nothing in the movement but an opportunity to do big things for God and His cause, and therefore win His approval and love: "For God loveth a cheerful giver."
2. Those who contributed simply out of Church loyalty.
3. Others gave "grudingly and of necessity."
4. Still others who thought the price cheap and were willing to foot the "bill of cost" to some compelled Simon of Cyrene, just so they were allowed to live as they pleased and would be excused from being crucified with Christ.

Each will have to decide for himself to which class he belongs. I honor and respect those in class 1, and pray that God's peace and blessings may ever rest upon them and I sincerely regret that there were other things in it to be seen, and seeing which made my heart ache; for it was the first and only time that I ever felt that my Church—if it were the Church—was asking me to do what I felt was without Scriptural warrant.

It is possible that I may be mistaken in my Church's motive and purpose in raising these millions, and if it says my view point was wrong, I'll submerge my priviate, individual opinion into that of my Church and leave it there.

The sainted Bishop Wilson once said, "There are some things on which I am not open to conviction." And I can say, "There is one thing I am not open to conviction on, and that conviction is that the Church proceeded in a way that was not fair and square to raise this fund. This I think is a serious blunder and I am not able to see any way to correct it, unless we are willing to pay the price. That price is, "Tote fair." The very best that is in each heart invariably calls for this course. Is any man willing to stand for an opposite course? In love, and believing that it will stand the test of The Golden Rule, I suggest the following:

From now on, let us have but one drive, one sum, one division. That the amount already subscribed and paid, $55,000,000 together with other amounts to be raised, be divided and given pro rata, as follows:

Missions	$35,000,000
Education	23,000,000
Superannunate Endowment Fund	10,000,000

This would leave us thirteen millions, instead of thirty-three millions to raise in the next four years and then each cause would stand on equal footing and the Church would stand four square to itself, the world and its God.

Unless something like this is done I see nothing awaiting us in the years that lie before, save failure and heartburning.

While we pray the prayer He taught us, saying, "Thy Kingdom come" we will never! no never! have any part in bringing it, only as we pray and labor as He directs.

Granted that the world as we know it did not come to its present form in "six days" of twenty-four hours each, how did Moses learn that before the advent of life upon the earth, "the earth was without form and void?" Where did Moses learn that in that azoic world the water rather than the land was the predominant element? Who told Moses that herbage came before animal life? How did Moses know that life began in the sea rather than upon the land? How did Moses come to mention the appearance of "winged fowl" before the advent of quadrupeds? And why did he place man last in the order of creation, although the lord of all creatures? It seems to the Aviator that there are a good many things in that first chapter which agree with the revelations of science, and which no historian could note and hand down. We now know these things are facts, know them to be so from our studies of geology and biology. But how did Moses know them if that Chapter was not inspired?—Aviator, in the Presbyterian.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—The Troy charge has assumed the support of Dr. Bardwell, of the Cuban Mission.

—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Spring Garden Street Church, has done a great work this year. The new Church building will soon be ready for the roof.

—We learn through the Rockingham District Messenger that the Maxton Congregation has taken the support of Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, in China. Miss McKinnon went out from the Maxton Church.

—Rev. A. C. Gibbs, who is closing his third year as pastor of Walnut street and Carraway Memorial charge has done a great work and his people hope for his return. In fact there is not a pastor in Greensboro who will not be gladly hailed as his own successor.

—Rev. C. F. Sherrill is closing a quadrennium of very acceptable service on the Pleasant Garden circuit. The people have not failed to show their appreciation. A few nights ago they surprised him and the whole parsonage family in a very pleasant way by spreading an ice cream festival on the parsonage lawn.

—Rev. J. E. Woosley, pastor of the Greensboro circuit, is closing his quadrennium with a fine report. Two new Churches have been built in the suburbs of Greensboro, and a new parsonage is nearing completion. The progress of the Church in a material way has been remarkable on this charge during his term.

—Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, who for three years has served the Greensboro District with great acceptability, will be expected to succeed himself. Both in the pulpit and as an executive officer he has proved a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. The people of the district would be very much disappointed if he were to slip away.

—The District Messenger, published in the interests of the Methodist Church in the Rockingham District, has made two visits already to the Advocate office and has been read with interest. It is edited by Rev. Harry M. North, and is printed in neat pamphlet form. The October issue contains sixteen pages and is both interesting and attractive.

—Mr. W. B. Lassiter, one of the faithful and devoted laymen of our Church at Asheboro, passed away at his home in that place on Wednesday morning of last week. The Courier says of him: "Mr. Lassiter was a good man of industrious habits, was one of those men who could always be found on the side of right. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, in Asheboro."

—At the Wednesday evening prayer service, Oct. 1st, three young persons were received into the Church on profession of faith. At the following Sunday's service these, with the names of two men by certificate, were announced to the Church. Later a young lady on profession of faith. All these accessions, except one, was a result of the Price meetings recently held at Roanoke Rapids.

—Bishop Darlington a few Sundays ago dedicated two of our Southern Methodist Churches in North Carolina, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. That does not look as if Southern Methodism is going out of business in the Old North State.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

We call the Wesleyan's attention to the fact that the Church which the Bishop dedicated in the afternoon, known as Littlejohns, has produced nine preachers and one missionary. Seven of the preachers are now in the active work, while the missionary, Miss Lelia Tuttle, is one of our most effective workers in China. All this looks even more like the Southern Methodist Church is not going out of business in North Carolina.

—The late Mrs. L. P. Edens, of Robeson county, left one-tenth of her estate to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. We are glad to note that both the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, and the Children's Home, at Winston-Salem, are coming more and more into the thought of our people. Let those who make their wills remember that money left for these institutions will be helping to make happy and useful lives long after the donors have passed to their reward.

—Rev. C. H. Caviness, pastor of the Carteret circuit, a charge of nine churches, was here Wednesday visiting the pastor of the First Methodist Church. He is holding his meeting at Wildwood this week, which is the seventh meeting of his campaign. His meeting at Newport is to begin on Tuesday night after the fourth Sunday. This is Mr. Caviness's fourth year in his present field, and his people generally will give him up with reluctance.—The Coaster, Oct. 10.

—Rev. J. M. Rhodes, formerly president of Littleton College, has taken over the management of the hotel property on South Elm street which he acquired some time ago, and with the assistance of Mrs. Rhodes will make it one of the most attractive and thoroughly modern establishments of the kind in the State. This hotel is located only about two blocks south of the passenger station on South Elm and ought to be a very popular stopping place for the traveling public. We have no doubt that it will.

—Just as we go to press a note from Rev. J. A. Walker brings the news that on Sunday and Monday Main Street, Gastonia, added $4,100 to their former pledge of $1,963 for Rutherford College, making $6,063 in all that this Church has pledged for Weaver Hall. He also states that the total amount now pledged is $44,677. Surely the balance of a little more than $5,000 to finish up the $50,000 will be forthcoming before the adjournment of our Conference in Greensboro. The campain closes on October 27, after which a full report will be printed in the Advocate.

—At the fourth quarterly conference for Centenary Church, this city, held on Wednesday night of last week, Rev. A. W. Plyler, the pastor, submitted a very fine report, showing this the most successful year in his ministry. He announced that he had received into the Church this year 189 new members, had given letters to 18, making a net gain of 171 during the year. At present the total Church membership is 802. The work of the Sunday school is very gratifying, the pastor reported. The Church had rendered material assistance in the building of a handsome new Church at Glenwood. Brother Plyler is a steady puller and grows in popularity as the years go by.

—Rev. Dr. James W. Lee, who, for many years has served the Church in various capacities in the city of St. Louis, passed away at his home in that city on Saturday, October 4th. He was three times pastor of St. Johns Church and twice pesiding elder of the St. Louis district. At the last Annual Conference he was appointed chaplain of the Barnes Hospital. Dr. Lee was a native of Georgia and was brought up among the common people in a rather obscure section of the country, his mother being a widow, but he had the ambition to make something of himself and could not be kept down by circumstances. His visit to Greensboro College for Women a few years ago to preach the annual sermon is pleasantly remembered. He was a man of unusual attainments and will be greatly missed.

FROM CHERRYVILLE

At the final meeting for Cherryville charge, held on the 15th, inst., the pastor's salary for the next Conference year was fixed, by the stewards of the charge, at $2,000. This is a raise of $500 over this year just closing. This is a testimony of the way this charge has been doing for the past two years. Two years past we only paid $800 pastor's salary and we feel that this move will compare with anything in the Conference, when it is considered that all the members of this charge are common laboring folks. Then, too, it shows that the activities of the work did not die and the spirit of sympathy lag on account of the fact that our pastor, Rev. J. F. Moser, was confined in a hospital in Columbus, Ohio, for three months and is yet not able for regular work.

All the churches of the charge are out and over with all claims, except one, and before the year closes this church will go over also. One beautiful thing about the folks of the entire charge is that, when, on account of affliction, the pastor ceased to work, they did not cease their paying. Everything is all right with Cherryville and we have had a good year.

J. F. Harrelson.

TO THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

For the first time in the existence of our Orphanage a condition exists that impels me to bring the situation there to the attention of the Church.

The maintenance fund is completely exhausted, and the management has no funds to meet bills now due. The superintendent has been for several weeks in his column in the Advocate calling this to the attention of the Church, still the response to his appeal has not been sufficient to meet the demands.

Certainly the Church is not going to allow these two hundred and forty children under its care to suffer, and I am sure it has no purpose to make the task of those charged with their care harder than it need be. The organization must be maintained. The children must be fed and clothed. They are entirely dependent upon your generosity.

The institution has grown until the assessment is altogether inadequate to meet the current expenses. This must be supplemented by specials and individual gifts. It is only four weeks until Conference. Will not the pastors bestir themselves in the interest of these fatherless ones, and at once? Our people were never so prosperous. Show that you appreciate it by giving generously to care for these children. Send check to Rev. A. S. Barnes, Supt., or Mr. Jos. G. Brown, treasurer.

Robert N. Page,
President Board Trustees the Methodist Orphanage.

RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Forest Hill Methodist Church, October 12, 1919

Whereas, by the law of the Church our beloved presiding elder, Rev. J. C Rowe, D.D., must move from us at the approaching Annual Conference session, and

Whereas, Dr. Rowe has served the Church faithfully in this field, as well as in every other field in which he has been called to serve, he having been for many years occupying places of prominence in the Church, therefore, resolved,

1. That we have appreciated the untiring devotion of Dr. Rowe to the duties of his responsible office, and that we will ever pray that wherever the lines may fall to him it may be pleasant to him, and that the consciousness may abide with him that he has done well the tasks committed to him by the Church.

2. That we assure Dr. Rowe of our abiding affection and our prayers for his future and continued well being.

3. That we furnish Dr. Rowe a copy of these resolutions, and that copies be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Concord Daily Tribune with request to publish the same.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Cook,	W. R. Odell,
W. L. Robbins,	R. M. Taylor,
J. C. Fink.	R. L. Burrage,

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Whereas, by the laws of our Church our beloved presiding elder, Rev. T. E. Wagg, will have to leave our district, and

Whereas, he has served us and the district so faithfully and efficiently for four years; therefore, be it

Resovled, that we do hereby express our hearty and cordial appreciation of him as a man and minister of the gospel, and pray that God will direct in his appointment at the coming Conference, and that the divine blessings will follow him and his family wherever his lot may be cast.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be submitted to our church paper, the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and to our town papers for publication.

Genio Cardwell,
R. W. Gwyn,
J. R. Hix.
Committee.

GREENSBORO CIRCUIT

My four years on the Greensboro circuit have been featured by building enterprises. Two new churches have been built, one in the northern and the other in the southern suburbs of Greensboro, the former costing three thousand dollars three years ago and the other just being completed at a cost of over ten thousand dollars. The former has an auditorium and five splendidly arranged Sunday school rooms and the other has, in addition to a beautiful auditorium, eight class rooms so arranged that two departments of the Sunday school can be run without interrupting each other.

Six Sunday school rooms have been added to the church at Mount Pleasant and four to the existing four at Holt's Chapel. Each of the four churches on the charge is well arranged for good Sunday school work. A nine room parsonage, modern in every way, is being completed at Bessemer, three miles out from Greensboro. The new pastor next year will have a good home in which to live.

In my judgment the Greensboro circuit ought to be divided so as to place the two suburban churches, Bethel and Glenwood, on one charge and the other two churches, Holt's Chapel and Mount Pleasant, two strong congregations, on another work. The new parsonage is owned jointly by the two last named congregations.

The general interests of the charge are in good shape and a splendid report will be handed in at Conference.

J. E. Woosley.

FIRST CHURCH, HICKORY

The revival closed at First Church with more than fifty additions to the membership. It was the pastor's great privilege to hold services in all of the largest industrial plants of the city, at the noon hour, and hundreds of men heard the gospel gladly. And this fact made us all the more joyful because of the social and industrial unrest of these times. All good men representing both capital and labor are earnestly seeking a solution to the perplexing problems confronting them, and in their desperation are ready to use every sort of substitute and to try every sort of expedient in order that they may bring about a spirit of co-operation and good understanding in the industrial world. Now, we are great on substitutes and expedients! Why not see the whole truth at once? Our wrongs and sins are not only personal and against God, but they are also social and there is

only one remedy, and that is, the preaching and living out in our lives the whole gospel of the Son of God, on the basis which Christ laid down for us.

But I started out to write about the revival just closed at the First Methodist Church in Hickory. It was a real revival in which it was possible for souls to find Christ and many found Him. We have a great Church here with a membership larger than any in the District. Hickory is a growing city, with a pay-roll greater than any town between Greensboro and Asheville and in a few years is destined to have a population of not less than 25,000 people. And as the town grows Methodism will grow correspondingly. W. O. Goode.

BURKHEAD, WINSTON-SALEM

The Winston-Salem Sentinel of Oct. 15th says:

At the fourth quarterly conference for Burkhead M. E. church, held last night, the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hiatt, submitted a report for the past year which was perhaps the best in the history of this charge. It showed that there had been 108 accessions to the church, making a total membership of 500; that there were 510 on the Sunday school roll; that the church has three active missionary societies, two of which were on the roll of honor of the Western North Carolina Conference; that six beautiful memorial windows had been installed in the church; that the parsonage had been enlarged at a cost of about $1,600, making it one of the best in the Conference; that every department of church activity had shown splendid progress, and that he had received hearty co-operation from the church officials and membership generally.

He emphasized the splendid work being done by the various Sunday school classes.

The financial report was also very gratifying, showing as it did that all assessments against the charge would be paid in full.

Dr. Siler, who presided over the conference, after hearing the reports, announced that he had heard none better in the district and that in his opinion the Burkhead Sunday school had the largest enrollment of any in the district.

Five new members were added to the board of stewards, these being Messrs. J. Z. Pfaff, T. G. Foy, Raymond Maxwell, Conrad Speas and A. V. Leigh. C. W. Snyder was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday school, R. E. Carmichael district steward and J. J. Hamilton charge leader.

The officials made it known that the return of the present pastor for another year's service was not only desired but expected.

OUR PASTOR'S GOOD WORK

We, the members of Bethlehem choir, in behalf of our Church and community, wish to express in some degree our gratitude to our dearly beloved pastor, Rev. C. F. Sherrill, for the good work which he has so faithfully performed in our midst.

When we looked into our new pastor's face in the latter part of the year 1915, we knew not that we were beholdng the face of one who would so ably lead and direct us "in the paths of righteousness" for the next four long years. I say long years, but indeed they do not seem long when we stop and consider how pleasant our Church work has been.

Through Mr. Sherrill our Lord has done great things for us. Under his preaching and teaching many of us who were "on the gospel highway" have been lifted to a higher plain of Christian living, and numbers of poor wandering children of our heavenly Father have been brought back to the straight and narrow way which leadeth to life eternal.

Besides preaching and teaching, our pastor, like our Savior when here upon earth, has done a great work by mingling with his people, both the large and the small. He has visited in our homes; he has lent a helping hand to the sick and needy; he has spoken many an encouraging word to those in trouble and distress; he has taken an interest in all our different affairs which tend to make life better; and, he has been very sociable at all times, always greeting every one with a smile and a hearty hand shake.

Another way in which he has helped our Church and community is the interest which he has taken in our Sunday school. Many times he has invited all the people who come to preaching to our Sunday school and has tried to show them the great need of this kind of worship. He has spoken words of praise and encouragement to our school; and has bid us God speed. All of this has helped us to be a better school today than we were when he first came.

We find that words are inadequate to express our appreciation of the good work which he and his family have done in our midst during their seemingly short stay with us, for it is said that life, after all, is made up of the impressions which we get and I am sure that the lives of Mr. Sherrill and his family have made many impressions for good on the people of this community.

A Member of Bethlehem Choir.

WILKES CIRCUIT

Please give me space in the Advocate to say a few words in regard to Methodism in Wilkes county.

That was a timely article written by Dr. Ware.. He told it just about right. We as a Methodist people, and Church, must do something in this country to arouse interest among the people and not only an interest, but to teach the people what our Church stands for, and her great teachings, or we had just as well blow the horn, and call in our men and quit. I truly believe the solution to this problem would be found in an old time camp meeting, if we had the adequate funds to once get started in this work. There are hundreds of people who will not come to our Church services, they just will not come, and I believe if we would hold a camp meeting somewhere in this community, we would reach numbers who, I am afraid, will never be reached otherwise. Now I am not writing just to waste paper and time, but I am appealing to the thinking Methodists, asking that it be seriously considered. I know the needs of this people. I have lived among them, prayed in their homes, preached to those who will come out to the Church, I have tried to comfort those who were in distress, and I am sure that they, if we will only give them the camp meeting, will be glad, and many will have been saved. Just think, Wilkes county, the second largest county in the State, and only one Methodist circuit rider, only one circuit in all this vast territory. May we not get busy and devise some plan to help save this people? "For truly the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few." They are calling from all parts of the county for our help. Can't we lend a helping hand? Let's talk up a camp meeting place here in this community.

Brethren, why not establish a camp meeting here and help save this people from sin I appeal to your conscience and to your hearts, as pastor I am in position to know what I am talking about. Talk it up, pray it up, and let raise the funds to pay it up. May these few remarks find lodgment in all our hearts and help us to do while we can, the Lord's will and work. J. M. Barber.

GROUND BREAKING IN ELIZABEH CITY

For a number of years the Methodists of First Church, Elizabeth City, have had it in mind to build a modern Church on the lot which they own at the corner of Church and Road streets. During the latter part of the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Cuninggim a campaign was put on for the raising of funds, and in one week sixty thousand dollars was subscribed. It was thought that this would cover the cost of the building contemplated. On account of war conditions the work of building had to be postponed, but in the two years that have elapsed since then a large part of the money subscribed has been paid in.

Within the past few months renewed interest in this enterprise has been awakened. On account of the increased cost of building the matter was taken before the congregation again. After mature deliberation, there being no dissenting voice, the building committee was authorized to proceed with the work when in their judgment it was advisable to do so. This committee, composed of representative men of the Church, met and decided unanimously that the Church should be built at once. Within a few weeks material was being placed upon the ground, and the work of construction had begun.

The beginning of this great Church building enterprise was considered a matter of such importance as to justify some appropriate celebration. Accordingly Friday, September 26, was set apart as Ground Breaking Day, and was duly observed as such. Invitations were sent to the pastors and congregations of other churches in the city, and to the Methodists of the District, and a large number of them were present. It was estimated that there were two thousand people on the grounds.

For an hour before the exercises began, while music was being furnished by the J. H. Zeigler Band, Mr. C. M. Mann, of Norfolk, an expert in open air photography, was busy taking the pictures of Sunday school classes the Epworth League, and other groups. It is proposed to have these pictures placed in the corner stone of the new Church, or in a vault within the Church. During the exercises proper music was furnished by a large choir composed of representatives of the Churches of the city. It was of a high order and was greatly enjoyed.

The principle address of the occasion was delivered by Bishop Darlington. This was the Bishop's first visit to Elizabeth City, and it goes without saying that our people were delighted with him. His address was all that we could have desired. Short talks were made also by Mr. L. D. Case, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, representing the mayor and city; Rev. G. F Hill, of the Episcopal Church, representing the other congregations of the city; Mr. J. B. Leigh, representing the Building Committee, and by the Presiding Elder of the District. It was a great day for Methodism in these parts and one long to be remembered.

First Church, Elizabeth City, will soon have one of the most complete Church plants to be found anywhere in this or adjoining states. I have not seen a plant anywhere better adapted to the work of a modern Church than this one promises to be. The building when completed will probably have cost one hundred thousand dollars. It will be erected under the supervision of Mr. J. P. Kramer, one of the official members of the Church, who has superintended the construction of many of the larger buildings in Elizabeth City.

The present pastor, Rev. J. M. Ormond, deserves great credit for the leadership that he is giving the congregation at this time, and the members of the congregation deserve great credit for the splendid support they are giving him in all his undertakings. R. H. Willis.

REV. O. W. DOWD AND HIS FOUR YEARS IN ROXBORO

The subject of this sketch has wrought mighty things for the Lord, as this writer views his achievements, with the closing of a most successful quadrennium. Having been closely identified with him in building the kingdom of God in the community, as he deeply impressed upon the hearts of the people the ideals of our great Methodism, perhaps no one has the right to speak more accurately of these things than myself. So I avail myself of this opportunity of speaking a word relative to the very fine work done here by this servant of the Lord.

Rev. O. W. Dowd was assigned to the Edgar Long Memorial M. E. Church, South, in the good town of Roxboro, N C., as its pastor, four years ago December next. He entered enthusiastically at once upon his task, and has wrought marvelously for the Master through these four busy and full years. He preceded me one year on the station, while I have had the honor of serving the Person charge by his side, and one of the best in the Conference, these three years. Consequently, I know his works as possibly no one besides can. Meeting me with open hands and heart, our association has been both pleasant and helpful one to the other, and my one regret is that we shall likely be separated at the ensuing Annual Conference.

Knowing the worth of this my brother to the Church in these unsettled times and restless age of the world's history, well educated, possessed with poise, a most excellent expounder of the Word, a great student of books and of humanity, a fine mixer, consecrated wholly unto the Lord, easy in manners, enthusiastic for the Master's cause, I am frank to say we have no more capable, effective man, in my humble judgment, in our Church than he. Thus he is equipped and fitted for great service in any charge within the bounds of our Conference. You will pardon me for mentioning some of his achievements with us:

In the field of evangelism Brother Dowd has done a marked service. As a result of this phase of work he has added to Roxboro Methodism and Longhurst, a near-by mill village, more than four hundred members these four years. On his arrival his Church had no parsonage attached but through his untiring efforts the great Church of which he has been the faithful pastor, an $8,000 parsonage has been built, and $3,000 subscribed for one to be erected at Longhurst. Through his efforts and oversight a Church was built in East Roxboro, and now the Edgar Long Memorial has under course of erection a modern, up-to-date new Church building on the old site, all totaling, when completed, $70,000 or more. The East Roxboro and Longhurst charge has been formed under his direction. The salaries have been increased from $1,000 to $3,000 on these charges combined under his leadership. The Centenary drive at this Church was put at $17,000 and he raised $25,000, with the largest number of specials subscribed in the whole of Southern Methodism. He has the largest Sunday school in the history of the Church, and has recently organized a splendid Senior Epworth League. More than that he, with his hands and heart full all of the time, has gone out and assisted the brethren in revivals this year and witnessed the vows of the Church taken of one hundred and ten at her altars. He has manifested great interest in all civic improvements for the common weal of the community. He is loved by the people generally, and his own congregation is devoted to him. It is the one prayer of all, since he must soon sever his connection with the Church here, for which he has rendered such valuable service, that this gifted and useful servant of the Lord may be assigned a field with great possibilities and a large opportunity.

Roxboro, N. C. J. A. Dailey.

Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

MY PRAYER

By Mary Q. Ingram.

I do not ask the sun to shine
Always upon this path of mine,
But rather that soem sparkling ray
Of love divine would light my way.

I do not ask that flowers fair
Should waft to me their perfumes rare,
But rather that my hand might sow
Some goodly seed to live and grow.

I do not ask for wealth and fame,
In gilded halls of pomp to reign,
But rather that some sparkling ray
Some one whose life seems dark and drear.

And when my race on earth is run
And I draw near life's setting sun,
May I bequeath to those I love
More faith in God and things above.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Rockingham district will be held in Laurinburg, N. C., October 29th-30th. Elect your delegates and send names at once to Mrs John D. Shaw, Laurinburg, N. C.

Georgia Biggs, Dist. Sec.

NEW Y. P. ORGANIZATION

From Jesse S. Bell, of Charlotte, comes the announcement of the recent organization of a Young People's Society in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, with the following officers: President, Ruth Matthews; vice president, Elizabeth Clark; secretary, Elizabeth Geiger; Treasurer, Annie Lee Mann; recording secretary, Elizabeth Brannon, corresponding secretary, Jesse S. Bell.

We are glad to welcome these twelve young people composing the membership of this auxiliary and trust that they may grow in numbers, interest and enthusiasm as the days go by.

We are glad to have the following communication from Mrs. Harvey Boney, corresponding secretary of the N. C. Conference, regarding the Standard of excellence. The suggestions she gives us are splendid and we hope our auxiliary presidents will read carefully what she says and act accordingly:

Standard of Excellence

Some days ago a copy of the Standard of Excellence was mailed with a letter from Mrs. Gates and myself to every auxiliary in the N. C. Conference. We sent these copies trusting that each auxiliary president would call attention to the fact that her auxiliary would be placed on the Honor Roll or that it would not be eligible.

I recommend that the auxiliary corresponding secretary be required to keep the credits of her auxiliary on the Standard of Excellence and report to her district secretary at the end of the year.

If each auxiliary takes the Standard of Excellence for its goal and strives to qualify 100 per cent our N. C. Conference will have no difficulty in attaining its goal of 15 per cent advance in organizations, membership and money.

This is the Standard of Excellence for adult missionary societies: Each new member, one credit; average attendance at each meeting equal to one-half of the membership, five credits; dues paid in full by each member, expense fund paid by each member, ten credits; Conference pledge paid in full, 10 credits; Monthly Bulletin presented—program on the monthly topic and prayer for the work and workers once a month, 5 credits; subscribers to the Missionary Voice equal to one-half the membership, five credits; week of prayer observed, five credits; Young People's Societies organized by first vice president, ten credits; children organized under second vice president, (a) Baby Division, 5 credits; (b) Junior Division, 5 credits; Bible Study Class, 5 credits; Mission Study Class, 5 credits; all reports mailed to Conference officers by the first of each quarter, 5 credits; regular work done by Social Service Committee, 10 credits; representation at annual and district meetings, 10 credits. Any auxiliary whose reports show that it is entitled to 85 credits will be placed on the Honor Roll. May we not make October, November and December busy months for our Conference and for our Master?

October brings Mission Study Campaign. All our women should be in these classes. After completing a study book one is better qualified for life and service.

In November we must observe our week of prayer, Last year many auxiliaries failed to observe this on account of pestilence. Let us pray that the opportunity be ours this year and increase our offerings because of the privilege.

We can make the Harvest Day which comes in December such a praiseworthy occasion. Arrange the most attractive program of the year and have the last penny of last year's budget paid in that day, giving thanks unto Him who blesses us beyond what we can ask or think.

Our aim is to secure every woman in the Church a member of the Missionary Society and not only a member, but an active member giving service, gaining information and contributing to its support.

Can we not be much in prayer for more volunteers from our Conference, for His service, and for a great spiritual awakening in our own hearts?

Mrs. Harvey Boney, Cor. Sec.
N. C. Conference.

That must have been a most pleasant meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Reidsville, the account of which is sent us by Mrs. W. G. Ballard:

A most interesting meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of Reidsville was held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Turner on October 6th. The home was most attractive in its decorations of golden rod and autumn leaves. The subject of study was "Medical Missions in China," Mrs. H. C. Sprinkle and Mrs. E. D. Watt giving instructive talks on that subject. At the conclusion of the business and of the literary program, delightful refreshments were served, the hostess placing a birthday cake before the president, Mrs. Arch Wilkerson, who has faithfully served her society in that capacity, and others, for many years. Many good wishes were extended Mrs. Wilkerson during the cutting of the cake, after which the pastor, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, paid the following tribute to Mrs. Wilkerson on the occasion of her birthday:

Birthdays, What?

"Birthdays: Once the centers of life. Christmas apart, the birthday the one day in the year the most looked forward to, and O, so far between. The cake, with candles—three—four—seven—ten; the dolls and toys, and merry laughter of girls and boys. Who does not remember those birthdays?

"Birthdays: Again, through years of dreams, and strolls in fairyland, when heroes were worshipped, and heroines, each birthday marked one more rung in the ladder on which one climbed to womanhood. How long the ladder seemed! Can you see those rungs, tagged, one after another, with handkerchiefs and ribbons and sweets, and notes of 'puppy love' from lads at school, till sweet sixteen was reached?

"Birthdays: Blank, unnoticed! She skips them o'er and o'er. If counted at all, it's one in four. Sixteen, twenty, four eight, perhaps its' thirty-two. but still in teens she dares to stay, if you squeeze out her last birthday.

"Birthdays: They come, they fly, and ere one's gone another comes. Life, at last, is real. The cares of home, the tug of toil, the world's loud call, the beggar's plea, a moment snatched for Bible study, a secret prayer for children, home and away no time for birthdays now. Along one whirls, on schedule time. Each birthday marks a mile-post which when but seen is gone to bring in sight another. Yet, what a joy, when now and then, some thoughtful friend flags down the train to give a happy word of greeting. Thus, now we flag the train. Let not our beloved president pass this mile-post unnoted. Three cheers for her, and joys untold. And may her mileposts hence be many, each marked with joy and gladness.

"Birthdays, you say? When childhood comes again, they're counted, wakes up quick, if but you say one word about her next birthday. 'Tis not with her now as 'twas in her twenties plus. She loves to tell her age. 'How old am I?' says she. Well, guess.' And when you say she's sixty-three, 'Your'e mighty off on that,' she says, 'my next birthday coming I'll be eighty-four (or eighty-eight, perhaps, or ninety) if I but live to see it.' (Our president—may she one day say 'A hundred.')

Birthdays: Let them be the sunny spots along life's journey, to serve as forebodings of that other clime toward which we wend our way, of which it is said: 'And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light.'"

The meeting at "Vine Knoll" was an enjoyable one, long to be remembered by the members of the society.

My Dear Young People:

It is most gratifying to me to learn through a financial statement from our Conference treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock, of the splendid work that has been done in our department during the past quarter. An encouraging increase has been made and I want to congratulate you on the good work you have done. In a comparison of the first three quarters of 1918 and the first three of this year, I find that, notwithstanding the fact that we have transferred to the adult one or two of our largest societies, we have an increase of $112.02 over the report of 1918. But let us remember that we have not yet reached our goal and in order that we may, we will have to do some telling work within the next few weeks. The record of the past months should inspire us to put forth our best efforts the remaining days of the year and help us to raise the entire amount of $2,300 for which our department is asked on the pledge. We do not want to fall short of this amount again this year, and if each auxiliary will feel a personal responsibility along this line I am quite sure we will "go over the top" in 1919.

October is the Campaign month for Mission Study. We have not enough of our young people interested in the study of missions. The books that have been issued are so splendid and a study of any one of them will prove interesting and profitable, I am sure. Look over the list and see how splendid they are and if you have not already a class organized get busy about it and do not let October pass without your having organized. These are the books suggested for the young people: "Adventures of Faith in Foreign Lands," by Edward Leigh Pell; "Making America Safe," by Godard and MacDonnell; "Making Life Count," by Eugene C. Foster, all of which cost 60 cents in cloth and 40 cents in paper binding. Then we have "Brother Van," a most fascinating book by Stella Brummitt, which costs 75 cents in cloth and 50 cents in paper. Now let us have a larger number of our societies enlisted in Mission Study.

There is a question on our quarterly report blanks which I am anxious shall be answered in the affirmative by every society in the Western North Carolina Conference on the fourth quarter's report. Here it is: "Have you observed Week of Prayer this quarter?" November 2-8 has been set apart for special prayer and offerings from our missionary societies. Interesting and attractive programs have been arranged for each day and the fourth day we find is a special program for the young people. Literature for this day has been sent out to every Y. P. auxiliary in the Conference and we are hoping and expecting that each society will arrange to observe that day. The offerings will be given to the San Francisco Evangelistic Center and to the China Union Medical School. The Council is asking for $30,000 for these objects and let us do all we can to secure our share of this amount.

Let these last days of 1919 be busy days in our Master's work and He will give us the harvest.

Mrs. W. R. Harris,
Conference First Vice President.

ROSE HILL MOURNS THE LOSS OF ITS PRESIDENT

The Womai's Missionary Society of Rose Hill, M. E. Church, South, mourns the loss of its first president and one of the most faithful workers in the death of Mrs. J. C. Mallard, who passed away recently.

There was never a call to which she did not respond, when anyone in the society attempted to do any welfare work it was understood that Mrs. Mallard would do and give more than was expected.

The entire town will miss her cheerful countenance and generous heart, while the church mid-weekly prayer meetings and Woman's Missionary Society have sustained an irreparable loss.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen fit in His all-wise providence to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Mrs. J. C. Mallard, who passed to her eternal reward Sept. 6th:

Resolved, 1. That in this the first death of a member of our Woman's Missionary Society we have lost one of our most loyal officers and our Church has lost a most devoted member.

2. That we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well and that as the years go by we will cherish her memory.

3. That we commend to all the members of the society and Church which she loved, her life of faithful service and generosity.

4. That we spread these resolutions on the minutes of our society, send a copy to the bereaved husband and son and also to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs| D. C. Geddie,
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Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N C. and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

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BLADEN CIRCUIT SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

By invitation from the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dimmette, I attended the Bladen Circuit Sunday School Association held at Bethlehem Church, Saturday, Oct. 11th. It is a pleasure to meet with people who are looking forward to and planning for better Sunday schools, and the people on this circuit certainly seem interested in improving their schools.

Mr. A. McN. Council is chairman of the association and Prof. A. W. Rice is superintendent of the Sunday school where the association was held. Prof. Rice is organizing a class to take the Training Course. An interesting program was carried out in the morning and afternoon.

My father was serving Bladen circuit when I was born. Some of the folks present for the association remembered me as a baby, when I was noted more for my loud voice and long nose than for any other one thing. One gentleman called to mind a memorable occason in my early life when I got away from my mother in the audience and crawled up to the pulpit, where I tried to drown my father's voice, with results injurious to a tender part of my anatomy. "So you see," said this gentleman, "you started mighty early in life trying to get into the pulpit, and now you have succeeded."

FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL, ROCKY MOUNT

Rev. W. A. Cade, pastor of First Church, Rocky Mount, has a live, up-to-date Sunday school in his church. It was a real pleasure to talk to the children in this school Sunday morning, Oct. 12th. The pastor also granted me the privilege of bringing a Sunday school message to the congregation at the eleven o'clock service.

First Church is splendidly equipped for rendering great service to the Church through its Sunday school. Dr. L. R. Gorham is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school. If the Church can be judged by the Sunday school it maintains, then First Church is in a flourishing condition.

CLARK STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL, ROCKY MOUNT

Rev. B. B. Slaughter extended an invitation to the secretary to speak to his congregation at Clark street on Sunday school problems Sunday night, Oct. 12th. The pastor has a splendid program for his Church and Sunday school. He is looking for great things as a result of the carrying out of that program. Already they have had a membership campaign that has resulted in greatly increased attendance. The Sunday school is departmentalized as far as their facilities will permit. A new addition to the building is contemplated for the near future. A fine spirit of co-operation is evident between pastor , superintendent and teachers.

At a workers' council held after the evening services the teachers decided to enroll in a Training Class for a better preparation for the great task which lies before them.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Well, I certainly was surprised to see that you were printing my letters in the Advocate I didn't have any idea that you were doing that until my pastor called my attention to it and I went and looked up the back numbers of the Advocate and read them. If I had known that yeu were going to print them I should have taken more pains with them. Who is the district secretary for this district? I want to get in touch with him. Maybe if I write him he will come and visit our school and tell us something about Sunday school work.

We have arranged a program for Decision Day next Sunday. The pastor will be with us and we expect him to make a talk to the children on Deciding for Christ. We have selected songs and scripture suitable for the occasion. All the teachers have agreed to pray for the unsaved in their classes, and are going to urge a decision for Christ in the class room that morning. When the teachers begin to pray for and with their pupils for their conversion, I believe something will happen. After all that is what a Sunday school is for isn't it? If the boys and girls are not led to accept Christ then the Sunday school may be counted a failure.

I have ordered the literature from Nashville about Training Classes and when it comes I am going to call a Teachers Meeting and go over the whole thing with the teachers. I know four of them will take the course and I am pretty sure two others will.

Let me hear from you about the district secretary.

Yours very truly,
Supt. New Town S . S.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

THE CHURCH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Methodist Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference believe that their teachers will be greatly benefited by reading the pages of The Church School, a magazine dealing with principles and methods and gotten out by the combined best efforts of three leading denominations, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Congregational Church. They have therefore subscribed for five or more copies of this monthly magazine and are entitled to be listed on "The Church School Honor Roll." If your school is not in this select list it has a right to be and you should see that it joins. Another list will be published next week. Five dollars will bring five copies for a whole year, if directed to a single address. Write Smith and Lamar, Nashville, and get 'em while they are hot.

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Mooresville	6
Hendersonville	5
Burkhead, Winston	10
Canton	5
Walnut Street, Greensboro	6

Henderson, at Charlotte

"In regard to the new Sunday school magazine entitled the 'Church School,' beg to say that our Sunday school has an order for twenty subscriptions. I think it fine and am trying to get all of my leaders to read it.

D. E. Henderson."

Cline, at Gilkey

"This is to inform you that I am today mailing Smith and Lamar, agents, an order for six copies of The Church School. I am enclosing check for $6.00 as I understand that to be the price of the publication. It has not been my good fortune to see a copy but I take it for granted that it is all right.

Yours very truly,
C. F. Cline."

CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Last year there were reported 842 Sunday schools in the Western North Carolina Conference. Of this number 472 have signed up to give one or more Sunday's offering in each month to the Centenary. This is the largest number of Centenary schools signed up by any Conference, save the Virginia Conference, which has enrolled 533. It really is too bad to be beaten by Virginia, whether the contest be for a football score or Centenary achievement.

The Centenary schools by districts are as follows:

Asheville, 37 out of 88 schools.
Charlotte, 49 out of 79.
Greensboro, 50 out of 62.
Marion, 49 out of 87.
Mount Airy, 33 out of 78.
North Wilkesboro, 12 out of 55.
Salisbury, 46 out of 70.
Shelby, 54 out of 77.
Statesville, 50 out of 84.
Waynesville, 26 out of 79.
Winston, 66 out of 83.

GOOD WORK IN WINSTON

Mr. L. L. White, principal of Winston-Salem high school, is an old friend of mine. Both of us are sons of Methodist preachers and went to "Old Trinity high school" together. We sometimes fought through the day but never forgot to say our prayers at night, a sort of preacher-boy behavior. I was glad to get the following letter from Mr. White this week.

"Just a line to let you know that Centenary Sunday school took a 'forward looking" step yesterday in organizing a Teacher Training class. Superintendent Gray has had this in mind for some time but it is now a fact. Mr. Gray was particularly fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Frank Siler, wife of Presiding Elder Siler, to take charge of the work. The class organized with ten voluntary scholars. Fourteen have pledged themselves to take up the work. This answers well for the future of Centenary Sunday school. With this class turning out leaders, trained to do effective teaching, our Sunday school is sure to become more stimulating and more far reaching in its results. Watch Centenary Sunday school grow.

The plan adopted here is in harmony with your suggestion. The class is to meet regularly at the Sunday school hour, have its own classroom and equipment and plans, under Mrs. Siler's leadership, to do some intensive work. The class hopes to have at least 20 young men and young ladies within a few Sundays, each members fully dedicated to a thorough preparation for Sunday school leadership. I hope to see many other schools in the district fall in line.

Cordially yours,
L. L. White, Dist. Supt."

RACE STREET, STATESVILLE

Seventeen years ago as a youngster I went to Statesville to begin what proved to be a seven year career as a fruit tree agent. I wanted to go to college and every instance of kindness, and there were many, made a vivid impression on my mind. Rev. J. M. Downum, to whom I had formerly gone to school, was the pastor of Race Street and he took me in his home and his congregation bought fruit trees from me. I noted that the pastor was laying a good foundation and today Race Street shows the results of good work done by such workers.

Rev. John Wesley Williams has been the aggressive pastor of this congregation for the past four years and if the people could have their way he would come back for the fifth year. He has wrought well. Among other good qualities I noted that he had his church and church grounds spotlessly clean, he seemed to know every member intimately and seemed to figure on doing one big piece of business that would stand out above the rountine each year. This year he has completely renovated his entire church plant at a cost of $2,500 and has baptized 68 babies. Two weeks before Conference everything was out in full and the pastor thought he would go squirrel hunting while waiting for Conference to convene.

It was a pleasure to be with the Race Street congregation. The people there seem to be after the essentials. They want results and are willing to work to obtain them. A religious experience seemed to beam from the faces of most of the people. There was no cold formalism prevalent. In the afternoon I had the pleasure of speaking to Brother Williams' congregation at Monbo, where another loyal band of Christian workers lives.

THE SOLDIER BOYS

Does your Sunday school get many of the returned soldier boys back into the Sunday school? I find quite a number of class rooms formerly occupied by young men who went into the service of their country now either practically empty or filled by another group of students. This situation ought to be remedied. The young men ought to be united again to the Sunday school both for their own good and for the good of the younger fellows who are looking to them for example.

If there is a live, consecrated young man in the neighborhood, do your best to secure him for the young men. You ought to get the very best man, even though he has to be taken from another class. The boys will have nothing but the best. They are through with camouflaging. Start the class with a small attendance if necessary, and get it interested in something. Call it the "Win One Wesley Bible Class." If it has opportunity for service growth will result as surely as there are young men in the neighborhood. Don't tell the fellows what they ought to do but give them a fine chance to show what they can do. Please don't try to place the young men in a class with old men. It never works long at a time.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"'Gee, gran'pa,' said my young nephew t'other ev'in' (he allus calls me gran'pa 'stead of uncle) 'school begins nex' week, an' I'm awful glad.' 'Why does it make you glad?' says I. 'Oh, 'cause we do things at school; I'm goin' to be on the second ball team an' take manual trainin' in the carpenter shop, an' ph'losophy in the lab'ratory, an' study nat'ral hist'ry in the woods with prof.' 'That so! says I. 'You sure will be doin' things. But don't you like to go to Sunday school, too?' 'Not so well's I do to day school,' says he. 'Well, that's funny,' says I. 'Why?' 'Oh, 'cause they never have anything for a feller to do there —just set on a bench an' lisson. An' the superintendent always does just like he did the Sunday before.' An' I been a thinkin' ever since."


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The sweet potato season has rolled around again, and we have many kind-hearted friends who will remember our children as they have during the past years. Brother R. B. Watson, of Jonesboro, was one among the first to remember us this season. He has our thanks for the timely gift.

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Mr. W. H. Williamson, of Raleigh, has offered $25,000 toward building a sanatorium for Wake county for the treatment of tuberculosis. Mr. Williamson has the sincere thanks of the people of Wake county for his generous offer. How I wish some one would furnish the necessary funds for the erection of a Baby Cottage at our Methodist Orphanage! The need is great and we have Methodists who can well afford to put up such a building. I am hoping and praying that some one, who really wants to do something worth while, will feel divinely constrained to make our hope a living reality.

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The women of our Conference have been very considerate of our children this fall. I do not believe there is a finer body of women in Southern Methodism than those who compose the Missionary Societies of the North Carolina Conference. Their great mother-love ever goes out in tenderest sympathy for the motherless children of our Church. The many boxes of nice attractive clothes that come to us attest their beautiful devotion. Words are inadequate to express my sincere appreciation of such interest and unselfish love. To every society, class and individual who has thus remembered our children, I wish to say they have my profound gratitude.

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Brother R. P. Raiford, manager of the Dixie Belle farm, was the first farmer who responded to the appeal that went out in last week's Advocate. His contribution of $5 is a prophecy of the many checks that are going to pour into our Orphanage from that large and sympathetic host of farmer friends who are scattered all over our Conference and who are making such a fine contribution toward the enrichment of our body politic. Many of our children came from the rural sections and our farmer friends are going to see to it that their needs are amply met. Let scores and hundreds of my good friends send me their checks and money orders within the next month to help me buy bread and meat for our two hundred and forty-one orphan children. Who will be the next to follow the good example of Brother Raiford?

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The Methodist Orphanage is the beneficiary of a ten thousand dollar bequest from the estate of the late Z. W. Lyon, of Oxford, N. C. This large gift is to be added to our Endowment Fund. For many years our friend and benefactor has been one of the staunchest and most liberal supporters of the Methodist Orphanage. To every worthy cause his great, sympathetic heart responded in a way that manifested the dignity and nobility of his character. He lived a quiet and unostentatious life and was respected and loved by thousands of people in Granville and surrounding counties. During the three years I lived in Oxford I became intimately acquainted with our benefactor and learned to esteem and appreciate him because of his sterling worth. He was never loud in his profession, but believed with all his soul in doing noble deeds that would enrich and bless the lives of others. Only the poor and needy know the real extent of his many gifts. Several years ago he built a modern Sunday school annex to the Methodist church of Oxford as an expression of his appreciation of the beautiful character of his only daughter, Miss Hettie Lyon. Ministering to the poor, building churches and contributing to orphanages were the things that gave him the most genuine joy. Only eternity will reveal the extent of his benefactions as he gave in such a quiet way. Through all the years to come he will continue to render effective service by supporting the fatherless children of our orphanage. The consciousness of such a fact must have brought great satisfaction to him during his illness. Several weeks ago I had the great pleasure of being his guest for a night and I found him patiently waiting for the summons to go hence. I shall never forget how whole-heartedly he entered into the little prayer service we had before we retired for the evening. God was near and we had a foretaste of the joys that were awaiting him in the Celestial City. He knew that the end was near and was ready when the summons came. May the example of his life be an incentive to all to live unselfishly that they too may enrich and bless the lives of others.

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THE REVIVAL AND ITS CRITICS

It is interesting to note the mental reaction of some of the brethren to the proposition of a church wide revival at a specific tim All sincere Christians want a revival. Many of them believe that it is coming. Some of them are very critical as to its method. I have been listening and reading for some time now and I think that I have succeeded in dividing the critics into two groups.

First, there are those who fear that some cheap scheme of men is to be substituted for the faith of the Fathers. They fear that evangelism, so called, will be attempted in the mass. They fear that the dogmas and doctrines of the past are to be scrapped in the interest of an easy-going social reconstruction. In the thought of these critics there is a distinctive issue between the revealed religion of Jesus Christ and the socialism and rationalism of these turbulent and heretical times. And there is such an issue. There is no doubt about that. The men who are speaking and writing about the coming revival with this thought fundamental are beneficial and constructive in their criticism. Mass salvation is possible only as individual salvation is multiplied until the mass is involved.

The trouble with some of these crtics, however, is that they are beating the air in the mistaken fear that some or many of the Centenary leaders are tainted with the socialism and rationalism which they rightly denounce. In the vast mass of literature that is now being poured out in the church it would be surprising if there were not occasional sentences or paragraphs that fail to represent the typical Methodist evangelical faith. The mistake is made in seizing upon these unfortunate breaks and heralding them as platforms for a new and dangerous evangelism. During this year I have attended not fewer than a dozen Centenary conferences involving pratically all of the strongest men in the Centenary organization of Southern Methodism and I have been impressed with their piety, their prayerfulness, and their evangelical faith as these things are known in the most substantial and faithful centers of Methodism. In none of these conferences have I yet heard an official note struck that was contrary to the faith of our Church. In these crucial meetings the message and motive both of missions and of evangelism have been kept straight. Radicalism has not entered here. Rationalism hasn't lifted its head. I think if the brethren who are inclined to be critical would attach less emphasis to an occasional unfortunate or unevangelical statement and would undertake to get the full body of opinion as it is held by the great majority of our leaders in this cause they would feel much happier and more safe than apparently they do now in regard to the coming campaign. Personally, I am of the old faith and I preach the old doctrine and I am in absolute sympathy and accord with the method as well as the spirit of the evangelistic campaign that the Centenary Commission and the Committee on Evangelism are furthering in so statesman-like a manner.

The second class of critics is deserving of less notice for they certainly are not important. They are the people, who, though finding fault with the doctrinal basis of the campaign are continually fussing about the details. They do not want any plan, especially some of the more egotistical ones, do not want any plan except one that comes from themselves. These brethren seem to resent the whole idea of asking the Church to hold its revival meeting as one great organization. They are willing to lay quite careful plans for the campaign of a single Church but to extend these plans to the entire communion is to make a straight jacket for the Holy Ghost. According to that specious reasoning any preacher who made any plans at all in his own Church for a revival campaign would be attempting to put a straight jacket on the Holy Ghost. I am forced to think that much of the criticism of this latter class is due to an indisposition upon the part of some preachers to fall in with the general plan of the organization for reasons best known to themselves. It is somewhat significant to note too that some of the most pronounced of these critics are the most unfruitful in their own Churches in the winning of souls. One of these strenuous critics upon being investigated was found not to have had an addition on profession of faith in his Church for more than three years. Another who talked much about the "Nashville Gang" and their schemes walked the streets with his Church closed all the day that was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer, August 29. As a matter of personal interest I happen to know that on that morning most of the "Nashville Gang" were on their knees in prayer in saw dust at Junaluska a little after sun rise. They were praying in the early day for the coming of the spirit of God to the Church at large on that appointed day of fasting and prayer which their critic did not consider of sufficient importance to announce to his congregation.

My exhortation is that we have faith in God and in the great body of the leadership of our Church as the agents of God and that we unite to make the hoped-for revival a reality. This we will not do merely by the schemes of men but by the use of the talents and powers of men as agents of the Holy Spirit who alone is able to produce the spiritual revival for which the Church so hungrily yearns.

West Durham

The secretary spent October 5 at West Durham. Here he found one of the livest Churches in the Conference. This Church had made such remarkable growth in the last three years that it would take a column to describe it. The pastor, W. C. Martin, has gripped the situation in a remarkable way. He has done about all that can be done with his present plant. The congregation and Sunday school fills the building to over-flowing. Brother Martin is ambitious to establish an institutional Church here that will take care of the multiplied interests of five thousand people in the cotton mill community. He is appealing to the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension to help him materialize his excellent plans. It seems to be the strategic place for this Conference to establish a Church that will do something more than the ordinary Church work as we have known it in the past.

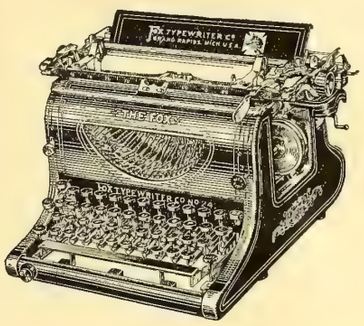
The Textile Industrial Institute

The other day in speaking to Bishop Darlington about the need of our Conference for some preachers who were especially prepared to do work in the cotton mill Churches the Bishop referred us to Textile Institute, Spartanburg, S. C. Last week the secretary visited that institution. To say he was surprised is expressing it mildly. He did not know that there was such an institution in Southern Methodism as that one is. D. E. Camak, president of this school, has given his life to the solution of the cotton mill problem as it relates to Church work. The Textile Institute is the solution. Here is a school, cumpas, class rooms, dormitories, administration building and a model cotton mill. No student is admitted who can get money to go to any other school. Only such students as have to work their way through school can attend this institute. Each boy or girl works one week in the mill and goes one week to school on the proceeds of the week's work. There are more than 200 in the school now, all of them working in this fashion. It is distinctively a Christian school and all of its student body are converted Christian people. Scores of tuem are preparing for religious work as ministers or social workers in mill villages. The man who graduates in that school is an expert with his hands as well as with his head and his heart. He carries his knowledge and his inspiration into the field in which he labors and becomes the center of a new interest in religious and social betterment.

This school is now owned by the South Carolina and the Upper South Carolina Conferences. It ought to be owned and controlled by the Southern Methodist Church. Under that ownership it could be made the rallying point for Christian training of workers in the cotton mill communities. The model mill with its wonderful output and commercial prospect will, in a short time, suppor the entire institution. It is altogether probable that the school could be made an actual financial asset to the General Board of Missions. What a proposition that would be, a great missionary institution paying its own way and actually paying a financial profit over to its board of managers above the entire expenses of educating and training preachers and Christian workers. Such, however, is the ambitious plan of the wonderful man whom God has raised up to make this significant experiment in Christian education and statesmanship.

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In the shining of thy face.

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Thy presence all the days.

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Another year is dawning,
Dear Master let it be
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for thee!

—Frances R. Havergal.

GRIM FATE

The above poem scans the future and breathes a beautiful spirit of trust for the days to come. In passing this Conference milestone, however, many of us find it hard to forget "the things that are behind." The past looms large on the horizon. Two ghosts haunt us, namely, failure and neglect.

Maybe we made an honest effort and failed. If so, failure was only apparent. The putting forth of honest effort was never in vain from the beginning of time down to this good hour. Possibly our effort was half-hearted, and therefore, we failed. In such case, I can resolve to do better next time. The experiences of the past will stand us in good stead in the future. We need not make the same mistake again.

But neglect! Here we stand condemned at the bar of conscience. At the beginning of the year, we really and truly planned to organize a League this year. We honestly planned to take some shares in the African Special. We really did plan to work for the prisoners or to visit the shut-ins, or take up mission study or start a campaign of evangelism.

The great Apostle has set us the example of forgetting the things which are behind. He does so, however, only after he has scrutinized the past, and put himself on record as follows: "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God." God grant that the year 1920 may be a great year in the Western North Carolina Conference!

ANOTHER NEW LEAGUE

The enclosed note from Brother Hager will be of interest to all our League workers:

Belmont, N. C., Oct. 12, 1919.

Rev. C. S Kirkpatrick,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Just a few more items from the Shelby district. Miss Bradley and I have just recently organized at McAdenville one of the most enthusiastic Leagues in our district. I have never seen more interest manifested than was manifested there. The following officers were elected: Mr. Geo. Cavin, president; Miss Bobby Britton, second vice president; Miss Lottie Nicholas, third vice president; Mr. Orion Johnson, fourth vice president; Miss Kerr, secretary and treasurer, with Mr. Sam Nicholas as business manager. May the other districts in the W. N. C. pray for ours that the League work may go forward. If we had a live Epworth League in every Church, we would have better Churches. We believe the Epworth League is superior to any other organization in the Methodist Church, because it has a place for the young people to work. The Sunday school teaches us how to live and do, and we get inspiration by going to preaching, and the League does still more; for it teaches how to do Church work, and has a field to work in. May the League work go forward in our district.

Respectfully yours,
Clyde L. Hager, Dist. Sec.

THE THIRD DEPARTMENT

Ever since I first knew the League there has been plenty of help for the devotional department. On the other hand very little material has been available for use in the third department. Brother Harbin has started something. Read his communication below and get together your ideas and send them in.

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2. Give any novel or unique suggestions you may have on socials, games, stunts, yells, songs, etc.

3. Can you direct us to any source of information you have found helpful—books, magazines, leaflets, etc?

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Address all communications to E. O. Harbin, Third Dept. Supt., Epworth League, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

NOTES

The Conference President of the League Board writes that the Bishop is expected to speak at the League Anniversary. This assures a good program.

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Mrs. F. E. Stafford, the one woman delegate to the W. N. C. Conference is a member of the Spring Garden League. Miss Grace Bradley, Conference Field Secretary for the League, is expected to report her work to the League Board during Conference.

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The League editor invites visitors in Greensboro for the Conference to inspect the new Church on Spring Garden Street.

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"Chickens for Thanksgivin'!" finished Danny gleefully.

Clem laughed, and then of course she felt better.

"But you couldn't make those lovely currant buns out o' mud 'thout any hands," little Doris remarked gravely.

"Then I'd make 'em with my feet!" laughed Clem. She had put on her "broad-brimmer" and picked up her baskets, ready for the currant-picking. The little rain cloud had quite blown over.

Aunt Jeannette was writing a letter to her soldier. The children thought she was away off in the Philippine Islands, and it almost startled them when her sweet voice sounded suddenly in their ears. "I saw a little boy making mud pies with his feet," said Aunt Jeannette.

"Aunty! With his feet?"

"Yes, with his two little feet; and he did it in a very workmanlike way, too. You would have been surprised."

"O aunty, don't stop! Tell us the rest," pleaded the three children eagerly.

"But I'm afraid to keep Clem waiting—it will be so hot in the currant patch soon," And Jeannette objected.

"Hot? I'd rather pick currants in—in Vanilla, aunty than not to hear that story," Clem cried. So aunty slipped her soldier's letter in her portfolio and told them the story:

"I think he must have been on his way home from school. He was a bright-faced little fellow about as old as Clem, and he had on a little blue cape like a soldier boy. It hung round him in loose folds. There was a new house going up on the street, and he was making his pies out of a little heap of sand beside the great box the men were mixing mortar in I wish you could have seen the neat way he made them."

"O aunty. With his feet?" breathed Clem.

"With his feet. He drew the moist sand toward him into a little pile with one foot, and worked it and stirred it and patted it with the other. He was so busy he didn't notice anybody watching him until I said, 'How much do you ask for your pies?' and then he looked up into my face and smiled. We felt quite acquainted then."

"Then I s'pose you shook hands," little Doris said.

Aunt Jeanette's sweet face sobered. "No, but we both smiled. That's a beautiful way to get acquainted. 'They are beautiful pies,' I said, 'but why do you make them with your feet? It's such a funny way.' O. if I hadn't said that. I am sorry for it still, and I said it years ago. For when the little fellow looked up at me gravely, I knew all at once why he stood there patting his little sand pies with his feet. He need not have told me. There were no hands under his little blue soldier cape."

"O aunty!"

"O, no—please no, aunty!"

The tears were in Aunt Jeanette's eyes. "But I don't mind—huh!' the little fellow said cheerily. 'There's heaps o' things a fellow can do with his feet. There's run an' walk an' skip an'—this.' And he went back to his pies again, whistling. I bought a dozen pies and went away and left them there. Whenever I think of him now, it's standing there still, whistling and molding his little round, wet pies."

There was silence in the big, bright nursery for a minute. Danny broke it with a soft little whistle that had quivery-quavery notes in it. Clem shuffling her stout little boots about as if she were trying to make imaginary sand pies on the carpet. They were clumsy little feet at that work. "I couldn't do it, aunty—I couldn't" she said soberly.

"Is that all of the story, aunty?" little Doris asked.

"Why, no, not quite. I used to see the little fellow often after that, and I found out some other things he could do. He could print and add sums on the blackboard."

"Now, aunty!"

"Now, aunty! But it was true that he could. Wait till I tell you how. His brother went to school with him every morning and took the shoes and stockings off from his little pink-and-white feet. Then the teacher lifted him up on a high stool and let him take the chalk in his bits of toes and go to work. That is truly what happened every day. And they told me he was a real little scholar. That's all, little Doris."

Clem picked up her baskets again and started across the room. At the door she stopped. "I'm going to pick the currants first, and then the string beans," she said. An' then, aunty, don't you want me to pick you those red clovers to dry? You needn't say, 'Won't you, please?'" she added softly, looking down, at her little brown hands, "because I feel just exactly like picking things."—Annie Hamilton Donnel, in Exchange.

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A good man—honest, faithful and true. We laid his body to rest near the old home he loved so well. Good-bye till we meet again. L. E. Sawyer.

MRS. SARAH L. JOHNSON.

Remarks made by Rev. W. L. Sherrill at the funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah L. Johnson at Rutherford College, N. C., Sept. 11, 1919.

When I came to Connelly Springs circuit as pastor in 1892, one of the first men I met at the first preaching service at Rutherford College was Wm. Johnson, a faithful steward who was always a friend of the preacher. He took me to his home for dinner that day, but before the month had closed he was violently stricken, and died the day thereafter, the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery near by, after the funeral service had been conducted by the late Rev. Dr. R. L. Abernethy and myself.

It seems a strange providence that now, 27 years after his death, I should be here again to take part in the funeral service of his aged widow, whom long ago I had learned to admire and appreciate as one of the faithful Saints and workers in the Church.

She was a woman of remarkable force of character who had for full four score years been completely consecrated to the Lord, so that when the end came there was no fear, because He whom she trusted had many times in her trials proved to be her friend which sticketh closer than a brother. Her life went out in great peace and now she rests under the shade of the trees beyond the river.

During her long pilgrimage she scattered flowers and sunshine all along her pathway, and made the lives of all who knew her, better and happier by her holy influence.

There was no guile in her nature; no slight sign of insincerity, for she was as honest as daylight and as pure as the mountain stream which flows by her childhood home.

She never harbored malice or spoke a word contrary to charity. She placed the best construction on the questionable acts of others and stifled the voice of unkind criticism wherever she heard it.

She was given to hospitality and all who approached her door were met with gracious cordiality.

I shall never forget the glad welcome I always found when I made a visit to her home. She gave me encouragement in my work by both word and deed, and her wise counsel helped me, a young preacher, in solving many perplexing problems.

She was so unpretentious, so humble of heart, so devout in spirit, that all who knew her had faith in her profession, and the whole community was grieved when the news went forth that she had departed.

She was a neighbor, so kind, so thoughtful, so helpful; ready always to rush to the rescue of distress and suffering. She was a wise and loving wife and mother, whose home influence ever stood for righteousness and true holiness.

God spared her for a long life of useful service, and when the harvest day arrived she was gathered as a ripened shock of golden grain.

She and her husband were both genuinely pious folks and we feel sure today that they are together in the city which hath foundations. The children need not mourn today, but rather rejoice, that they both are safe in that country where death and parting are no more.

The worldling is too often inflated by wealth or social position, or distinguished parentage, but the children of these parents have a nobler lineage and can truly say with the poet Cowper:

"'Tis not my boast that I deduce my birth,
From loins enthroned or noble of the earth,
But higher far my proud pretentions rise,
The child of parents passed into the skies."

May all who mourn today catch inspiration from the noble lives of the sainted dead, and so follow on as they did that when the end is reached, they may find a reward as rich as we feel sure their parents found, when they crossed the river and entered through the gates into the city of God.

SMITH—David Turner Smith, after many months of terrible suffering, patiently and uncomplainingly borne, on the 16th day of August, 1919, fell on sleep and went to be with God in whose house are many mansions. He died at the home of Robert A Sanders, near Elizabeth Church, Johnson county, where he had lived for a number of years. Brother Smith was not a member of the Church, but some two months before his death it was the writer's privilege to be instrumental in leading him to Christ. After his conversion we sang for him "Jesus is All the World to Me" and other gospel songs. He seemed to be very happy and shed tears of joy.

Brother Smith was the son of David and Keren Smith, and was born in Johnson county, N. C., November 1, 1851. He leaves four brothers, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

On Sunday afternoon of August 17, 1919, we laid him to rest in the family burial ground near Smithfield, N. C.

E. B. Craven.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His wisdom has called from our midst our fellow-worker, Mrs. W. C. Noble. The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church pass the following resolutions: Resolved,

1st. That in the death of this good woman the Aid Society has lost a faithful member, and a gentle friend.

2nd. That we will cherish her memory, and try to emulate her character.

3rd. That we commend her loved ones to our Heavenly Father, for comfort, strength and consolation.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this society, one sent to the bereaved family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Mebane paper for publication.

Mrs. M. M. McFarland,
Mrs. P. Nelson,
Mrs. Chas. Dillard.

LASSITER—William Bramwell Lassiter was born near Lassiter's mill, in Randolph county, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1856, and died at his home in Asheboro, N. C., Oct. 15th, 1919, age 62 years, 9 months and 17 days.

Brother Lassiter was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Church at Oak Grove in Randolph county. He held all the offices that a Methodist layman is allowed to hold in his Church. He was Sunday school superintendent for a period of thirty years. He was a loyal Methodist and faithful to his official duties.

On Jan. 30th, 1879, he was happily married to Miss Minerva Cranford, who survives him, and mourns the loss of a considerate, kind, affectionate husband.

Some six years ago, on account of failing health, he moved from Farmer to Asheboro. He transferred his membership to our Church here and, when his health would permit, attended Sunday school and church services. Brother Lassiter was a good citizen and a consistent, loyal member of the Church.

In her sorrow, Sister Lassiter has the sincere sympathy of the Church and a large circle of relatives and friends.

Ira Erwin.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst, by death, our esteemed friend and co-laborer, Mrs. J. N. Foscue, who has for many years occupied a prominent rank in our midst, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach.

Therefore, Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Foscue we have sustained the loss of a friend whose friendship it was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy; that we bear willing testimony to her many virtues to her probity and stainless life; that we offer to her bereaved family and mourning friends over whom sorrow has hung her sable mantle, our heartfelt condolence, and pray that Infinite Goodness may bring speedy relief to their burdened hearts and inspire them with the consolations that Hope in futurity and Faith in God give even in the shadow of the tomb.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions properly engrossed, be presented to the family of our deceased friend, a copy be spread on the minutes of our society and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. M. C. McIver,
Miss Florence Wooten,
Mrs. A. R. Wilson,
Committee.

ADAMS—Mrs. Sabra Parker Adams was born September 29, 1838, and died in Greenville, N. C., July 10, 1919, at the ripened age of nearly eighty-one years. She was a golden sheaf for the kingdom of heaven. Born of a pious Methodist parentage, and reared in an atmosphere of faith, she had walked with God from her childhood.

She was married to W. G. Adams January 24, 1856. They were "joined together by God." They feared God with all their house. In the home, in the Church, in the Christian community, they were active forces for good. "Their children rise up and call them blessed."

The Methodist Church, of which they were life-long members, was preferred as a chief joy. Their pastor always shared their fullest confidence and warmest hospitality. When their dear boy, Troy, was called of God and gave himself to the ministry of the gospel, this mother's loyal heart answered with a glad Amen! The oil of gladness was always poured in her fervent prayers on his head. She loved her children with truest, tenderest affection, and cherished a close companionship with them.

Her husband, who died November 9, 1903, and one son and one daughter had preceded her. The surviving children, three sons and three daughters, are B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks; Rev. G. T. Adams, of the North Carolina Conference; John C. Adams, of Linden; Mrs. Walter Campbell, of Fort Valley, Ga.; Mrs. B. F. Vinson, of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. W. MacDonald, of Greenville, N. C. The funeral services, largely attended by loving friends, were conducted from Parker's Grove Church, on Lillington circuit, by the pastor, Rev. N. M. McDonald, and this writer. The bodies of father and mother fittingly rest there in the midst of the eearthly scenes of their useful lives. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they rest from their labors."

W. F. Craven.

J. E. SMITH KILLED BY SAW-MILL.

Joseph E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith, born in Northampton county, N. C., January 29, 1864. He met with sudden death Aug. 23, 1919, Jacksonville, N. C., when a saw-mill carriage struck him. May 14, 1890, Brother Smith was happily married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Beaman. Two children were given to this union: William C. and Mary Elizabeth, Jr. The former left them at the age of five years, and went to be with the heavenly Father. The deceased ranked with the first sawyers of the South, for thirty-four years being foreman of the mill quite a bit of the time. In early manhood he connected himself with the M. E. Church, South, but after his marriage he united with Damascus Christian Church, of which his wife was a member. "Joe," as he was better known, found it more difficult perhaps than some, to live the Christian life. He often talked to me about not being able to control his temper at times as he wished to, but this was all overcome a bit later. Early in my first year's pastorate at Belhaven, brother Smith united with our Church there. One Sunday morning I preached on the text, "Am I my brother's keeper?" During my sermon I observed that brother Smith was in tears. At the close I asked him to lead the prayer, which he did, but his utterances were so broken that one could scarcely understand them. The time came when he talked to me freely about the service, and when he opened his great big heart to me, he said that service meant salvation to him. He made a steady run over life's uneven path, from that hour, until the saw carriage struck him, so far as I know. He was soon made steward, and then chairman of the Board, and he made a worthy one. Joe was soon conducting prayer meetings, he was able in prayer. He was free with his money to the Church, and he did not hesitate to speak to the brethren as to the better support of the Church and Orphanage. He was indeed a friend to the Church and the preacher. No doubt about it, the prayers of his sainted wife were hands and feet to him at many turns of the road. Sister Smith is one of the most queenly Christians I ever knew.

The daughter, Mary Lizzie, as she is called, is quite an accomplished young lady, hence Brother and Sister Smith's home was quite a model one. The Jacksonville people say that Joe was a faithful attendant at Sunday school and Church, and the Masonic lodge during his stay there. I expect to see Joe again, where we will not have to part. Brother Smith, had moved his family to the home place in Gates county, and after moving there he transferred his Church membership to Damascus Christian Church with the family. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, in Gates county. May the good Father deal gently with the sorrowing wife and daughter. Cheer up, dear hearts, there is a better and brighter day when you can visit husband and son, father and brother. You know where to find them. May the Lord's presence be felt in your dear hearts each day, is the prayer of your very good friend,

Chas. A. Jones.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. S. C. CRANFORD.

Nancy Martitia Cranford, (nee Elliott), born May 5, 1860, died Oct. 1, 1919.

At the age of 14 years she professed faith in Christ and joined the M. P. Church at Mt. Ebal. After her marriage to S. C. Cranford in 1877 she removed her membership to Concord M. E. Church, South, of which her husband was a member. She was a faithful member of the Church—always present at Church and Sunday school when able to be there.

Sister Cranford had many noble traits of character—always cheerful, kind-hearted, unselfish, gentle, loving, and true.

It was an inspiration to be in her presence, for a spirit of sunshine, joy, and gladness seemed to be present wherever she was.

During her last sickness her suffering was intense, but through it all she manifested a wonderful spirit of patience and faith—cheerfully accepting the Divine will.

Sister Cranford leaves a husband, one son, and one daughter, nine children having preceded her to the "land that is fairer than day."

On the 2nd of October, in the presence of a vast multitude of sorrowing relatives and friends we laid her body in the grave in the cetemery at Concord Church, the church she loved so well.

"Servant of God, well done!
The glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the victory's won
And thou art crowned at last."

May God comfort the heartbroken husband, the children, the relatives, and friends who are left behind.

J. M. Varner.

Farmer, N. C.

MARRIAGES.

In the Methodist Church, Chadbourn, N. C., Lieut. L. C. Hand and Miss Helen Shepperd were happily united in holy wedlock Sept. 22, 1919, Rev. B. E. Stanfield officiating.

At the home of Mr. J. E. Koonce, Chadbourn, N. C., Mr. Guy L. Bailey and Miss Orpah Koonce were married on the lawn, Oct. 8, 1919, Rev. B. E. Stanfield, officiating.

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North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

Fourth Round	October
South Alamance, Philip Circuit, 11 a. m.	25-26
Graham, 8 p. m.	26
November	
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	6
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City

Fourth Round	October
Dare, East Lake	25-26
Kennekeet, Little Kennekeet	28
Hatteras, Frisco	30
November	
Kitty Hawk, Coilington	1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Haw River, Mt. Pleasant	25-26
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 a. m.	27
November	
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary, night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C. Fourth Round

	October
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	23-24
Straits and Atlantic, Atlantic	25-26
Goldsboro Circuit, Thompson's Chapel	31
November	
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carteret Circuit, Harlowe	8 9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Third Round

Fourth Round	October
Princeton	23-27
Benson	27-28
Four Oaks	28-29
November	
Mill Brook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	2-4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Mem.	9
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
Fourth Round
H. M. North, Presiding Elder

Caledonia, at Caledonia, 4 p. m., October 18.
Biscoe, at Star, 3 p. m., October 25, and at Biscoe, October 26, at 11.
Lauringburg, during their meeting. Maxton, during their meeting. St. John and Gibson at St. John, October 7, at 11, and October 2nd.
Roberdel, at Roberdel No. 1, November 15, at 3 p. m.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbe, November 16, at 11.
Richmond, at Zion, November 16, at 3 p. m.
Appointments for the other charges will be made later.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Magnolia, Trinity	24
Wallace-Rose Hill, Wallace	25-26
Onslow, Maysville	31
November	
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes Presiding Elder, Weldon, N C.

Fourth Round	October
Northampton, Lasker	25-26
November	
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

Fourth Round	October
Mattamuskeet, Amity	23-24
Fairfield	25-26
Tarboro, night	30
McKendree, Pinetops	31
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, night	31
November	
Nashville Nashville	1-2
Spring Hope, Spring Hope	2-3
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	3
Elm City	4
N&S Rocky Mount, night	4
Fremont, Fremont,	5
Wilson, night	5
Farmville, Farmville	7
Greenville, night	7
Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant	8-9
Stantensburg, Stantensburg	9-10
Vanceboro, Vanceboro	12
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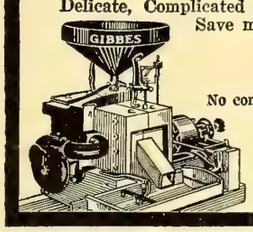
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METHODISM—A FORCE

We are not addressing ourself to this theme for any purpose of self-glorification. Methodism makes no boast of what it has done or is doing. That it has made a large contribution to the moral and religious development of the world, no thoughtful man will be disposed to dispute. It has preached a pure and evangelical gospel, and it has preached with intelligence and zeal. It has won for itself the definition that "Methodism is Christianity in earnest." It has not always been so earnest as it should have been, and there are unmeasured spaces ahead of us to which God beckons us on; and in His name we must go on to make full proof of the ministry committed to us. But we have come to a place of power, of commanding influence, of almost limitless possibilities in the religious life of the world.

This is a fact that should sober and steady us. Our responsibilities are great. We are in the eye of the world, and what is more important still we are in the eye of God. We must seek to have His Spirit. We must study to know His mind. We must keep ourselves humble to do His will. We must be careful to keep our aspirations true. In all the confusions of the times, we must keep clear heads and pure hearts; and, while our watchword must ever be onward, we must be sure also that it is upward and that our set purpose never stops short of bringing men into conscious experience of salvation through Jesus Christ.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to an appraisal of Methodism given in a strong editorial, published in the Greensboro Daily News, upon the occasion of the convening of the Western North Carolina Conference in this city last week. We appreciate these kinds words from our esteemed confrere, and they are another evidence that the best type of the secular press is appreciative of the religious forces that are at work among us. We would be glad to print the entire editorial if we had the space, but we cannot forbear to print the following paragraphs which are weighty with truth:

This Conference represents one of the most powerful of the influences in our life that support social and political order, that strive for justice between man and man, that tend toward the rule of righteousness in the mart and in the forum, as well as in the temple.

To press the analogy a little further, it is preeminently a fighting division, a front line division. No man can compute the value to our common civilization of that bold pioneer, the Methodist circuit-rider, for whom no fastness was too remote to be penetrated, no community too abandoned for him to raise there the standard of his faith, no hardships too severe to be suffered with joy in the service of his Lord. Law and order, decency and justice followed in the footsteps of those men of God more promptly and more surely than in those of any other pioneer who invaded the wilderness.

The Church has grown rich and powerful since those days. Its servants are no longer compelled to undergo the same sort of trials. To a certain degree, the world has come to understand that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and although the Methodist preacher is still underpaid, like most others of his calling, he is better paid than in the pioneer days.

But in prosperity, as in adversity, the Church holds fast to the faith, as it was delivered unto the saints. Almost every other institution that we call our own has trembled under the impact of these furious times. The storm in Europe that has swept kings away like autumn leaves, that has sent principalities, and kingdoms, and empires crashing into ruin one after another, so rapidly that it has been all but impossible to keep account of them, has wrought havoc also in America. Ancient faiths, time-honored traditions, social and political creeds and formulae that had stood the test of centuries, under this stress have revealed rottenness at the heart that has laid them prostrate; and men whose secret wish is for chaos have taken advantage of the confusion to rise against all established things. In the tumult and shouting it is all but impossible for the average man to distinguish the true leaders from the false; and many are utterly confused.

In the midst of the deafening uproar, only the Church stands where she has always stood—calm, unmoved, certain of her purpose and of its eventual accomplishment. Nor can her bitterest enemy deny that while her power is unbroken all the rest of the disturbance is more apparent than real. She is the eternal negation of the heathen creed that might makes right; while she holds her grip upon the hearts of men "the elements' rage, the fiends' voices that rave" must inevitably dwindle and blend, sooner or later. While America clings to her ancient faith, we cannot revert to chaos, nor can we erect some monstrous tyranny of class or caste and fall down before it and worship it; for always at heart we shall know the falsity of the new creeds, and even if we are tempted to prostrate ourselves at times before the hideous idol of our own strength there will ring in our ears, in spite of the din of the bacchanal, the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel: "Not by night, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The above testimony is true as to the Evangelical Church in general and as to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in particular. It is the steadying force in this unstable age. It is the star of hope that hangs out in the darkness of the night. Not by the wisdom that man devises, nor yet by the power which he generates; but by the wisdom and power that God alone can supply, the Church points the way to the attainment of manhood and character that lay the foundations for the establishment of truth in all the relations of life. The surge of the world's tide must not pull the anchor of the Church's hope and faith; and, standing upon the one foundation which she lays, our manhood and womanhood will be secure when the storm is overpast.

Methodism has a large share in the responsibility which these conditions throw upon the Church of Christ. She has established her bulwarks in the world, has made for herself a large place among the Christian forces of the country, and she must do her part in holding steady in the midst of the uproar that surges about us today.

CONFERENCE NOTES

On Our 10th Page will be found the Assessments of the Board of Finance for the next year. If those concerned will look this up, clip it out and paste it in their hat they will have all that is necessary for arranging the financial budget for the next year. Let presiding elders, district stewards and all concerned look it up.

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Rev. J. R. Walker Requests us to say that those who have expressed a desire to help in the Rutherford College bulding fund collection should write him at once at Rutherford College, or they will lose their opportunity to be included in the report which he expects to publish in the next week or two.

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The Response of the Conference to the call for aid for two preacher's widows, was something truly inspiring. More than $800 contributed within a few minutes, besides a substantial amount to augment the emergency fund, indicates a very tender and sympathetic feeling for our superannuates and their widows and orphans.

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Rev. J. C. Rowe, who has had a long and successful career as a presiding elder will fit into the lighter work of his pastorate at South Main Street, Salisbury. His great service, especially in the pulpit, in the districts he has served will be greatly missed. No man among us has met this requirement of district work with a greater satisfaction. His preaching has been a benediction to those who have had the good fortune to sit under his ministry.

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The Retirement of Six of our most consecrated and useful preachers at this Conference is something out of the ordinary. The names of R. M. Hoyle, J. T. Stover, Jno. M. Price, L. E. Stacy, J. H. Robertson and J. B. Carpenter will be recognized as among the men who have rendered heroic service, most of them for many years. The career of Brothers Hoyle, and Stacy dates back to the early seventies. They will be greatly missed in the future, but while retired will not lose interest in the work or workers. Such men deserve a high place in that illustrious company so often referred to as our roll of honor. The absence of Brother Hoyle, for so many years a conspicuous figure among those who have led us, was painfully felt. May the evening time be light to these noble men.

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A Message of Condolence was sent by order of the Conference to Rev. W. E. Abernethy, now of the Virginia Conference, but until recently of the Western North Carolina Conference, in view of the recent passing away of his wife. Brother Abernethy responded in the following telegram which was received too late to be read to the Conference. We herewith append it that the Conference may know of his appreciation:

"My heart warms with gratitude for the beautiful and touching tender of sympathy from my old comrades-in-arms of the Western North Carolina Conference. I have fallen very lame and lonely on the road, but the blessed Companion is with me. The cloud is dark and heavy, but there is light above. May God bless you all.

W. E. Abernethy.

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Two Strong Men go for the first time into the presiding eldership. Rev. H. H Jordan has long been one of our most faithful and successful pastors. He has been a man of one work. Having spent four years in Gastonia recently as pastor of Main Street Church, he will have the advantage of intimate acquaintance with the district, especially in its most important industrial communities. The Shelby District will have strong leadership. Rev. W. E. Poovey is one of our younger men, yet one who has demonstrated his fitness for such an important field as that embraced in the North Wilkesboro District. In addition to his preaching ability and executive qualities, he has special adaptation in a strong physique which is one of the essentials in facing the rigors of winter on a rugged mountain district. The enthusiasm which these men are capable of putting into their work will be a valuable asset.

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The Presidency of Bishop Darlington was eminently satisfactory. He does not allow a dull moment. His sallies of wit always hit the mark and were always in the kindliest spirit. He was duly considerate of every person and of every cause, and the proceedings of the Conference ran through without an unpleasant incident. The Bishop is on his second round of Conferences in this District, and he has a secure place in the hearts of our people. His travels through the District have been almost constant; and he has thus come in contact, not only with the preachers, but also with a large number of the laymen. He is no longer a stranger among us. His preaching is strong and practical. His sermon Sunday morning in West Market Street Church was a warning of great force against the evil of the love of money, using the character of Judas as an illustration of it. The analysis of the character of Judas was clear-cut and strong, but the sermon was greater still in the emphasis which it put upon the practical truth of the peril of the love of money. Bishop Darlington will be in our territory again when he comes three weeks from now to hold the session of the North Carolina Conference at Wilson, and our people of that Conference will receive him most gladly.

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The Spiritual Note of the Conference was marked. The Bishop came with the burden for a revival upon his heart. His morning discourses were shot through with that desire. He sounded loud and clear the evangel note. The [illegible] evidently had the same burden [illegible]. The love feast on Sunday morning rose to an unusually high tide of spiritual fervor. The whole Conference gave tokens of the coming revival for which we trust that all of us have been praying and that we sincerely hope is coming to the Church. The figures show that the past year has not been a poor one in this respect for the [illegible] Carolina Conference, the increase for the past year being something [illegible]; but the revival that needs to come is not simply one that will count additions [illegible]. The Church itself needs to [illegible] spiritual life. We need to make men stronger to withstand temptation when faced in the [illegible] business affairs of life. Men need to be stronger to stand erect for the right when it is popular to do the wrong. We need a more fixed conviction

by which men will stand in the hour of stress and storm, and this they will do if they come to know God in the spirit of His life. This is what we mean by the spiritual note, and we were glad to hear it sounded so often and so clearly in the session of the Conference just closed.

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A Few Figures. We call the attention of our readers to the condensed minutes on page seven of this issue for full details of the figures for this year. There are two or three items to which we desire to call special attention. In all the items but one, there is an increase over last year, but in the amount paid for foreign missions there seems to be a lamentable decrease. In 1918 the Conference paid $28,730 for foreign missions, whereas this year the report shows only $22,938.12—a decrease of $5,791.99. For home and conference missions the figures last year were $27,007; this year they are $29,752.40—an increase of $2,745.40. For Church Extension the Conference paid in 1918 $13,587; in 1919 the figures are $14,002.74—an increase of $415,74. For the superannuates the Conference raised in 1918 $16,148; in 1919 the figures are $17,812.62—an increase of $1,664.62. The greatest advance has been made in the support of the ministry. The figures for 1918 are $268,014; for 1919, $311,959—an increase of $43,945. The total raised for all purposes by the Conference this year is $1,202,648—an increase over last of $215,500. Of course this does not include any of the Centenary offering. The membership figures shows a gratifying gain as follows: 1918, 110,583; for 1919, 113,800—an increase of 3, 217.

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The Entertainment of the Conference this year was on the "Harvard Plan." This is new in this territory, and manifestly has its advantages if there should also prove to be some disadvantages. The difficulty of securing domestic help is well known to everybody, and to give full entertainment in the homes of the people imposes an almost impossible burden upon the housewives, however willing, or even anxious, they may be to extend hospitality. At the best it would impose a great amount of work upon them and make it impossible for them to attend any of the sessions of the Conference. Greensboro handled the situation well on the new plan; and, while the hotels and cafes were crowded and there was necessary delay in getting served at meals, everybody understood the situation, accepted it, and enjoyed each other's fellowship while they waited. The preachers and delegates necessarily missed some of the fellowship of the homes to which they were assigned and the homes missed the more intimate knowledge of the guests assigned them, than under the old plan; but that is one of the things that come with the new order. Much credit is to Dr. E. L. Bain, the host of the Conference, upon whom the responsibility primarily rested, to the other Methodist pastors of the city who assisted him in the work, and to the entertainment committee for the splendid way in which they made all necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the Conference.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder.

Acton circuit ..... W. R. Harris
Asheville—Bethel ..... J. O. Ervin
Biltmore ..... R. P. Fikes
Central ..... E. K. McLarty
Chestnut Street ..... W. F. Cann
Haywood Street ..... J. H. Bradley
Mt. Pleasant ..... D. Atkins
West Asheville ..... E. W. Fox
Asheville circuit ..... J. O. Banks
Black Mountain ..... J. L. Teague
Brevard ..... H. L. Powell
Fairview ..... H. H. Mitchell, Supply
Flat Rock and Fletcher ..... J. H. Brendall
Hendersonville ..... M. F. Moores
Henderson circuit ..... J. G. W. Holloway
Hominy circuit ..... M. W. Dargan
Hot Springs-Marshall ..... J. J. Gray
Leicester ..... C. M. Carpenter
Mars Hill ..... J. W. Carver, Supply
Mills River ..... J. M. Folger
Rosman ..... W. A. Thomas, Supply
Saluda-Tryon ..... W. A. Creason
Spring Creek ..... C. M. McKinny
Swannanoa ..... D. A. Lewis, Supply
Walnut-Antioch ..... E. M. Jones, Supply
Weaverville Station ..... O. P. Ader
Weaverville circuit ..... W. I. Hughes
Missionary to Cuba ..... R. J. Parker
General Evangelist ..... Raymond Browning
Army Red Cross Work ..... G. F. Wright

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder.

Ansonville ..... A. R. Bell
Charlotte—Belmont Park ..... A. L. Aycock
Brevard Street ..... W. R. Shelton
Calvary ..... G. W. Vick
Chadwick ..... R. L. Forbis
Dilworth ..... L. B. Abernethy
Duncan Memorial ..... J. A. Smith, Supply
Hawthorne Lane ..... T. F. Marr
W. L. Nicholson, Supn'y
Seversville ..... B. F. Hargett
Spencer Memorial ..... J. H. Armbrust
Trinity ..... W. O. Goode
Tryon Street ..... Z. E. Barnhardt
Hickory Grove ..... R. H. Kennington
Lilesville ..... W. S. Cherry
Marshville ..... J. J. Edwards
Matthews ..... S. M. Needham
Monroe—Central ..... J. W. Moore
North Monroe ..... J. R. Warren, Supply
Morven ..... S. Taylor
Pineville ..... T. J. Houck
Polkton ..... L. H. Griffith
Prospect ..... T. B. Johnson
Thrift-Moores ..... C. L. McCain
Unionville ..... T. J. Huggins
Wadesboro ..... E. R. Welch
Waxhaw ..... E. Myers
Weddington ..... J. E. McSwain
Missionary to Japan ..... S. A. Stewart
Missionary to Japan ..... N. S. Ogburn
Professor in Candler School of Theology, P. T. Durham
President Piedmont Industrial Institute..J. A. Baldwin

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder.

Asheboro ..... A. C. Gibbs
Coleridge ..... F. W. Cook
Deep River ..... T. A. Plyler
Gibsonville ..... A. P. Ratledge
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial ..... J. H. Lanning
Centenary ..... A. W. Plyler
Glenwood and Bethel ..... E. P. Billups
Spring Garden Street ..... C. S. Kirkpatrick
Walnut Street ..... A. Burgess
West Market Street ..... E. L. Bain
J. A. Lesh, Jr. Preacher
J. P. Lanning, Supern'y
East Greensboro ..... D. R. Proffitt
West Greensboro ..... T. J. Rogers
High Point—East End ..... W. A. Barber, Supply
Main Street ..... J. W. Williams
Wesley Memorial ..... W. A. Lambeth
Pleasant Garden ..... A. G. Loftin
Ramseur and Franklinville ..... W. M. Smith
Randleman ..... J. A. J. Farrington
Randolph ..... W. F. Elliott
Reidsville—Main Street ..... H. C. Sprinkle
Ruffin ..... D. P. Waters
Uwharrie ..... W. B. Thompson
Wentworth ..... C. F. Sherrill
Pres. Greensboro College for Women, S. B. Turrentine
Treas. Greensboro College for Women.. W. M. Curtis
Associate Editor and Business Manager
N. C. Christian Advocate ..... H. M. Blair
State Sunday School Secretary ..... J. W. Long

MARION DISTRICT.

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder.

Bakersville ..... M. G. Ratledge, Supply
Bald Creek ..... J. S. Mitchell
Broad River ..... D. S. Richardson
Burnsville ..... J. P. Hornbuckle
Cliffside ..... A. J. Burrus
Connelly Springs ..... M. B. Clegg
Enola Circuit ..... D. A. Oakley, Supply
Forest City and Pleasant Grove ..... W. L. Dawson
Forest City Circuit ..... W. C. Jones
Glen Alpine ..... A. P. Brantley
Henrietta-Caroleen ..... J. C. Harmon
Marion Station ..... W. L. Hutchins
Marion Circuit ..... M. G. Ervin
Mill Springs ..... W. J. Hackney
Marion Mills ..... J. S. Folger
McDowell ..... P. H. Brittain
E. J. Harbison, Junior Preacher
Micaville ..... T. W. Hager, Supply
Morganton station ..... C. M. Pickens
Morganton circuit ..... J. A. Fry
Old Fort ..... R. F. Mock
..... J. F. Starnes, Junior Preacher
Rutherfordton ..... T. C. Jordan
Spruce Pine ..... J. C. Postell
Table Rock ..... J. B. Tabor
Thermal City ..... M. W. Heckard
Professor in Rutherford College ..... W. E. Hauss
Professor in Rutherford College ..... J. W. Bennett
Student Trinity College ..... T. F. Higgins
Conference Evangelist ..... Jas. H. Green
Student Emory University ..... E. L. Shelton

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT.

W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder.

Ararat ..... G. W. Clay
Danbury ..... J. J. Eads
Dobson ..... T. S. Coble
Draper ..... J. W. Campbell
Elkin ..... G. C. Brinkman
Jonesville ..... O. P. Routh
Leaksville ..... G. A. Stamper
Madison-Stoneville ..... J. E. Gay
Mayodan ..... J. M. Green
Mt. Airy—Central ..... W. B. West
Mt. Airy circuit ..... G. W. Williams
Junior Preacher to be supplied
Pilot Mountain ..... J. W. Combs
Rural Hall ..... L. P. Bogle
Spray ..... J. W. Ingle
Stokesdale ..... T. V. Crouse
Summerfield ..... Albert Sherrill
Walnut Cove ..... J. W. Kennedy
Yadkinville ..... J. C. Gentry

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT.

W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder.

Avery ..... L. C. Delp, Supply
Boone ..... J. R. Walker
Creston ..... Elmer Simpson
Elkland ..... R. F. Wellons, Supply
Elk Park ..... A. L. Lucas
Helton ..... W. E. Moretz, Supply
Jefferson ..... T. E. Wagg
Laurel Springs ..... T. S. Roten, Supply
North Wilkesboro ..... W. R. Ware
North Wilkes Mission ..... O. D. Stacy, Supply
Sparta ..... J. C. Cornet
Watauga ..... J. P. Morris
Warrenville ..... R. E. L. Plummer, Supply
Wilkesboro ..... J. M. Barber
Wilkes ..... E. E. Yates
Professor and Chaplain Appalachian
Training School ..... J. M. Downum
Missionary to Japan ..... W. A. Wilson
Principal Jefferson School ..... W. L. Scott

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder.

Albemarle—Central ..... R. S. Howie
C. M. Gentry, Supn'y
First Street ..... W. F. Sandford
Albemarle circuit ..... G. A. B. Holderby
Baden ..... J. E. B. Houser
Bethel ..... R. F. Honeycutt
China Grove ..... W. S. Hales
Concord—Central ..... Z. Paris
Epworth-Center ..... M. H. Vestal
Forest Hill ..... J. F. Armstrong
Kerr Street ..... J. W. Strider
Westford-Harmony ..... D. P. Grant, Supply
Concord circuit ..... N. C. Williams
Cottonville ..... B. F. Fincher
Gold Hill ..... E. M. Avett
Kannapolis station ..... A. R. Surratt
Kannapolis circuit ..... J. C. Brown, Supply
Mt. Pleasant ..... B. Wilson
New London ..... S. E. Richardson
Norwood-Randall ..... Ira Erwin
Salem ..... H. F. Starr, supply
Salisbury—First Church ..... J. E. Abernethy
North Main ..... M. N. Hildebrand
Park Avenue ..... A. S. Raper
South Main ..... J. C. Rowe
Salisbury circuit ..... R. K. Brady
Spencer—Central ..... E. E. Williamson
East Spencer ..... R. C. Kirk
Woodleaf ..... J. A. Peeler
Student Trinity College ..... J. S. Gibbs
Agent Superannuate Fund ..... J. P. Rogers
Conference Evangelist ..... G. W. Fink

SHELBY DISTRICT.

H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder.

Belmont ..... J. E. Thompson
Belwood ..... D. W. Brown
H. G. Stamey, Supn'y
Bessemer ..... F. L. Townsend
Cherryville ..... J. F. Moser
Crouse ..... J. A. Sharpe
Dallas ..... R. A. Taylor
Gastonia—East End ..... W. T. Albright
Franklin Avenue ..... E. P. Stabler
Main Street ..... A. L. Stanford
St. Paul ..... E. B. Peck
Trinity ..... P. L. Shore
King's Mountain ..... E. L. Kirk
Lincolnton ..... D. M. Litaker
Lincoln circuit ..... O. C. Fortenberry
Lowesville ..... J. A. Bowles
Mayworth ..... C. R. Allison
McAdenville ..... C. M. Campbell
Mt. Holly ..... C. M. Short
Polkville ..... L. T. Cordell
Rock Springs ..... W. B. Shinn
Shelby—Central ..... C. A. Wood
Lafayette Street ..... W. M. Robbins
Shelby circuit ..... J. C. Keever
South Fork ..... W. M. Boring
Stanley ..... L. L. Smith

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder.

Alexander ..... M. A. Osborne
Catawba ..... J. T. Ratledge
Claremont ..... To be supplied
Cool Springs ..... R. A. Swarengin
Davidson-Huntersville ..... M. B. Woosley
Dudley Shoals ..... B. C. Reavis
Granite Falls ..... H. G. Allen
Hickory—First Church ..... G. D. Herman
Westview ..... S. T. Barber
Hudson ..... R. C. Goforth
Iredell ..... D. C. Thompson
Lenoir—First Church ..... W. A. Jenkins
Lenoir circuit ..... F. H. Price
Maiden ..... D. H. Rhinehardt
Mooresville—First Church ..... L. A. Falls
J. W. Jones, Junior Preacher
Dixie ..... To be supplied
Mooresville circuit ..... E. N. Crowder
Mt. Zion ..... W. B. Davis
Newton ..... P. W. Tucker
Olin ..... R. L. Melton
Rhodhiss ..... D. F. Carver
South Lenoir ..... To be supplied
Statesville—Broad Street ..... L. D. Thompson
Race Street ..... T. A. Groce
Statesville circuit ..... Jno. H. Green
Stony Point ..... J. E. Woosley
Troutman ..... H. C. Byrum
President Davenport College ..... J. B. Craven

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. H. West, Presiding Elder.

Andrews ..... M. T. Smathers
Bethel ..... F. O. Dryman
Bryson-Whittier ..... R. E. Hunt
Canton ..... E. O. Cole
Clyde ..... O. J. Jones
Franklin ..... L. B. Hayes
Franklin circuit ..... B. R. Crowder, Supply
Glenville-Highlands ..... J. C. Umberger
Haywood ..... E. J. Poe
Fines Creek ..... John I. Spinks
Jonathan ..... A. L. Latham
Judson ..... G. L. Jones, Supply
Macon ..... J. E. Womack
Murphy Station ..... H. H. Robbins
Murphy circuit ..... R. L. Foster
Robbinsville ..... W. J. Baker, Supply
Sylva ..... J. A. Cook
Waynesville ..... R. D. Sherrill
Waynesville circuit ..... D. V. Howell
Webster-Cullowhee ..... Elzie Myers
Hiawassee ..... Gay Bryant, Supply
Hayesville ..... C. E. Stedman

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Frank Siler, Presiding Elder

Advance .. J. M. Varner, E. O. Smithdeal, Jr., Preacher
Cooleemee ..... N. R. Richardson
Davidson ..... C. O. Kennerly
Davie ..... D. C. Ballard
Denton ..... N. M. Modlin
Farmington ..... J. W. Vestal
Forsyth ..... E. K. Creel
Hanes-Clemmons ..... M. W. Mann
Kernersville-Oak Ridge ..... T. J. Ogburn
Lewisville ..... John Cline
Lexington—First Church ..... J. P. Hipps
Linwood ..... W. R. Jenkins
D. G. Wilson, Junior Preacher
Mocksville ..... W. L. Sherrill
New Hope ..... J. B. Fitzgerald
Thomasville—Main Street ..... R. G. Tuttle
J. C. Richardson, Junior Preacher
South Thomasville ..... Z. T. Bell, Supply
Thomasville circuit ..... C. P. Goode
P. E. Parker, Junior Preacher
Southside circuit ..... P. L. Kinneman, Supply
Walkertown ..... R. M. Taylor
Welcome circuit ..... C. C. Williams
West Davie ..... W. J. S. Walker, Supply
Winston-Salem—Burkhead ..... J. S. Hiatt
Centenary ..... G. T. Rowe
Grace ..... T. P. Jimison
Liberty Street ..... P. L. Terrell
Salem ..... A. C. Swofford
Southside ..... W. M. Bagby, Jr.
J. C. Mock, Junior Preacher
West End ..... R. H. Daugherty
Conference Missionary Secretary ..... R. M. Courtney
Main St. Quar. Conf., Thomasville
Student Trinity College ..... J. W. Fitzgerald
Student Trinity College ..... A. S. Abernethy
Transferred to N. C. Conference C. A. Johnson and J. L. Smith.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 30TH SESSION

MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The third annual session of the Historical Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., on Tuesday evening, October 21, 1919.

Rev. J. E. Thompson, Belmont, N. C., president of the Society, presided. Hymn No. 19 was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Poovey, of Brevard, N. C., The minutes of the previous session were read by the secretary, Rev. H. M. Blair, Greensboro, N. C., and were approved.

The president spoke briefly of the importance of preserving the old records of Quarterly Conferences and District Conferences, as these would be very interesting and valuable for the future historian.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. D. Atkins, D. D., was then presented, and he favored the Society with a carefully prepared paper on Methodism's Contribution to the World. Dr. Atkins' paper was carefully prepared, of high merit, and was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience present. It is not necessary that we should attempt to outline it here, as it was ordered printed in the Advocate later, and our readers will then have the opportunity of reading it in full.

A Committee on Nominations was appointed by the chair, and in a short while brought in the following nominations all of whom were unanimously elected:

President. Rev. D. Atkins, D. D.
Vice President, Rev. R. M. Taylor.
Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. H. M. Blair.
Member of Ex. Com. to succeed himself,
Rev. W. L. Sherrill.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Western North Carolina Conference met in its thirtieth session in West Market Street Church, October 22, 1919, at 9 a. m. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington in the chair.

Hymn No. 560 was sung after which the Bishop read Matt. 16:1-17, delivering an appropriate and unusually effective talk, developing the thought that a man's character is determined by his attitude to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bishop led the prayer, after which Rev. W. L. Sherrill, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll. A very large number of both preachers and laymen responded to the call.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill was elected Secretary and the following were elected assistants: A. W. Plyler, W. F. Sanford, G. C. Brinkman, E. O. Cole, I. F. Peebles, and J. J. Gray.

The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

It was moved by T. F. Marr that a session of the Conference be held in the afternoon of the first day to hear the report of the Trustees of the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, and to hear a class of the inmates in an entertainment of song. The motion prevailed.

R. M. Taylor presented a charonological roll of the Conference which was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

J. H. Barnhardt read the nominations of the presiding elders of the standing committees which were elected as follows:

COMMITTEES 1919

Spiritual State of the Church

H. C. Sprinkle, Mrs. F. E. Stafford, R. P. Fikes, J. C. Curtis, S. T. Barber, J. L. Little, Jas. H. Green, C. S. Lee, J. W. Combs, W. Y. Davenport, W. R. Ware, J. S. Stanberry, W. S. Hales, S. T. Coburn, R. F. Mock, C. F. Cline, J. J. Edwards, Horace Sisk. J. A. Cook, Mrs. R. J. Roane, J. P. Hipps, J. C. Ripple.

Sabbath Observance

E. R. Welch, Mrs. L. N. Presson, J. C. Postelle, S. P. Burton, W. C. Jones, R. B. Chance, J. A. Fry, C. C. Moore, L. C. Palmer, J. W. Kinney, J. C. Mock, W. J. Adkins. D. H. Rhinehart, R. L. Snow, L. P. Bogle, D. J. Kerr, D. C. Ballard, J. C. Green, Mrs. P. W. Tucker, R. M. Taylor, J. C. Cornet, Felix Howell.

Church Property

J. L. Teague, H. C. Ranson, W. B. Love, A. R. Surratt, C. F. Sherrill, P. C. Story, W. L. Hutchins, J. L. Nelson, E. C. Foy, J. J. Eads, J. W. Bennett, D. F. Mast, E. J. Poe, J. A. Scott, D. E. Grigg, D. P. Waters, J. A. Peeler, Mrs. G. W. Cooke, A. L. Latham, T. R. Gray, A. C. Swafford, J. F. Hanes.

District Conference Records

J. B. Carpenter, C. F. Cline, C. M. Carpenter, C. F. Bland, C L. McCain, L. E. Huggins, A. P. Ratledge, J. M. Varner, J. S. Bell, T. V. Crouse, T. S. Coble, Genio Cardwell, A. S. Raper, P. N. Peacock, L. L. Smith, H. T. Fulton, E. N. Crowder, Horace Sisk, C. E. Stedman, J. W. Addington, J. W. Vestal, O. C. Wall.

Memoirs

H. M. Blair, C. A. Wood, J. H. Barnhardt, J. R. Walker, J. H. West, R. G. Tuttle.

Public Worship

J. H. Barnhardt, E. L. Bain. A. W. Plyler, C. S. Kirkpatrick, C. H. Ireland.

Resolution and Introductions

E. L. Bain, Z. E. Barnhardt, W E. Poovey.

To Fill Vacancies on Quadrennial Boards

Board of Missions: A. L. Stafford vice W. F. Womble; Genio Cardwell vice F. D. Hackett.

Board of Temperance and So.ial Service: Mrs. W. A. Newell vice G. M. Goforth.

A motion was made to strike out the Committee on Books and Periodicals, since the Board of Christian Literature was organized to take the place of this committee as well as to give added emphasis to the place of Christian Literature in the Church. After considerable discussion it was decided to dispense with this committee and refer all matter pertaining to religious literature and our publishing interests to the Board of Christian Literature.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference:

J. S. Hunter, of the Virginia Conference, representing the Publishing House in Richmond.

A. D. Wilcox, Field Secretary of Missions for the North Carolina Conference. L. S. Massey, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. E. Hightower, representing the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dr. W. P. Few, President of Trinity College.

H. H. Jordan nominated W. L. Sherrill, A. W. Plyler and C. M. Pickens as a committee on the publication of the minutes, and they were elected.

A resolution of sympathy for President Wilson and urging the Congress to adopt the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations was offered by C. H. Ireland.

Special prayer was offered for President Wilson, Bishop Darlington leading the prayer.

E. L. Bain presented and read the report of the Hospital Committee. This report recommended the appointment of a permanent Hospital Commission and provided that an agent be employed for all his time at a salary of $3,000. Also that an assessment of $12,000 be laid upon the Conference. Action was deferred and this was made the special order for Thursday at 10 o'clock.

Under call of question 17 the districts were called and the presiding elders passed the examination of character and submitted their reports.

Reporting for the Shelby District, Rev. Jno. F. Kirk referred to the fact that Rev. C. R. Canipe, after a week's illness at Columbus, Ohio, passed away, and that Rev. J. F. Moser, stricken at the same time had just recently returned to his home in Cherryville.

These reports were, almost without exception, hopeful, and indicate that the Church is making progress.

Under call of question 17 all names in the superanumerary relation were called and passed the examination of character and all were recommended for the same relation except J. C. Richardson who asked to be placed again on the effective list.

At 12:30 the Conference adjourned with the benediction by N. R. Richardson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Conference convened according to adjournment at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Darlington in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Ingle.

The Bishop stated the object of the afternoon session to be the hearing of the report of the Trustees of the Children Home. The report was read by T. F. Marr, Chairman of the Board, and committed the Conference to th task of raising at least $100,000 during the next year for enlarging the Home.

A class of children from the Home sang several songs which were greatly enjoyed by the Conference. Bishop Darlington spoke eloquently of the pressing demand that the Church care for the fatherless and motherless ones.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sunday School Anniversary

The evening set apart for the Sunday School anniversary was marked by very unfavorable weather conditions. About the time for the service to begin the rain was falling rapidly and continued through the evening. Nevertheless, an audience, mainly of men, that filled the spacious auditorium of West Market Street Church, assembled and was well rewarded for its pains.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of High Point, Chairman of the Sunday School Board, presided in his own unique way. Hymn No. 19 was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. E. O. Cole, of Mocksville. The usual order of having one strong address for the evening was not followed, and a number of short addresses upon various phases of the Sunday school work were made. If this method loses the compelling force, which may possibly fail to be compelling, it has the advantage of presenting a greater variety of thoughts and of keeping up the interest of the hearers by keeping the service constantly moving. The service Wednesday evening was well spiced with humor, both the chairman and the various speakers contributing their parts. We feel like congratulating the Sunday School Board on giving an interesting and profitable service to the Conference.

The variety and practical value of the service may be gathered from the following list of speakers and subjects presented:

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, the Chairman, spoke on the importance of worship as distinguished from the sermon in our Church services, and the value of the Sunday school in training for worship; Rev. O. V. Woosley discussed the Elementary Division of the Sunday school work; Mr. Geo. Hackney, superintendent of our Sunday school at Lexington, spoke on the qualifications of the superintendent; Mr. J. M. Holland, president of the Wesley Bible Class Federation of the Conference, presented the importance of the Bible class and of the Federation; Mr. D. E. Henderson, superintendent of Tryon Street Sunday school, Charlotte, presented a plan to get the whole Church in the Sunday school; Rev. W. E. Poovey, Brevard, spoke on the relation of the pastor to the Sunday school; Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Central Church, Monroe, emphasized the importance of bringing the children into the kingdom of Christ; and Rev. E. Hightower, Associate Sunday School Editor, Nashville, Tenn., but formerly of Texas, presented the subject of the Graded Sunday School.

It is manifest from the above that we had a whole Sunday school institute packed into one service of a little more than one hour. It was too packed, of course, to get all there is in the subjects discussed out of them; but no method can be adopted that will exhaust the Sunday school work at one service. The meeting was interesting from beginning to end, and no one could have followed it without being profited thereby. The Sunday School Board of the Western North Carolina Conference is alive to the importance of the interest entrusted to its hands, and we expect to see that work greatly developed in the year that is just ahead of us.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY

MORNING

Conference met at 9 o'clock. Bishop Darlington presiding. Devotional services were conducted by the Bishop. Scripture lesson taken from II Kings, 5:20-27.

The Bishop made extended remarks on the lesson, appealing to all, especially those called to

the holy office of the ministry, to avoid entanglements with material things.

The Secretary called the roll of absentees and the further call of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

J. H Barnhardt read the nominations for the Board of Lay Activities as follows: C. H. Ireland, H. A. Dunham, C. F. Cline, G. L. Hackney, F. N. Tate, A. D. Ivie, J. T. Mangum, J. L. Beal, D. J. Kerr, T. F. Hudson, J. S. Stanbury and Dorman Thompson.

The order of the day having arrived the Conference proceeded to the consideration of the question of the establishing a general hospital under the direction of the Conference. The report of the Hospital Committee was read by C. H. Ireland. This report proposed that the income from the Heath bequest be used to aid in the establishment and maintainance of a hospital. Also that an assessment of $12,000 be made upon the Conference for the same purpose and that Rev. C. M. Pickens be appointed agent for this enterprise. After much discussion it was decided to table the whole matter, thus disposing of the question temporarily. We feel sure, however, that the matter will continue to come up in some form till the hospital is established.

A motion was adopted expressing to the family of Mr. Heath the appreciation of the Conference for his magnificent bequest.

Rev. Dr. E. Hightower, representing the Sunday School Board. Nashville, addressed the Conference.

Under question 2, the following passed examination of character and submitted their reports and were advanced to the class of the second year: A. P. Brantley, J. S. Fogler, R. C. Goforth, W. J. Hackney, W. R. Harris, W. R. Jenkins, J. M. Varner, Thomas F. Higgings, Thomas R. Jimison, J. H. Lanning, Fred O. Dryman, W. B. Thompson and Geo. F. Wright passed the exmination of character and were continued in the class of the first yeai.

D. B. Coltrane read the report of the Board of Publication of the Western North Carolina Conference, also the report of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc., and these reports were referred to the Board of Christian Literature.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by T. J. Ogburn.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A new thing has come to pass in the Western North Carolina Conference. It is a new thing in Southern Methodism as the Annual Conferences come round this fall. Under the provisions of the Discipline the Board of Christian Literature is holding anniversaries during the sessions of the Conferences. Never before has it had such an opportunity of presenting its cause to our people. In the Western North Carolina Conference, it was combined with the anniversary of the Board of Education, and the two held on Thursday evening. Dr. F. N. Parker, Dean of the Candler School of Theology, was to represent the Board of Education on the program, but a misunderstanding as to the date made it impossible for him to be present. This was a disappointment to our people, for they are fond of Dr. Parker and are always glad of an opportunity to hear him. He has a genuine and heartfelt welcome whenever he comes to North Carolina.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, Monroe, chairman of the Board of Education, presided at the service, and after devotional exercises he made a statement concerning the opening of the schools under the auspices of the Conference. They are all crowded with students, and the imperative need is for more dormitory room to take care of the increasing patronage. This is very gratifying from many standpoints, but it lays upon the Church a weighty responsibility to furnish these institutions with larger equipment for their work.

Rev. O. P. Ader, chairman of the Board of Christian Literature, made a statement concerning the organization of this new Board and the importance of its work, and called upon Rev. L. S. Massey, one of the editors of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, to present the speaker of the evening.

Most of our readers, especially those within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference, know well the ability of Rev. A. D. Wilcox. He was expected to make the address for the Board of Christian Literature, but the absence of Dr. Parker made it necessary for him to expand somewhat the scope of address to cover both subjects. They are, however, so closely related that it would be hard to draw a very distinct line between them. the literature of the Church is certainly one of the factors in its educational work, and a very important factor. We are glad that the Church is coming into better recognition of this fact. Here in North Carolina the Conference organ has been taking a deepening hold upon the heart of the Church. More is being said about it. More is being done about it; and we are confident that this growth of interest will continue through the years that are ahead of us.

We shall not attempt to give even an analysis of Brother Wilcox's strong address. Suffice it to say that he emphasized the tremendous issues involved in these times in which we are living. In the midst of all the confusion that exists, the one hope of the world is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The three great agencies in bringing this gospel home to the hearts and consciences of men are the pulpit. the religious press, and the Christian School. It was to the elaboration of this fundamental thesis that he devoted the earnest and eloquent address which he delivered. There was no room for controversy concerning the strong position which he took. The occasion was an important one and cannot fail to be productive of great good.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY

MORNING

Conference met at 9 a. m., Bishop Darlington in the chair. Rev. Dr. Plato Durham led the opening prayer. Bishop Darlington read Acts 1:1-9. and addressed the Conference on the importance of a ministry endued with power.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous session which were approved.

Jno. F. Kirk presented the case of C. E. Rozzelle who was discontinued some years ago, and moved that he be restored to membership in the same relation he sustained before his location. This was granted for the reason that being in ill health his location occurred through a mistake of his former presiding elder.

H. G. Allen, J. W. Combs, T. F. Huggins, E. L. Kirk, J. C. Umberger, A. H. Whisner, J. H. Robertson, W. A. Jenkins, O. C. Fortenberry, J. A. B. Houser, and W. L. Scott, passed the examination of character and were all advanced to the fourth year, except A. H. Whisner, J. H. Robertson, O. C. Fortenberry and W. L. Scott, who remain in the class of the third year.

J. L. Smith was transferred to North Carolina Conference.

The name of C. R. Canipe was called and it was announced that he passed to his eternal reward in June, while at Columbus Ohio, attending the Methodist Centenary Celebration. The Bishop led the Conference in prayer for the sticken family.

The Bishop announced the ordination of W. L. Scott to deacon's orders since last Conference.

Question 2 was recalled and the following passed the examination of character, made their report and were advanced to the class of the second year: J. M. Barber, and A. Lester Lucas.

Under the call of question 4 the following passed the examination of character, made their reports and were admitted into full connection:

D. A. Clark, John Cline, M. G. Ervin, Jas. B. Fitzgerald, Jas. W. Fitzgerald, M. W. Heckara, Charles O. Kennerly, R. H. Kennington, Fred H. Price, B. C. Reavis, E. L. Shelton, Christopher C. Williams, Marcus B. Woosley. Thomas A. Plyler, W. R. Shelton.

A. W. Gray, R. L. Foster, Joseph M. Green, David G. Wilson and O. L. Simpson remain in the class of the second year. These all made their reports and their characters passed.

In behalf of the Board of Missions, R. M. Courtney presented the following which was adopted:

Policy of the Board of Missions Respecting its Mission Charges

This policy which shall guide the Board of Missions in the execution of its trust in regard to the mission charges of the Conference, is as follows:

Whereas, this Board is charged with the responsibility of determining what appropriations shall be made to its mission charges, a responsibility which cannot, under our disciplinary law, be shared even with the Conference itself, and whereas, its plain duty is to bring those charges to a bisis of self-support as speedily as possible, not only for the sake of releasing money for the development of new and promising fields, and whereas, the policy of this Board in the past in its appropriations has not resulted in producing satisfactory results in the way of self-support; therefore be it,

Resolved, first, that the policy of the Board of supplementing the salaries of certain of our charges looks only toward temporary relief in getting new charges on their feet. The expectation of the Board, therefore, is that these charges will make every effort to attain independency at the earliest possible moment.

Resolved, second. that our mission charges shall be divided into three classes, Class A, B and C. Class A shall comprise charges which agree to co-operate with the Board for the purpose of their becoming self-supporting, and have their appropriations reduced twenty-five per cent of the original appropriation each year. Class B shall comprise charges which agree to co-operate with the Board for the purpose of their becoming self-supporting and have their appropriations reduced twelve and one half per cent of the original appropriation each year. The Board makes the wholesome recommendation that their congregations increase the salaries to a sum equal at least to the amount of the reduction, that at the expiration of four or eight years, as the case may be the charges will be independent and the congregations will have formed the habit of making a small increase on the salary each year, thus having laid the foundation for continued progress.

It is understood however that though the foregoing is a general rule the Board reserves the right to remove all the appropriation, or any part thereof, from any mission charge, whenever in its judgment it is wise to do so.

Nothing is further from the mind of the Board than any reduction in the support of the preachers in charge of these missions, which is in most cases pitifully and shamefully small, but the remedy is not in pauperizing, with missionary money, charges able themselves to give their pastors a comfartable support. Such a policy puts a premium upon nondevelopment and makes missionary money hurtful rather than helpful.

Class C shall comprise those charges in purely missionary territory, which offer no hope of immediate development, to which the foregoing rule shall not apply. It is hoped by the Board that a change of conditions may result in many of these charges being speedily transferred to Class A or B, that the number of charges in Class C may be kept at a minimum.

It is also understood that the Board is left free to deal with special cases on the merits of the information that may be obtained. It being the policy of the Board, when large appropriations are required, to make a personal investigation into the needs and possibilities of the field.

Resolved, three, that the every member canvass, for the support of the Ministry and Collections, a disciplinary requirement, be a condition for the Board's giving aid, and that the Board will require that this canvass be made by the time of the payment of the second quarter of the appropriation. A failure to make this canvass, without furnishing a good reason for not doing so, will suspend payment of appropriation.

Resolved, four, that every charge attaining unto a self-supporting basis be put upon a special roll of honor and published with our reports in the Conference minutes.

Resolved, five, that where circuits have been divided and missionary money requested to help furnish additional ministerial service, and where there is no substantial hope of the newly arranged charges becoming self-supporting within a reasonable time, that we urge upon the appointing Powers the reuniting of said charges to save Missionary money.

Resolved, six, that where missionary charges have received appropriations for some years without showing any appreciable development, we recommend that these charges be united, when practiable, with others so that the circuit may become self-supporting and that the appropriations may be used for more promising fields.

Resolved, seven, that in view of the fact that this Board will within the next five years be the recpident of ten per cent of the Centenary funds paid into the General Centenary Treasurer by the Western North Carolina Conference, the following is the policy of the Conference Board of Missions with reference to the administration of this fund:

First, that not more than 50 per cent of this fund be used in making appropriations to mission charges.

Second, that 25 per cent of this fund be set apart as a reserve fund for meeting emergencies that may arise.

Third, that 20 per cent shall be used as an efficiency fund, the purpose of which shall be to increase the support of the ministry by methods other than direct appropriations.

Fourth, that 5 per cent be used for the maintenance of a Preacher's Institute and the encouragement of our ministers to attend.

Resolved, eight, that we set as a goal a minimum salary of $1,000 for our pastors. (This does not apply to supplies).

Resolved, nine, that while we recognize the fact that the Board is responsible for this policy, we earnestly crave the moral support and co-operation of the Conference to assist us in its application which we believe will bring large returns in the building up of the kingdom of God within the bounds of our Conference.

R. M. Courtney introduced a resolution with reference to the State Conference of the Inter-Church World Movement to be held in Raleigh in December. Mr. Orr, the representative of the movement for the Carolinas, was introduced and explained the object of this proposed Conference.

In the class of the 4th year, A. S. Abernethy, J. W. Bennett, C. M. Carpenter, T. V. Crouse, G. W. Fink, R. L. Forbis, J. P. Hornbuckle, D. V. Howell, C. A. Johnson, M. A. Osborne made their reports and were elected to elders' orders.

The following were admitted on trial under question 1: Junius Oscar Banks, Clyde Malcolm McKinney, Raymond Browning, William Edward Hauss, Jo Cephas Gentry, James Samuel Gibbs, Edward G. Peck.

A. W. Plyler introduced a resolution recommending that the Chair of Biblical Literature at Trinity College be named the George Washington Ivey Chair, in honor of the late George W. Ivey, of our Conference.

Rev. A. D. Betts, president of Paine College, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of the college.

The name of L. E. Stacy was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for the superannuate relation.

Mr. Jno. E. Edgerton, treasurer of the Centenary Fund, was introduced and addressed the Conference with reference to the Centenary collection. His plea was made strongly for the conservation of the Methodist Centenary, so that there shall be in the future no shrinkages but always a surplus.

Question 7. Who are received from other churches? was called and the following were received: Wesley Marvin Bagby, elder from the Congregational Church; Walter A. Creson, elder from the U. S. A. Presbyterian Church; Joseph Henry Armbrust, elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY

Unusual interest naturally attached to the missionary anniversary this year as well as last. One year ago the Centenary plans were being set forth and the effort to secure a great forward movement in the interest of the Kingdom of Christ to meet the needs of the Church in this world crisis was being launched. This year the big drive has been carried to a successful issue, so far as the securing of subscriptions is concerned, but the imperative need for keeping the heart of the Church fully set on carrying forward the work of saving sinners and edifying saints in the midst of the confusion of the times is still upon us. The greatest and most important part of the work is still to be done. Most of the money is still to be collected, consecrated men and women are to be secured who will give themselves to the work without which the money would be useless, and underneath all of this is the crying need for a deepening of the spiritual life of the whole Church.

The annivesrary service was held on Friday evening, Rev. E. K. McLarty, Asheville, chairman of the Board, presiding.

Rev. R. M. Courtney, Missionary Secretary for the Conference, made a statement concerning his work. The details cannot be given here, but the one outstanding fact that justifies the efforts put forth is that, with an apportionment of $1,750,000, something more than $2,000,000 in cash and subscriptions had been secured.

Dr. W. G. Cram, of Nashville, Tenn., who has been associated with Dr. Beauchamp in the direction of this great movement, spoke at some length to the Conference.

Rev. C. G. Hounshell, a returned missionary and member of the Holston Conference, made an impressive plea for men and women to devote their lives to this service. He drew a vivid picture of he great need of the world for Christ, and emphasized the fact that it was only through men and women that He can be carried to the last man of the last nation.

SATURDAY—FOURTH DAY

MORNING

The Conference met at 9 o'clock. Bishop Darlington in the chair. The Bishop conducted the devotional services. Rev. Luther Bridgers, General Evangelist, spoke earnestly of the ncessity of a great revival.

The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. D. Atkins, all the seventeen lady delegates to the Conference were invited to occupy seats together at the front.

Under the call of question 17, the superannuates were called; the following were referred for the same relation: R. S. Abernethy J. D. Arnold, H. L. Atkins, P. C. Battle, W. M. Bagby, J. J. Brooks, G. H. Christianbury, S. M. Davis, T. F. Glenn, S. S. Higgins, A. W. Jacobs, M. T. Steele, J. A. Wiggins, B. A. York, and James Willson.

The following were referred to the Committee on Memoirs: J. D. Buie, M. C. Field, W. T. Usry, and C. R. Canipe.

The name of D. A. Clark was called and he was elected to Deacon's Orders.

The names of J. B. Carpenter and R. M. Hoyle, were referred to the Committee on Conference relations for the superannuate relation.

J. P. Rodgers reported for the Superannuate Endowment fund, $143,500 secured since the beginning of the movement for endowment two years ago. The whole Conference appreciates in the highest sense the great work which Brother Rogers has done in his untiring efforts to secure this fund. He has been greatly afflicted in his own body and stated to the Conference that he never takes a step without pain.

A report for the Committee on this fund was read by E. A. Cole.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference. This is the first appearance of Dr. Boaz before the Conference and it is safe to say that the impression was pleasing and illuminating. The statement that the increase of the Loan fund of the Board has been large during the year was exceedingly gratifying.

Under question 6, the following were announced as received by transfer from other Conferences: Edgar T. Billups, from the Western Virginia Conference, and Elzie Myers and John I. Spinks, from the Upper South Carolina Conference.

The class for admission into full connection was called as follows: David A. Clark, James B. Fitzgerald, Jas. W. Fitzgerald, John Cline, Martin W. Heckard, Chas. O. Kennerly, Roach H. Kennington, Fred H. Price, Burley C. Reavis, Ephraim L. Shelton, Christopher C. Williams, Marcus B. Woosley, W. L. Scott, T. A. Plyler, J. E. B. Houser, M. G. Ervin, and W. R. Shelton.

W. F. Cann, from the Manitobia Conference, Methodist Church, of Canada, was received by transfer as an elder.

W. H. Willis presented the report of the Board of Managers of the Summer School for Preachers. This school is held at Trinity College each year. The past year there was an attendance of 24 from the Western North Carolina Conference and 22 from the North Carolina Conference.

W. O. Goode read the report of the Board of Finance. This report shows a substantial increase in the amount contributed to this fund.

A motion prevailed to hold the memorial services on Sunday at 3 p. m.

After announcements the Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Conference met as per adjournment at 2:30 P. M. Rev. H. H. Jordan in the chair. Raymond Browning, evangelist, conducted the devotional service.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The chair announced the order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service. The secretary read the report, and it was discussed by T. J. Ogburn.

After considerable discussion it was moved to separate the part of the paper referring to Temperance from that referring to Social Service, and designate the one Report No. 1 and the other as Report No. 2, and on motion Report No. 1 was adopted. After much discussion consideration of report No. 2 was deferred till Monday, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The subject of the Centenary was continued from Friday evening. Mr. Walter Thompson, Superintendent of the Childrens' Home, Winston-Salem, presided.

Mr. E. A. Cole, of Charlotte, Conference Director of the Centenary, made his report in which he bore testimony to the loyal and efficient service rendered by those associated with him in the work. One is impressed with the constant testimony to the readiness and faithfulness with which our laymen, as well as the ministry, respond to this call.

Mrs. Dunham reported for the Woman's Missionary Society. In a splendid address she reviewed in a brief time what this Society has done during the past year in the various departments of its activity. It is a noteworthy fact that these women raised the past year about $40,000 for work at home and abroad; and along with this money raising they are doing an educational work in connection with missions of vast importance.

Rev. C. G. Hounshell, who had so appealingly addressed the Conference on the preceding evening upon the subject of Life-Service, was called upon to speak for the work of Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues and the Minute Men in connection with the Centenary.

Rev. H. A. Boaz, Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, was presented for the principal address of the evening. Instead, however, of presenting the work of Church Extension directly, he explained that by an agreement with the Board of Missions he was to discuss the subject of Conservation and Evangelism. Dr. Boaz was elected to his position at the session of the General Conference held at Atlanta in May, 1918. There has not yet been time for him to become thoroughly known to the Church at large. When a Southern Methodist thinks of Church Extension, it is a little difficult not to think of Dr. McMurry, who in his inimitable way won the hearts of the people everywhere. He is now doing faithwul work in the episcopal office to which he was elected by the same Conference that elected Dr. Boaz as his successor. It is a wonderful thing in the providence of God that the success of the work in any department is not dependen upon any one man. Bishop McMurry did a very remarkable work as Church Extension Secretary, but, when he was called to another field of labor and another man called to his former place, the work has gone right on to even a larger measure of success. Dr. Boaz is measuring up to the responsibilities of his position.

His address on Saturday evening was really a ringing exposition of the Christian doctrine of stewardship. It was an address of cogency and power, and made a deep impression upon the vast audience that crowded the auditorium to hear him.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY

Sunday as usual, was a great day. At 9 o'clock the Conference love feast was held in West Market Street Church. Revs. D. Atkins and J. W. Jones conducted the service. Many testified and the evidences of Spiritual power were marked.

At eleven o'clock Bishop Darlington preached a great sermon on the life and character of Judas Iscarriot. It is not often that one hears a more appropriate discourse and it was delivered with great unction and power. The effect was profound. All available space was packed and many stood outside the Church.

At the close of the sermon Bishop Darlington ordained the Deacons.

Almost all protestant pulpits of the city were

filled by members of the Conference, both morning and evening.

At 3 p. m., the Conference met in regular session for the Memorial Service, Rev. D. Atkins presiding.

The Secretary read the names of the preachers who had died during the year as follows: J. D. Buie, C. R. Canipe, W. T. Usry, and M. C. Field. The memoir of J. D. Buie was read by Rev. H. M. Blair, that of C. R. Canipe by Rev. C. A. Wood, that of M. C. Field by Rev. J. H. Barnhardt and that of W. T. Usry by Rev. J. R. Walker. Appropriate tributes were paid to the memory of these departed brethren by many of their surviving comrades.

At the close of the memorial service, the Bishop ordained the elders.

EVENING

At the evening hour Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, spoke by special invitation to a great congregation. Mr. Daniels is a well known Methodist layman and has not hesitated to carry with him into his work as a Cabinet officer the moral principles instilled into him by a good Methodist mother. His address was timely and, in almost every particular, pleasing to his audience.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY

MORNING

Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Darlington in the chair. Devotional services conducted by the Bishop.

The minutes were read and approved.

C. W. Brown read his report as Treasurer of the Board of Finance.

E. L. Bain moved that the report be printed in the minutes as read by the Treasurer. Much discussion followed and a motion was made to lay this motion on the table but it did not prevail, and then the Conference voted by a large majority to adopt Mr. Bain's motion.

Bishop Darlington announced the transfer of M. W. Dargan, of the North Carolina Conference.

J. E. Gray read the report of the Conference Trustees.

Question 17 was called and all the elders were called and their characters passed. By common consent the usual reports of pastors were omitted.

The names of J. H. Robertson and J. T. Stover were referred to the Committee on Conference relations for the superannuate relation.

J. R. Walker made a statement with regard to his work as Financial Agent of Rutherford College. He reported the receipt on Saturday morning, of a check for $2,000 from Mr. A. M. Kistler, of Morganton; also for $1,000 from Rev. B. F. McLendon, making a little more than $50,000 raised to date for the building fund.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by Mrs. P. W. Tucker.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read by W. A. Lambeth. This report recommended the appointment of J. Walter Long as General Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

The report of the Committee on Church Property was presented by A. R. Surratt, and read by the Secretary.

The Methodist Mutual Fire Insurance Company submitted its report. This report shows that the Company has largely increased its business during the year.

A. W. Plyler read the report of the Board of Church Extension, which was adopted.

The report of the Conference Brotherhood was presented by C. A. Wood. F. M. Tate spoke in behalf of the Brotherhood, in its efforts to increase the membership. About 35 new names were enrolled.

Rev. J. P. Hipps moved that a collection be taken for Mrs. Scott L. Owen and Mrs. C. R. Canipe. The sum of $857 was pledged and ordered paid as follows: $707 to Mrs. Owen and $150 to Mrs. Canipe. Mrs. Owen's husband not having been a member of the Conference, she can not share in the distribution of the Superannuate Fund, yet Brother Owen did many years of effective work as a supply.

A collection for the Conference Emergency fund was taken amounting to $68.

J. H. Armburst, W. M. Bagby, Jr., Walter A. Creson, and W. F. Cann, presented themselves before the chancel and assumed the vows being received by transfer from other Churches and subscribing to the doctrines and discipline of the Church.

O. P. Ader presented and read the report of the Board of Christian Literature. This reoprt recommended certain changes in the charter of the Methodist Board of Publication.

Pending the discussion of the report Jno. F. Kirk proposed the following as a substitute:

"We recommend that the whole question of change of charter be referred to the Board of Publication and a Commissioner from the Western North Carolina Conference to be named by the Bishop and a like commissioner to be named by the North Carolina Conference, who shall take the whole matter under advisement, work out any desirable changes and report such changes if any to the next session of the respective Conferences for their action.

The Bishop announced the ordination of deacons and elders on Sunday. See Condensed Minutes.

AFTERNOON

The Conference met as per adjournment, Rev. T. F. Marr in the chair. Prayer was offered by J. W. Jones. The Bishop resumed the chair and the minutes were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. Tumulty, Secretary to President Wilson, in response to resolutions of sympathy, was read by the Secretary.

A. W. Plyler introduced a reso'ution committing the Conference to use its influence against the movement for universal military training. On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

Question 35 was called: Where shall the next Annual Conference be held? J. E. Abernehty extended the invitation of First Church, Salisbury. W. O. Goode extended the invitation of First Church, Hickory, which was seconded by G. F. Ivey. The invitation of First Church, Salisbury, was accepted.

Dr. Dan Atkins introduced a resolution appointing Leon Cash, E. A. Cole and W. F. Sandford as an Auditing Committee to take charge of the reports at the next Annual Conference and see that all reports are correct when they go into the hands of the Treasurer.

E. K. McLarty, read the report of the Conference Board of Missions.

R. M. Courtney read the appropriations made by the Board for the ensuing year.

J. Frank Armstrong read the report of the Epworth League Board. The present year 327 new chapters have been organized and the amount of money raised is greatly increased. A strong speech was made by E. K. McLarty, making appeal for the cultivation of the young people of our Church.

T. J. Ogburn read Report No. 2 from the Committee on Temperance and Social Service. The consideration of this report had been postponed from Saturday's session. Without further discussion the report was adopted.

J. E. Gay read report No. 2 of the Board of Trustees of the Conference.

The Board of Finance made its report which was read by the Secretary, W. L. Sherrill.

James H. Green read the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. This report condemns strongly the tendency to worldliness in the Church.

Dr. D. Atkins offered resolutions of appreciation of the work of Bishop Darlington and requesting that he be assigned to this district for the full quadrennium.

Z. E. Barnhardt offered resolutions of thanks to the people of Greensboro and especially the Methodists of West Market Street Church and the other Methodist Churches of the city, also to the press for their courtesies extended to the Conference.

A collection was taken for extra service of sexton.

Questions pertaining to statistics were answered by the Secretary and all this will be found in the condensed minutes which follow:

A. W. Plyler, speaking to a question of personal privilege asked that he might be permitted to withdraw his paper opposing universal military training, if the Conference would not pass same.

H. M. Blair made a plea that the Conference correct its mistake and reconsider this question, going on record as opposed to universal military training. The paper was reconsidered and adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

On motion of G. T. Rowe, the Hospital Committee was continued.

J. M. Price was granted the Superannuate relation.

In answer to Question 36 the appointments were read by Bishop Darlington. See appointments on page 3.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

1. Who are admitted on trial? James O. Banks, Raymond Browning, J. Cephas Gentry, James Samuel Gibbs, Wm. Edward Hauss, Malonee McKinney, Edward J. Peck.

W. M. Bagby, W. F. Cann, W. A. Creason, E. D. Ballard, F. O. Dryman, T. F. Higgins, J. H. Lanning, W. B. Thompson, G. F. Wright remain in this class.

2. Who remain on trial? A. P. Brantley, J. S. Folger, R. C. Goforth, W. J. Hackney, W. R. Harris, W. R. Jenkins, J. M. Varner, T. P. Jimison, C. E. Rozzell, J. M. Barber, A. L. Lucas.

G. W. Clay, R. L. Foster, J. M. Green, D. G. Wilson, O. L. Simpson remain in this class.

3. Who are discontinued? S. R. Mauldin, J. F. Stillwell.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? D. A. Clark, John Cline, M. G. Ervin, J. B. Fitzgerald. J. W. Fitzgerald, M. W. Heckard, J. E. B. Houser, C. O. Kennerly, R. H. Kennington, T. A. Plyler, F. H. Price, B. C. Reavis, W. L. Scott, E. L. Shelton, W. R. Shelton, M. B. Woosley, C. C. Williams (E).

Edward P. Billups, O. C. Fortenberry, J. H. Robertson and A. H. Whisner remain in this class.

5. Who are readmitted? None

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Edward P. Billups, deacon in class of third year, from West Virginia Conference; Elzie Myers and John I. Spinks, elders from the upper South Carolina Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? W. M. Bagby, Jr., an Elder from Congregational Church; Walter A. Creason, from the U. S. A. Presbyterian Church; Joseph H. Armbrust, Elder from the M. E. Church; Wm. Frederick Cann, from the Canadian Methodist Church.

8. Who are located this year? None.

9. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? None.

10. Who are transferred to other Conferences? J. L. Smith, to the North Carolina Conference.

11. What preachers have died during the past year? J. D. Buie, C. R. Canipe, M. C. Field, W. T. Usry.

12. Who are the deacons of one year? H. G. Allen, J. W. Combs, T. J. Huggins, E. L. Kirk (E), J. C. Umberger, W. A. Jenkins (E).

J. P. Hornbuckle remains in this class.

13. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Traveling preachers: D. A. Clark, M. G. Ervin, F. H. Price, E. L. Shelton, M. B. Woosley, T. A. Plyler, W. R. Shelton.

Local preachers: James Marshall Barber, Allen Patterson Brantley, Elhanan McLean Ferrell, Wm. Judson Hackney, Walter Reese Jenkins, Jesse Herbert Lanning.

14. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained deacons? Traveling preachers: David Arthur Clark, McKinley Gladstone Ervin, Fred Herbert Price, Ephraim Lowery Shelton, William Roy Shelton, W. L. Scott, Thomas A. Plyler, Marcus Boyles Woosley.

Local preachers: James Marshall Barber, Allen Patterson Brantley, Elhanan McLean Ferrell, William Judson Hackney, Walter Reece Jenkins, Jesse Herbert Lanning, Joseph A. Snow.

15. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Traveling preachers: Avery S. Abernethy, John Wesley Bennett, Charles M. Carpenter, Thomas Virgil Crouse, George W. Fink, Robert Lee Forbis, Carl Anderson Johnson, Moffatt Alexander Osborne.

Local preachers: James Milton Varner, Thomas Sanders Roten.

16. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Same as question 15 except that D. V. Howell was not present for ordination.

17. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

18. Who are supernumerary? C. M. Gentry, J. P. Lanning, W. L. Nicholson, H. G. Stamey, A. H. Whisner.

19. Who are superannuated? R. S. Abernethy, J. D. Arnold, H. L. Atkins, P. C. Battle, W. M. Bagby, J. J. Brooks, G. H. Christenberry, S. M. Davis, T. F. Glenn, S. S. Higgins, A. W. Jacobs, D. V. Price, J. P. Reynolds, M. T. Steele, J. A. Wiggins, B. A. York, James Wilson, J. B. Carpenter, R. M. Hoyle, L. E. Stacy, J. H. Robertson, J. T. Stover, J. M. Price.

20. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of Churches in this Conference? Districts, 11; partoral charges, 253; churches, 907.

21. How many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers and members? Licensed, 16; local preachers, 162; members, 113,800.

22. How many adults and how many infants have been baptized during the year? Adults, 2,617; infants, 1,620.

23. What is the number of Epworth Leagues and of Epworth League members? Epworth Leagues, 81; Epworth League members, 2,997.

24. What is the number of Sunday schools, of Sunday school officers and teachers, and of Sunday school scholars enrolled during the year? Sunday schools, 820; officers and teachers, 6,571; scholars enrolled 93,016.

25. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Societies, 249; members 7,928.

What are the educational statistics? Institutions, 12, teachers, 111; students, 1,962; value property, $1,984,943; endowment, $1,846,915.

27. What has been contributed for the following causes? Foreign missions, $22,938.12; home and Conference missions, $29,752.40; church extension, $14,002.74; education, $24,874.54; Conference claimants and superannuate endowment fund, $17,812.63; American Bible Society, $1,939.92; general Conference expense, $664.64; by the Woman's Missionary Society, $51,048.

28. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry? Bishops, $5,819.76; presiding elders, $28,406; preachers in charge, $283.553.

29. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? $1,202,648. (Increase $215,500.)

30. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Houses of worship, 861; value, $3,960,812; indebtedness, $173,134.

31. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? District parsonages, 10; their value, $69,206; indebtedness, $3,650; parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 210; their value, $732,554; indebtedness, $24,422.

32. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Insurance carried, $1,285,925; premiums paid, $5,402.

33. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Churches and parsonages damaged, 3; amount of damages, $2,600; collected, nothing.

34. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report of the Board on Lay Activities? C. H. Ireland.

35. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? First Church, Salisbury.

36. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

HELPING BY PRAYER

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—R. C. French.

WEEK OF PRAYER

November 2nd-8th has been fixed as the Week of Prayer and Self Denial for the Woman's Missionary Societies of the M. E. Church, South. It is now more than a third of a century since the love and loyalty of our women of the Southern Methodist Church for the Lord Jesus Christ found expression in the establishment of schools, Bible teaching centers, hospitals, religious and social settlements in the waste and strange places of our own country and among the people of other nations and races who know Him not. With a holy enthusiasm they have wrought during these years.

Many devices have been created, many plans have been laid to awaken the masses of women who do not care and are not interested in the missionary work, but perhaps the most successful of these means for generating interest has been the Week of Prayer. Annually, at a certain stated time for more than thirty-seven years thousands of women have lifted up their voices in petitions for the work and the results have been most gratifying. This year we are to contribute to the San Francisco Evangelistic Center and the China Union Medical School, for which the Council is asking $30,000 and our prayer is to be especially for the world's redemption.

Never has the call come to us so clearly and so insistently as at this time. In this hour of extreme crisis let us take time to think and pray for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom in the world. An abundance of attractive and helpful literature has been sent out to the auxiliaries in the Conferences and will we not lay aside everything else and look well to the observance of this Week of Prayer?

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Two new young people's societies are reported to us within the past few days and it makes us very happy to add these young people to our list of workers in this important department of our woman's work.

At Southmont, on the Winston district, was recently organized a society with the following officers: President, Miss Bessie Peacock; secretary and treasurer, Miss Lottie Tilley; corresponding secretary, Miss Blanche York, all of Southmont, N. C. Mrs. M. A. Shank is the superintendent of Young People's work, and is greatly interested in the success of this organization.

On Sunday afternoon, October 19th, at Haywood Street Church, Asheville, N. C., a Young People's Society was organized with ten members and the following officers: President, Miss Mildred Tomlin, 219 S. French Broad Avenue; vice president, Miss Dorothy Eller, West Haywood St.; recording secretary, Miss Lucille Mills, 353 West Haywood St.; corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Ader, 210 Patton Ave.; treasurer, Miss Myrtle Arnold, Park Ave.; superintendent Mission Study, Miss Elizabeth Allen, 279 Haywood St.; superintendent social service, Miss Violet Fry, 173 1-2 Patton Ave.; superintendent supplies, Miss Frances Miller, Jefferson Drive; adult superintendent of young people's work, Mrs. Mamie Howie, 371 West Haywood St.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE FOR THIRD QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1919

Dues, $2,595.19; pledge, $3,430.12; specials, $582.37; retirement and relief fund, $118.99; Scarritt endowment fund, $85.10; Scarritt scholarship, $103.77; Conference expense fund, $237.01; total $7,152.55. Local work, $2,049.46; grand total $9,202.51.

This is a fine report and shows an increase of $1,668.04 over the third quarter of last year. A splendid increase and I feel deeply thankful. But there is much yet to be done, however, I have confidence in our women to believe we will "go over the top" again this year; if we work and pray earnestly there is no doubt of it. Auxiliary president, has your society paid its $4 for the Scarritt endowment fund. If not, let's attend to it at once, only about one-half of the amount assessed our Conference has been paid, and I feel sure we all want to do our part by Scarritt—the only place we have for training our missionaries and deaconesses.

Mrs. F. B. McKinne,
Treas. N. C. Conference.

LINCOLNTON YOUNG PEOPLE

Hear what Mrs. Plato Miller, superintendent of Young People's Work of Lincolnton, has to say of her society and the work they are doing:

"Just want to say I have the finest Young People's Missionary Society in the Conference. We have 35 members and a mission study class of 18 members with lots of interest. We are studying "Making America Safe" and find it such an interesting book for today. If nothing interferes we will pay our pledge in full and of course, our dues will come out O. K. Last week we sent a box of clothing to the Children's Home valued at $15.

My boys and girls are so interested about this work and it makes me so happy I just have to tell them about it. Now don't you think I have a crowd to be proud of?"

We congratulate Mrs. Miller on this society and its work and also congratulate the young people on having a leader who is so deeply interested in them. Let us hear from our other young people's societies, who are doing good work. The Advocate page is open to them.

MORRIS-COJEAN

Cards from Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris, of Gastonia, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jane, and Mr. Emmanuel F. Cojean, of New York, which was solemnized a few days ago at their home in Gastonia.

We extend best wishes to these young people. Mrs. Cojean is the possessor of an exceptionally fine voice and those attending the Conference at Gastonia a few years ago remember with pleasure the beautiful vocal numbers with which she delighted the Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Cojean will reside in New York.

MISS MABEL HOWELL

From a letter under date of September 2nd, 1919, from Miss Mabel Howell, our Council Administrative Secretary of Foreign Fields, to her "home-folks" we quote the following extracts, feeling sure that our readers will be interested to hear from Miss Howell, who recently sailed in company with Bishop Lambuth, Dr. Rawlings and others for the Orient. This letter was written from Shimonoseki, Japan.

"We landed last evening here to take sail for Korea. We found the boats crowded and no reservation made for us until tonight. The rest here has been good and I am glad to have it, as we were to go directly into another Conference with no rest at all. We met all the Christians here this morning and had such a welcome from them. It does your soul good to see what a difference Christianity makes. All faces look alike except the Christians' and they fairly beam with joy. All the way down from Kobe yesterday we were met at different stations by little groups of Christians, they were kindness itself.

You should see the so-called Pullman train we came down in. No privacy at all and seemingly no desire for any. I pulled my little curtains as tightly as I could but others were left wide open to get all the breeze going. And pillows—well, they don't seem to know what a feather pillow is. Mine was filled with shavings of Bamboo trees. Hard is no word to describe them.

We had to take our shoes off everywhere, and as we did not care to use the slippers provided we went around in our stocking feet.

I spoke Sunday morning at church and also Sunday evening with an interpreter, of course. Saturday evening the Japanese Christians in Kobe gave us a reception. You should have seen it. We spoke there through interpreters also.

I had the time of my life on Sunday. I was invited home to dinner by Mr. Yashida, one of the Japanese Laymen of the church in Milage. This home, as every other one of wealth, is surrounded by a high stone wall with gatemen. We entered such a gate and and there we were in a beautiful garden with flowers, lotus ponds, etc.; then through winding walks to the doors of the house. Windows and partitions all of paper, no glass, no plaster, highly polished woods, beautiful carvings everywnere.

You need to come out here to see what Christianity means. The Christians' homes are such happy ones. In the heathen home the women are only slaves, they have to walk along the street behind the husband. The Christian husband and wife walk together. In heathen homes the husband eats first and all wait on him, in the Christian home, wife and children eat with him. I can't say that I especially admire Japanese men, but the women are so pathetic and lonely. You should see the body of Japanese Christian men leaders who were at the Conference. You would be proud of them, you cannot compare them with other men in Japan. They stand apart.

Sin stalks about everywhere. Buddhism is surely a dead religion and Shintoism is really ancestral worship. The churches are filled with men, especially young men. Women are in the minority in churches here. It is educated young men who make up the Christian body. You should see the poor little church buildings in the big cities with over a million people. They are kept immaculate but are so small. The people crowd them and then stand about in doors and windows. I shall never forget the sight.

I haven't yet gotten over the queer feeling of having myself surrounded by a crowd and followed by a crowd. If we stop a minute the crowd is about us gazing and gazing.

The rice fields are everywhere. They cultivate even the sides of the mountains on terraces to the very top. They are very beautiful at this season. How I wish you could have seen the inland sea as we traveled it yesterday from Kobe to Shimonoseki. Such natural beauties I have never known.

I am far away from home, yes, very far, but thinking of those in the homeland."

RICHLANDS AUXILIARY

From Mrs. Ford, secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary at Richlands, we have the following interesting account of a recent meetings:

We had a fine meeting at the close of the third quarter and our president, Mrs. Whitted, was gratified at the good attendance. The reports were good and many interesting articles, touching on various phases of missionary work, have been read at our meetings.

This has been a very busy year and all the departments seem to have been at work. Our young people especially, seem to be going forward by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Mrs. Norwood Cox, who reports twenty-eight members and has raised to date $103. All she needs is a better co-operation of the parents, which, we hope, she will soon have. Our Conference year is fast drawing to a close and the thought comes to us that if we have not made satisfactory progress along all lines this far we must redouble our efforts during the fourth quarter. Our great anxiety should be for the spiritual advancement of all our societies. We need a baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to do for our Master what He would have us do."

MRS. J. J. HEFFNER

The Woman's Auxiliary at Hickory mourns the loss of one of its most loyal and devoted members, Mrs. J. J. Heffner, who died a few weeks ago. Mrs. Heffner was a most useful woman, always ready to help in every good word and work. She was chairman of one of the Circles in the Woman's Missionary Society and was a conscientious worker. The auxiliary will miss her and we extend to them our deepest sympathy.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. SARAH ELIZA FOSCUE

Mrs. Foscue, familiarly known as Mrs. Sac, and her daughter, Miss Lillian, were charter members of the Polloksville Woman's Missionary Society and were loyal co-workers with us for ten years until they moved to Maysville, where they joined the Ladies' Aid Society and were influential in organizing a Woman's Missionary Society.

After an illness of two months, Mrs. Foscue passed away quietly She used her every God-given talent in a most loving and earnest way for the advancement of His Kingdom on earth. She has left us a wonderful inheritance in her sweet Christian character, the influence of which will live on.

We, the members of Polloksville Missionary Society, bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Nellie P. Taylor, Pres.

MISSION STUDY FOR JUNIORS

October is the month for the organization of Mission Study classes among our Juniors. When this meets your eye the month will be almost gone. If your band has not had a study class, let the superintendent organize one at once among the children who are old enough and report to Mrs. T. A. Person, Greenville, N. C. The new books for Juniors are very good indeed. "Mook" is especially interesting and should be in the hands of every one of our children. "Called to the Colors" is a smaller book but a most attractive and interesting one. "Mook" is 40 cents and "Called to the Colors" 29 cents, and should be ordered from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. While stressing mission study, please do not forget to stress also the Young Christian Worker. It should be in every Methodist home where there are children. Our conference is behind in Mission Study Classes. Nothing can be more important in our work than the education of our children in missions. Let every superintendent organize a Mission Study Class where possible.

Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson.

Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Greensboro, N C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

THE CHURCH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Our progressive Sunday schools continue to place subscriptions for that splendid magazine dealing with principles and methods called The Church School. Note the honor roll.

Wadesboro	15
West Market Street	30
Thomasville	10
LaFayette Street, Shelby	10
Centenary, Winston	5
Chestnut Street, Asheville	11
Trinity, Charlotte	8
Tryon Street, Charlotte	20
Gilkey	6
Long's Chapel	8
Central, Monroe	5
Central, Spencer	5
Haywood Street, Asheville	5
Jamestown	5
Mooresville	6
Hendersonville	5
Burkhead, Winston	10
Walnut Street, Greensboro	6
Canton	6
Central, Asheville	12
Rutherford College	5
Mount Zion, Cornelius	6
Caroleen	6
Grace, Winston	10
Lexington	6
Lenoir	10
Andrews	6
Brevard	10

WESLEY BIBLE CLASSES

On September 15 I mailed out 200 letters to pastors in the Western North Carolina Conference containing a self-addressed stamped envelope for reply asking for the names of Wesley classes in their charge together with name and address of president and teacher of each. One hundred and five replies have so far been received. Many pastors reported no Wesley classes but gave list of classes that ought to be Wesley classes. They greatly favored the cause. We are greatly obliged to the pastors of the following charges for reporting classes as follows:

Belwood circuit	6
Walnut Street, Greensboro	6
Spring Garden, Greensboro	6
Brevard Street, Charlotte	6
Norwood,Randall	6
Davidson-Huntersville	5
Park Street, Salisbury	5
Brevard	5
Thomasville	5
North Wilkesboro	5
Waynesville	5
Wentworth circuit	4
Southside, Winston	4
Cooleemee	4
Race Street, Statesville	4
Catawba circuit	3
Lenoir	3
West Market Street Greensboro	3
Epworth, Concord	3
Waxhaw circuit	3
Franklin Ave., Gastonia	3
Bethel, Asheville	3
Burnsville	3
Haywood Street, Asheville	3
Greensboro circuit	2
Centenary, Greensboro	2
Gibsonville	2
Belmont Park, Charlotte	2
Bakersville	2
Central, Asheville	2
Stony Point circuit	2
Mount Zion, Cornelius	2
Mount Airy	2
Pleasant Garden circuit	2
Morganton	2
Ruffin circuit	2

The following charges have one Wesley each: Walkertown, Connelly Springs, Franklin, Centenary, Winston; Wilkesboro, Sulphur Springs, West End, Winston; Liberty Street, Winston; Old Fort, Biltmore, Granite Falls Denton circuit, Newton, Mocksville, Grace, Winston; Trinity, Charlotte; Burkhead, Winston; Asheboro.

There are many other Wesley classes in the conference which we hope to get in touch with at some subsequent date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Our Sunday school anniversary held during our recent annual conference was interesting and full of profit, if one is to believe the general comment heard from those present. A number of topics were pointedly and ably discussed in eight, five and ten minute talks. This gave a varied and and entertaining presentment of the Sunday school's field of endeavor.

Rev. W. A. Lambeth, chairman of the Sunday School Board, presided over the meeting in his own inimitable way and kept the program going in high gear all the while. The Sunday school cause is fortunate in having Brother Lambeth at its head. Having been closely identified with our Sunday school activities for the past nine years, he is easily the best posted man on our recent Sunday school history and needs. He is careful in details and far-sighted in plans.

In addition to the chairman and the other conference talent, a list of which recently appeared in the Advocate, Rev. E. Hightower, associate editor of our Sunday school literature, was present and fittingly and humorously ended the program. He pleaded for modern methods in dealing with eternal verities. He said the fellow who constantly opposed changes and thought the best things were locked up in "the good old days" reminded him of the following lines he used to hear sung:

"The lightening bug is brilliant,
But it hasn't any mind;
It stumbles through exstience,
With its headlight on behind."

N. C. CONFERENCE

ROPER CIRCUIT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday, October 19, was spent with Rev. L. E. Sawyer on the Roper circuit. Brother Sawyer had planned a full day for the Secretary. Beginning with Sunday school at Roper at ten o'clock, we drove to Pleasant Grove for Sunday school at eleven o'clock and to Mackeys at twelve, back to Pleasant Grove for services at four and Roper at eight. In this way it was my privilege to bring a Sunday school message to all the regular attendants on the Roper circuit in one day.

The pastor on this circuit has a real interest in the Sunday school work and is determined to make the schools under his control measure up to the best standards of efficiency. He is ably assisted in this respect by the Superintendents of the three Sunday schools.

The following classes have registered with the Department of Teacher-Training at Nashville and are on the active list at the present time:

Elizabeth City, Rev. J. M. Ormond, leader.
Graham, Rev. J. R. Edwards, leader.
Louisburg, Miss Lucile Womble, leader.
Moyock, Rev. T. J. Folger, leader,
Pollocksville, L. R. McDaniel, leader.
Raleigh, Prof. J. B. Derieux, leader.
Roseboro, Rev. R. H. Munns, leader.
Smithfield, G T. Whitley, leader.
Smithfield, Mrs. L. T. Royal, leader.
Stumpy Point, E. M. Hooper, leader.
Wanchese, Mrs. Pet Daniels, leader.
Wilmington, Mrs. Chas. J. Keene, leader.
Trinity College, Rev. H. E. Spence, Director.
Durham, Durham Training School.
Burlington, M. C. Terrell, leader.

A number of classes are in process of organization and their names will appear on this list when they have resistered with the Department of Teacher-Training at Nashville. Other classes are registered but are classified as inactive. We ought to have a great many more classes registered for this Training Course. Our Conference has been known throughout the bounds of Southern Methodism as one of the most advanced in Sunday school work. Let us not fall behind in this most important task of training teachers for better service.

The following individual students are also registered for the Training Course from this Conference: Mr. L. T. Edens,(has Gold Seal Dip.) Mr. W. D. Lowrinmore, Mrs. Chas. Stone, Miss Sarah Leslie, Miss Nanoline Tyler, Miss Sallie Atkinson, Mr. J. T. Jerome.

THE CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is hoped and very earnestly desired that before the close of this year all of the Sunday schools in this Conference will have made a subscription to the Centenary and taken a Special. It is the purpose of the Department of Missionary Education of the General Sunday School Board to put on a Conservation Program in the Sunday schools, culminating on Sunday, December 28th. We expect our Sunday schools in the North Carolina Conference to be 100 per cent in this work. The following literature and helps can be secured by writing the Field Secretary: Subscription Blanks, Booklet, Centenary Sunday School Specials, Blank application for Specials, Treasurer's Book, Class Record Books.

The Conference Centenary Cabinet has made the Field Secretary Director of the Centenary Program in the Sunday schools. District Directors will be appointed and their appointment announced in the near future.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary: I am glad to inform you that we have organized a Training Class for teachers in our Sunday school. We met last Sunday afternoon at my house and discussed the problem pro and con. At one time the discussion seemed mostly con. But our pastor was with us and he finally convinced even the most doubtful that it ought to be done and it could be done. We had five who finally decided to join. We made out an order for five copies of "Life in the Making" which I understand is about the easiest of the three books suggested for beginning the course.

We elected a President and a Secretary, and they elected me teacher. I didn't want to be teacher, and don't feel like I can teach the class, but, with God's help I am going to do the best I can with it. We decided to meet Sunday afternoons at my house. We will have to do without some of the automobile rides, etc., but I know it will be worth any sacrifice. Anyhow, its a poor Christian that is not willing to make that much sacrifice for his church. Send me all the help you can in this matter.

Supt. New Town S. S.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

"I see where Doctor Bully, th' Cor'spondin' Sec'tary o' the Gen'ral Sunday School Board, says we lost more'n hundred thousan' scholars outen our Sunday schools las' year. I been a week gettin' over the 'sprise it gave me, an' I got a hurt feelin' inside yet.—I hove we have an investigation c'mittee to find out how many we lost outen this school, how we lost 'em, an' what we c'n do to get 'em back."

"Bein' able to quote Scripter ain't much 'count onlessen it helps you to live 'cordin' to Scripter."

"The Cent'nary slogan bein' 'No shrinkage but a increase,' I'm advisin' the members of my class to each put in a nickle extra when we take our Missionary c'lection ev'ry month."

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At our Annual Conference I shall be on hand with receipts for specials, but cannot give any receipts for Orphanage Assessment. This I deeply regret, but it is beyond my control. I wish our Orphanage Assessment did not have to be put with the general budget of our Conference. Until such a change is effected we will have to abide by the law of the Church. The above explains why I will not be able to give receipts for Orphanage Assessment.

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It is earnestly desired that all of our pastors will plan to hold services on Thanksgiving Day or the following Sunday. Even the four year pastors, as well as others who expect to move, can arrange to conduct services on this important occasion. Unless ALL of our preachers hold Thanksgiving services the Orphanage will receive a hard blow. Thanksgiving is the great harvest season with all of our orphanages. It is the time when the thought and sympathies of our people turn toward the Orphans of our Church and State. All the Orphanages of the State are expecting great things at that time. Let me appeal to every one of our loyal and sympathetic pastors to do all that lies within his power to secure a big offering at that most fruitful season.

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Last week we called attention to the fact that Thanksgiving was drawing near and urged that the drive for donations to Orphanages be speeded up. We wish we might find some way of presenting the matter as strongly as it should be set before the people. The cost of living is so well known to everyone as to be no longer appreciated in its relation to institutions like ours and the dozen and a half or so of others in the State. In the outside world while prices have gone skyward the market value of commodities and labor have kept up pretty well with them. The laborer who used to buy $1.50 and $2 shoes and wore them as long as they held together, now without protest pays from $6 to $10 for footwear and is mighty particular how they look. He can pay more because he makes more.

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FIFTH SUNDAY.

J. W. Alspaugh, Centenary, Winston-Salem, additional, $100; S. C. Morgan, Zion, Gold Hill, $2.50; R. I. Love, Friendship, Newton, $4.30; W. B. Ward, Central, Concord, $11.42; D. F. Morrison, Wesley Chapel, Troutmans, .76; A. C. Morrison, Bethel, Cabarrus, 5.68; D. F. Mast, Valle Crucis, Valle Crucis, $5.55; Jas. C. Booker, Tryon St., Charlotte, $29.57; J. A. Magee, Burkhead, Winston-Salem, $11.98; J. A. Magee, Burkhead, Winston-Salem, $13.45; C. H. Sullivan, M. E. ss., Ansonville, $9.89; R. L. Bowman, Wadesboro, Wadesboro, $115.85; R. L. Bowman, Wadesboro, Wadesboro, $53.55; R. L. Speer, Center, Boonville, $5.05; total, $369.55.

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R. L. Shuford, Main St. Baraca Class, Thomasville, $25; Mrs. John S. Roth, Elkin, $2.50; Miss Bennie M. Fadden, S. S. S. Class, Charlotte, $6.25; Mrs. F. S. Detter, Ladies' Aid, Dallas, $2; Mrs. Mary Thomas, High Point, $5; total, $40.75.

CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT.

Districts	For General Work	For Conference Work	Total
Asheville	$6,695	$ 7,645	$14,340
Charlotte	9,481	10,828	20,309
Greensboro ..	7,757	8,858	16,615
Marion	5,739	6,553	12,292
Mt. Airy	5,257	6,003	11,260
N. Wilkesboro	2,764	3,156	5,920
Salisbury	7,968	9,099	17,067
Shelby	7,553	8,626	16,179
Statesville ..	8,525	9,735	18,260
Waynesville..	5,249	5,994	11,243
Winston	8,322	9,503	17,825
Total	$75,310	$86,000	$161,310

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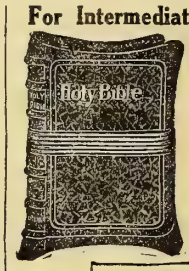
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LEADERS IN INTERCESSION

Space forbids our publishing the returns from every Church in the matter of Intercession and Tithing. As a substitute for that we are giving below the five leaders in the Conference.

Largest No. of Intercessors

Rev. H. A. Humble New Bern ...348
Rev. G. F. Smith, Louisburg 279
Rev. A. J. Parker, Red Springs...261
Rev. Walter Patten, Greenville...248
Rev. W. A. Code, Rocky Mount...235

Largest No. of Tithers

Rev. R. F. Taylor, Golston 175
Rev. C. T. Rogers, Trenton 168
Rev. J. W. Aurty, Magnolia 136
Rev. R. E. Pittman, Mt. Olive 114
Rev. J. M. Wright, Jackson 105

Connectional Claims

In spite of much talk and the wide distribution of printed matter there prevails, in some quarters, an idea that the Centenary payments include the assessments for Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension. We cannot be too emphatic in stating the necessity of paying the connectional claims in exactly the same proportion that we would do if there were no Centenary money to be paid at all this year. Handle the assessments for Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Church Extension precisely as you have been handling them, sending the money to the various Boards and making report of such collections in your regular Conference report. Do not confuse these items with Centenary payments. Send Centenary money to the Centenary treasurer, D. H. Dixon, Goldsboro. Do not put it in the Conference envelope for the Board of Finance. If you take Centenary money to Conference give it to the representative of the Conference Centenary Treasurer. Mrs. E. G. Manthe, secretary in this office and in Mr. Dixon's office will have a table in the Church at Conference and will receive Centenary payments and is authorized to give receipts for same.

A Centenary Clean Sheet

The North Carolina Conference subscribed $1,770,493.00 without credits. The first one-fifth of this is now due. This means that we should collect by Conference $354,098.60. Of this amount approximately $85,000 have been collected and reported. It will require a strenuous spurt and early reporting to get a 100 per cent record up by Conference.

It requires some times as much as three weeks for us to get the money out of the bank after it has been reported to us as deposited. In order that we may have an adequate report to be read at Conference we should have the money reported in this office not later than November 1st.

In the next issue of the Advocate we will publish a report showing the standing of each district and charge in the Conference, its quota, its subscription and the amount paid in. This report will be supplemented in the Conference report which will be given in a display chart showing the amount paid in through Friday of Conference week.

Correspondence

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Dr. J. C. Rowe, our beloved presiding elder, has served out his quadrennium, which time under the laws of our Church is the limit of continuous service in his office, and whereas his life and character have stood for that which is pure, ennobling, and inspiring; and so thoroughly merited our love, admiration and imitation:

Resolved, 1st. That we loath to give him up as our presiding elder and that whoever may be his successor, we shall miss his Godly example and ministry, and that upon leaving us, he takes with him our prayers for his guidance in the best possible service he can render our Lord and Master.

Resolved 2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes of this fourth quarterly conference.

Resolved 3rd. That a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

T. L. Chaney,
C. H. Barrier,
W. J. Corzine,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, our conference year is nearing the close and our beloved pastor, Rev. M. H. Vestal, will be called to the annual conference to give an account of his work at Epworth and Center, and to have work assigned him for the coming year, therefore be it resolved:

First. That we most heartily endorse his work among us this year and earnestly request our presiding elder, Dr. Rowe, to do all in his power to have Bro. Vestal returned to us next year.

Second: That we recognize Brother Vestal as a devout man of God, ministering to the souls of his people and pointing men to the way of eternal life and doing all he can through the power of God for the uplift of the Church and its spiritual relation to the Father and the relationship of its members one with another.

Third: That we recognize the great growth of Christian influence of his family in our Church as well as in our social life; especially his kind and loving wife, who has given so much of her time, talent and energy to active Church work.

Fourth: That these resolutions become a part of the minutes of this quarterly conference, a copy be handed to Brother Vestal and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

T. L. Chaney,
C. H. Barrier,
W. J. Corzine,
Committee.

ELLERBE CIRCUIT

Though all of our churches were closed for first three months of Conference year, we hope we have made some advancement. Centenary, you know, held us in its grip first half of year. Our quota was $3,000. Our subscription was $4,100.

Debt of about $500 against the parsonage has been paid. Debt of $300 against our church in Ellerbe has been paid. This church was dedicated by Rev. L. S. Massey at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Oct. 12th. Brother Massey preached for us again on Sunday night. The sermons were both fine. Our people were delighted and want Brother Massey to come again.

Remodeling of Mt. Pleasant church and painting is now well on the way. When finished this will be one of our neatest country churches. The interior of Ellerbe church has been much beautified by additional work during the year. We have held four protracted meetings on the work. At Ellerbe Rev. J. P. Bross, of Troy, did the preaching. It was great preaching. He knows how to uncover sin. His argument in presenting the gospel was masterful.

At Jones Springs church I had no help except that Rev. N. L. Seabolt, from Montgomery circuit, and Rev. A. S. Parker, from Biscoe circuit, each preached for me once, to the great pleasure of all our Jones Springs people. At Concord church Rev. W. F. Trawick, from Mt. Gilead circuit, did the preaching. Brother Trawick charmed our people at Concord. His preaching was of a high order, yet couched in such language that even the child could understand. We said "Amen!" We all love you, Brother Trawick. At Mt. Pleasant church, where we have just closed, we had no help. Six were added to the Church on profession of faith at Concord and seven at Mt. Pleasant. At this place as well as at the other churches, a large number have been greatly revived. We thank God for the great outpouring of His Spirit. Amen and amen.

G. H. Biggs.

WOODLEAF CIRCUIT

The meeting at Woodleaf resulted in 15 accessions on profession of faith, the one at Gay's Chapel 12; the meeting at Cleveland resulted in 9 accessions. We have received in all 62 members this year, 55 on profession. We were assisted by Revs. E. O. Cole, R. C. Kirk and N. R. Richardson. These all did faithful work. The new Church at Gay's Chapel has been finished at a cost of $3,000 free of debt. Three of the churches have paid more than assessed on pastor's salary. The Woodleaf congregation has presented the pastor a purse to buy a new overcoat.

E. J. Poe.

BROOKSDALE REVIVAL

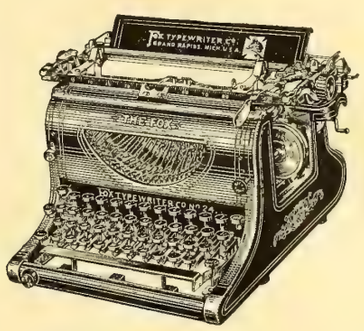
Brooksdale Methodist Church has just witnessed one of the greatest revivals in her history. The services began the fourth Sunday night in September, and closed Friday night, October 3. The power of the Holy Spirit seemed to be present from the very first service. Many earnest prayers were offered and personal work was being done before the meeting started. The Church we believe was wonderfully revived. There was a seriousness in the hearts and minds of the people which spoke of their deep concern for the unsaved. People who perhaps had never before spoken to a person about giving their heart to God, went out and plead with the unsaved to come to Christ. Large crowds attended each service. The people from Brookland Church joined us in this meeting with hearty cooperation. The greatest visible result of the meeting was that thirty-six united with the Church on profession of faith.

Rev. O. W. Dowd was with us and did the preaching after the first service. He preached with great earnestness and power, and the people to whom he preached soon caught the same spirit. Brother Dowd preaches Christ and makes the only way into the kingdom through Him. He both believes and feels what he preaches. He shows the human as well as the divine part in the plan of salvation. We are sorry that he is so soon to leave Roixboro, for he has been a great blessing to the town and coun-

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EVERY LEAGUE TAKE A LOOK!

Sunday, October 19, was Mission Study Rally Day. It is hoped that every league, large or small, either junior, intermediate, or senior, will form a mission study class. Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer and Savior has commanded His followers to look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest; and also told of the alarming fact that the reapers are few! Although there are more reapers today than ever before in the history of Christiandom, yet the fact remains today that reapers are just as few if not fewer in comparison to the great open doors and the receptive minded, waiting, longing, hungering, and thirsting world.

When General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was asked the secret of his success in the multitude of souls won and wonderfully transformed by the grace of God into useful men and women he replied, "God has all there is of me; there have been men of greater wealth than I, of greater brains than I, of greater social standing and influence than I, but from the day I realized the conditions of the poor of London and got them on my heart, God had all the influence of my life, all the power of my will, and all the adoration of my heart." His look on the fields is the cause of his consecration and his consecration was the cause of his success.

How are we going to comply with Christ's command to look on the fields; how are we going to get on our hearts the poor, sinning, suffering, dying, lost, in the great fields of the world? We will never make an earnest and honest effort to reap these fields until we realize and know that the harvest is ripe and falling in waste to the ground. Very few of us can go to China, Japan, Korea, Mexico, India or Africa, and view the fields first hand, but we can look through the eyes of those who have gone and taken a look first hand. We can take an intelligent and an inspiring look through the following books prepared for our mission study courses:

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WANCHESE CHAPTER

Dear Editor:

We note your request for news from Leagues, and we are at a loss to understand why so few Leagues write any account of their work, whether it is good or bad. I think we ought to know in part at least how the Leagues are moving. As for this I have no doubht that you are all tired hearing from it; but it seems we just can't help writing once in a while to let you know we are living, if not doing much. If for no other reason, we ought to write to let the world know that we love our League enough and Christ enough to give it all the publicity possible. From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, so let us write once in a while and give our good editor something to put in the League page. Let's just swamp him with with live news from every League.

Mr. Editor, I am glad to tell you that we had a very interesting devotional meeting at the church Sunday night, the 21, conducted by the writer, not interesting because he was leader, but because of the fact that a large number took part. It was an experience or testimony meeting; we used one of the regular League topics the subject of which was, "Have I ever Had My Prayers Answered?" After some Scripture readings and some comment on the topic, we called on as many members as would testify as to the way they know that they had their prayers answered; quite a number responded, and gave us something worth listening to. It was so helpful to hear these noble ones tell how the Lord had blessed them in so many ways, and had answered their prayers; no League can hold a more interesting meeting than one along this line. It is not only interesting and helpful, but it is a means of getting the younger members, the backward ones to take the first and greatest step in any Christian life and that is to stand up for the Lord and not be ashamed to own His cause, we regret to say that while our meeting was a success, that there was not as many of our members to testify as we would like to see, I believe this due to the fact that we do not hold enough of this kind of meetings, there seems to be a backwardness on the part of our young people to speak out for Christ, that to all earnest ones is painful, why should a truly devoted Christian, one who professes to lead the Christ life, the best he or she can be afraid or backward when asked to testify for Him? "If ye are not for Me ye are against Me." My young fellow Leaguers there is not one thing to be ashamed of! It is the greatest and only life worth living. So why do you hesitate to speak out for God?

We forget that Christ said "Seek ye First the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness, and all things else shall be added unto you. On the street corners, in the shop, in the office, we are so apt to hear everything talked, except that which is of God, and His cause

I believe by keeping up these testimony meetings, we can lead many of our young ones to make forward steps, and once they take the first step it is like the infant child, they will grow stronger, and will soon be ready and anxious to get an opportunity to say a word for their Lord.

Some one says, "Experience or testimony meetings have gone out of style." We will admit that, and it was a bad thing for our Church when they went out, and let me add that style and religion will not mix, it is like water and oil you may pour it together but it will not mix, so with style and religion. If I had to mix some styles with my religion I am sure one or the other would have to go. If I kept the style I could not keep my religion, and if I kept my religion, I could not cater to the style. Style or no style, let's have more pure religion. I do not mean that I believe in growing stale; I believe in progress so far as it is best. Methods and ways cannot stand still, but pure religion can never change. There is only one way, any one trying to get in by some other way is a thief and a robber. Let us cling to the old old story of Jesus and His love.

This is no time to be ashamed of our Lord, let's own Him like men and women, and hold up His banner at every opportunity. We can can have our social side of League life just as well, we do not mean to drop other features of of our League, this will only help us to be more sociable and lovable, toward each other, we cannot and we must not lose sight of the fact that every branch of our Leagues work is only a means to an end, and that end is the instilling into the hearts and minds of our young people true Christian principles. May the Lord bless our young Epworth Leaguers and make of them great and good men and women, is my sincere prayer.

Yours in His cause,
T. H. Baum, Cor Secretary.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

CHIPS

"Halloo, boy!"

"Halloo, man!" the answer came back quick as a flash.

"Stop a minute, will you?"

The boy stopped and turned about, grinning.

Mr. Arthur Milman, artist, had strolled beyond the village limits, looking for the picturesque to fill his sketch-book.

Catching sight of a tattered urchin, swinging an empty, tattered basket, it looked as if he'd found something to fill the bill, or rather a page of the book. The boy's face was keen, but full of a jolly good nature.

"What's your name, my son?"

"Chips!" the word came with a twinkle.

"Oh, I see! well, Chips, if you want to earn a quarter easily, you stand still a little while just as you are and let me make a picture of you."

Chips grinned in delighted appreciation, and the artist sketched away.

Chips was really a noted character—he was a monopolist. The men who owned the large wood-yard let him have all the kindlings. They were willing to do it without cost, in view of the fact that he was the mainstay of his mother, who was too feeble for much work. But Chips was no beggar; he meant to do business on business methods. Therefore, he paid a small price for the kindlings, and sold them out by the basketfuls, supplying most houses in the village.

Everybody liked Chips, he was so industrious, so kind to his mother, so ready to give and take a joke. He had a gay word for every housewife or servant maid; he grabbled off his cap and said, "Thank you," with rough politeness, every time he was paid for the kindlings.

It may be thought strange that other urchins did not poach on Chips' preserves. Indeed, it was tried once or twice, but Chips could fight as well as work, and he pounced on the offenders in a fashion not to be desired. After that, the manager of the wood-yard, wishing to give the boy the best chance, and not being devoid of humor himself, posted the following notice:

"The owners of this yard have sold the right to deal in kindlings to Richard Holmes, otherwise known as 'Chips.' Any one trespassing on these grounds will be handed over to the police!"

So Chips was really a monopolist, though he didn't know it until Mr. Milman, the artist, said so, after Chips had explained his occupation.

Mr. Milman took a great liking to the boy.

Chips marched off, frowning hard ing back to the city pretty soon, and all winter long I'm going paint pictures. There are several things I'd like to put such a bop as you in. How would you like to go with me? You could learn to take care of my rooms, and then pose for me when I needed you. I'd give you—let's see." Mr. Milman thought a minute, and then named a sum that made Chips' eyes dance.

"Think it over, and ask your mother."

Chips' face fell at the word "mother."

Chips marcehd off, frowning ahrd. That night he lay awake—an unheard-of proceeding. One thing he resolved. "I'll not trouble mother with it till I've settled it myself." It was not the first time he had shielded her from anxiety. Toward morning he went off to sleep.

When he awoke and had plunged his towsled head in cold water, everything cleared up. He knew!

It was like him to go straight to Mr. Milman.

"Well?" the artist asked.

"I've thought it over, sir! I'd like to go, but mother couldn't spare me. Yes, sir, I know it's big money to what I get now, but it's just this a-way. You wants me three months, say. Then I comes back, an' some other boy has my place, 'cause they can't have the kindlin' litterin' round. An' the wood-yard man has promised me a place 's quick 's I'm big enough so it's slow an' sure. But it's mother mostly. She'd grieve every minute. 'Tain't like she was strong. Thank you, sir, but I've 'cided."

There were pretty nearly tears in the honest eyes. Mr. Milman grasped the boy's hand; he never wanted so much to paint him as that moment.

"I'm proud of you," was what he said, "and when I come back next year we'll make up for what we can't do this winter, eh?"

As the boy turned away, the artist thought to himself, "Chips has a good head and a good heart."—Morning Star.

A STORY OF LIGHTS

The night had come. The sun had disappeared, and birds had tucked their heads beneath their wings to rest. A night bird flew close to an electric light.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You give so little light compared with the sun!"

"I do the best I can," said the light. "Think how dark this corner would be if I were not here! People walking and driving might run into one another and some one might get hurt."

"That's true," said the bird; and away he flew. Then he came near a gas light, standing apart from houses and busy streets.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You do not give as much light as the electric light!"

"I do the best I can," said the light. "Do you not see that steep bank just beyond? If I were not put here, some one might fail to see it and fall."

"That's true," said the bird and away he flew.

Soon his sharp eyes spied a lamp in a window.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You do not give even as much light as the gas light."

"I do the best I can. I am in the window to throw light down the path, that Farmer Brown may see the way when he comes home. I do my best."

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Little Hannah Louise came to gladden the hearts of her parents, but she is gone and left a vacant place in the home which nothing can fill. Another tie has been given the fond parents, and heaven comes closer, as they realize that their babe is waiting and watching for them in the "morning land.'

Mrs. Nettie DeFord.

ROBERTS.—Miss Angie Roberts who recently passed away was a patient sufferer the last few months of her life.

Her interest in the highest and purest things was evidenced by her daily living. No fault was found in her daily living. All the bereaved and friends mourn their loss.

Guy Hamilton, Pastor.

AN APPRECIATION.

Dr. Mark Petway Perry, of Macon N. C., was born in Halifax Co., N. C. March 2, 1858 and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Morris in Wilson, N. C. Oct. 17, 1919. For thirty five years he had been a faithful, successful, practicing physician. He did a large practice and was loved and appreciated to a remarkable degree by vast numbers of people whom he had served, during this period of more than a third of a century, with untiring skill and fidelity.

His parents, Mr. Elijan Boddie Perry and Mrs. Sally Burgess Perry, were endowed with those sterling qualities of character which are expressed in honesty, fidelity, and righteousness to such a degree it is no wonder that the Doctor's life should have so beautifully exemplified those same characteristics. He loved his profession, and with honor and dignity he met the requirements which it put upon him.

For a number of years Dr. Perry was County Superintendent of Health in Warren County and looked dilligently after the details of the work which this office imposed upon him. The State Medical Society gave expression of their appreciation of him and his services by retaining him as their treasurer for a long period of years. For nine years he was an appreciated and valuable member of the board of stewards of the Methodist Church in Macon, N. C.

Few men, possibly, have been more devoted to their families than was he. On April 24, 1884, he was happily and fortunately married to Miss Florence Brame, of Warren county. She with six children (all of whom have arrived at years of maturity) sadly mourn the death of their affectionate and devoted husband and father. From the time of his acceptance of Christ up to the time of his passing away he beautifully lived his profession of faith in his Master. His acceptance and interpretation of the Divinity of Christ was simple, convincing and inspiring. Among his last words were assurances of his readiness and willingness to go.

D. N. Caviness.

GIBBONS—On Sunday afternoon, June 22nd, Charles Gibbons passed peacefully away at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. H. Gibbons, in Jonesboro, N. C. He had been in poor health for several years and had made a brave fight to regain his health, but all to no avail.

Brother Gibbons was born at Jonesboro thirty-five years ago and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, early in life at this place. Here he received his preparation for college, and later he attended Trinity College.

After leaving college he took up office work with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company at Hamlet, N. C. He proved himself so capable in this work that he was soon called to a more responsible position at Charleston, S. C. He was rapidly forging to the front in this position when his health failed and what promised to be a most brilliant career was suddenly ended.

Brother Gibbons now returned to his childhood home in Jonesboro, where he hoped to regain his lost health. But the malady had rooted itself too deeply to be dislodged by the skill of any earthly hand. Just a week before his death he returned from Johns Hopkins Hospital where he had been for treatment. It was now evident to all that the end was near.

And so here in his childhood home where he had grown up, and where he had been a patient sufferer for about three years, he ended his earthly pilgrimage. The members of the family, his mother, three brothers, and two sisters were at his bedside when the end came. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. L. H. Joyner, a former pastor, and the body laid to rest beside that of his father in the Jonesboro cemetery. May the God of heaven comfort his bereaved children.

C. R. Ross, Pastor.

PITTMAN—On August 26, 1919, the the soul of Mrs. Alvah Pittman was very suddenly called in to the presence of her Heavently Father. She was born May 31, 1855, in Beaufort county, the daughter of William and Ariminta Tripp. On May 17, 1883, she was married to Mr. Alvah H. Pittman.

In her early youth she became a member of the Methodist Church and so beautiful and consistent was her Christian life that in her death her Church has suffered an irreparable loss. Even though her health was somewhat impaired she faithfully attended every service. On the Sunday before she passed away she was in her accustomed place, and what a benediction her presence was!

In her community, because of her sound judgment and wise counsel, she was the one to whom the younger women instinctively turned for advice. Because of her deep love of truth, her unfaltering sincerity, her faculty for sympathetic understanding she held a warm place in the hearts of those who knew her best.

How can we tell of what her life meant in her home? Let us not try for the deep sorrow of her husband and daughter in their bereavement speaks more eloquently of their loss than could any words, however beautiful.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

On October 6th, God in His almighty wisdom, saw fit to call unto Himself Thomas B. Tyson, one of our best citizens, member and co-worker, therefore be it resolved,

1. That Mt. Olivet Methodist Church and Sunday school, of which he was a most excellent and worthy member, who was ever at his post of duty, wish to record our sincere love and appreciation of the purity, devotion and dignity which marked his type of a consecrated Christian life.

2. That we will ever cherish the memory of his noble character, Christian influence, and active service in our Church and Sunday school.

3. That his loyalty to his family, his Church, his country and his God will ever be a monument and guiding stone to those who know him or may ever know of him.

4. That we extend our tenderest sympathy to his three children, whom he so dearly loved and toiled for, also his grandchildren and relatives, and pray God's richest blessings and guidance upon each of them.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, one to the paper of his county, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, and one be placed upon our minutes.

S. R. Richardson,
G. W. Teague,
B. F. Brown.

RAPER—Born, January 5, 1863. Married to D. W. Raper, May 8, 1884. Died at Clifton Springs Sanitarium October 5, 1919.

The above are some of the important dates in the life of a noble Christian character. In early life Sister Raper united with the Methodist Church and remained a faithful member of the same. She loved her Church, and gave loyal support to its every undertaking. I was her pastor in Edenton for four years, and after nearly twenty years I remember her as one of my best friends in that congregation. May her lord prove to be a source of comfort to her loved ones in their day of sorrow.

R. H. Willis.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the Worshipful Master, Warden and members of Jerusalem Lodge No. 95, A. F. and A. M.:

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions concerning the death of Bro. W. W. Ormond, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, on Oct. 4, called our beloved brother, William Watkins Ormond, from labor to reward, from work on earth to rest in heaven.

Be it resolved: 1. That we submit with uncomplaining and reflective faith in the wisdom that did not stop death in its mission.

2. That we, the members of Jerusalem Lodge, have lost a worthy and most valued member, whose memory we cherish and whose virtues of soul stimulating benevolence, vigorous, patriotic citizenship and warm, sincere friendship we wish to emulate.

3. That we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

4. That Jerusalem Lodge Hall be draped in mourning for 30 days and that a copy of these resolutions be sent the widow of our deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Lodge, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. G. C. Edwards,
N. F. Palmer,
G. C. Taylor.
Committee.

R. C. Rouse, Sec.

HATHAWAY—Sister Mary E. Hathaway was born Nov. 20, 1842 and died Sept. 21, 1919, and was buried in the family burying ground near Zion Methodist Church, Gates county.

She lived a busy and active life up until about a year ago when she fell and sustained an injury from which she never fully recovered. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church early in her girlhood days. She was devoted to her Church, her family, and her host of friends.

Her husband, Jacob Hathaway, died in 1905. She leaves five sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

B. T. Hurley.

SWINDELL—On a beautiful Sabbath day, when God and heaven seemed very near, Mr. A. B. Swindell's eyes closed in sleep to awaken no more on this earth.

Mr. Swindell has gone to stand before his Saviour, for whom he has worked faithfully and untiringly, to receive the reward for labor in His cause, well performed. For many years he was leading steward and trustee of Soule M. E. Church, South. Though in his last year he could not be quite as active as he wished, yet he was a never-failing source of good, fatherly advice to the other members of the official board of the Church of which he was a member.

Therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we, the official board of Soule M E. Church, South, have lost an untiring worker and leader.

2. That Soule M. E. Church, South, has lost a devoted and beloved member.

3. That Soule M. E. Church, South, extends to the bereaved family its heartfelt sympathy, and prays that the sweet influence which his life shed in the home may continue to bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the grief-stricken family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Church.

Z. Benson,
S. W. Boomer,
Geo. Makely.

MARRIED.

SPRUILL-LEARY—On Sept. 14, 1919, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Alfred D. Leary, Miss Sarah Jane Leary to Mr. James T. Spruill, Rev. L. E. Sawyer officiating.

LEARY-McALISTER—At the residence of the bride's father, Sheriff J. T. McAlister, on Oct. 15, 1919, Miss Isabelle McAlister to Mr. James F. Leary, Rev. L. E. Sawyer officiating.

DAVENPORT-CHESSON—At the residence of Mr. C. W. Snell, on Oct. 19, 1919, Miss Lillie Fay Chesson to Mr. Raymond L. Davenport, Rev. L. E. Sawyer officiating.

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District Appointments

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
H. M. North, Presiding Elder

Maxton, October 31.
St. John and Gibson, at St. John, 3 p. m., November 1 and 2.
St. Paul, at Barker's' Conference, 2 p. m. and preaching at night, November 6.
Raeford, at Raeford, 11 a. m., November 7.
Red Springs, November 7, at night.
Rowland, at Centenary, November 8, at 11 and 2.
Lumberton, at 11, November 9.
Lumberton circuit, at E. Lumberton, at night, November 11.
Rockingham, November 11.
Hamlet, November 12.
Montgomery, at Shiloh, at 11, November 13.
Troy, at night, November 13.
Roberdel, at Roberdel No. 1, at 3 p. m. November 15.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbee, at 11, November 16.
Richmond, at Zion, at 3 p. m., November 16.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
NOTICE

The District Stewards of the Winston-Salem District will meet in Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, Tuseday, November 11, at 10:30 a. m.

The District Centenary Conservation Group meeting will be held at the same place Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 2 p. m. and ending with a night session.

The District Stewards are all expected to attend the stewards meeting in the forenoon. They are invited to remain for the Centenary Conservation Group Meeting that afternoon and night. At this meeting the following are expected: The pastors of the district, the District Director, the Local Church Director, the Minute Men, the Charge Lay Leaders, the Church Lay Leaders, the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools, the Presidents of the Epworth Leagues, and representativees of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

Entertainment will be provided. Names of all persons expecting to attend should be sent promptly to Rev. G. T. Rowe, D. D., Winston-Salem.

Frank Siler, P. E.

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Southside, November 2, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 4, night.
Liberty Street, November 2, night, Quarterly Conference, December 5, night.
Centenary, Novmeber 9, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 11, night.
West End, November 9, night, Quarterly Conference, December 10, night.
Walkertown, November 16, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m.
Burkhead, November 16, night, Quarterly Conference, November 6, night.
New Hope Circuit, Macedonia, November 17, 11 a. m, and 1 p. m.
Denton Circuit, Denton, November 18, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Linwood Circuit, Macedonia, November 19, 11 a m., and 1 p. m.
Welcome Circuit, Ebenezer, November 20, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lexington, First Church, November 20, night.
Davidson Circuit, Good Hope, November 21, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Davidson Circuit, Good Hope, November 21, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Thomasville, Main St., November 23, night Quarterly Conference, November 21, night.
South Thomasville, November 23, 3 p. m.
West Davie Circuit, Calahaln, November 28, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Davie Circuit, Oak Grove, November 29-30.
Mocksville, November 30, night Quarterly Conference November 28, night.
Southside Circuit, Vernon, December 2, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville, December 3, 3 p. m. and night.
Forsyth Circuit, Oak Summit, December 7, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.

Correspondence

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ty, and his work will tell for years to come.

Any Church will be indeed fortunate to have him as pastor next year. He is a man who has power with God and with men, and can do things.

J. A. Russell.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Brother W. R. Odell, at his own request, is, by this quarterly conference, relieved of the office of Sunday school superintendent of Forest Hill Sunday school, and

Whereas, Brother Odell has been the only superintendent Forest Hill Sunday school ever had, having served this school in that capacity for the long period of thirty-seven years, and

Whereas, Brother Odell has been a father to the Church and to the Sunday school, standing by it in times of distress, as well as in times of prosperity, serving faithfully at all times, therefore, resolved,

1 That we see brother Odell retire with genuine regret, and pray that he may still be with us as a brother beloved, and that he may enjoy many years of life.

2. That we furnish Brother Odell a copy of these resolutions, that they be spread upon the minutes of this quarterly conference, and that copies be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Concord Daily Tribune with request to publish the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed as follows:

J. C. Fink,	J. T. Howell,
M. D. Shoaf,	R. M. Taylor,
W. L. Robbins,	J. P. Fox,
E. A. Robbins,	H. S. Williams,
Jacob Simpson,	R. L. Burrage,
J. J. Goldston,	C. A. Winecoff,
C. S. Miller,	John A. Goodman,
E. T. Goldston,	L. C. Cook,
	T. J. Smith.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Westerville, O., Oct.—Illiteracy of foreign countries will be one of the chief obstacles to be overcome by the Anti-Saloon League and the World League Against Alcoholism in their efforts to make the world dry.

Not only will it be the chief obstacle, but the most costly one, in the opinion of dry leaders, and one of the prime objects the Anti-Saloon League has in mind in its drive for $50,000,000 in addition to its regular income is education of the people in the lands where existing temperance organizations will co-operate in a campaign for Prohibition, according to Ernest H. Cherrington, secretary of executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League and executive secretary of the World League.

Mr. Cherrington points out that it has taken 25 years of League effort on top of countless years of other efforts preceding the formation of the Anti-Saloon League, and $50,000,000 in money to make the United States dry. It will take additional funds to bring Prohibition enforcement up to the highest state of efficiency, he says.

In face of such facts the League believes the sum it is asking is very small for the needs. The illiteracy of the United States is but seven per cent, while that of the Balkan states is more than 60 per cent; the average in South and Central America is 65 per cent; in Mexico it is more than 80 per cent; in India it is 92 per cent; in Egypt, 93 per cent; in China 95 per cent.

"The world task would seem wellnigh hopeless but for the important redeeming fact that in the very beginning of our world missionary project we have the advantage of a great progressive nation with 100,000,000 population," says Mr. Cherrington, "including people of every country of the world, and toward which, in a peculiar sense, the eyes of the world are now turned, which is to present to all the results of a great experiment in National Prohibition.

"This fact which in the very nature of the case is bound to be known and recognized by the people of every country, will be worth more in most countries in propaganda for world prohibition than probably all other factors in the early stages of the movement. To see that the world understands and appreciates what Prohibition is doing in the United States and that the leaders of temperance movements in foreign countries understand the methods and plans by which results have been obtained here, constitute an important part of the foreign missionary work which should be done by the Anti-Saloon League forces during the next few years."

There are seven strategic points on which dry forces expect to concentrate in the immediate future, it is announced. These places are:

Scotland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, the Scandinavian countries, Russia and Japan. W. E. Johnson is at work in Scotland; Dr. David Ostlund has just arrived in the Scandinavian countries; others are ready to go at once to the other countries.

Prohibition efforts already have been made there which the League believes may be easily fanned into flames. Two states in Mexico already are dry, and complete prohibition, in the minds of the drys, would have tremendous effect on all the other Latin-American countries.

Scotland votes next year, and the drys believe that if it adopts Prohibition the whole British empire will follow.

In the Scandinavian countries there has been tremendous prohibition advance. Success of prohibition at the New Zealand polls is held to be insurance that Australia will go dry. Adoption of local option in South Africa would, dry leaders say, pave the way for Prohibition all over the continent. Russia is under Prohibition, and its continuance and enforcement would affect the Balkans favorably. A successful fight against the liquor traffic in Japan, would, League men assert, set a standard shortly to be adopted by the entire Orient.

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Amount of Capital paid up in cash	300,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year $——; Increase of Capital during year, $——; Total	$ 4,761,806.90
Income—From Policy holders, $2,226,250.55; Miscellaneous, $1,657,930.63; Total	$ 2,884,181.18
Disbursements—To Policyholders, $645,491,92; Miscellaneous, $1,044,727.21; Total	$ 1,690,219.13
Assets	
Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$ 261,477.41
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$ 4,270,048.93
Loans made to Policyholders on this Company's Policies assigned as collateral	$ 519,762 60
Premium notes on Policies in force (of which $—— is for first year's premiums)	$ 47,293.98
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 173,651.57
Cash in Company's Office	$ 9,663.05
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 9,302.36
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 648,054.03
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 99,006.22
Premiums unpaid	$ 166,426.22
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 63,690.25
Total	$ 6,268,377.60
Less Assets not admitted	$ 71,928.78
Total admitted Assets	$ 6,196,448.82
Liabilities	
Net Reserve, as computed	$ 5,210,592.51
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc.	$ 13,249.05
Policy Claims	$ 162,138.22
Dividends left with Company at interest	$ 155,211.49
Permiums paid in advance, including Surrender Values so applied	$ 21,183.54
Unearned Interest and Rent paid in advance	$ 12,909.57
Estimated Amount payable for Federal, State, and other Taxes	$ 39,722.91
Amounts set apart, apportioned, provisionally ascertained, calculated, awaiting apportionments, etc.	$ 26,559.01
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	$ 148,882.52
Total amount of all Liabilities, except Capital	$ 5,796,448.82
Capital paid up in Cash $300,000.00	
Unassigned funds (surplus) ..$100,000.00	
Total Liabilities	$ 6,196,448.82

President—S. M. Foster.
Secretary—F. M. Mead.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Insurance Department
Raleigh, July 3, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Lincoln National Insurance Company, of Fort Wayne, Ind, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

J. R. Young,
Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT
Modern Brotherhood of America
Moson City, Iowa

CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1918, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year	$ 3,423,704.63
Income—From Members, $1,545,502.58; Miscellaneous, $200,956.59; Total	$ 1,545,959.17
Disbursements—To Members, $868,294.53; Miscellaneous, $204,560.45; Total	$ 1,072,854.98
Policies or certificates written during year—Number of Policies, 2,563; Amount	$ 2,649,250.00
Policies or certificates in force at end of year—Number of policies, 50,216 Amount	$58,184,345.25
Assets	
Value of Real Estate (less amount of incumbrances),	$ 289,106.21
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$ 2,233,800.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 1,304,599.99
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 50,861.68
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 97,694.96
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 110,766.23
Total	$ 4,086,829.07
Total admitted Assets	$ 4,086,829.07
Liabilities	
Death Claims resisted	$ 4,000.00
Death Claims reported, but not yet adjusted	$ 202,319.
Permanent Disability Claims	$ 3,250.00
Sick and Accident Claims	$ 2,637.50
Salaries, rents, expenses, commissions, etc.	$ 5,557.31
Advance assessments	$ 11,531.49
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	$ 65,467.05
Total Liabilities	$ 295,262.70

President—T. B. Hanley.
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State of North Carolina
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, April 18, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Modern Brotherhood of America, a Fraternal Order, of Moson City, Iowa, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

Jas. R. Young,
Insurance Commissioner.

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"IF I COULD KNOW"

If I could know the heartaches bravely hidden
Beneath the smile of courage day by day,
I'd not withhold the kindly deed and thought
To cheer my friends upon their lonely way.

If I could know the struggle to do right
Of that poor fallen one so sore beset,
Not "Shame!" but "Bravo!" would I cry to him;
"Thou meetest foes whom I have never met."

If I could know the longing, pressing close
Beneath derision's sneer at holy things,
A friendly hand I'd reach across the gulf
And know the thrill that world-wide kinship brings.

—*Selected.*

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Editorial

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TO THE PASTORS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The lists of subscribers were recently mailed to all pastors of the North Carolina Conference, also blank sheets for listing all new subscribers and renewals to be settled for at the Annual Conference in Wilson. We will be very grateful to all if they will make this report up carefully before leaving for Conference and either mail to the office direct or hand in to the Advocate table at Conference. This will save much trouble.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS

District	For General Work	For Conference Work	Total
Asheville	$6,695	$ 7,645	$14,340
Charlotte	9,481	10,828	20,309
Greensboro	7,757	8,858	16,615
Marion	5,739	6,553	12,292
Mt. Airy	5,257	6,003	11,260
N. Wilkesboro	2,764	3,156	5,920
Salisbury	7,968	9,099	17,067
Shelby	7,553	8,626	16,179
Statesville	8,525	9,735	18,260
Waynesville	5,249	5,994	11,243
Winston	8,322	9,503	17,825
Total	$75,310	$86,000	$161,310

By Conference resolution the District Stewards are instructed to distribute the above assessments to the charges as two separate funds.

W. L. SHERRILL, Secretary.

THE STUDY OF MISSIONS

There has been no time in the history of the world when the Church took so seriously the command of our ascending Lord to "preach the gospel to every creature." It is no reflection upon them to say that the apostles themselves did not take it in. Their ministry broke over the boundaries of the Jewish race here and there, but the bulk of their efforts was expended among their own people. Paul, who was called and commissioned a little later wanted to do the same thing; but the Spirit led him into the great Gentile world. But apart from the early disciples, the missionary efforts of the Church have been far below that which the commission enjoined.

Why has this been true? We cannot believe that the Church has deliberately declined to obey the command of her Lord. She has always acknowledged Christ as her Head and accorded to Him the right to command; but she has failed to take in the significance of the command, and this has been largely due to a lack of intelligent study of the field. We have felt that the gospel is a good thing for our homes and for our communities, but we have been tremendously slow to look over the fence. We have paused sometimes long enough to thank God for giving us the gospel, and for the blessings that it has brought to us and to our civilization; but we have not taken the pains to really know what life is like without it.

Finally the women folk (God bless them! They lead in almost everything that is good) began to form Mission Study Classes. They would take a book that recounted what the missionaries had done in certain countries, what the possibilities of those countries were, the conditions that prevailed before the gospel was carried to them and the transformations that it wrought. A new interest in missions began to shine in their eyes, and enthusiasts began to spring up. Those who had gone under the impulsion of duty began to move under the compelling power of a new inspiration and to find the service a delight. They were only the few who took hold upon the work this way, but the number has grown and continues to grow—and in it is found one of the secrets of missionary development.

But why should Mission Study Classes be confined to the women of the Church? Can any one give a valid reason? If it has proved so advantageous for the women to get detailed information about the missionary work of the Church, will it not also be helpful for the men to get that information? To ask the question is to answer it. There is no other foundation upon which our missionary work can rest. No one can continue to give any heartfelt support to a work about which he knows nothing, or of which he has only a vague and general knowledge. And there is no miraculous way by which we can inform ourselves about mission work. We must study it. We must take the time and put forth the effort to read about the transformation our Christ brings about in the life of a Chinese, or a Japanese, or an African, or any of the rest, and the changes for the better that it brings into the communities of these people. In this truth is found the secret of missionary zeal and enthusiasm.

You cannot beget interest apart from information. The surface emotions may be stirred for a time from without, and a temporary response may be secured; but the impulse soon passes away and re-action comes. But when the soul is stirred by information that is imparted, when the enthusiasm is aroused by knowledge that becomes a part of himself, then you can count upon the interest being permanent. It springs from a source from within, and is a healthful enthusiasm that burns and glows with the passing of the months. Shall not this Centenary movement that has so stirred the Church result in a great increase in the study of missions on the part of our people—men as well as women? Nothing less than this can make permanent the great advance that has been made. When an army makes a dash forward against the enemy, its next job generally is to fortify itself in its new position. This study of missions is the fortification of the Church in her new advanced position.

WILLIAM A. FORBES

Our columns carried recently the announcement of the serious illness of Rev. W. A. Forbes, one of the older men of the North Carolina Conference and for several years upon the superannuate list. We had no further report from him until a telegram from Rev. J. M. Daniel on October 29th brought the news of his having passed to his eternal home.

Brother Forbes, the third child of Rev. John H. and Mrs. Mary Forbes, was born near Danville, Va., February 18th, 1846, and died October 27th, 1919, in his seventy-fourth year. He gave his heart to God in his ninth year, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Rock Springs, near Danville, Va. He moved from this community into North Carolina and settled at Roxboro where he entered heartily into the life of the Church. He became superintendent of a Sunday school, and was for a time superintendent in general of the Sunday schools in Person county. He was also a singing master in those days and taught several classes in singing. It was while here that he was licensed to preach, and for several years exercised his gifts as a local preacher.

In his twenty-first year he was married to Miss Virginia Powell near Milton, N. C., in May 1866. To this union two children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The other is now Mrs. D. C. Bryant, living near Wallace, N. C.

It was not until the year 1885 that Brother Forbes entered the itinerant ministry, joining the North Carolina Conference on trial at the session of the Conference which met that year at Charlotte, N. C. He then lacked only a few months of being forty years of age, but he has had a successful ministry. He served the following charges: Magnolia, 1886-7; Kenansville, 1888-9-90-91; Whiteville, 1892-93; Bethel, 1894-95; Mattamuskeet, 1896; Richlands and Jackson 1897-98; Dunn Circuit, 1899-1900-1901; Henderson, 1902. His health failed him in the fall of that year, and he took a superannuate relation for one year; but at the next Conference he was put back on the effective list and continued his work. His further appointments follow: Duke. 1904-05; Dover, 1906; Farmville, 1907-08-09; Atlantic, 1910. At the session of the Conference in 1910, held at Elizabeth City, he again asked for the superannuate relation, and his health never permitted him to re-enter the active work. During this time he has made his home at Buie's Creek, doing such work for the Church as he could and as opportunity offered.

During his pastorate on the Dunn Circuit his wife became greatly afflicted, and after a long illness died December 4th, 1900, at the home of the daughter and was buried near Wallace. On June 2nd, 1902, he was married a second time to Miss Leona Crowder, of Buie's Creek, N. C., who survives him. To them one child was born, but it died in infancy. However, they adopted a bright boy to whom they gave the name of Luther Forbes, and he also survives. No man in old age and failing health ever had a more self-sacrificing and devoted companion than did Brother Forbes, as the wife of his last days. Their companionship was beautiful.

Early in the year it became apparent that Brother Forbes could not long remain with us, but it was only five weeks ago that he took his bed. He suffered no pain, just gradually weakened away until he fell on sleep to wake in the glory land to which he looked forward with an ever brightening hope. This hope he made clear to all the many visitors who came to see him. He told his presiding elder, Rev. J. D. Bundy, to bear this message to his comrades: "Tell the boys I will not answer the roll call at Conference, as I am going to answer it in heaven." That roll call he has answered with exceeding great joy.

The funeral service was conducted from the residence at Buie's Creek on Tuesday afternoon, October 28th, 1919 by Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of the Methodist Church at Dunn, assisted by Rev. N. M. McDonald. Beautiful tributes were paid to his life and character by Brothers Miller and Egerton, of the Baptist Church, and by Brother Menus of the Presbyterian Church. Then on Wednesday morning his body was carried to old Rock Fish Church, near Wallace, and laid beside that of his first wife to await th resurrection morn.

For the facts contained in this brief sketch, we are indebted to Rev. N. M. McDonald, pastor of the Lillington Circuit on which Brother Forbes was living. He has been one of the true and faithful men of the North Carolina Conference He came in a little late in life, and spent only twenty-four years on the effective list. After all, that was nearly a quarter of a century, and during that time he held his place in the ranks and rendered valiant and effective services. May the great Comforter be very near to the surviving members of his family!

DEDICATION AT ELLERBE

It was the pleasure of the editor to spend the second Sunday in October with Brother G. H. Biggs at Ellerbe. This is a quite little village nestling among the sand hills of Richmond County. It is at the terminus of a branch of the Norfolk-Southern railroad running out from Candor on the Aberdeen and Asheboro line. The principal products of the soil are cotton and corn, though recent years have shown considerable development of the peach industry through that section. Between Ellerbe and Jackson Springs, a distance of about twelve miles, there has developed some very important farming interests in the last few years. Fifteen years ago land in that territory could have been bought almost for a song. One dollar per acre was a standard price. It is not so high yet as in some sections, but it has increased several thousand per cent.

The immediate occasion of our going was the dedication of the Methodist Church at Ellerbe. It has been built some four or five years, but the remains of a debt had delayed its dedication. This debt had been paid this year under the leadership of Brother Biggs, some needed improvements made, and a debt on the parsonage paid also. They now have a neat comfortable Church that will seat some two hundred people, and is adequate for the present needs of the community. Brother Biggs has done a good work this year which is his first on the charge, and is in good favor with his people.

Our stay was made very pleasant indeed in the home of the Misses Baldwin. We are indebted to others also for courtesies shown us. The Church was well filled at both hours on Sunday, and the people gave close attention to the preaching of the Word. Only pleasant memories of the occasion linger in our mind.

TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

Among the institutions of the Church in North Carolina none holds a larger place in the affections of our people than Trinity College. Its early history, as well as its later, has been one of fidelity to the Church and to the highest ideals of education. A decade has now past since its last change of administration, and the report of the Board of Trustees to the Western North Carolina Conference shows that these have been years of progress. The income of the institution for the past scholastic year was double what it was ten years ago, and the matriculation for the present year is double what it was for 1909- 1910. The growth along all lines has been in proportion to these figures.

The year 1912 seems to have been a sort of climactic year so far as gifts are concerned. They amounted that year to $1,418,146.89; but apart from that year, the gifts of the past year are considered the most important of any year in the history of the institution. Worthy of special mention are the gifts of Messrs. Benjamin N. and Jas. B. Duke, $24,000 to the current expense account for the increase of salaries and the employment of new teachers; of $60,000 in subscription to the Alumni Gymnasium; of $1,000 by Messrs E. A. and E. M. Cole, of Charlotte, for the establishment of the Eli ha Cole Scholarship; of $5,000 from the late B. D. Heath, of Charlotte; of $1,000 by Mrs. S. G. Ring and family, of Kernersville, for a scholarship in memory of John T. Ring; of $1,000 by Dr. John W. Neal, of Monroe, for a loan fund in memory of John W. Neal, Jr.; and of $1,000 by Rev. G. W. Vick and wife to the establishment of the A. D. Betts Loan Fund for the use of young preachers; of $1,000 from the will of Mrs. Grattan Williams, of Castle Hayne. This is not a complete list of the gifts, but they are sufficient to show that the hearts of our people are turning in increasing measure to this great educational institution, and are appreciating more and more its constantly increasing contribution to Methodism in this and other states.

Trinity Park School is likewise forging ahead in its work. It now has an enrollment of 229, which is much the largest in its history. It is standing in great need of more buildings, and the time is come when it should have some endowment to enable it to do its work to the best advantage. Altogether the college and the high school are giving instruction to about 1,000 pupils, including its work in the department of educational extension and its summer school work. North Carolina is peculiarly favored in that it has by far the best equipped college in Southern Methodism.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The First Issue of The Centenary Record is before us. It is to be published monthly by the Department of Finance, and is designed to keep our forces informed as to the progress of Centenary collections. On the inside cover page is found the standing of eleven of the Episcopal Districts. It will not be very gratifying to the pride of Carolinians to find that our District stands at the bottom of the list, having paid only 15 per cent. Brother Edgerton is a native North Carolinian, and he must have felt a little badly as he put that down. Never mind, we will be there with a clean sheet when the last record is made. The tar on our heels helps us to stick, if it makes us a little slow sometimes in getting there.

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The Strike of the Miners seems to be on at the time we go to press, despite the injunction of the government against it. Miners who do not belong to the unions seem to be sticking to their jobs. No report of violence in connection with the strike has yet fallen under our eyes. Under the authority of war-time regulations, the government is taking over the distribution of coal, even to the point of seizing coal in transit and delivering it to places and causes most needing it. The public has been assured that the government will do all in its power to meet the situation and see that necessary fuel is provided. What the outcome will be no one can now foresee, but let us hope that some amicable adjustment may be made that will not seriously interfere with the necessary fuel supply of the country.

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Hon. E. Yates Webb, of Shelby. was last week appointed as an additional United States District Judge for this district. This announcement is pleasing to th best people of the State. Mr. Webb has had a long career in Congress and has made a record as the advocate and defender of high moral ideals. To him is due the credit in large measure for having written into our laws the prohibition statute and finally the incorporation of prohibition in our Constitution. The Webb-Ken act will go down in history as the first great victory for prohibition legislation in Congress. Judge Webb is a member of the Baptist Church and has an irreproachable character as a citizen and as a statesman. The public is to be congratulated when such a man is chosen to administer justice in our courts.

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A Call For Prayer For Young Men has been issued by the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and the period fixed upon is Nov. 9-16. We can never be too insistent upon the right direction of the energies of young manhood, or too earnest in our efforts to accomplish that end. Our young manhood has in it great possibilities. These are measureless. If we can get this young manhood consecrated to Jesus Christ, it means untold blessings for the future of the human family. There is nothing that we should more earnestly covet. And here is at least one thing that we can all do in this behalf. We can pray for them. And after all there is nothing greater than this that we can do. Just think of the Christian world for one week engaged in prayer for its young men! Are these young men safe? There never was a time of greater peril, but they are safe if they are in the hands of Christ. The Church can nowhere do a greater work than by bringing these young men into the experience of personal salvation and leading them into the richer life of fellowship with God.

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A Move in the Right Direction is that made by the colored people of Raleigh on Sept. 26th, 1919. Dr. E. C. Brooks, Superintendent of Public Instruction for North Carolina, took the initiative in having the meeting called; but it appears that he met with a very hearty response from the colored teachers. Being at the head of the public schools of the State, he very naturally began principally with the teachers as very important leaders of their race, though the Conference was not confined, as we understand it, to the teachers. It led to a declaration of principles with reference to the relation of the races which we would be glad to publish in full if our space permitted. Together with certain correspondecne that led up to the Conference, this Declaration of principles is being issued in leaflet form from the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N. C. We trust that it will have wide distribution and that the spirit of it will be followed. Much race conflict, lawlessness and heart burnings would thus be avoided, and mutual co-operation would result in greater good to both races.

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The President and Prohibition. It was with some measure of surprise, we believe, that the people of this country woke up one fine morning to find that the President had vetoed the enforcement code which Congress had passed for the enforcement of war-time and constitutional prohibition. We were surprised, but not because it was out of accord with the President's position on prohibition from the beginning. It was not inconsistent with his past record; but we had thought that the sentiment of the country had been so overwhelmingly expressed that he would not care to interfere with it for the short time that was involved. Furthermore, the unrest of this country is greater now than it was even during the terrific struggle with Germany overseas. In comparison with the industrial unrest, there has been comparatively little blood-shed; open the saloons in the midst of the strikes and labor troubles, and you will see a widely different situation. Yet the President almost belligerently says that he will lift the ban as soon as the treaty of peace is ratified. We cannot help wondering what real interest of the country he thinks will be served by that course. Congress has acted wisely, as well as righteously, in overriding his veto.

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North Carolina in the Great War. North Carolina people have never failed to respond to the high call of duty in an hour of national peril. She has given freely of her means and her sons to hold up the standard of right, and in the last great conflict with the enemies of civilization she maintained her record of former years. The North Carolina Historical Commission is now canvassing the entire State for letters, diaries, pictures, newspaper clippings—in fact, all materials of any nature that throw light on the part North Carolina played in the great war. R. B. House, Collector of War Records for the Historical Commission, is in charge of this work; and any one in possession of any of this material will confer a favor upon the State and upon future generations by forwarding it to him at Raleigh, N. C. North Carolina has made much history in the past, but has been rather slow to record it. We trust this effort will meet with a hearty response, and that these sources will be secured before they have been hopelessly destroyed.

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE ADVOCATE

By President W. P. Few

The undertaking to merge the two North Carolina Advocates into one paper, having been approved in joint session by the presiding elders of the State and endorsed by both Conferences, was committed to the two old boards of publication with power to effect the combination. The merging of the two papers has been effected, and the one-Advocate plan has been working for several months

The two papers thus joined have had each a remarkable separate existence. They were among the very best in the Advocate family, and their success was largely due to the single-handed labor and sacrifices of the two men who are now the editors of the combined paper. For this success and this sacrifice the Church will keep a glad and grateful heart for Reverend H. M. Blair and Reverend L. S. Massey.

Until now these faithful servants of the Church have not had a fair chance. They have been left to carry a load for which no one pair of shoulders is broad enough. The combined organ rests upon a solid foundation and has a large, and I believe will have an increasing, circulation. A division of labor becomes possible that will afford for each of these men an opportunity to give out the best that is in him; and North Carolina Methodists have the right to expect without undue delay the strongest paper in the Church.

The new undertaking was begun at a difficult time, and the great difficulties involved in the printing business will be appreciated by every one who will stop to think about them. The situation calls for patience; but the Methodists of the State ought to feel assured that the Board of Publication and the editors will this year do everything possible to give them the sort of paper they need and demand. But to do this the management must have the full co-operation of the preachers and laymen of North Carolina Methodism. Let every Methodist feel that it is his paper, that he should read it and work for it. It not only needs subscribers, but it needs Church news. A successful paper of this kind must be made by the preachers and people as much as by the editors. The right sort of news from the field is not only interesting but stimulating, and sets others to undertakings like those they read about. I am sure the editors will appreciate it if I bespeak the hearty co-operation of all our people along all these lines.

The Conferences can also help the paper by seeing to it that an organization is perfected that will insure for the paper the same stability and dignity that belong to other Conference institutions like colleges and orphanages. For permanent success this seems to me to be indispensable. The management must of course be responsive to the public opinion of the Church, but it should be so safeguarded as always to make sure that the public opinion it responds to is well defined and clearly represents the sober second thought of the great rank and file of our people. I particularly call to the attention of North Carolina Methodists this phase of the paper's future.

Personally I entertain the highest hope for the future of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. The problem of the Church paper has not been solved anywhere in the connection. I have the faith to believe that in North Carolina we are at least in position to work this problem out so as not only to meet our own needs but also to furnish a model for other states. To this end let us all give our utmost endeavor.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Nov. 1, 1919.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THOMAS

(St. John 20:24-29.)

I doubted all! I said, "Indeed too strange to be;
I'll not believe until I see
And pierce the wounds that bled for me,
And have mine eyes my doubts relieve."

He came! O Love Divine thus to dispel my fears!
And lo, five gaping wounds He bears!
Then, seeing these, through blinding tears
I cried, 'My Saviour, I believe!"

He stoops to fit to human needs His mercy seat:
O doubting heart, what truth more meet
To bring thee boldly to His feet
To say, O Lord, Thy child receive!

Costen J. Harrell.

DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO THE WILL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon

This is a time when every Christian should be quiet and unafraid. Any effort on the part of any man, or any group of men, to prejudice the minds of good people against a great movement, any attempt to array section against section just now, is likely to do harm to the cause of Christ which will not soon be cured.

The whole of society seems to be in a state of unstable equilibrium. No, that does not properly describe conditions. All equilibrium seems gone. Men anywhere who become so frightened as to lose their poise, are sure to add to the confusion the world is in the midst of. Always the Church has been the great stabilizer. Always the men of faith have brought peace and order to the world. Nervousness and fear may spring from several sources: They may come from ill health—in that case one should seek the advice of a Christian physician. They may come from a lack of information as to what is actually going on in the world—in that case one should seek for larger knowledge of affairs. They may come from lack of faith in God. There is, beyond doubt, what one has called "the atheism of fear." Let us confess that we all break down sometimes just here. May God pity us and help us!

It appears from certain communications published in the Church press, that the brethren who have all the while been opposing the unification of American Methodism on principle, have, since the Washington and Chicago race riots, become very active in their opposition to the will of the General Conference. These race riots have excited them. They are ready to believe things about certain members of the commission on unification which those members do not believe about themselves. The impression has somehow (since race riots have occurred up North) gotten hold of them that the majority of the commission representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are ready to admit that the colored man is intellectually and morally and religiously on a footing with the white man, and that he should now be admitted to social equality. It is feared that we are now to have the colored man riding in the same pullman cars, stopping at the same hotel, and worshipping at the same Church with our wives and daughters. It is urged by private letter and in public print that the majority of the commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have gone over completely to the historic Northern Methodist position. That the honored brethren who write these things are perfectly sincere, I do not for one moment question. They are among the best Christians in the world and the most distinguished ministers of the Church. But I shall ask pardon for saying it (and I trust that my saying it will give no offense to my dear brethren) my brethren are excited. They are needlessly alarmed. Or perhaps they are not so much alarmed as they seem to be and are just using the tense feeling now existing between the races in an endeavor to defeat the great plan for the unification of American Methodism, a movement to which they have all the while been opposed.

Unification is going to come about some time, in God's good time. If laymen and preachers who are leading in the movement to make the clock of human progress run backward, would only move to some state like Oklahoma or Missouri and see the folly of a divided Methodism in a united country, and see also that members of the Northern Methodist Church are after all good Christian people, and in addition see just what the attitude of the man from the North is to our brother in black—well, I am inclined to think that they would not be quite so greatly alarmed. Meantime, brethren of my dear old Southland, trust your commissioners. They will not lead our great Church astray.

As for the unfortunate colored man, may God help us to remember that Christ died for him also; and may God make us ashamed of having done so little for him. This is no time to be widening the chasm between the two races, in God's providence placed side by side in this country. This is rather the time to ask how to reach out to him a brother's hand. If the colored man ever needed Christian sympathy and help, he needs it now.

Dallas, Texas.

UNIFICATION AT CLEVELAND

By Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

(This article was intended for publication before the meeting of the Ad Interim Committee in Richmond, but the congestion in this office made it impossible.—Ed.)

At the final meeting of our Commission on Unification at Cleveland I stated to the Commission that as I had been appointed a member of the Ad Interim Committee I desired to represent as accurately as possible the views of the membership of our Church at the meeting of that Committee in Richmond in November. Therefore, I would be glad to know the sentiments of our preachers and laymen in the sections from which the several members of the Commission came, or of those with whom they come in contact.

Bishop Denny wrote me that in presenting the question of Unification to the Illinois and Kentucky Conferences:

"I distinctly stated that the Chairman of the Joint Committee which is to meet in Richmond on Nov. 3rd had said to the members of our Commission that he would be glad to have the opinion of our people in the committee from which the several members of the Commission came or from which they could be learned. I had in mind the statement you made to our Commission in Cleveland just before we adjourned."

As a member of the Ad Interim Committee I do desire to properly represent our Church, and I shall appreciate any information concerning the views of our people on the general subject of Unification and the issues involved. While, of course, there is no doubt as to the right of an Annual Conference to discuss such questions and to vote upon them, yet I would not care to have it thought that such actions were taken by any Annual Conference at this stage of the negotiations in response to a specific request from me, for I had no thought that such action would be taken.

And now in view of statements which have been made to me, both oral and written, and in view of articles which have appearer in various papers, I have decided to state my position at the Cleveland meeting, as shown by the stenographic report. I have no hesitation in making this statement, because I have from the beginning in 1913 advocated the fullest possible publicity, and at the Cleveland meeting it was voted to admit the editors of Church papers and to permit them to print any part or all of the proceedings.

Two Reports

As is well known there were two statements before the Commission, one signed by seven representatives of the M. E. Church, and one by seven representatives of the M E. Church, South. At the meeting of our Commission, I offered three resolutions for adoption.

(1) The Commission of the M. E. Church, South, prefers the report presented by our representatives on the Joint Committee of Conference. (This was adopted unanimously by our Commission.)

(2) The Commission of the M. E. Church, South, presents the report of our members of the Joint Committee of Conference to the Commission of the M. E. Church as a definite proposal. (This was adopted by our Commission by a vote of 18 to 7.)

(3) In the event the Commission of the M. E. Church cannot see its way clear to accept this definite proposal made by our Commission, we request that a joint Committee of Reference, an Ad Interim Committee, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take under consideration the whole matter of Unification of American Methodism and report at a time to be agreed upon by the Joint Commission on Unification. (This was adopted, I think, with practical unanimity. I do not remember whether a division was called for.)

These resolutions indicate clearly the attitude of our Commission. All preferred our proposal as to the status of the negro to that proposed by the M. E. members of the Committee; eighteen of our Commission agreed to present our proposal definitely to the M. E. Commission; if our proposal was rejected, then we were willing to make another effort to come to an agreement.

Desire for Unification

Was our Commission justified in believing that our Church sincerely and earnestly desires Unification? There have been some statements and some articles which insist that the Commission should discontinue its work, because the Church does not desire unification or the further discussion of it. But those who have made these statements, so far as I have seen them, were opposed to unification at the time of the Atlanta General Conference. On this question of the desire for Unification by our Church, I made a statement to the Joint Commission at Cleveland, which I believe to be correct. (I give here the stenographic report.)

"When the matter came up before the Committee on Church Relations at the General Conference at Atlanta, the question was very clearly before the General Conference whether we should continue the negotioations, whether it was wise to go further, and, if so, on what basis. And that Committee was overwhelmingly in fávor of continuing the negotiations and on the same basis as had already existed. That is to say, when an effort was made in the minority report to instruct the Commission, to tell the Commission it must have regard to certain things, the great majority of the Committee on Church Relaions said: 'No, we do not want to do that. We have not done that before.' And when the point was distinctly made that the Oklahoma declaration did tell our Commission that it must not do certain things with reference to the colored membership, it was very distinctly emphasized that that statement was a mistake, that the Oklahoma declaration was not an *instruction*, it was a *recommendation*. And in the debate that followed on the General Conference floor, in order that it might be very clear, as the Chairman of the Committee on Church Relations, I made this statement: 'We stand on the Oklahoma platform. That says that we "*recommend*". We d not tie the Commission's hands. I was on the Oklahoma Committee which shaped that resolution and I think I made the motion to insert that clause. I understood it exactly as inserted, namely, that we "recommend" that the colored membership of the various Methodist bodies be formed into an independent conference holding independent relations with the reorganized and reunited Church. I believed that that was the correct statement of our position. At Oklahoma we simply requested that. We did not go any further. We did not say to the Commission you cannot do this, but "there is our recommendation". Judge Candler has said that he was willing to abide by the action of our Commission at Savannah. He intimated that he was willing to go that far, but his words now intimate that he is not willing to go that far. That Joint Commission did not break up or say: "We have come to an impossible situation." It said: "We transmit to our respective General Conferences the statement of those items which have been tentatively accepted by the Joint Commission, together with the statement of those items on which agreement has been reached, and we recommend the continuance of the Joint Commission.

"The above is the statement which I made on the floor at the Atlanta General Conference. So breth-

ren, I may be tedious, but I want to state as clearly as I can, my understanding of the meaning of our General Conference action—our General Conference did not bind our Commission with instructions any more than it was bound in 1914. And those instructions do contain a recommendation of what we think is wise. As far as I know there has been no change of view on the part of our General Conference. They reaffirmed the Oklahoma City declaration; but we not say that that is an ultimatum; we do not tie our Commission's hands. And we come here today with the practically unanimous vote of our General Conference saying as plainly as a body can say, that we desire the unification of the two Methodisms, if it can be accomplished by such methods that there would not be in our judgment greater damage wrought by the unification than by leaving things as they are."

"This, perhaps, is an additional fact which is worthy of mention, namely, that our General Conference by a very great majority (what was it? 194 to 74?) put itself on record as desiring the statement to be made that we desire unification so much that we want to declare to the brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church that we would call a session of our General Conference whenever the Commission of our Church declared that it was justifiable so to do."

(Extract from speech on same subject the following day.)

"Mr. Chairman and brethren: I hardly think it necessary to insist or to emphasize that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, desires the unification of the two Churches. Our leaders are men of sufficient vision to recognize that Methodism has a great responsibility in the world today, and that God has indicated our duty in the world of Protestant Christendom to carry on aggressive warfare against sin in this country, in Europe and in all the world. I do not think that anything further need be said to emphasize the sense of responsibility which is felt by the members of our Commission on that point. We know as Secretary Daniels said so forcibly at Columbus on last Saturday that Methodism is the Church which leads in all the great reform movements in this country, and that we are recognized as a militant Church against all forms of sin. And we are feared as no other Church is feared by the hosts of wickedness. We know also that if Roman Catholicism is to be met in this country and in Europe, Methodism must lead the van. And I personally am more deeply convinced than ever, than I was at the Oklahoma General Conference, or at the General Conference in Atlanta, that we ought to go the extreme limit of our convictions in order to secure unification. I believe, therefore, that there is only one question to be asked by each of us here, and that is 'what will, what policy will, what course will, best advance the interests of the Kingdom of God on earth?'

"In an article that I wrote some years ago on this subject and in some other articles since, I have stated very frankly that this was a matter of the very highest Christian expediency; that I thought the separation in 1844 was a matter of Christian expediency, and that our fathers acted wisely, for the best interests of Methodism in both sections of our great country when they decided that they could best do the work God had called Methodism to do in two organizations rather than in one. Now today the question of expediency confronts us again. What is best for the Kingdom of God? For us to unite, or for us to stay apart? And, if we agree that it is best to unite, what plan can we adopt that will secure the best possible results?"

(To be Continued)

SHORT STUDIES ON GREAT SUBJECTS

By T. Fulton Glenn.

The Praise of God in Song

That the praise of God in song is a divinely instituted department of Christian worship is clear from the teachings of both the Old and New Testament revelations. In the dawn of time the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy when the Almighty created our solar system. The next great event that enlisted angelic interest was the creation of Adam in the image and likeness of God. The celestial hosts no doubt were delighted to visit Adam and Eve in their Eden home, for the Creator Himself deigned to commune with them and to hold sensible converse with them. The exhibition of the Father's love and bounty around them must have stirred the poetry and pathos of their souls. They must have given vent to their emotions in holy song and Milton suggests as the words of their song the 148th Psalm, which he paraphrases thus:

Lowly they bowed, adoring, and began
Their orisons, each morning duly paid
In various style: for neither various style
Nor holy rapture wanted they to praise
Their Master, in fit strains pronounced, or sung
Unmeditated; such prompt eloquence
Flowed from their lips in prose, or numerous verse,
More tunable than needed lute, or harp,
To add more sweetness.

The Psalmist gives us a touching picture of the captive Hebrews in Babylon who had hung their harps upon the willows. "Sing us one of the songs of Zion," their cruel oppressors demand. The broken hearted captives respond, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land." Their souls were flooded with hallowed memories of the holy land and of Jerusalem, the city of their great king, and the center of their religious life and their national worship. The Jewish hymns sung in the Temple worship were accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and drums, to assist the voices of the Levites and the people. In Matthew's Gospel we find Jesus and His Apostles singing a hymn after the institution of the Lord's Supper. Paul and Silas made the old Phillipian prison ring with songs of praise to God, triumphing as mighty heroes of faith despite excruciating physical sufferings and torture. St. James in his Epistle recommends psalm-singing, and St. Paul the singing of psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

I must not fail to mention the sublime song of the angelic choir heard by the lowly shepherds, praising God and chanting, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace and good-will toward men."

One word in regard to singing in the family in connection with family worship. "In home's holy joys," it is possible to find another Eden. An incident related by Dr. Haygood will illustrate the point I want to stress. "We have heard one of our bishops tell of his child experience in religion. Even he, with all his gift of expression, cannot tell it all in words. The gesture, the tones, the looks on his face, told more than his tongue could express. How distinctly he recalled the time when his mother held him in her lap, and looked down in his face while she sang her favorite hymn:

Alas, and did my Saviour bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head?
For such a worm as I?

As the good mother sang the last stanza, tears dropped down upon the child in her lap and fell upon his face. As the good bishop told us these things his voice trembled and his eyes filled, as if he still felt his mother's arms about him. How deeply the impression was then made upon his tender mind, how intensely it has been retained, that a good and sinless one had died for him. What a pity that any child should have to grow up in a prayerless, songless home in Christian America?"

Let us make the atmosphere in our homes at least twice a day tremulous with the concord of sweet and joyful sounds. No family is exempt from sad reverses and misfortunes, but the intensely religious exercises I suggest would tend to lift the shadows of distress and transform the home into an Elysium. "Our incomparable hymns" as Milton calls them, grow in sweetness and richness as the years go by, like an old musical instrument.

The rise and rapid growth of Methodism in England is a strong plea for congregational singing in our churches. Historians call attention to the fact that Methodist singing in that day was a mighty agency seconded by the aid of the Holy Spirit, in spreading the revival fires that glowed so intensely in the hearts of the ministers who founded the Church. "Its inspiring melodies resounded and echoed over the plains and through the vales as if angels had come down from heaven to proclaim the final triumph of peace and truth in the earth." Fifteen thousand people assemble at Hanham Mount, Kingswood, England, to hear Whitefield. The preacher himself says "that to behold such crowds standing together and to hear the echo of their singing resounding over the mighty mass, suggested to him the scene of the general assembly of the spirits of just men made perfect when they shall join in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb in heaven."

Again, hear this eloquent Gospeler at Kennington Common in the city of London. Forty thousand people listen entranced as the preacher delivers his message of mercy—his powerful voice may be heard at the distance of a mile. Now he announces his hymn and you hear

The tide of music's golden sea,
Setting toward eternity.

"Such were the scenes which the Wesleys and Whitefield witnessed in London, Bristol, Newcastle and in many other places. The uproar of the furious mob was frequently calmed into silence by the songs of the multitude rising above the harsh dissonance of Satan's hosts."

Time would fail me to speak of the needed reformation in congregational singing in our Protestant churches. We shall never witness the great revival of genuine religion for which a few devout souls are praying so long as our preachers allow a few choristers in the organ loft or gallery to do the singing for the congregation. Now let me call your attention to a few Scriptural precepts: "Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the saints." O! praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him all ye people." "Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee."

The prophets denounced mere formal and soulless worship as offensive to God. The old Hebrew Psalmists, the Apostles and primitive Christians sang and prayed with rapturous ardor. God is offended and the Holy Spirit is grieved when our "hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies."

As we pursue our earthly pilgrimage let us sing away our sorrows, and let us learn to list the melodies of the upper sanctuary "where the saints of all ages in harmony meet."

TRUTH TABLETS: TAKE ONE OR MORE, AS NEEDED

By D. H. Tuttle .

You do not like pain. Then remember that God mingles pain and pleasure; the bitter and the sweet in this life, that He may stir us up to seek life eternal in another world where only the pleasant and sweet are found. See Paslm 16:11. Are you seeking that life?

Get Your Lesson

When afflicted ask God to show you why, and be humbled. James 4:10. To help you realize your need of it and to improve by it. Psa. 119:71, and 11 Cor. 4:17. Be sure to discover God's love in it (Heb. 12:5 to 11) and thank Him for it. A truly good man said, " I know of but one greater blessing than health, and that is, pain and sickness."

A Devil's Trick

If through life you only know suffering by seeing it in others, then you die a stranger to the sweetness of sustaining grace, and without that "trial of your faith, more precious than gold, which brings you unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." I'd be uneasy about eternity if I had too easy a time coming to it. Luk. 16:25. When the devil gets us to think that sickness is not sickness, he will soon have us saying that sin is not sin. Then what! Well, the devil takes a vacation until he is ready to introduce you to Hymenaeus and Alexander. See 1 Tim. 1:19-20.

Where is the Power?

Why did God punish David for numbering Isreal? That He might teach him that the power of God is not in numbers, but in the measure of consecration; the dynamo that makes faith weak or strong. Peter, was the storage battery of the Holy Spirit on the day of pentecost. We come to the realization of divine power not by addition of visible material, but in remainders found by self-sacrificing substractions. The more God subtracted the greater grew the fighting power of Gideon's army. To out count (or count out) in figures each other is a most grievous sin of sectarianism. It neglects the creation of fine quality for the mere bulk of quantity. Some men and some churches would be bigger if they were smaller. Some of us count too fast ever to count much for God.

Notes and Correspondence

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

—The post office address of Rev. C. C. Williams is Welcome, N. C.

—A new pipe organ has been installed in the Methodist Church at Smithfield, and was used for the first time last Sunday.

—Rev. Jim Green requests us to announce that his post office address is now Rutherford College, N. C., and will continue so until further notice.

—Mr. W. F. Davis reports a Teacher Training class of 30 members just organized at Wesley Memorial church, High Point, also one of 14 members at Prospect church.

—Rev. S. A. Stewart notifies us of his change of post office address from Kyoto, Japan, to 53, Nayasekawa, Hiroshima, Japan. Correspondents will please note this change.

—Rev. E. McWhorter, pastor of our Church at Chapel Hill, has been engaged in a revival service at Calvary Methodist Church, Durham, and increasing interest in the service was reported.

—Rev. L. C. Delp reports two good revivals on the Avery circuit just before Conference. In the two meetings there were 27 conversions and 12 accessions reported, and the Church greatly revived.

—Brother Benjamin Franklin Bell, a member of the M. E. church, South at Stony Hill church, Albemarle circuit, for more than 50 years, died October 17th, at the age of 78 years, 4 months and 11 days. He was one of the old land-marks removed to his eternal rest.

—Rev. S. A. Cotton, pastor of our Church at Smithfield, has been to Amory, Miss., to attend the bedside of his brother who was seriously ill. We see that he returned last Friday, but we have no information as to the condition of his brother. We trust that he is better.

—Since the consolidation of the two Advocates in North Carolina the average weekly circulation has been a little more than 18,000. The two patronizing Conferences have a membership of about 208,000. During the next year we hope to see a weekly issue of more than 20,000.

—The Coaster of October 17 says: "The revival services now in process at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will close tonight and Rev. H. B. Hill, pastor of Riverside Methodist Church, New Bern, will return Saturday morning. Much interest has been manifested in these services."

—Rev. R. F. Taylor and wife, of Goldston, passed through Greensboro on Monday night of this week. Mrs. Taylor was on her way to Baltimore, where she expects to take the radium treatment for internal cancer. We sincerely trust that she may be speedily restored to health.

—The friends of Rev. and Mrs. George D. Herman, of Mount Airy, will regret to learn that Mrs. Herman had to be carried to the hospital some days ago for surgical treatment. The latest news assures that Mrs. Herman is doing as well as could be expected and is on the road to recovery.

—Immediately on his return from Conference, Rev. A. C. Swofford, pastor of Salem Church, Winston-Salem, was subjected to a heavy pounding. The people of his congregation gathered at the parsonage very unexpectly and before leaving sang several songs and were led in prayer by the pastor.

—The Smithfield Herald says: "Rev. J. E. Underwood, presiding elder of the Raleigh district, preached a very able sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. This is Mr. Underwood's fourth year on this district and his many friends here will miss his quarterly rounds after conference."

—The Catawba News-Enterprise of October 1, contains the following item of interest to many of our readers: "Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Hoyle left yesterday for Shelby where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle made many friends during their two years stay in Newton who regret to give them up."

—Rev. B. Margeson, a former member of the Western North Carolina Conference, now a superannuate, living at Neosho, Mo., sends his annual message of love to his former comrades in North Carolina. He and his wife have been sick but are now better and testify to the goodress and gracious presence of God with them.

—Many of our readers will learn with interest of the marriage of Miss Majorie Irene Roth, to Mr. Arthur Stucker Kennickell, Jr., which occurred at the Methodist Church, Elkin, N. C., on Wednesday, October 29, at high noon. Miss Roth had been a music teacher in Salem College for some time and had many friends who will join in congratulations.

—Referring to the appointment of Rev.J. H. Lanning to Carraway Memorial, the Davidson Dispatch says: "Mr. Lanning is a graduate of Trinity College, class of 1919, and has qualifications which will make him a great power for good in the Conference. His many friends in this county wish for him every success in his new field."

—Children's Day exercises were observed in our Church at Warrenton on the fourth Sunday in October. Forty or more children, trained by Miss Mary E. Chauncey, took part in he program of songs and recitations. The importance of the Sunday school in the spiritual development of the child and its sphere in the religious life of the individual and community were also discussed.

—Referring to the removal of Rev. Ira Erwin from Asheboro, the Courier says: "Mr. Erwin has been a most popular and successful pastor and during his stay in Asheboro has made many friends, not only among his own congregation, but among the other denominations of the town. He and his good family will be followed by the kindly interest of their many friends to their new home."

—The Norlina Headlight of October 24 says: "The revival services at the Methodist Church closed Sunday night. Rev. G. B. Starling, of Littleton, did the preaching and we are sure that great good will result from the strong, able and logical gospel sermons preached during the week he was here. The two sermons Sunday were fine. Mr. Starling made many friends during his stay here.'

—As we go to press the gratifying information is received that a gracious revival is in progress at Greensboro College for Women. A deep work of grace is being experienced among the faculty and student body, Rev. Charles G. Hounshell, educational secretary of the Board of Missions, Nashville, Tenn., assisted by Miss Helen Hardy, secretary to the Woman's Council, is conducting the revival services.

—A brilliant wedding ceremony took place in West End Church, Winston-Salem, on Wednesday evening, October 29, when Miss Lucy Hodgin Hanes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanes, became the bride of Mr. Richard Thurmond Chatham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chatham, of Winston-Salem. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Daugherty, pastor of the bride, assisted by Rev. G. T. Rowe, pastor of Centenary Church.

—Rev. M. F. Moores and family were visited by the ladies of their congregation at Hendersonville just on the eve of Conference and subjected to a heavy pounding. Immediately after the visit of the ladies with toothsome things that appeal to the appetite, the Board of Stewards appeared on the scene with a purse of $200, which was presented to the pastor and wife in a fitting address by Mr. F. E. Durfee. It goes without saying that this pastor and wife were deeply appreciative and that they have no doubt of their welcome back to the charge for another year.

—In last week's issue we carried a nice cut of the new Church at Franklin. Brother Hayes, the pastor, calls our attention to the fact that we were in error as to the cost. The Church cost $22,000 instead of $40,000. The error occurred on account of the hurry of a belated edition and trusting to memory without looking up the facts which had been carefully furnished by Brother Hayes. The congregation is to be congratulated on the fact of having secured this house of worship before the advance in the cost of labor and material which would no doubt have run the figures up to $40,000.

—Rev. A. W. Plyler, pastor of Centenary Church, this city, presented the Conference Brotherhood to his congregation last Sunday morning and after a brief explanation of the plan took names for honorary membership. Without special pressure thirty-four names were secured. This should start the ball rolling and by another Conference we ought to have at least two thousand new names for the honorary list. Honorary members pay $1.00 on the death of a preacher who is a beneficiary member of the brotherhood. Preachers who are beneficiary members pay $3.00 on the death of a beneficiary member.

—Mr. Boyden Cox, one of our most substantial and loyal laymen on the Sparta Circuit, died at St. Leo's Hospital. this city, on Thursday night, October 23. Mr. Cox came expecting to attend the Conference and also consulted his physician, Dr. C. W. Moseley. He had been in poor health for some months past. He was quite ill on Wednesday when he arrived in Greensboro and had to go immediately to the hospital. His death was exceedingly sad. Nothing could be done to relieve him and he passed away before a message could reach his family at their home in Virginia, which is just across the line from Alleghany county. He was truly a good man and we shall see him again by and by. May God give His sustaining grace to the stricken family.

—The Methodists of Stokesdale had a splendid Rally Day service last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. T. V. Crouse, had planned an all-day service with dinner on the ground and the fine weather, together with local interest in a new Church enterprise brought out a splendid congregation for both services. At 11 o'clock the Associate editor of the Advocate preached an appropriate sermon on "The Grace of Liberty." A social hour following, with a splendid dinner in the grove, prepared the way for an hour on the subject of a new Church building for Stokesdale, led by the pastor. The pastor, the visiting preacher and a number of the laymen spoke enthusiastically in favor of a new and modern Church for the congregation and we predict that, before many moons they will have it.

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Darlington has authorized changes in the appointment of preachers as follows, since adjournment of the Western North Carolina Conference last week:

W. O. Goode from Trinity, Charlotte to Hickory; W. A. Jenkins from Lenoir to Trinity, Charlotte; R. D. Sherrill from Waynesville to Lenoir; G. D. Herman from Hickory to Waynesville; G. W. Vick from Calvary, Charlotte, to Badin; J. A Sharpe from Crouse to Calvary, Charlotte; J. E. B. Houser from Badin to Crouse.

E. D. Ballard, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of appointments, is appointed Junior Preacher on Lincoln circuit, and D. A. Clarke is assigned as a student in Trinity College. C. E. Rozzelle is appointed Junior Preacher at Mt. Holly.

J. H. Barnhardt, Secy.

NOTICE

The Class of the Second Year will please meet the committee at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, November 18, in the room assigned them.

H. E. Spence, chairman.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT STEWARDS

The Mount Airy District Stewards Meeting will be held at Rural Hall on Thursday, November 13, at 1 o'clock.

W. F. Womble.

NOTICE

I want to offer my services for the coming year as pianist or organist in revival meetings. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. John W. Autry.

Magnolia, N. C.

NOTICE

During Conference at Greensboro some one inadvertantly carried away from the second hand book table a copy of the Nelson Topical Bible, American Revised Version. A small book with flexible leather binding. Any information concerning it will be appreciated. Address Rev. W. F. Elliott, Pineville, N. C.

FRONTIER WORKERS NEEDED

The Department of Home Missions is looking for five men who are willing to do real frontier work as preachers of the gospel—four for Montana and one for New Mexico. These charges are in fine climate, high altitude and the field is not occupied by any church. The salary will range from $1,200 to $1,500, and the opportunities for doing good and building up the cause of Christ and Southern Methodism are unlimited.

I should like to correspond with men who would like to undertake this work. You can write me at 810 Broadway, Box 510, Nashville, Tenn.

R. L. Russell.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

As secretary of the North Carolina Conference for the past year I wish to make a few suggestions to the pastors in the North Carolina Conference as to their reports, which are to be made this year on new blanks.

1. In the printed journal there will be added in Table III only two columns of figures not indicated in the blank: one for "Centenary" and one for "Orphanage Special." These are the only additional items that should be given in the financial report.

2. Report of the assessment for district work, and the amount paid, should be made on Table III, but no report of this need be made to the Joint Board on the yellow slip. Settlement for this should be made with the Presiding Elder, or the Treasurer of the District Stewards.

3. Amount paid for "Centenary" should be reported in Table III, but this need not be reported to the Joint Board on the yellow slip.

R. H. Willis.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Following Were Made by Bishop Darlington at This Session of the Conference

Asheville District

Take Mt. Pleasant Church from Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant charge, thus creating Mt. Pleasant station.

Take West's Chapel from Swannanoa circuit and place with Biltmore Church, forming a charge to be known

as Biltmore. Thus abolishing Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant charge.

Take Sardis from Mill's River circuit, and Acton, Asbury, Oak Hill, and Bellview rom Sulphur Spring circuit, thus creating a new charge to be called Acton circuit.

Take Mont Morencie, Snow Hill, Laurel Hill, Pisgah, and Pleasant Hill from Sulphur Springs circuit, thus forming a new charge to be called Hominy circuit, thereby abolishing Sulphur Springs circuit.

Take Bonnie Hill Church from Spring Creek circuit and place with Walnut circuit.

Place Tryon Church back in the plan of service and put with Saluda, re-establishing the Saluda-Tryon charge.

Take Tabernacle Church from Swannanoa circuit and attach to Black Mountain.

Charlotte District

Take Duncan Memorial from Brevard Street and create a new charge to be called Duncan Memorial.

Take Moore's Church from Chadwick and put with Thrift, the charge to be known as Thrift-Moores.

Greensboro District

Abolish Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial charge and create two charges to be known as Carraway Memorial and Walnut Street stations.

Change name of Zion Church on the Greensboro circuit to Glenwood, and take Glenwood and Bethel Churches from the Greensboro circuit and create a new charge to be called Glenwood and Bethel.

Change name of the Greensboro circuit to East Greensboro.

Marion District

Take Forest City and Pleasant Grove from the Forest City circuit and create a new charge to be called Forest City and Pleasant Grove.

Take Spindale and Alexander Mills and add to the Forest City circuit, thus abolishing the Spindale charge.

Take Glen Alpine, Gilboa, and Denton from the Morganton circuit and create a new charge to be called Glen Alpine circuit.

Take Concord Church from Thermal City and attach to Marion circuit.

Mount Airy District

Take Mayodan and Mt. Herman from the Madison charge and create a new charge to be called Mayodan.

North Wilkesboro District

Take Clifton and Mill Creek from the Creston circuit and Methodist Chapel and Ashley from the Helton circuit and attach to the Warrensville circuit.

Salisbury District

Abolish East Spencer-North Main charge and create two charges to be called East Spencer station and North Main station.

Take Palmerville Church from the New London circuit and merge the congregation into Baden charge.

Shelby District

Abolish Eighth Street charge and create two charges called St. Paul and Trinity.

Take Lafayette Street from Shelby circuit thus creating a new charge to be known as Lafayette Street.

Take El Bethel from King's Mountain and attach the Shelby circuit.

Statesville District

Take Center Bethlehem and Mountainview from Catawba circuit and Friendship, Pisgah and St. Paul from Maiden circuit and create a new charge to be called Claremont circuit.

Take Harper's Chapel and Mt. Zion from North Lenoir circuit and attach to South Lenoir-Whitnel.

Take Whitnel from South Lenoir-Whitnel charge, Hudson, New Colliers, and Mt. Herman from North Lenoir circuit, creating a new charge to be called Hudson circuit. Thus abolishing the North Lenoir circuit and changing South Lenoir-Whitnel to South Lenoir.

Attach Marvin Church to the Statesville circuit.

Create a new charge in Mooresville to be called Dixie.

Change the name of the Hickory circuit to Westview circuit.

Waynesville District

Combine Highlands Mission and Glenville Mission thus forming one charge to be called Glenville-Highlands circuit.

Absorb the Tuckaseegee Mission by attaching to the Webster-Cullowhee circuit.

Take Martin's Creek, Brasstown, and Ogden from Ranger circuit, and Sweetwater from Hayesville circuit and create a new charge to be known as Hiawassee circuit.

Take Bellview, Ranger, Harris' Chapel, and Rogers' Chapel from the Ranger Circuit and add to the Murphy circuit, thus abolishing the Ranger circuit.

Take Marble from Murphy circuit and attach to Andrews station.

Take Dillsboro Church from Webster-Cullowhee charge and attach to Sylva charge.

Winston-Salem District

Add the word Salem to the name of the district, making the name appear as "Winston-Salem District" instead of Winston District as heretofore.

Take Vernon, Sedge Garden, and Bunker Hill from the Kernersville circuit and create a new charge to be known as Southside circuit.

Take Kernersville and Oak Ridge from the Kernersville circuit and create a charge to be known as Kernersville-Oak Ridge. Thus abolishing the Kernersville circuit.

Take Midway from Davidson circuit, and Erlanger, Ebenezer, and Center from Lexington circuit and create a charge to be known as Erlanger circuit.

Take Bethel and Yadkin College from Lexington circuit and attach to Davidson circuit, thus abolishing the Lexington circuit.

J. H. Barnhardt.

HILLSBORO CIRCUIT

We are so happy, and have never approached an Annual Conference with such sweet peace and assurance that the year has been so entirely spent in the will of God.

While not a great number has been added to the church, some have, and better still, some, both new and old ones, have been added to the Lord.

There has been a number of our best people who, having heard the good old Methodist doctrine of Entire Sanctification, have crossed out of the wilderness life and have come into Canaan and it truly does a preacher good to see them enjoy their religion—this great salvation from all sin—going on from day to day and from month to month rejoicing in their victory over the world, the flesh and Satan.

We have had a revival in all of our churches, and in one church God gave us two revivals with such abiding results that it is no unusual thing to baptize and receive members at most any ordinary Sunday service.

We hardly think there can be people anywhere who are truer, nobler and dearer than with whom we have fellowshipped during our two years' ministry on the Hillsboro circuit, Durham district, North Carolina Conference.

Remaining gratefully yours, theirs and His, I am ready to stay or go, ready for service or sacrifice, ready to live or die for this blessed gospel.

Marvin W. Hester.

ROUGEMONT CIRCUIT

We have just closed the second of two revivals, both of which were indeed to the glory of God. The first was at Ellis Chapel. Rev. E. C. Durham of Elm Street, Goldsboro, assisted us in this meeting. God used him mightily during the eight services which were conducted. The church was filled with people at the night services, and they came from many miles. Miss Maggie Ragan, of Durham, played the organ and sang some of her special revival selections. Brother Van Buren Ellis, in his testimonies, made the way to heaven attractive to all who heard him. He is a leaven in the community.

At the last service twenty knelt about the altar for baptism and church membership. Our people at Ellis Chapel will never forget Brother Durham—our prayers follow him.

Rev. J. C. Humble preached for us at Orange Factory church. A plainer declaration of Bible truth is seldom ever heard. There was not one under the sound of his voice who was not convicted of sin. The Christian people who attended are praying Christians. God honored our prayers and the preaching of His Word. The cold and indifferent renewed their vows again at the altar. A good number of adults gave their hearts to Christ. Not only is the church revived, but the whole community has been stirred to its depths.

Respectfully, D. A. Petty.

District Appointments

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round

	November
Yanceyville Circuit, 11 a. m.	1-2
Pelham, 8 p. m.	2
Branson, 8 p. m.	5
Lakewood, 8 p. m.	6
Calvary, 8 p. m.	7
Mebance Circuit	8-9
East Burlington, Webbs, 8 p. m.	9
Pearl Eno, Pearl, 8 p. m.	10
Rangemount, Mt. Sylvan, 11 a. m.	11
Memorial, 8p. m.	12
Trinity, 8 p. m.	13
West Durham, 8 p. m.	14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m.	15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m.	16
Roxboro, 8 p. m.	16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Fourth Round

	November
Kitty Hawk, Collington	1
Roanoke Island, Wanchese	2-3
Columbia, Columbia	6
Plymouth	7
Roper, Roper	9-10
Camden, Shiloh	14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	November
Hemp, Tabernacle	1-2
Carthage, Carthage, night	2-3
Goldston, 11 a. m.	8
Siler City	9-10
Parkton, Parkton, 11 a. m.	13
Hay Street	16-17
Person, Calvary night	16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C. Fourth Round

	November
LaGrange Circuit, LeGrange	1-2
Dover Circuit, Dover, night	2-3
Carteret Circuit, Harlowe	8-9
New Bern, Riverside, night	9
Vandemere Circuit	15-16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m.	16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round

	November
Mill Brook	1-2
Raleigh, Edenton Street	2-3
Raleigh, Central	2-4
Cary	8-9
Jenkins Mem.	9
Zebulon	14
Garner	15-16

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
H. M. North, Presiding Elder

Maxton, October 31.

St. John and Gibson, at St. John, 3 p. m., November 1 and 2.

St. Paul, at Barker's' Conference, 2 p. m. and preaching at night, November 6.

Raeford, at Raeford, 11 a. m., November 7.
Red Springs, November 7, at night.
Rowland, at Centenary, November 8, at 11 and 2.
Lumberton, at 11, November 9.
Lumberton circuit, at E. Lumberton, at night, November 11.
Rockingham, November 11.
Hamlet, November 12.
Montgomery, at Shiloh, at 11, November 13.
Troy, at night, November 13.
Roberdel, at Roberdel No. 1, at 3 p. m. November 15.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbee, at 11, November 16.
Richmond, at Zion, at 3 p. m., November 16.

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder, Weldon, N. C.

	November
Roanoke, Calvary	1-2
Littleton	2
Warrenton, Warrenton	7
Warren, Shady Grove	8-9
Ridgeway, Ridgeway	15-16
Weldon	16-17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.
Fourth Round

	November
Swansboro, Swansboro	1-2
Shalotte, Shalotte Camp	7
Town Creek, Bethel	8-9

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Fourth Round

	November
Nashville, Nashville	1-2
Spring Hope, Spring Hope	2-3
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	3
Elm City	4
N&S Rocky Mount, night	4
Fremont, Fremont,	5
Wilson, night	5
Farmville, Farmville	7
Greenville, night	7
Mt. Pleasant, Mount Pleasant	8-9
Stantensburg, Stantensburg	9-10
Vanceboro, Vanceboro	12
Bath, Asbury	15-16
Washington	16-17

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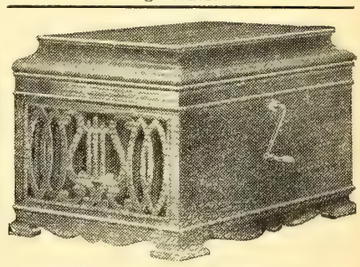
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REORGANIZATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Under the name of "The Jennie McDonald Missionary Society" the Young People's Society at Spencer, N. C., has recently been reorganized with the following officers: President, Miss Ferrie Dorton; vice president, Mrs. W. A. Hatley; recording and corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Hicks; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Lynch; superintendent of publicity, Mrs. B. F. Stevenson; superintendent social service, Mrs. R. J. Misenheimer; superintendent supplies, Mrs. L. O. Woodson This society was organized several years ago and has been doing a good work and we hope under the new name may do a larger and better service for the Master.

NOTES—WARRENTON DISTRICT

By District Secretary.

It gives me pleasure to state that, notwithstanding my inability to visit different sections of the District during the summer and hold group meetings, as has been my custom, the work has steadily grown, two or more new auxiliaries each quarter so far, due to the faithful work of some of our pastors and their wives and my Centenary Committee.

Let us all redouble our efforts this last quarter and see if we cannot organize four or more adult societies and in addition Young People and Bright Jewel Societies where we can. The young people's work is specially on our hearts at this time and we pray earnestly that they may heed the strong appeal for life enlistment. If we shall do this we shall be obedient servants, trying to carry out the recommendations of our Council and our Conference.

We shall have nearly 50 per cent of our churches on the district organized and we must work for the other half. We also rejoice that our financial report shows the same per centage of increase over last year, and one of our members has a peculiar joy in this because she sent us a bond of $100. I hope others may follow her example this quarter and that the closing of my books may still find me 50 per cent ahead. If so I believe we shall have the double pleasure of having in a measure discharged our duties, and of leading our Conference in more than one point. Imagine then what joy will be ours!

We are so glad to welcome the following organizations: Roxobel, Ahoskie, Aulander, Enfield, Halifax, Lewiston and Powellsville. Four of these are on the Harrellsville circuit, making six on that circuit which now leads the district in number of adult societies. We must all thank Mrs. J. J. Barker for this good work.

Oh, that every church on the district would follow the example of these seven churches! We have many other good workers in that section and you would realize that I am not claiming too much for them had you been privileged to be with us at our meeting in the summer of 1918 and seen the attendance at Winton of delegates from all the surrounding churches. We meet next at Ahoskie and expect even a larger attendance.

Let us all put much into our Week of Prayer that we may get the greatest blessing possible.

Again I beg of you to send me both reports, corresponding secretary and treasurer, and a list of your officers for the ensuing year, by December 31st. Do this and send full reports that I may give you all the credits to which you are entitled.

MISSION STUDY IFS

Did you organize a Mission Study Class during October? If you did not, organize at once so that you may have a part in the great campaign. If you have organized and have not reported it, do so at once that your class may be counted among the number having a part in the great campaign. If you have organized and have not filled out the Enlistment Card and mailed it to Mrs. H. R. Steele, do so at once that your class may be counted among those reported by Mrs. Steele at the next Council meeting.

If you have an interesting Mission Study Class report it to your superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity and send an account of it to the Woman's Page in the Advocate that others may get inspiration from what you are doing.

If you have not a Mission Study Class, why not? The books for the year are interesting and profitable for study. Mission study enlarges the vision, deepens the desire to serve and stimulates to greater effort.

We would appreciate it very greatly if all the young people in W. N. C. Conference who have organized classes recently would report same to Conference Superintendent of Y. P. Work, Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C. One of our societies writes us that they could not run the risk of being left off the Honor Roll this year, so got busy and organized. Perhaps others have so decided. Let us hear of all new classes and be sure to report same to Mrs. R. M. Courtney, Thomasville, N. C., Superintendent of Mission Study in W. N. C. Conference, and send enlistment Card to Mrs. H. R. Steele, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

EDGAR LONG MEMORIAL HOLDS A SOCIAL MEETING

Mrs. E. P. Dunlap.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Edgar Long Memorial Church, Roxboro, N. C., held a most pleasant social meeting Sept. 20th, on the beautiful lawn at the home of Mrs. J. A. Long.

It was given in honor of our much loved president, Miss Anna Webb, who has just returned from a hospital in New York after an operation for her eyes. The devotional service was conducted by Miss Webb and prayer was offered by Rev. O. W. Dowd. Five new members were added and $50 pledged for our worker in Changchow, China.

At the close of the meeting a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed and a delicious lunch was served in picnic style.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK ON DURHAM DISTRICT

Miss Mattie L. Pulliam, District Sec.

Durham district during this Conference year, has not asked for much space on our page of the Advocate, but we are going to ask for a bit now—at least, our young people are.

Early in July, when I received Mrs. Perry's letter regarding our campaign for Young People's Missionary Societies, I was just finishing my first reports, a work to me altogether new. Imagine my feeling when this most important work presented itself. For days, and during the routine of work in my home, my brain was busy in effort to plan for this campaign. Finally, plans effective in our war drives suggested themselves.

The first step in this work was to divide our entire district into five sub-districts, selecting a woman as near the center of these districts as possible, to make the canvass. The second step: to secure the woman, ready and willing to invest her time, her thought, and her prayers. It was September before we were organized, and it must be said that our district is fortunate in her loyal and enthusiastic workers. Already there have been organized by two of our Divisional Chairmen, five young people's societies and one Bright Jewel Band. While making this campaign they are not forgetting the children.

A notice of these societies with their officers will follow shortly and we hope others as they are organized. These women are at work, and no doubt their works will bring rich results. To them, and also to Miss Duke, our Conference Superintendent of Young People's W'ork, for the splendid suggestions she has given us for the campaign, we, as a district, owe a debt of gratitude.

We are glad to have the following article from Mrs. E. O. Chandley of the Asheville Woman's Sabbath Day Alliance, for publication. Just at this time when there is so much being said about the observance of the Sabbath and when there are so many movements looking to a stricter observance of God's holy day we feel that this paper is quite apropos. The Sabbath Day Alliance is a new organization in Asheville, only a few months old, but is doing good and telling work under the supervision of Mrs. C. E. Gordon, president, and her co-workers.

The Christian Sabbath as a National Defense

One great truth impressed upon us during the war was the fact that the best interests of the individual are bound up and made one with the best interests of the entire nation. Selfishness belonged to the slacker. Our interests became one when we were threatened by a common foe, and we forgot personal ambitions and pursuits in the common impulse of attaining victory. We gauged the patriotism of every man and woman by the answer to the question "How are they helping?"

If we today as a nation are not enjoying the life of social and personal goodness which is the consequence of right living, it must be true that there are many of us who are not helping as heartily to bring about a better state of affairs as we helped while we were immersed in the throes of a world war.

When we consider its potential significance, there is no blessing for which we should be more devoutly thankful than the blessing of one day of rest in seven. The Psalmist says "He knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust," which is a splendid reason for observing the Sabbath day if there were no other. God's command to observe Sunday as a day of rest and worship was given with a loving wisdom and thorough understanding of our frail bodies, as well as with a view towards increasing mental and spiritual strength. The sooner we realize that we can never defeat nor evade God's laws, the sooner we shall realize that we only live when we obey them.

The history of the nation which disregards the divine command in this regard we shall find to be one of decay and decline. If patriotism increases love of country and the shielding of it from its foes, then it is time for every citizen to answer the call to arms in the name of our Christian Sabbath.

A million boys are kept away from church and Sunday school for the sole purpose of dispensing ice cream and sodas on Sunday. Who is going to answer for those boys who grow up without the moral and religious training which many can get only through the Sunday school? Another million are kept from church to assist the golf players. Are the golf players ready to answer to God and to our government for the crimes that may be committed in the future through lack of training for these boys? Not long ago some one asked the question, "Why did the Church permit nations to suppose they could sin with impunity?" Would it not be as wise to ask why for decades the Church has been criticized because of her stand against worldliness? If it has fought a losing fight, it was because of the divided allegiance of so many of its adherents. The Christian Sabbath is a veritable bulwark of defense to the Church, as well as to the nation.

To keep us sane as a nation, to build high ideals of morality for future generations, to look toward a finer type of physical manhood and womanhood, to show the proper reverence to the God we worship, are these things not the results of proper Sabbath observance? In the train of these will follow the life of social and personal goodness God meant mankind to enjoy. To be truly patriotic is to covet earnestly these gifts for the citizenship of one's country—it is to be unselfishly striving for the common welfare.

The Christian Sabbath must be observed if need be at the expense of much time, of political power, of selfish aggrandizement, because in this way we can put the government upon His shoulders.

Mrs. E. O. Chandley,
Sec. Asheville Woman's Sabbath Alliance.

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHPORT

From the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity Church, of Southport, we have the following account of a recent meeting.

Our Woman's missionary auxiliary recently held a very interesting meeting when our Mrs. H. J. Faison was present and gave us a most instructive as well as spiritual address along all missionary lines. Our pastor conducted the devotional and the choir rendered beautiful selections, especially the solos of Mrs. Marshall C. Guthrie. This meeting was held in the church and attracted a large congregation.

Our meetings are usually well attended, the programs as suggested by the Council being used. We are much interested just now in getting the winter clothing ready for our orphans at Raleigh. Our local department is planning some social events in order to raise money for some contingencies.

We expect to send a delegate to district meeting at Wallace.

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and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

HEADQUARTERS MOVED

In order to be nearer the center of the Conference the office of the Sunday school field secretary for the Western North Carolina Conference has been moved from Greensboro to Lexington, N. C. Sunday school correspondents will please take notice.

ONE-THIRD OVER

Just about one-third of the desired number of subscriptions to The Church School have been received to date. Now that the Annual Conference is over and every one knows who his pastor for another year will be, no better thing can be done for the Sunday school than to supply its teachers with some live ideas, the kind The Church School furnishes.

The following schools reported subscriptions this week:

Carraway Memorial, Greensboro.. 10
Ramseur 10
Bethel, Cabarrus 7

FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Sunday School Board,
Gentlemen:

Your field secretary begs leave to submit his second annual report as follows:

For two and a half months following our last annual conference Sunday school work was at a very low ebb, probably the lowest in the history of modern Sunday school promotion. Our work in the Western North Carolina Conference was practically paralyzed because of the prevalence of a very severe epidemic of influenza, many schools not opening till April, the beginning of the second quarter in the new year.

During this time your secretary was engaged in attending Centenary group meetings and in pushing the Centenary campaign in the Sunday schools that were open. He presented the Sunday school Centenary program in twelve group meetings and was in a measure instrumental in securing 472 Sunday schools to agree to contribute a definite missionary offering each month.

Beginning with the first Sunday in February your secretary was busy for several weeks visiting each Sunday the larger centers in the conference, speaking to a central school in the morning and meeting with representatives from a number of schools in the afternoon. Six of our larger towns were thus reached and twenty other appointments were filled.

During the month of May a series of thirteen district institutes was held, each district being visited and two, the Greensboro and Marion, being reached twice. These institutes were in the main well attended and proved exceedingly profitable. Mr. M. W. Brabham and Miss Marie Hansen, two strong workers from central headquarters at Nashville, were with us throughout the itinerary and rendered valuable service. In these meetings Sunday school fundamentals were emphasized and in consultation with the presiding elder a district organization was perfected. In some instances this organization has become very active.

Following our district institutes came a series of charge institutes given over particularly to the circuits. This line of work was emphasized throughout the year and only ceased when the pressure of protracted meetings and conference collections more directly claimed the attention of our pastors. During this time seven district conferences were visited and at each the Sunday school work was presented. From July 20 to August 10 your secretary was at Lake Junaluska attending the training School for Leaders and then in aiding in the conducting of the first Wesley Bible Class Federation held in our conference.

Throughout the year plans were being formulated for a big Federation and so far as the program went it proved to be one of the best Federations in the history of the Wesley Bible Class movement throughout Southern Methodism. About 150 accredited Wesley Bible Class delegates attended from our own conference and some three or four hundred other well wishers augmented the attendance from time to time. But for a threatened railway strike the attendance would have in all probability been larger.

A splendid working organization was perfected at this Federation as follows: President, J. M. Holland, Gastonia, of our own Board; first vice president, J. Milton Todd, Charlotte; second vice president, Mrs. J. Lloyd Ranson, Charlotte; secretary, L. L. Gobbel, Lexington; treasurer, J. E. Smith, Reidsville. Under the leadership of its president this organization is proving very active and effective. During the year about fifty additional Wesley Bible Classes have been organized and only a beginning has been made.

In summary it may be stated that your field secretary has during the year made one hundred addresses in fifty separate charges in ten of the districts of the conference, presented the Sunday school work in twelve Centenary group meetings and seven district conferences, directed thirteen district institutes, conducted twenty charge institutes, promoted a conference Wesley Bible Class Federation, prepared and sent out twelve general letters to pastors and superintendents, and has written hundreds of letters dealing with individual requests for information.

The main points to which much attention has been directed throughout the year are: The Centenary in the Sunday school, teacher training classes, city standard training schools, departmental grouping for children and organized classes for young people and adults, the observance of Sunday School Day, circuit Sunday school conferences, a membership drive, Sunday school equipment, the use of Graded Lessons and the preparation of weekly notes in the Advocate. With the widening of acquaintances and the deepening of friendships this work can more effectively be developed as time passes. At present a campaign is being conducted for placing in our schools The Church School, a magazine for officers and teachers and dealing with Sunday school principles and methods. It is meeting with a degree of success.

Recommendations.

First—That the Board continue to furnish free of charge Sunday School Day programs to all schools which promise to observe the day and forward offering taken to the treasurer of the Board.

Second—That the Board continue its appropriation for listing the names and addresses of superintendents in the conference journal.

Third—That some financial provision be made for a better promotion of the district organization.

Fourth—That a definite sum be granted for one year only to the Wesley Bible Class organization for promoting its work.

Fifth—That sufficient funds be provided for placing in the field next year a conference Elementary Superintendent.

O. V. Woosley.

N. C. CONFERENCE

ROXBORO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By invitation from the pastor, Rev. O. W. Dowd, I spent Sunday, Oct. 6th, in Roxboro. In the morning, talks were made to the children and the adults in the Sunday school, and to the congregation of Edgar Long Memorial Church at the eleven o'clock service. In the afternoon we visited the Sunday school at Grace Church. I witnessed an unusual sight at this Sunday school service. At the close of the talk by your secretary, Mr. Dowd called for a decision for Christ on the part of the young people present, and more than twenty boys and girls gave their hands in token of a decision to live for Him.

A conference with the officers and teachers of the Roxboro Sunday school was held in the graded school building at four o'clock, where three Teacher Training Classes were organized. Miss Ethel Newton was elected director of religious education for Edgar Long Memorial Church. Miss Bessie Pulliam, who holds a Gold Seal Diploma, will teach the class for Teachers in Service. Misses Mary Nichols and Annie Harris will teach the classes for young people.

Under the leadership of Brother Dowd this Church has been going forward by leaps and bounds and so this latest progressive step was no more than we expected. The Sunday school has four missionary specials, one of which is a native Korean preacher. One hundred and thirty new scholars have recently been added to the roll. They have seven or eight organized Wesley classes. Nearly all the pupils of ten or over are members of the Church. The beautiful new building in process of construction will amply provide for the Sunday school. The Methodists of Roxboro are going to provide religious instruction for their children and save them for the Master.

CONSERVATION OF CHILDHOOD.

In his book, "Good Ministers of Jesus Christ," Bishop W. F. McDowell has a chapter on "The Ministry of Conservation." This chapter deals with the subject of saving childhood. He says that "the great blunder of our churches is the blunder of "adultism.'" And again he says, "we worship at the shrine of understanding and lose our children while we do it." He quotes Matthew Simpson as follows: "The Church by its neglect of childhood loses more people to the kingdom of God than all our revivals are able to bring back." I would like to recommend this chapter in Bishop McDowell's book to the earnest consideration of all who are interested in Sunday schools.

EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The first part of the Program of Evangelism is the Church-Wide Sunday School Membership Campaign. The plan of the General Board and the Committee on Evangelism is to press the Membership Campaign during November and December. The aim of this campaign is threefold: First, to recover those who have been lost to the Sunday school during the War; second, to secure new members; third, to relate plans for Sunday school enrollment very definitely as a part of the evangelistic campaign.

The Sunday school forces of our conference should conduct this membership campaign as early as possible. Campaign leaflets, visitation cards, and wall mottoes will be furnished without charge. Address Rev. Charles D. Bulla, Director of the Campaign of Evangelism in the Sunday school, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL.

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A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN.

Dear Mr. Secretary: We had Decision Day in our Sunday school last Sunday. We had a great day. Eleven boys and girls decided to give their lives into His keeping and unite with the Church at next Sunday's service. I have prayed for these young folks and I know that their teachers have been praying for them. Their decision has made us all feel mighty good. But, Mr. Secretary, I have been thinking lately about this thing of getting children to join the Church and then considering them saved and leaving them alone. It seems to me that we owe them a further duty. What kind of members are they going to make? Don't we have something to do with that? Can't the Sunday school give them some special instruction that will fit them for active membership in the Church? It seems like we usually get children to join the Church and then turn them loose for the forces of evil to have their sway over them. How about it? Can you help me?

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A few weeks ago I noticed in the papers that Brother W. W. Ormond, of Greene county, had passed away. Last week Brother J. M. Ormond, pastor of our First Church, Elizabeth City, wrote me that he was one of the executors of his brother's will. In the letter he stated that his brother had left a bequest to the Methodist Orphanage at the death of his widow, amounting to something like one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. This is the largest bequest that has ever been made to our Orphanage, and possibly the largest ever made to any orphanage in the state. Not knowing our friend and benefactor intimately, I cannot write fully of his life. A few years ago I preached at Ormond's Chapel and visited the home of our friend after service. He gave our orphanage a liberal contribution on that day and told me how deeply interested he felt in the good work we are trying to do for the fatherless children of our Conference. He was one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of his county. He has two brothers who are honored members of our Conference. The Cuninggims of our Conference were his first cousins, as his mother is sister of "Uncle Jesse Cuninggim." For generations the Ormonds and Cuninggims have been noted for their deep piety and nobility of character. They represent the best in our holy religion. When Brother Will Ormond came to consider the disposition of a large part of his possessions, his great, sympathetic heart instinctively turned toward the orphan children of our Conference. By thus remembering them so generously he showed the greatness of his soul and his confidence in the church of God to wisely spend the income from the bequest. As the end approached and the shadows lengthened the thing that gave him the most satisfaction was that he knew Him and that he had remembered the orphan children of our state. No greater monument could be erected to perpetuate his memory than this noble deed which he has done for orphan children. Hundreds of years hence his noble benefaction will be blessing those who stand in need of his gift most. May the unselfish service which he rendered and the pure life which he lived inspire others to philanthropic deeds and Christian living.

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A visit to Hyde county recently gave me a fine opportunity to meet many of our generous friends and to see some of the most fertile land that can be found anywhere. Most of the people seem prosperous and happy. The H. C. L. does not disturb them in the least as they make most of their own supplies. For years I have heard many complimentary things said of the people of Soule church. It is one of the most prosperous churches and has one of the most liberal Sunday schools in our Conference. The following facts serve as an illustration of their liberality. On the first Sunday in October the Sunday school sent me $52.00. The third Sunday when I visited them they gave me $75.52 for our cause. These figures speak for themselves. Brother Henry Boomer, the enthusiastic secretary, has been sending me the monthly collections. It was my pleasure to accompany him home, after service, where I found a sumptuous dinner. With Brother J .H. McGowan at the head of the Sunday school as superintendent and Brother Boomer as secretary, I am not surprised that they bring things to pass. At the morning hour I talked to a large, attentive congregation, and at the conclusion of the service they made a nice offering for our Orphanage. At the evening hour I was greeted by an interested congregation at Swan Quarter. Because of the work I represent they heard me gladly and shared their means with our Home. From now on Swan Quarter Sunday school will send us a monthly contribution. The decision to undertake this Christ-like service filled my heart with gladness. I feel confident that the school will take on new life as such a course never fails to stimulate interest.

I found Brother Singleton abundant in labors, giving himself absolutely to the work. He is no hireling, but a devoted, self-sacrificing shepherd who has the highest good of his flock at heart. His devoted companion has her heart in the work and that makes his task a joyous one. The three little girls in the parsonage are such as to gladden the heart of the parents. The association with these bright children added much joy to my visit at the parsonage. When Brother Singleton goes up to Conference he will have the joy of knowing that he has won many souls to the Christ and strengthened the Kingdom of God on the Swan Quarter circuit. May such an experience be the happy lot of us all!

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The managements of our charitable institutions are making patriotic efforts to adjust their work to the demands of changed conditions which have added materially to and made more essential most of the normal demands upon their resources. Some of the orphan homes are finding difficulty in continuing their splendid work, even on the same or a reduced scale, with applications for admission accumulating that must, of necessity, be declined for lack of facilities to warrant reasonable expansion.

It is no small task even in normal times to secure sufficient funds for the maintenance of the orphanage work, and important departments in a number of the orphan homes have been handicapped on account of this state of affairs. The talk about the needs of these institutions may become tiresome to some, but if the people are to sustain them they must know something of existing conditions. During the present abnormal times, with increasing demands of every sort which the war has made on philanthropy, it becomes necessary to keep our orphanage work before the people. Hitherto the editors of the state have cheerfully co-operated with the committee in bringing to the attention of our charitably inclined people the imperative needs of our homes for dependent children. We again, and most respectfully, ask this favor.

The suggestion of one day's income is reasonable. Not one person in a hundred is unable to contribute of their income to that extent—and ALL can assist in bringing the matter to the attention of the people.

The Publicity Committee therefore makes its appeal—

1. To the prince of business to give out of his abundance the actual or estimated income of a day.

2. To the landlord and money-lender to give one day's rent of his houses and lands, or one day's interest on his money.

3. To the professional man to give one day's earnings, specifying the day, or taking the average day.

4. To the salaried worker to give one day's earnings, specifying the day, or taking the average day.

4 To the salaried worker to give his or her salary for a day.

5. To the laborers, with only pick-up jobs, to devote some special day to this cause.

6. To the good housewife, with her ingenuity and devotion, to set apart the expenses of a day.

7. To the boys and girls, with no regular income, to find work after school hours, or on some Saturday, and give the proceeds to the orphans.

8. To everybody, old and young, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, we appeal to join heartily in this holy movement to visit the fatherless in their adversity.

We call upon the editors of our papers, daily and weekly, secular and religious, to give the widest publicity to this movement, which is philanthropic in purpose and state-wide in extent; we call upon all church leaders of all denominations, including pastors, Sunday school superintendents, women workers, and others of influence, to urge in their respective congregations the giving of a day's income at Thanksgiving to the orphanage of their choice.

We call upon state and county officers and the officers of the various fraternal orders to bring this movement to the attention of their official families and the members of their respective organizations and enlist them in this extra offering. We admonish teachers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, manufacturers, and all others with local following and influence to induce their friends to unite with them in giving, at next Thanksgiving, a day's work, or wages of a day, to the needy orphan children of North Carolina.

Each of the twenty child-caring institutions in this state is worthy of all the encouragement a generous-hearted people may feel disposed to offer, and we will not realize the full delights of service to humanity until we provide adequate protection for those bereft of parents and denied the comforts of happy homes. It was the Master who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me,and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Men and women of North Carolina, will you suffer them? Answer during the Thanksgiving season by forwarding the income of a day to the orphanage of your choice, through your church, your Sunday school, your lodge, or direct.

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THE COLLECTIONS

According to the reports of the preachers at the Annual Conference $177,000 in round numbers had been collected on its Centenary pledges. There had been reported and paid in to Mr. Gray, the Centenary treasurer, only about $121,000. The rest of this should be coming in right away.

AN EXHIBIT

We are planning to publish in the Advocate of November 20th an exhibit of our Centenary collections. In order for your church to receive proper credit in this exhibit you should see that all Centenary money collected be deposited to the credit of Col. John E. Edgerton, treasurer, and a report of same be sent to Mr. Gray, or that the money be sent to Mr. Gray.

CONSERVATION GROUP MEETINGS

A most important series of group meetings are being arranged in co-operation with the presiding elders. The following have been definitely arranged: Winston-Salem district at Centenary Church, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 2:00 p. m. and night; Mt. Airy district sub district group meeting at Elkin Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 10:30 a. m.; at Mt. Airy Friday, November 14, at 11:00 a. m.; and Leaksville Sunday, Nov. 16th (hours to be given later). Greensboro district at Greensboro Nov. 17, and at Asheboro Tuesday, Nov. 18th; at North Wilkesboro Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at 2:00 p. m. and at night. Other dates will be announced later.

We are anxious to have every pastor and every local church centenary treasurer, the local church directors and minute men, and representation from the Sunday school, woman's missionary societies and Epworth Leagues at these meetings.

PURPOSE

To inspire and train leaders for the Conservation Program in the district and to give special information and training to the Conservation leaders of the local church. To give general publicity to all the plans and purposes of the Conservation Program and to fully explain its Standard Plan for collecting its pledges to the Centenary.

THE NEW CONFERENCE YEAR

Let us all include in our plans for the new conference year the work of the Centenary. Does some one ask "What is to be done in the Centenary Movement this year?" First, we must continue and with more zeal to do some of the things we have already been doing; we need to emphasize the place and power of prayer in the extension of the Kingdom; we need to emphasize Stewardship and Tithing; we should link our churches and Sunday schools up with the work on the mission fields by taking Specials, and then we must give attention to the collection of the Centenary pledges. Second, we must enter the Campaign for Family Altars, and for a great spiritual revival. These are the lines along which we are asked to co-operate in the Centenary this year.

GREATER SUCCESS

Brethren, I appeal to you to join in making the work this year a greater success than came to us last year. Organization and co-operation are necessary for this greater success. But if we organize and co-operate we can show a clean sheet on the collection of pledges; we can secure our quotas of Tithing stewards and family altars, and we can have the revival about which so much has been said and for which our hearts long.

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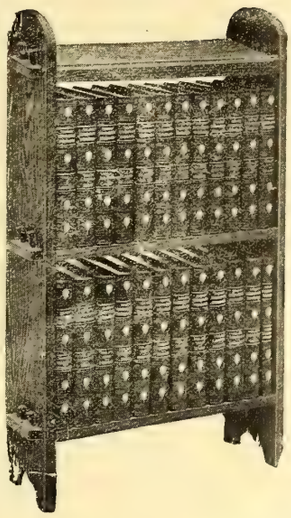
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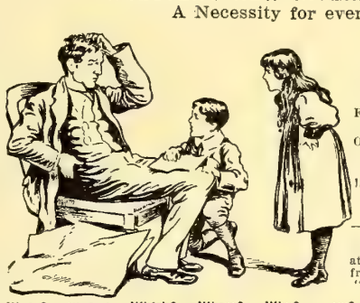
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MISS BRADLEY'S REPORT

My work has been on the "boom" for the last few weeks. I have just reached home after a two weeks' trip through the Winston, Statesville and Shelby districts. I organized two fine chapters in the Winston district, one at Lexington and one at Liberty on the Davie circuit. In the Statesville district I organized at Stony Point and met a group of young people of New Salem Church on the Cool Springs circuit and explained the work of the League to them with the hope of organizing later. In answer to an urgent call from McAdenville, Mr. Hager, the district secretary, and I hastened to that place where we organized what promises to be one of the finest Leagues in the district. Let me add, that I received my first lessons in League work at McAdenville when I was only seven years old. I have heard since that Brother Kirk, at King's Mountain, has organized a chapter there, making another new League for the Shelby district.

I have found the district secretaries of the Winston and Shelby districts a great help to me in my work in their districts. Mr. Banks Newman, of Winston, and Mr. Clyde Hager of Belmont, have been giving me more than I could possibly do. I hope the other secretaries will find work for me in their districts.

Grace Bradley, Field Secretary.

THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Ad Interim Committee of the Centenary has adopted a plan submitted by the General Epworth League. The Leaguers are expected to assist the local Church Committee on Evangelism and the pastor in all their plans. In addition the Epworth League proposes to make a survey of all Churches to show the number of young men and women of the League age who are members of the Church but not Epworth Leaguers, and also to find out how many young people not members of any church who should be Methodists.

The date for making the survey has been set for the week of Feb. 8-15, 1920. Pastors of churches where there a no Leagues will be asked to cooperate.

The Department of the Epworth League Evangelism will send free of charge to pastors and League presidents a copy of the Standard Plan for the Evangelistic Campaign in the Epworth League. This manual gives in detail the plans for making the survey, and for carrying on the evangelistic campaign in the league.

For information concerning Epworth League Evangelism write to Rev. Ralph E. Nollnar, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

PRESIDENT EDWARDS' REPORT

To the Conference Epworth League Board of the Western North Carolina Conference:

Under the guidance of our past president the Epworth Leagues of our conference have had a healthful growth. The present officers assumed a well organized conference organization and the soil is in a fertile condition for a glorious harvest.

Our district secretaries are consecrated young people with a burning desire to serve well in this field in which they have been placed. By repeated correspondence the work of the Epworth League is presented to them and they are continually giving real live suggestions to the organized chapters. Each presiding elder, and in some of the districts all of the pastors, have been written to and the services of the district secretaries offered to organize chapters.

The work of the league in the conference has been greatly enhanced through the services of Miss Grace Bradley, our field secretary. I most strongly recommend that her services be continued during the coming year and that a sum of $1,500 be asked for to pay her salary, of $900 a year, three hundred for traveling expenses and three hundred for incidentals.

Miss Bradley submits the following report:

Number of leagues organized personally	7
Number of leagues organized indirectly	11
Total new chapters organized since June	18
Number of direct prospects from pastors and young people	22
Number of churches visited in interest of leagues	19
Number of league addresses made	18
Number of district conferences visited	8
Number of pastors or prospective leaguers interviewed	70
Number of packages of literature distributed	50
Amount of expense	$118.12

As a conference organization we ask for your prayers and interest in our work. The presiding elders could be of intrinsic value to us if we could in some way arouse them. Do all within your power to solicit their aid.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Edwards,
President Western North Carolina Epworth League Conference.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT NOTES

A league has been organized at Pleasant Garden, eight miles south of Greensboro, with about thirty charter members, a capable and enthusiastic set of officers, and plenty of fine material to train. we foresee in the near future one of our best leagues. Chas. Hunt, president of this league, is a former live-wire Spring Garden leaguer and we expect great things from him and Pleasant Garden.

Centenary League conducted devotional exercises at the Masonic Home a few Sundays ago, and though the writer could not attend, we are sure the service was a success from every standpoint. Centenary has a fine league, one that must have as its motto "We do things."

Jamestown has reorganized their league, but the writer has not had the pleasure of seeing them in action yet. This he hopes to have right away.

At the business meeting of Spring Garden League, Oct. 8th, Mrs. W. R. Parker was elected vice president, succeeding E. C. Lyndon, resigned. Reports at this meeting indicate that the $100 Centenary fund will be raised by conference. Light refreshments were served after all business had been attended to.

We need strong leagues in the following charges in Greensboro district: Wesley Memorial, High Point; Asheboro, Reidsville, Randleman. Pastors take notice.

T. L. Matlock, Dist. Sec.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

Copy of report of Superintendent of Department of Recreation and Culture of Spring Garden St. League at business meeting, Oct. 8, 1919.

Number literary meetings held	2
Average attendance literary meetings	25
Number of entertainments held under auspices of this dept.	2

(One of these in honor of new members of church.)

Visits to the sick	27

Flowers sent to sick, 12 times.
Delicacies sent to sick, 7 times.

Flowers to Red Cross Canteen,	19 times.

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DID IT MATTER?

Ned was fifteen, and had just begun to work at a grocery store. Ned objected to work in general, and to his duties in the grocery store in particular. But, as his mother was a widow, with three younger children, he had to do something to help. A well-to-do uncle had offered to pay as much as it was likely Ned could earn, while the boy completed his high-school course. But Ned had flunked three examinations and brought home a very poor report. So the offer was withdrawn, and Ned was sent to Mr. Bennett's store.

He took parcels to homes within an easy distance, and often made mistakes in names or numbers, or said he "couldn't find them." He answered the telephone, and misunderstood what the people said, or else forgot to give the message. In short, he was not a success.

"I want five cents worth of your best coffee, please."

Ned looked at the speaker, a bright little boy of seven. It was quite early in the morning, before custom had fairly wakened up, and Ned was in charge.

"Five cents' worth?" said Ned, contemptuously.

"Yes, and it's got to be the best," answered the little boy. "My mother's just out of it."

"Not even a regular customer," thought Ned, and he weighed out a little of the very poorest coffee in the store.

"Quite good enough for five cents, too," he told himself.

But, late in the afternoon Mr. Bennett called him, rather sharply, to come up to his desk.

"What coffee did you sell the Browns this morning?" he inquired.

"The one at the end," replied Ned.

"That's the cheapest grade, and Mrs. Brown says her little boy asked for the best."

"He only asked for five cents' worth," muttered Ned.

"You've lost me a coffee customer," his employer said, gravely. "For a long time the Browns have bought their coffee where they can get coupons. But Mrs. Brown had decided to give my coffee a trial—and gave it, this morning. She also gave my service a trial, Ned. She told me she couldn't trade where her little boy wasn't treated just as she'd be treated herself. I think you must tell your mother you needn't come next Monday."

Ned Felt very much ashamed. But there was nothing to be done. He was a failure at school, and a failure at his first job!

"I—I wish you'd give me another week, sir," he begged. "I'll try to do better."

"But don't you see you're losing me customers?" Mr. Bennett was a kind-hearted man, and realized that this was Ned's first job.

"I won't lose any more, sir. I promise you."

Ned spoke more earnestly than before, for he dreaded telling his mother he had lost his job.

"Well, see what you can do to get back the one you have lost," Mr. Bennett decided. "Take a sample of our best coffee to Mrs. Brown and see what she says."

This was about the hardest thing Ned had ever faced. Even when he had packed the sample and started out, he felt as if he must turn back. But the thought of his mother and of all the trouble he had already given her spurred him on, and up the steps he went.

"I'm sorry, tell Mr. Bennett," said Mrs. Brown; "I've already ordered ten pounds of coffee. Mr. Brown was quite provoked at what we had for breakfast."

"But when that is gone, ma'am, won't you give us a trial?" pleaded Ned. "It was all my fault. And won't you try this sample tonight? It's fine coffee."

Mrs. Brown, too, had a kind heart, and was inclined to help a boy making a start.

"Well, I'll use this tonight," she agreed. "And when we have finished the ten pounds, I'll see. But I shan't want more coffee for a long time."

So Ned could not quite undo all the mischief his carelessness had done! But Mr. Bennett saw that he was really bent on turning a new leaf, and gave him another trial.

"And I'll try to win another customer for Mr. Bennett," thought Ned. He was at the store bright and early on Monday morning with such a smiling face, that he had won two new customers before night. And, before long, when a child was told to go to the store, that child usually said: "I want to go to Bennett's, so Ned can wait on me!"—Frances Harmer, in Zion's Herald.



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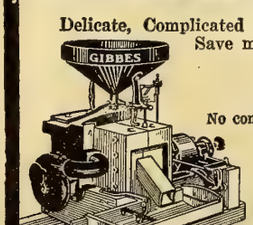
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RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Swan Quarter Circuit

Whereas, our beloved brother, Albion B. Swindell, Sr., has been taken from our midst since the last session of our quarterly conference, and,

Whereas, we as a conference wish to assure his bereaved loved ones of our loving sympathy and to record for the eye of generations to come the grateful appreciation in which the church holds one who has for many years borne its burdens and promoted its success in ways too varied to number.

Therefore, be it resolved by the quarterly conference of the Swan Quarter charge in session in Swan Quarter church, October 23, 1919, that our secretary be instructed to convey to the family of the deceased the assurance that the dear departed was and is held in highest esteem by his colleagues and coworkers and by the whole membership of the church.

Resolved, secondly, that these resolutions be spread on the records of the quarterly conference and published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

THAYER—Milton W. Thayer was born October 27, 1848, and died October 23, 1919, aged 70 years, 11 months and 26 days. He was converted in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Eleazar, of which he was a consistent member until the day of his death.

Brother Thayer was a kind husband, loving father and a good neighbor. He leaves two sons, Messrs.. Marion and Lafayette Thayer, and two daughters, Mrs. Percy Davis and Mrs. J. P. Pate, wife of Rev. J. P. Pate, of the North Carolina Conference; one brother, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted by this scribe, in the absence of his pastor, he being away at his Conference.

May the good Lord comfort the bereaved ones. N. L. Seabolt.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. J. G. Sills—Mrs. Pattie Sills King

The passing of Mr. J. G. Sills, of Rocky Mount, fills this community with unusual sadness. He was the last of the large and influential family of Dr. Gray and Mrs. Louisa Yelks Sills; his sister, Mrs. William J. King, having preceded him only one month since. Mr. Sills was a gentleman of the old school loved and honored by all who knew him.

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Mrs. Pattie Sills King, with her husband, the late William J. King, who, for years, was a most noble and useful man, and a citizen Franklin county delighted to honor, lived in this community the greater portion of her life. She was endowed with a cheerful disposition, a bright mind and intense devotion to her church and the cause of missions. These qualities drew many friends to her side and she was known everywhere as a high type of Christian woman, but possessing a timid nature. Only those who knew Mrs. King intimately could appreciate her real worth. However, so closely did she exemplify the perfect woman, that Solomon could easily have chosen her as a model for Proverbs 31.

Her children, Mr. Gray R. King, of Nashville, and Mrs. S. H. Boone, of Castalia, N. C., are not murmuring in this hour of darkness; they are thanking God for the love and light she brought into their lives; they know that she is with the redeemed; that the voice that led their childish voices in hymns of praise is now joining in a triumphant song in the "mansions of the blest." C. R. E.

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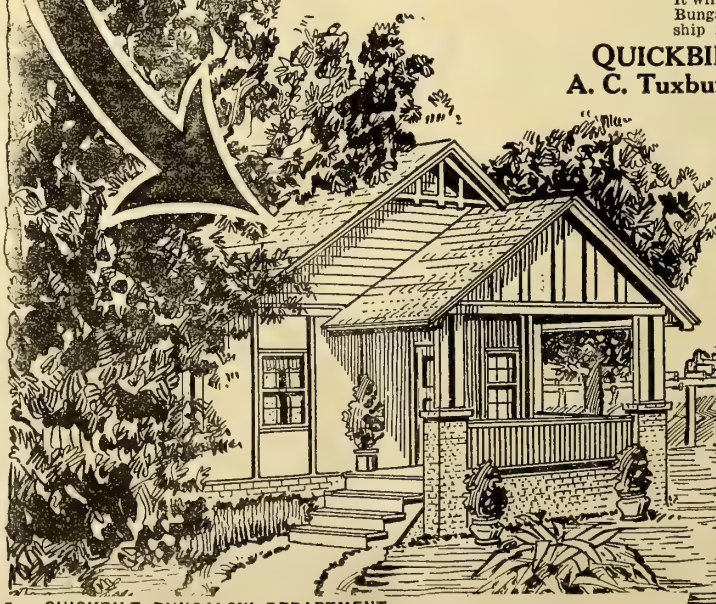
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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
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	November
Chestnut Street	2
Bethel	2
Spring Creek, Flats	8
Walnut, at Ottingers	9
Hot Springs	9
Weaverville Circuit, Salem	15-16
Haywood Street	16
Mars Hill, Shiloh	22-23
Weaverville Station	23
Mills River, Shaws Creek	29-30
Hendersonville	30
December	
Fairview, Fairview	7-8
Central	8
Swannanoa, Swannanoa	14-15
Black Mountain	15
Henderson Circuit, Fruitland	21-22
Saluda	22
Acton, Acton	28-29
Biltmore	29
January	
Harmony, Pleasant Hill	3-4
Mount Pleasant	4
Asheville, Riverview	10-11
Flat Rock	11
Rosman, Pine Grove	17-18
Brevard	18
Leicester, Leicester	24-25
West Asheville	25

District Stewards

Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

First Round	November
Brevard Street, 11 a. m.	2
Duncan Memorial, night	2
Spencer Memorial, 11 a. m.	9
Trinity, night	9
Calvary, 11 a. m.	16
Tryon Street, night	16
Thrift-Moores, Thrift, 11 a. m.	16
Chadwick, night	23
Pineville, Pineville, 11 a. m.	30
Dilworth, night	30
December	
North Monroe, Icemorlee, night	5
Unionville, Unionville, 11 a. m.	6
Matthews, Matthews, 11 a. m.	7
Belmont Park, night	7
Hickory Grove, 3 p. m.	10
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m.	12
Lilesville, Forestville, 11 a. m.	13
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	14-15
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m.	20-21
Monroe, Central, night	21
Severnville, Severnville, 11 a. m.	28
Hawthorn Lane, night	28
January	
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m.	3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m.	4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night	4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m.	10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m.	11-12

The District stewards will meet in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21, at 2 p. m.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

First Round	November
Greensboro, Centenary, 11 a. m.	9
Greensboro, Spring Garden Street, night	9
High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m.	16
High Point, East End, night	16
West Greensboro- Muirs Chapel	22-23
Greensboro, Carraway Memorial, night	23
Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m.	30
Greensboro, Glenwood & Bethel, Bethel, night	30
December	
Coleridge, Rehobeth	6-7
Randleman, St. Paul, night	7
Deep River, Cedar Falls	13-14
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, 11 a. m.	14
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel	20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m.	21
Randolph, Vernon	27-28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night	28
January	
Uwharrie, Concord	3-4
Asheboro, night	4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night	11
Wentworth, Salem	17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

First Round	November
Stokesdale, Stokesdale	8-9
Mt. Airy Circuit, Salem	15-16
Mt. Airy, Central, night	16
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	22-23
Pilot Mountain, Chestnut Grove	29-30
Rural Hall, Antioch, November 30, at 3 p. m. and December 1, at 11 a. m.	
December	
Summerfield, Morehead	6-7
Ararat, Mt. Herman, 11 a. m.	10
Yadkinville, Prospect	13-14
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m.	
Leaksville, at 3 p. m.	21
Spray, at night	19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m.	27-28
Elkin	27-28
January	
Dodson, Dodson	4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m.	9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m., night	11
Madison, Madison	11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

First Round	November
Old Fort Circuit, Old Fort	8-9
Marion Mills, at Clinchfield, Sunday night	9
Morganton Circuit, at Salem	15-16
Glen Alpine Circuit, at Glen Alpine, Sunday night	16
Table Rock Circuit, at Oak Hill	29-30
Morganton Station	30 Dec. 1
December	
McDowell Circuit, at Murphy's Chapel	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night	7-8
Marion Circuit, Providence	13-14
Thermal City, at Thermal, Sunday night	14-15
Forest City and Pleasant Grove and Forest City Circuit	20-21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel	27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock	28-29
January	
Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel	3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock	4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine	10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night	11
Micaville, Shoals Creek	17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel	24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
February	
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night	1-2

Our District stewards will please meet at the Methodist Church in Marion on Wednesday, December 3, at 2 o'clock. If possible let every one be present.

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

First Round	November
Dallas, High Shoals, 11 a. m.	9
Gastonia, Franklin Ave., West End 7 p. m.	9
Belwood, Fallston, 11 a. m.	15-16
Shelby, Central, 7 p. m.	16
Rock Springs, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	22-23
McAdanville, 7 p. m.	23
South Fork, Bethel, 11 a. m.	29-30
Lincolnton Station, 7 p. m.	30
December	
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m.	6-7
Cherryville, Bethlehem, 3 p. m.	7
Polkville, Polkville, 11 a. m.	13-14
LaFayette Street, 7 p. m.	14
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m.	20 21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m.	21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m.	27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m.	28
January	
Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m.	3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m.	4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m.	11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m.	17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m.	18
Maysworth, Powell, 11 a. m.	24
Belmont, 11 a. m.	25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m.	25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward, in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.

	November
Catawba, Catawba, 11 a. m.	8-9
Troutman, Rocky Mount, 3 p. m.	8 9
Race Street, Race Street, night	8-9
Hudson, Hudson, 11 a. m.	15-16
South Lenoir, South Lenoir, 3 p. m.	15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, night	15-16
Lenoir Circuit, Littlejohns, 11 a. m.	17
Hickory, First, Hickory, night	17
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m.	18
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night	18
Maiden, Maiden, 11 a. m.	19
Newton, Newton, night	19
Alexander, Taylorsville, 11 a. m.	22-23
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3 p. m.	22-23
Mooresville Circuit, Triplett, 11 a. m.	25
Mooresville, First, Mooresville, night	25
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	26
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	26
Statesville Circuit, Trinity, 11 a. m.	27
Westview, Westview, 11 a. m.	29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, night	29-30

The District Stewards will meet in Broad Street Church, Statesville, on Friday, November 21, at 11 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

First Round	November
Albemarle Circuit, Stony Hill, 11 a. m.	8-9
First Street, 7 p. m.	9
Spencer-Granite, 11 a. m.	15
Salisbury, First Church, 7 p. m.	16
China Grove, China Grove, 11 a. m.	22-23
Park Avenue, 7 p. m.	23
Cottonville, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	29-30
Norwood, 7 p. m.	30
December	
Woodleaf, Woodleaf, 11 a. m.	6-7
South Main, 7 p. m.	7
Gold Hill, Gold Hill, 11 a. m.	13-14
East Spencer, 7 p. m.	14
Kannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m.	20-21
Kannapolis station, 7 p. m.	21
New London, New London, 11 a. m.	27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m.	28
January	
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m.	4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m.	10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m.	11
Badin, 11 a. m.	18
Salem, 7 p. m.	18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m.	24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m.	25
February	
Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m.	1
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m.	8

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

First Round (Organization)	November
North Wilkes Mission, Union	8-9
Wilkesboro, night	9
Wilkes Circuit	15-16
North Wilkesboro, night	16
Sparta, Potato Creek	22-23
Laurel Springs, Belmont	26-27
Jefferson, Jefferson	29-30
December	
Helton, Greenwood	2-3
Warrenville, Warrenville	6-7
Creston, Southerland	9-10
Elkland, Blackburn	13-14
Watauga, Henson's	20-21
Boone, Boone, night	21
Elk Park, Elk Park	24-25
Avery, Pisgah	27-28

District stewards will meet at North Wilkesboro, November 19, 2 p. m. and night. Pastors are invited. The night meeting will be devoted to Centenary and Evangelism. Entertainment free. Notify Rev. W. R. Ware if you are coming.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
NOTICE

The District Stewards of the Winston-Salem District will meet in Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, Tuesday, November 11, at 10:30 a. m.

The District Centenary Consecration Group meeting will be held at the same place Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 2 p. m. and ending with a night session.

The District Stewards are all expected to attend the stewards meeting in the forenoon. They are invited to remain for the Centenary Consecration Group Meeting that afternoon and night. At this meeting the following are expected: The pastors of the district, the District Director, the Local Church Director, the Minute Men, the Charge Lay Leaders, the Church Lay Leaders, the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools, the Presidents of the Epworth Leagues, Centenary Treasurers, and representatives of the Women's Missionary Societies.

Entertainment will be provided. Names of all persons expecting to attend should be sent promptly to Rev. G. T. Rowe, D. D., Winston-Salem.

Frank Siler, P. E.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
First Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W 4th St., Winston-Salem, N. C., Telephone 853

Southside, November 2, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 4, night.
Liberty Street, November 2, night, Quarterly Conference, December 5, night.
Centenary, Novmeber 9, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 11, night.
West End, November 9, night, Quarterly Conference, December 10, night.
Walkertown, November 16, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m.
Burkhead, November 16, night, Quarterly Conference, November 6, night.
New Hope Circuit, Macedonia, November 17, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Denton Circuit, Denton, November 18, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Linwood Circuit, Macedonia, November 19, 11 a m., and 1 p. m.
Welcome Circuit, Ebenezer, November 20, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lexington, First Church, November 20, night.
Davidson Circuit, Good Hope, November 21, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Thomasville Circuit, November 22-23.
Thomasville, Main St., November 23, night Quarterly Conference, November 21, night.
South Thomasville, November 23, 3 p. m.
West Davie Circuit, Calahain, November 28, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Davie Circuit, Oak Grove, November 29-30.
Mocksville, November 30, night Quarterly Conference November 28, night.
Southside Circuit, Vernon, December 2, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville, December 3, 3 p. m. and night.
Forsyth Circuit, Oak Summit, December 7, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m. Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C. Telephone 224—J

First Round	November
Canton	9
Sylva	9-10
Bethel	15-16
Clyde, Sunday night, Monday, 11 a. m.	16-17
Havesville Circuit, Havesville	22-23
Hiwassee Circuit, Sweetwater, Sunday, 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m.	23-24
Robbinsville Tuesday and Wednesday	25-26
Macon Circuit, Asbury	29-30
Franklin Station	30-Dec. 1
December	
Franklin Circuit, Salem, Monday and Tuesday	1-2
Andrews	6-7
Murphy Station	7-8
Murphy Circuit, Tomotla, Sunday 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m.	7-8
Judson, Judson, Tuesday, 11 a. m.	9
Jonathan, Shady Grove	13-14
Bryson-Whittier, Whittier, Sunday night and Monday, 11 a. m.	14-15
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster	20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday	21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers	27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday	28-29
January	
Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers	3-4
Fines Creek, Pine Grove	10-11





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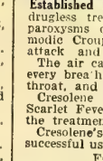
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STATEMENT
Lincoln National Life
Fort Wayne, Ind

CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1919, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED

Amount of Capital paid up in cash	300,000.00
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year $——; Increase of Capital during year, ——; Total	$ 4,761,806.90
Income—From Policy holders, $2,226,250.55; Miscellaneous, $1,657,930.63; Total	$ 2,884,181.18
Disbursements—To Policyholders, $645,491,92; Miscellaneous, $1,044,727.21; Total	$ 1,690,219.13
Assets	
Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$ 261,477.44
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$ 4,270,048.93
Loans made to Policyholders on this Company's Policies assigned as collateral	$ 519,762 60
Premium notes on Policies in force (of which $—— is for first year's premiums)	$ 47,293.98
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 173,651.57
Cash in Company's Office	$ 9,663.05
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	$ 9,302.36
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 648,054.03
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 99,006.22
Premiums unpaid	$ 166,426.22
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 63,690.25
Total	$ 6,268,377.60
Less Assets not admitted	71,928.78
Total admitted Assets	$ 6,196,448.82
Liabilities	
Net Reserve, as computed	$ 5,210,592.51
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc.	$ 13,249.05
Policy Claims	$ 162,138.22
Dividends left with Company at interest	$ 155,211.49
Permiums paid in advance, including Surrender Values so applied	$ 21,183.54
Unearned Interest and Rent paid in advance	$ 12,909.57
Estimated Amount payable for Federal, State, and other Taxes	$ 39,722.91
Amounts set apart, apportioned, provisionally ascertained, calculated, awaiting apportionments, etc.	$ 26,559.01
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	$ 148,882.52
Total amount of all Liabilities, except Capital	$ 5,796,448.82
Capital paid up in Cash $300,000.00	
Unassigned funds (surplus) ..$100,000.00	
Total Liabilities	$ 6,196,448.82

President—S. M. Foster.
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Attorney for service—J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.
Manager for North Carolina—Home Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Insurance Department
Raleigh, July 3, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Lincoln National Insurance Company, of Fort Wayne, Ind, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

J. R. Young,
Insurance Commissioner.

STATEMENT
Modern Brotherhood of America
Moson City, Iowa

CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1918, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year	$ 3,123,704.65
Income—From Members, $1,545,959.17; Miscellaneous, $200,656.59; Total	$ 1,545,959.17
Disbursements—To Members, $868,294.53; Miscellaneous, $204,560.45; Total,	$ 1,072,854.98
Policies or certificates written during year—Number of Policies, 2,563; Amount	$ 2,649,250.00
Policies or certificates in force at end of year—Number of policies, 50,216 Amount	$58,184,345.25
Assets	
Value of Real Estate (less amount of incumbrances),	$ 289,106.21
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$ 2,233,800.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks	$ 1,304,599.99
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	$ 50,861.68
Interest and Rents due and accrued	$ 97,694.96
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	$ 110,766.23
Total	$ 4,086,829.07
Total admitted Assets	$ 4,086,829.07
Liabilities	
Death Claims resisted	$ 4,000.00
Death Claims reported, but not yet adjusted	$ 202,319
Permanent Disability Claims	$ 3,250.00
Sick and Accident Claims	$ 2,637.50
Salaries, rents, expenses, commissions, etc.	$ 5,557.31
Advance assessments	$ 11,531.49
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	$ 65,467 05
Total Liabilities	$ 295,262.70

President—T. B. Hanley.
Secretary—E. L. Baly.
Treasurer—A. H. Gale.
Home Office—Moson City, Iowa.
General Agent for service—Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.
Business Manager for North Carolina—Home Office.

State of North Carolina
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, April 18, 1919

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Modern Brotherhood of America, a Fraternal Order, of Moson City, Iowa, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

Jas. R. Young.
Insurance Commissioner.

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We are herewith presenting to our readers a view of the new church which our people are building at St. Pauls, N. C. This church was designed by Okel & Cooper, Architects, Montgomery, Ala., and the picture is made from their design.

REV. G. W. STARLING, Pastor

North Carolina Christian Advocate

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Editorial

THE SITUATION EXPLAINED

It is perhaps due the readers of the Advocate that the management explain why we have not enlarged the paper since the two Advocates were merged in June. When action was taken in the two Conferences authorizing the two Boards to consolidate the paper it was the intention of the management to take steps for enlargement as soon as the consolidation was effected.

In order to handle so large an edition in enlarged form considerable outlay for new machinery was found to be necessary, and, owing to the rapid increase in the cost of all machinery and a greatly curtailed output it was found next to impossible to secure the new machines needed, also that prices were almost prohibitive.

About the same time that the machinery market went to pieces the demands of labor began to be more and more persistent and wages had to be increased from time to time until now we find the shop wage fully double what it was twelve months ago. In addition to this trouble, we now find the paper market far in advance of the quotations of one year ago and the tendency upward all the time, while the cost of everything which goes into the making of the paper is abnormally increased.

In the face of such conditions what could we do but advise that the plans for enlargement be at least held in abeyance till the atmosphere of the business world clears up? This we have done, not with the hope of accumulating a fund by adopting a policy of narrow and niggardly economy, but with the hope that we may be able to come out of this period of stress with our resources unimpaired, and ready to go forward immediately with our plans for enlargement.

The Advocate has no source of income save what is received from subscriptions and advertising, plus a small supplement from a little general printing business carried on in connection with the publication of the paper. If we allow ourselves to plan expenses in excess of our income, everyone knows what the result must inevitably be. It would not take long for us to become hopelessly involved.

The change of equipment necessary to handle the paper in the enlarged form would entail an expense of $7,000.00 or $8,000.00, and, with present conditions, it would be many months before this new equipment could be installed.

Under all the circumstances, we think it wise to take the public into our confidence and let them understand what we are up against. We are convinced that this is no time to be spending money far beyond the limit of income in order to attain an impractical ideal, nor can we afford to jeopardize the whole enterprise in an effort to meet a demand which is plainly unreasonable. Let us hold fast to our ideals and be ready to go forward when we are assured that there is reasonable hope of keeping the balance on the right side of the ledger. We will do well at present to get sixteen pages per week, and should be very thankful for that. The situation is too serious to trifle with, and the Business Manager is more than willing to take all the responsibility of advising great caution on the part of the Board of Publication. Nearly twenty years of experience ought to qualify him to speak with some degree of authority in such a matter.

If the Methodists in North Carolina will continue to be patient and loyal and our correspondents considerate as to space required, and we believe they will when they fully understand the situation, the Board of Publication and those having charge of the management will finally work this out and we shall have the splendid paper that we have been dreaming about. If, on the other hand, we persist in rocking the boat while passing through the rapids we may sink her and lose all. We do not believe that our people will forsake us or even subject us to criticism when they know the facts as they are here set forth.

SAVING THE CHILD

There has probably never been an age in which so much was written about the child, and so much institutional effort put forth to instruct the child, as is being done today; but the amount of real training of children that is done is lamentably small. We are unwilling to say that it is less than in any previous age, but there is little room for doubt that we are passing through a period of increasing laxness in this matter. With the tremendous swing of the world toward democracy all authority has been greatly weakened and the world is threatened with anarchy. We do not question that the good coming out of this world movement toward democracy will greatly overbalance the evil, but that is no reason we should not prevent the evil as far as possible; and the anarchy that lifts its menacing head in all the world today—even in America—begins in the lack of training in the child.

Instruction upon which emphasis is now put is good as far as it goes. It is necessary for the proper development of the child and for the future wellbeing of society. The holding of human beings in ignorance to be managed by other human beings who by good fortune or providence are better developed, is abhorrent to every principle of the Christian religion. The day is past, if it ever existed, when such a policy can be tolerated in Church or State. Every child must be put into the possession of his powers—must be permitted to come to himself unhindered, yea, must be helped to come to his best self. We cannot follow a lower ideal than that, and ask the blessings of God upon it; and diligent painstaking instruction is essential to this end. And this age is particularly blest with provisions for this purpose.

But shall these blessings be robbed of their highest good by failure at another point? To train the child more than insruction is necessary, and, indeed, the child is not likely to receive the full benefits of instruction without that something else. There is still a place for the exercise of authority in the development of the child, and the exercise of this authority is essential to the proper training of the child. There is a vast difference between authority and tyranny, and it is exceedingly important for this age to learn the distinction. An exact definition that will stand all tests may not be easy to give, but for our purpose it may be sufficient to say that tyranny is the exercise of the power to control without due regard for the well-being of the controlled, while authority is the exercise of this power in the interest of the general good. We are aware that this statement, as a general definition, would be open to criticism, but it prepares the way for the point we wish to make.

The training of the child involves the learning of respect for properly constituted authority and of obedience to that authority. This is a lesson that can be learned only in the home. It cannot be delegated to institutional effort. This can more nearly be done in the orphanage home than in any other institution apart from the home, but there is a measure of loss even there. God has made the home the unit of social life, and the head of the home is bound together by sacred obligations that should never be lightly interpreted. The inherent relations of parenthood and childhood constitute a condition that cannot be duplicated, and in those relations are involved the authority that is essential to the proper development of the child. With the proper instructions the child will recognize this authority there; but, if this opportunity is neglected, the noose is slipped and the future for the child is exceedingly problematic. Yet the home is being pulled to pieces by the conditions of our modern life, and ever and anon we are told that it is gone—a field for thought that we cannot discuss here.

But even the *trained* child at its best is not yet a *saved* child. We can never train children into salvation. This is nothing against training. It is worth vastly more than we can express, but it does not of itself open the door of the kingdom. And the child needs to be saved. The earlier this entrance into the kingdom can come under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the better. It is vastly better to save a whole life than it is to save the broken fragment of a life. It is better for the individual and it is better for society. The spending of youth in sin is a terrific waste. It is a waste of life for which no material values can compensate. It is therefore exceedingly important to present to the child Jesus Christ as Saviour. There is no one else who can save the child, as there is no one else who can save the adult; and it is He alone who can keep us saved. This salvation is a divine work. No human course can guarantee it, no human rogram will unfailingly bring it about. It is a work wrought by the Holy Spirit in the inner life of the individual at whatever age the conditions are met, and without this work the life will never be conformed to the will of God.

This is a truth of which we must never lose sight in the work of saving the children. We do not care to discuss theology with any one at this point. It is easy enough to get tangled in that sort of an effort. Nobody has ever yet reduced salvation to an absolutely rational basis, whether it be the salvation of children or of adults. The plan of redemption surpassed human wisdom to devise, and it is bigger than all the philosophies of men can comprehend. We go against it, and our little theories break to pieces under the impact. Some of the pieces fit the facts here and there, but the other pieces—well, they are lost in the unknown, not to say the unknowable. But the essential facts are simple, and to them we must cling. One of these facts is sin, and it is a fact in every life. Every life in which there is sin needs redemption, or it is lost forever; and this redemption reveals itself in the inner consciousness of the person redeemed.

Upon this experience we must insist—insist with common sense to be sure, but we must nevertheless insist upon it. We do not believe that it is essential that every person shall know the exact time when he was saved. He may not be able to point to the day or the month, but it is perilous to go through this world without the experience f salvation. We need to have the consciousness of our fellowship with God, whether or not we know the time when it began. Without this experience of salvation, our religious life will be limping and halting—and mostly halted. It cannot stand against the temptations that press upon us and test us. No cultural training, no mere ethical bulwark, no life that has never been touched by the regenerating and transforming power of the Spirit of God can stand against the assaults of Satan in the very real and exacting experiences of this life.

But still it is true that we must save the children. We must see to it that this work is not a superficial one. We must be very careful, but very earnest and very persistent. The simple facts of religion must be made very clear to the child, and we are mistaken if we think that they cannot understand these facts. These facts come more easily to the child sometimes than they do to the more mature mind. And then we must keep in close touch with them. Here is the point at which we often fail. With their developing life, they will constantly be brought face to face with new experiences and new difficulties. We should not expect them to go alone. They need the constant human touch to enable them to keep more conscious of the divine touch.

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* NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE *
* The North Carolina Conference will meet *
* in our Church in Wilson, on Wednesday, Nov- *
* ember 19, at 9 a. m., Bishop U. V. W. Darling- *
* ton, presiding. This will be the eighty-third *
* annual session of this Conference, the first *
* session having been held in Greensboro in *
* January, 1838. The town of Wilson did not ap- *
* pear in the list of appointments at that time *
* —perhaps not on the map. However, it is now *
* one of the foremost towns in the eastern sec- *
* tion, and has several times before this en- *
* tertained the Conference. Brother Stanbury, *
* the pastor, and his fellow helpers, will have *
* everything in readiness for this session of the *
* Conference, and will give their guests royal en- *
* tertainment. May the blessings of God go with *
* His servants into every home where guests are *
* received and entertained. *
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TO THE PASTORS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The lists of subscribers were recently mailed to all pastors of the North Carolina Conference, also blank sheets for listing all new subscribers and renewals to be settled for at the Annual Conference in Wilson. We will be very grateful to all if they will make this report up carefully before leaving for Conference and either mail to the office direct or hand in to the Advocate table at Conference. This will save much trouble.

LAW AND ORDER

This is a time when every good citizen should give unwavering support to officials who are trying to maintain the law and secure society against the lawless element. It is really disquieting to find men in almost every community and in all walks of life who inveigh against authority and who openly assail those who try to enforce the law. The beginning of the end of all orderly society is an open disrespect for those in authority. There is little or no difference between a treasonable utterance and one in reckless criticism of the man who bears rule among us or who is in any sense charged with the duty of enforcing the law. So the Methodist Rule which forbids the speaking evil of magistrates and ministers is one that should be brought to the attention of our people in a time like this, and firmly and affectionately impressed upon the conscience.

War is a great breeder of insubordination, notwithstanding the loud claims of the militarists to the contrary. The aftermath of war is always a scene of social and political turbulence, the baser elements of society having been thrown to the surface for the time being. These elements, taking advantage of unsettled conditions threaten to overthrow all orderly institutions of society, and it requires firmness and prudence on the part of the more orderly elements to save the institutions of civil government. It is license rather than liberty that such people seek, and their first move is to discredit the government and cast a shadow over all who are in any way responsible for the enforcement of law.

The present attitude of labor leaders in the steel workers' and coal miners' strike is plainly revolutionary in its spirit, and the great world of labor must eventually suffer, not only the loss of many millions in the wages that would otherwise be earned, but the sympathy of the masses, all because they have followed the leadership of those who openly inveigh against all civil authority. It is truly heartening to see our civil authorities at last rounding up those who have been defying law and order, and we sincerely hope that these authorities will receive great moral support throughout the country. It is time for the better element of citizenship to assert itself and give strong support to the government in its effort to stamp out a nest of anarchists who are threatening to demoralize our labor and overthrow the government. No man can render more helpful and patriotic service now than that of standing firm in the support of those who are in authority and who bear rule among us.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER WEBB

He was the son of a Methodist preacher—one of those sons who prove that not all preachers' sons are worthless. His father, Rev. Richard Stanford Webb, was a member of the North Carolina Conference and later of the Western North Carolina Conference. His mother's name was Jennie (Clegg) Webb. William Alexander was born at Durham, N. C., July 30th, 1867, and was therefore a little more than fifty-two years old at his death. He was a nephew of the Webb brothers who made their school at Bell Buckle, Tenn., famous throughout this southland. The family are natives of Alamance county, North Carolina, and have become noted in educational and Church circles.

Dr. Webb was a man of wide learning. He received his A. B. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1891. He studied in the University of Leipsig, 1895-7. He was also at the University of Berlin, 1903-4. He received the degree of Doctor of Literature from Wofford College, S. C., 1911. On January 31st, 1899, he was married to Miss Mary Lee Clary, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., whose death preceded his by two or three weeks. We are not informed if there were any children. He was teacher of Latin and English in the Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tenn., 1892-5. He was principal of Central Academy, Fayette, Mo., 1897-9; Professor of English, 1899-13, President, April 23, 1907-13, Central College, Mo.; and since 1913 he has been President of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

In addition to these positions of large influence and service, he was also Professor of English in the University of Columbia Summer School, 1911-14. He was a member of the Commission on Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; a member of the Religious Education Association; Vice-President of the Association of American Colleges, 1916-17; President Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States, 1916-17, and a frequent contributor to periodicals on literary and educational subjects.

Some time ago Dr. Webb went to the far west in an effort to restore his broken health. He seems to have improved somewhat, but on returning to Lynchburg he suffered a relapse, and was carried to a hospital in Nashville, Tenn., where the end came Nov. 5th. It seems strange to us that a life so full of possibilities for good should have been cut off in the prime of his manhood; but God knows best. We bow in submission to his will, and pray that the Great Comforter may be with the many hearts who sorrow on account of his going.

DEATH OF MRS. W. M. BAGBY

The death of Mrs. W. M. Bagby, wife of Rev. W. M. Bagby, of the Western North Carolina Conference, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Swift, in this city, on Friday morning of last week, was a great shock to the whole Conference. Mrs. Bagby came to Greensboro before the meeting of the Conference and was in attendance on the sessions of the Conference, and looking in her usual good health. She was prolonging her visit and planning to visit other relatives before returning to her home at Montezuma. She was taken suddenly on Thursday evening and continued violently ill in spite of all physicians could do till death came to her relief at 8 o'clock on Friday morning. The body was carried to Montezuma where it was laid to rest on the Sunday following. Great sympathy is felt for Brother Bagby who is now on the superannuate list and growing feeble after many years of truly great service as an itinerant.

Mrs. Bagby was a Miss Robeson before her marriage, and was reared in Catawba county. She is survived by four daughters and three sons, one of whom is Rev. W. M. Bagby, Jr., who joined the Western North Carolina Conference at the recent session. We trust a suitable memoir may be prepared for these columns at an early day. No truer or more faithful itinerants ever traveled up and down the land than Brother and Sister Bagby. May the grace of God greatly sustain the stricken ones.

DEATH OF MRS. P. L. TERRELL

The Western North Carolina Conference is deeply bereaved. Quickly following the death of Mrs. Bagby comes the announcement of the death of Mrs. Terrill, wife of Rev. P. L. Terrill, of the Western N. C. Conference, which occurred at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Russell, at Granite Falls, on last Saturday. At the recent Annual Conference Brother Terrell was assigned to Liberty Street Church, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Terrell was with her daughter at Granite Falls for a while. She suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last June and has been quite feeble ever since, but it was not generally expected that the end was so near.

Faithful in every relation of life, Sister Terrell was the strong and constant support of her husband in all his career of faithful and arduous itinerant work. She was a great wife and mother, the testimony to which is given in the remarkable family of children left behind. Her daughter, Miss Ethel, was only recently placed at the head of the Buncombe county schools. One son, Mr. M. E. Terrell, is superintendent of schools for Burke county, and another, Mr. Fred W. Terrell, is superintendent of schools in Alamance. Besides these she is survived by Mrs. Russell, of Granite Falls, Mrs. Estes, of Asheville, and James Terrell, of High Point. Great sympathy is felt for Brother Terrell and other members of the stricken family. We hope that a full memoir may be prepared for these columns at an early day.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh has again been remembered in a very substantial way by the Atwater Family in their decision to erect a memorial building in connection with that institution. A number of the members of this family have been deeply interested in this institution from the beginning. Mrs. Mattie Atwater Jenkins is the widow of its founder, Rev. J. W. Jenkins, and has been for many years its most efficient matron. But the interest of the family in the work of the institution is by no means limited to this personal relationship. They believe in the work that it is doing for the dependent orphan children of the State, and have ever been ready with their loyal support. The popularity and helpful influence of this institution is constantly growing among our people.

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The Unification of American Methodism is again called to our attention by the meeting of the ad interim committee of fourteen in Richmond, Va., on Nov. 3rd. At this writing we have seen no report of the results of this meeting, and do not know if any will be made before the joint meeting of the full Commission in January. Last week and this we are giving a statement of the situation by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., who is a member of the Commission and chairman of the ad interim committee. He is in position to know the facts as to the present situation of the negotiations and has a right to be heard. We regret that this hearing was delayed by the exigencies of our office, and we trust that all of our readers who are interested in the subject will give his communication a careful reading.

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The Atwater Re-union, held at Chapel Hill on November 6th, was an occasion of much interest to many of our readers. The Atwater family is a very prominent one, and its members stand very high in the esteem of those who know them best. It is our privilege to know a number of them personally, and so far as we know them, they are Methodist people; but, since there are four hundred of them within a radius of fifty miles of Chapel Hill, it would be rather remarkable if some of them have not drifted into other denominations. The re-union of this family at Chapel Hill on November 6 was a remarkable one, and we lay the following account of it before our readers: "The erection of an Atwater Memorial Building at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh was decided upon here today at the first re-union of more than two hundred members of the Atwater family and its collateral branches, held in Gerard Hall of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Francis Atwater, of New Haven, Conn., the historian of the family, to whose interest and enthusiasm the reunion is largely due, gave $1,000 for the building, and other members contributed smaller amounts. A committee was appointed to solicit funds, consisting of W. F. Womble, of Mount Airy; James B. Atwater, of Bynum; Paul Barringer, of Raeford; Mrs. Mattie Atwater Jenkins, of Raleigh, and R. L. Strowd, of Chapel Hill. The Atwater family was originally in Cheshire, Conn., but in 1770 Enos Atwater came to Orange county, and today some four hundred of his descendants live within fifty miles of Chapel Hill. Many other States, however, were represented here today. Jas. B. Atwater was master of ceremonies and Dr. S. B. Turrentine, of Greensboro, presided at the meeting. Welcomed to Chapel Hill and to the University by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, the members of the family heard addresses on the North Carolina branch by Dr. Turrentine; on David Atwater and his descendants, by Francis Atwater; on the Atwaters as Quakers, by Richard Mead Atwater, of Sea Isle, N. J., and on the characteristics of the family, by Mrs. J. N. Atwater. Luncheon was served in Memorial Hall. A group of children from the Methodist Orphanage furnished music. In the business organization James B. Atwater was elected president; Dr. Turrentine, vice-president; and Paul Barringer, secretary and treasurer."

CONTRIBUTIONS

UNIFICATION AT CLEVELAND—II

By Bishop James Cannon, Jr.

(Continued from Last Issue)

Status of the Negro

The discussions at the Cleveland meeting centered largely upon the question of the Status of the Negro in the Unified Church. The report of the seven members of the Committee from the M. E. Church provided for a Regional Conference for the Negro with exactly the same rights and privileges, in proportion to numbers, in the Unified Church as the White Regional Conferences. There were also various recommendations in that report for the protection of minorities and for the practical limitation of the activties of certain negro officials. The report of the seven members from the M. E. Church, South, set the negro membership apart in a Missionary jurisdiction, with a membership in the General Conference limited to five per cent, and with definite limitations upon these Missionary Regional Conferences and upon the bishops and other officials of the same. Eighteen of the members of our Commission thought that the status of the negro in the unified Church was satisfactorily determined by the report submitted by our seven members. Concerning this question it fell to my lot to make the only extended speech from our Commission, and from the stenographic report of that speech I give the following extracts:

"Our General Conference in Atlanta recognized just as this Commission does to day, that the question which must be settled was the status of the negro in the Church; just as in a measure that was the question in 1844, not constitutionally, but as an incidental question, that threw the whole Church into a ferment. And our General Conference at Atlanta certainly expressed its great concern about this matter in such fashion that the delegates from our Church cannot hesitate in agreeing to go farther, perhaps, than our Church has ever gone before. The General Conference at Atlanta had before it two reports, the majority and the minority, and in the minority report there were two paragraphs concerning the status of the negro in the unified Church. One paragraph said that no further action looking to unification is proper to be taken by us until such time as the Methodist Episcopal Church has taken proper and suitable action with reference to the negro question. The next paragraph said that we believe it due to Christian candor to say that our Church cannot safely depart from the policy that it has followed since the organization of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in 1870, and cannot accept any plan of unification which would tend to weaken its interest in, or withdraw its interest from, the said Church, to which we are bound by the most sacred obligations. After a very full discussion of that minority report in the Committee on Church Relations, it was voted down by—well, I think perhaps that only the signers voted for it; there may have been two or three more who favored the minority report. And when it came to the General Conference, so determined, as I understand it, was the General Conference, that our Commission should not be hampered with positive instructions on the negro question, that it should be free to negotiate, to discuss, to bring back the best plan that it could, that the minority report was finally withdrawn, because the framers saw that there was no chance at all for its adoption. And the majority report was adopted with a vote against it of, I think, only six or eight of the entire membership of the General Conference. Before that happened, however, Dr. J. O. Willson offered a resolution as follows: 'We further instruct our Commission that the welfare of the South, and the fixed opinions of the great body of our people make it very necessary if the peace of our Zion is to be preserved, not to vary from the Oklahoma declaration as to the place of the negro in unified Methodism, and that we must take care of the interests of all Methodism in this country.' That resolution did endeavor to bind the Commission to the Oklahoma declaration so that it could not vary from it all all. That resolution was laid on the table by a great majority."

"I felt, therefore, in acting on this Committee, to which I was appointed by my brethren, free to follow out what I thought to be the attitude of our Southern Methodism on the question. And while I said frankly at Oklahoma that I thought the plan proposed there was a better plan, that the negro should be in an independent organization with the closest possible fraternal relations to our Church (and I still think that is the better plan), yet as our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church say frankly, flatly that that plan is an impossible proposition for them, that they have a negro membership in their Church which is not willing to be set apart in an independent organization and that the white members cannot withdraw themselves from the negroes, (and I agree to that; I understand their position; I do not see how they can) we are faced, therefore, with the fact that the white membership cannot withdraw, the colored brethren are unwilling to go into this independent organization, and, therefore, if we are going to stand for that plan, we might as well discontinue negotiations at once and wait for another time. I do not think our General Conference at Atlanta meant that. There may be brethren on our Commission who do think that. But I do not. An in acting on this Committee of Conference, I have tried to represent what I think is the view of our Church, as indicated by the vote of the General Conference at Atlanta."

"This paper, presented by the members of the Committee from the M. E. Church, South, does recognize what we consider to be fundamental, and what we think is in accord with the position actually taken by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church agrees with us that the negro should have separate congregations; and that is your practice. The Methodist Episcopal Church agrees with us that the negro should have separate conferences; and that is your practice. The Methodist Episcopal Church is proposing to adopt the Chattanooga platform which provides that the negro shall be in a separate Regional Conference. That is the proposal presented to us today. Now these three things indicate very clearly that the negro is not to be in the unified Church in exactly the same relation as the white membership. There is no question about that at all. We are all agreed upon that by our practice and by the proposition which is now before us. He is in a different relation: namely, he is by himself so far as his local activities are concerned."

Bishop McDowell: "Mr. Chairman, if Bishop Cannon will allow me, I would not like that statement to go with the understanding that it is accepted as an accurate interpretation of the relation of the negro members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I do not care to do more than say that."

Bishop Cannon: "I am very frank to say that I had no intention of not stating what I understood to be the fact, namely, that the negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church do have separate congregations, (Bishop McDowell: "They do.") and that they do have separate Annual Conferences, (Bishop McDowell: "They do.") and that they shall have a separate Regional Conference."

Bishop McDowell: "It is also true that the white people have separate Regional Conferences."

Bishop Cannon: "The negro is put in a separate Regional Conference, just exactly as the white membership is in separate Regional Conferences, but the fact that the negro is placed in separate congregations and is in separate Conferences and that it is proposed to put him in a separate Regional Conference—that fact clearly indicates that there must be some reason why this procedure is followed. We of our Commission think that that procedure is wise, because we think that the negro is still largely a missionary proposition; that the negro is an immature race; that the negro is a child race; that he should be dealt with from the missionary viewpoint—not every individual negro, not every single negro church, but the negroes as a mass; that while one negro church may develop or the negro may develop in one special section, yet for the negroes as a mass this Regional Conference which we are proposing is what is best for him. And this is to our view similar to what we are proposing for the Mexicans, the Brazilians and the inhabitants of Argentina, people who have equally as much civilization as the negro, but who are distinctly missionary so far as the relation of the Church to them is concerned. We propose, therefore, that the negro shall be placed in one of these Regional Conferences just as the Latin American people, and the people of Europe, and the people of Eastern Asia and the people of Southern Asia and that he shall be given a representation in the General Conference that is limited at both ends, namely, that he shall not have less than a ecrtain number, and that he shall not have more than a certain number."

"Why should we put that limitation? Because we do not think that it is wise to bring into the General Conference a larger proportion of delegates than five per cent from this Negro Regional Conference, or from any of these other Missionary Regional Conferences, thus giving us a maximum of those people who differ from us in race and habits, and in methods of thought, no more than twenty-five per cent of the total membership of the General Conference. We from the South are willing to agree that the colored man shall have his Regional Conference just as we do, and that he shall come into the General Conference, but with the representation which is suited to his immaturity, his lack of development and his missionary relationship. And now to us of the Southern Church this is just as much a question of moral right, of moral sense as it is for you brethren, when Bishop McDowell states that the negro is entitled to full representation without any limitations whatever. We honestly believe that it is best for the negro and best for the white man that there shall be this difference, as long as the negro is in the present immature state and as long as he is largely a missionary proposition. Your own Church will show that your Freedman's Aid Society and your Home Mission Board are pouring money out for the development of your negro Conferences. Just as we are pouring money out for our Mexican work on the border, so you are pouring out missionary money for the negroes. They are clearly still as a mass a missionary field."

"I do not hesitate to say, brethren, that I think it will be far better for the negro, far better for the white people, if the Churches unite. I believe that the opportunity for friction will be greatly abated thereby. I believe that the men, who either in the black race or the white race, desire to agitate racial questions for some personal ambition, will find little profit in such conduct when the Church is reorganized as we are proposing. I think that there will be a very great gain for both the negroes and the whites by this method."

"Now as to the expediency of it: I told the Committee first, and say here just what I said there, that if I were convinced that the plan proposed by the majority report would be adopted by your Church and also by our Church, and that the plan we propose could not be adopted by your Church; even if it were adopted by our Church, I desire the unification of Methodism so greatly that I might be able finally to vote for that plan. *But I do not believe it.* I believe that the possibility of the adoption of the plan proposed by the majority report is very much less than the possibility of adopting the plan proposed by the minority. I say frankly that there will be a very great deal of objection even to this minority plan among many of our people. They will say that it is giving the negro representation in the General Conference, and until they get to the bottom of it, they may say 'proportionate' representation. And we must answer that by saying, 'No, it is proportionate representation, with a *limit*, which safeguards the General Conference from too great a number of representatives of the immature race.' And I can stand for that position, and I can advocate such action on the missionary basis among the people of our Church. But as to the majority plan, I say frankly that I doubt, I greatly doubt, whether it can possibly be carried through our General Conference and through the Annual Conferences. It might be adopted by a majority of our Commission. It might be adopted by a two-thirds vote of our General Conference. That might be possible. But it would be exceedingly difficult, I think, for it to be adopted by three-fourths of the members of our Annual Conferences. I do not say it cannot be done. I am trying to be just as frank as I can be. It might be done, but it would be very difficult to do."

(The following extract is from the final speech on the following day.)

"If the idea of the majority report is that in taking the action they propose we are to confer

upon the negroes exactly the same rights that we give to the white membership, if their relation as delegates to the General Conference is to be exactly the same as that of delegates from the White Regional Conferences, what effect will that have when it comes to voting by Regional Conferences? For myself I say frankly that the answer to this question would make all the difference between going as far as I said I might go yesterday, and being unable to go one step further under any circumstances than the minority report. I think there must be a clear statement on that point. Certainly it is necessary for me and I understand it is necessary for most of my brethren."

"* * * * I am sure that if the majority report had said that proportionate representation meant that the Negro Regional Conferences should have the same rights and privileges as the six white Regional Conferences are to have in the General Conference, every one of us would have seen at once how great a difference there is between that proposition and the proposition that the Methodist Episcopal Church made at St. Louis. But that point was not emphasized. I realized somewhat while Bishop McDowell was talking yesterday afternoon that it was evident that in his mind there was the sweeping thought that the negro membership was to have all the rights and privileges of the white membership, and so when I spoke, I emphasized a little more strongly than I might otherwise have done the difference between the two reports, and the fact that the minority report did put the negro membership into a different classification—into a subordinate classification. Now the issue as I see it is a very clear cut one. Stripped of all possible misunderstanding it is something like this: Shall the status of the negro membership in the reorganized Church be that of an immature, undeveloped child race, with corresponding privileges and limitations, or that of a race that should be given exactly the same rights and privileges as the white race, but set apart in separate congregations, Annual Conferences and Regional Conferences, solely on the ground of race, not to say color. That, it seems to me, is the issue as we have it today. This good brother, (Dr. Spencer) sitting in front of me has been my friend for many years. We are real friends, but he writes things sometimes that I cannot understand. I do not understand how he can think that certain things exist. The issue is not, as Dr. Spencer has said in a recent issue of his paper, I think perhaps within the last four weeks. He says that it is the race question that is keeping the Churches apart: one Church standing for the exclusion of negroes from the reorganized Church because of their color—that is the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; the other Church, under its conception of the Fatherhood of God and the heart of its message to the heathen world, unable to impose upon its own loyal colored membership such an exclusion."

"Now I say that is not the issue. That is not the question here today. That never has been the issue, in the language Dr. Spencer used. It was not the issue in 1844. It was not the issue before the Civil War. The negroes were in our Church. We never thought of excluding them from membership in our Church. When the war was over and it became evident that unless some new arrangement was made—a new arrangement, for they were in our Church—they would practically all leave our Church, and their leaders consulted our bishops and our other leaders and the proposition was made to adjust their church relationship so as to get the best results for the development of the Kingdom of God among the negro people, our leaders first proposed the Associate General Conference idea. When that was proposed the negroes did not want it; they wanted an independent Church. We never put the negroes out of our Church on the ground of color. They are out of our Church because they asked to go out, and because conditions are such, not only in the southern part of our country, but in the whole country, that it has been found better for the negroes to worship in separate churches, and to have separate conferences. Now, this much I wanted to say to Dr. Spencer, and I determined by God's help, after I was placed on this special Committee, to go the full length that I could go, while preserving the only principle that is ever to govern me in my attitude toward the negro. At Savannah the Southern Commissioners agreed, by a vote of 19 to 6, that the negroes should be represented in the General Conference. That was two *years* ago, and this article of Dr. Spencer's is recent, only four *weeks* ago. We said frankly at Savannah, by a vote of 19 to 6, 'Yes, we will take the negro into the General Conference, but as a child race, as an immature race.' I have wanted to go just as far as we could go. I have wanted it to be so that even Dr. Spencer would be thoroughly convinced that that statement of his did not have foundation. So I proposed in the Committee to go right up to the proposition of the Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Louis, and say, 'Why, yes, take proportionate representation for your *present* negro membership. Bring the negro into the Church. There is no question at all of exclusion, of keeping him out of the Church, but bring him into the Church in the relationship in which he ought to be in the Church, as a child race, and in the same relation as the Mexicans, the Brazilians and other races that are undeveloped and have not yet the capacity to come into the great body and determine the great affairs of the Church.' I cannot agree personally to the idea that we are to base the setting up of the negro into separate churches, separate Annual Conferences and separate Regional Conferences, as is proposed in the majority report, solely on the ground of color and race. They are brought into the General Conference under the plan of our northern brethren with a proportionate vote, but up to that point the only ground on which they are set apart is the ground of race and color."

"Now, I say very frankly, that there is a sweep to this majority report which I can hardly conceive was in the minds of the brethren who signed it. I must think that it did not carry everything to their minds that it must logically carry. It carries the selection of negro bishops by the Negro Regional Conferences and they are to come into the General Conference exactly as the other bishops, and to be assigned as the other bishops by the Board of Bishops. That is something the Methodist Episcopal Church has not done in the past. The Methodist Episcopal Church has not yet selected a colored man bishop. Why? Because of race? I would not think of saying that. It is because of his immaturity, because that Church has felt that up to the present time it was not wise to put the representatives of an immature race in control of the Conferences. I think there is in their minds as well as in the minds of Anglo-Saxons generally a certain per centage of racial feeling which is unavoidable. Not anything improper; but the fact remains that this report would carry us further, in my judgment, than the Committee which brought it in thought it would do."

"I call attention to what I may have a little pride about, and an honest pride, that this minority report does have some logic in it. That there is a thread running through it from beginning to end. I do not at all claim originality for the details of this proposition, the only thing that I tried myself to emphasize was that I wanted to go to the extreme limit that had been asked by the Methodist Episcopal brethren on the matter of representation for the colored man, always providing that he remains in the relation that this paper places him in, namely, the missionary relation, if not by the word being used, by the classification in which he is placed."

"Now, this paper goes on in paragraphs three and four to carry on the idea of the first and second paragraphs, that these Regional Conferences, all of them, not some of them, not simply those of the colored membership, but all of these subordinate Regional Conferences, Latin America, Eastern Asia, Southern Asia, all of them, shall have the powers and limitations proposed for the Central Conferences, in the report of the Committee on Conferences at the Savannah meeting.

"Now, then, section four: we went further in our thoughts than our brethren at Savannah. As you know they insisted that whenever the time came that the negro membership should reach six hundred thousand it should then pass out of the relationship that it held; that the General Conference must then erect it into an Associate General Conference. It does not seem that that was necessary, but it seems that after these missionary Regional Conferences reach the point that five or six per cent is no longer a fair proportionate representation, even though they are immature, child races, they should have the right to ask the General Conference to set them apart in an Associate General Conference, with equal powers and with the proposed nexus between the two bodies. Therefore, it is declared in this minority report that whenever these missionary Regional Conferences attain a membership of four hundred thousand, it will be possible for each of these Regional Conferences to ask for the relation of an Associate General Conference, and I think then the Church ought to give that relation."

"Now, I believe there is one single thread running through this minority report, namely, that the one way to treat people is to treat them in accordance with the facts as they exist. The Southern people have treated the colored people in all the relationships of life, not as our enemies, not as a hostile race, not as a race with whom we can have no dealings, but as a race that is under tutors and governors as a child is. And the civil government in our Southern States has never been animated by hostility toward the negroes in its legislation in reference to the suffrage. It has had in view the interest of both races that they may live together helpfully. There has been injustice sometimes, nobody has ever denied it. There has been injustice in the North as well as in the South on racial lines. But the intent and purpose of the dominant class of the Southern people has been to order the life in that section of our country so that there would be the best result for both races. We believe that what is true in the State is desirable also in the Church. These colored brethren need our help in the State. We are obliged to tax ourselves for their school funds. If it was their property alone, that should be taxed to educate them, they would have no schools at all in some sections. They are developing in property, but we tax ourselves largely for their help. We help them also build their churches. About every month negro men and women bring papers to me, and ask help. We do help our colored people; we do desire their good; but to us they are still an immature, undeveloped child race, and this minority report is drawn up in accordance with the facts as we see them. We believe that it would be a great mistake to put the negroes in any other relation."

The above quotations from the stenographic report indicate that the proposition made by our Commission to the Commission of the M. E. Church is in accordance with the previous attitude of our Church toward the negroes, is in accordance with our present missionary policy, and is in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament. The proposal of the Commission of the M. E. Church is to the writer illogical and contrary to the attitude of that Church toward the negroes in the local congregations and in the Annual Conferences.

Mexico City, Oct. 9, 1919.

LOCK THE DOOR IN TIME

By Robert B. Eleazer.

There is an old proverb about the uselessness of "locking the stable door after the horse is stolen." That has too often been the policy of good people with regard to other things than horses. An apt illustration is to be found in the race antagonism which has recently broken out in Washington, Chicago and other cities, and which, unless promptly checked, may conceivably swell into a tide that will sweep the country.

It can be checked, without doubt. The American pulpit is the power that can do it, and now is the time. The two hundred and fifty thousand preachers in this country are irresistible when they unite for the accomplishment of any righteous task. In a few months' time they can do what they will with public sentiment. The power of the press, however great, is a pigmy as compared to that of the pulpit. If the preachers of America, realizing the gravity of the situation, will set themselves to the creation of an attitude of Christian forbearance between the white and colored races, the danger can be obviated speedily.

This is an appeal to the ministers of our own Church to wield the vast influence of their pulpits unitedly and persistently toward that end. Let us lock the door this time before the horse is stolen. Realizing the danger, we shall be inexcusable before God and man unless we do our utmost to avert it. Sermons and resolutions will amount to little after the damage has been done. Now is the time for speech and action on the part of every man, preacher, or layman, who desires to see our difficult racial problems settled on a Christian basis.

Notes and Correspondence

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

—Rev. E. B. Craven, Four Oaks occupied the pulpit at Smithfield on the last Sunday in October. The Smithfield Herald says: "He preached a forceful sermon from the text, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.'"

—A series of meetings has recently been closed at St. Paul's Church, Maxton. The Scotish Chief says that the meeting "closed Sunday night with a grand sermon from presiding elder, Harry M. North, on the separation of the good and the evil, and the finality thereof. The Scriptural evidence was complete as well as logical."

—Mrs. Dr. E. L. Stamey, well and favorably known to many of our readers, recently underwent a serious operation at Dr. Long's Hospital, Greensboro, N. C. At one time she was thought to be very near the border land, but her many friends will be glad to know that she is now much improved, and it is thought that she is on the road to recovery.

—Dr. W. C. Kirkland, our confrere to the south, announces an issue of over 9,000 for the Southern Christian Advocate of October 30. He says this is the largest issue they have had in five years, and that they expect to reach 10,000 by the end of their first year in Columbia. We hope to see Dr. Kirkland put the old Southern right in the fore front of the best in the whole Advocate family. The two patronizing Conferences have a combined membership of about 110,000.

—Referring to the action of the Board of Stewards in requesting the return of Rev. D. M. Litaker to Lincolnton, the News says: "Rev. Mr. Litaker has completed his first year as pastor of First Methodist Church, of this city, and his pastorate has been one of success. The local Church the past year has made a splendid financial report. In addition to meeting all current obligations, he local congregation has subscribed $50,000 for the new Church building, and the new building is now being erected. The success of the Lincolnton Methodists the past year is gratifying not only to Methodists, but to the people of the entire community, who rejoice with them."

—A note from Mrs. J. E. Underwood, wife of Rev. J. E. Underwood, presiding elder of the Raleigh District brought the sad information that the latter had been injured in an automobile accident and had been weak and helpless since. He had been advised by his physicians not to attemppt to preach again before Conference, but he hoped to finish up the year's work otherwise and be able to attend the session of the Conference at Wilson. The latest information is that he is improving. Just how the accident occurred we are not informed, but he was thrown forward in front of the seat upon which he was riding, though not out of the car. No bones were broken, but his back was strained. We sincerely trust that he will soon be thoroughly well again.

—Rev. E. N. Crowder writes expressing delight at being returned to the Mooresville Circuit, and says they start the new year with good prospects of success.

—Rev. Magruder Tuttle, of Lenoir, filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday as the new pastor. He is a very able man and efficient in his work.—Lenoir News-Topic.

—A correspondent of the Lenoir News-Topic says: "The people of the Dudley Shoals circuit are rejoicing over the return of their pastor, Rev. B. C. Reavis. We love to hear him preach and he loves to preach to us."

—Writing of the Mooresville Circuit, Rev. E. N. Crowder reports the death of Mrs. Mary M. Brown and Wm. Otho Morrow, of Tr'plett Church. These were good and loyal church members and will be greatly missed.

—The people at Canton give up Rev. J. C. Bradley with reluctance. Strong resolutions were passed by the Board of Stewards congratulating the people of Haywood Street, Asheville, on their good fortune in securing his services.

—The official bord of Pleasant Garden Church passed strong resolutions of appreciation of the work of Rev. C. F. Sherrill during the past four years. They did not forget to include Sister Sherrill in their words of commendation.

—Rev. T. J. Rogers announces that regular revival services will begin at Jamestown on next Sunday night and will continue ten days or more. Rev. T. P. Jimison, of Grace Church, Winston-Salem, will do the preaching, and Prof. Hamilton, of Greensboro, will lead the singing.

—The Board of Stewards of our Church in Lexington recently passed resolutions of appreciation of the services of Mrs. J. M. Harkey as organist for fifteen years, also for her faithful service in the Sunday school. Mrs. Harkey is moving to South Dakota, and will be greatly missed by the Lexington people.

—Rev A. C. Gibbs, and family had the unusual experience of being pounded as they left their former charge at Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial. On Tuesday evening of last week the ladies gathered at the parsonage and gave them a linen shower. The presents were many and valuable.

—The address of Rev. W. E. Poovey, presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro District, will be North Wilkesboro till November 20, Jefferson till December 1, and Boone till December 21. Those interested will do well to clip this out and carefully file. The presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro District is a traveling preacher.

—Rev. R. C. Kirk has completed a full quadrennium of most acceptable and effective service on the Salisbury circuit. At the last quarterly Conference strong resolutions of endorsement and commendation of his work were adopted. Brother Kirk goes to East Spencer and will find there a large field in which to continue his earnest and efficient labors.

—Central Church and Sunday school, Monroe, passed strong resolutions of appreciation of he work of Rev. H. H. Jordan and of regret at his removal at the end of one year. We regret that lack of space forbids the publication in full of these resolutions. As usual, Brother Jordan won the hearts of the people of that charge and had large plans for developing the work.

—Rev. J. I. Spinks returning to the Fines Creek circuit for the second year, says: "On my return to the Fines Creek charge for the second year I was made to feel at home. Evidences of appreciation by words and deeds are coming from all the Churches on the circuit. We have some of the best people here we have ever served. We hope to be able to make a better report this year than was made at the last Conference."

Rev. N. S. Osborne, of our Japan Mission, is enjoying a rest now with relatives in Monroe. Those who wish to get in communication with him will address letters to him at that place. He requests us to say also that he has some curios which can be sent to any school for a day on Japan. These curios can be sent by parcel post. We trust Brother Ogburn will greatly enjoy his well-earned vacation and, incidently, do much to strengthen the bond of friendship between this country and Japan.

—Rev. Dr. W. R Ware writes of the royal reception given them for the third year by the congregation at North Wilkesboro. He says a new thing occurred at the parsonage a few nights ago, a station preacher received a pounding in good old Methodist fashion, "heaped up pressed down and running over." The year starts out propitiously with the good people of that vigorous young congregation. Brother Ware thinks they are the best ever, and with God's leadership expects another good year.

—A special to the daily press from Asheville announces that the Central Methodist Church has purchased the large pipe organ which, for some time has been in use at the Grove Park Inn. The correspondent says: "This organ will probably be the largest in any Church in the south and will be a great addition to the Church in its work. The Church officials state that the organ will not only be used for the congregational singing, but that special concerts and recitals will be held from time to time with Miss Daisy Smith, the regular organist, in charge.

—The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League began a campaign of three hundred and forty meetings for this state on Sunday, November 2, the first meetings being held at Winston-Salem and Asheville on that day. The campaign will end at Rocky Mount, Newberne, Washington and Elizabeth City Sunday, December 21. The purpose of this campaign is to give our people the world-wide vision of prohibition and the wonderful opportunity that the prohib'tionists of America have, right now, to help the other nations that are struggling to rid themselves of the liquor traffic.

—The readers of the Advocate will be grieved to learn of the great sorrow which came to Mr. A. M. Kistler, of Morganton, on account of the death of his wife which occurred suddenly at their home in Morganton on Friday of last week. Mr. Kistler, though a member of the Presbyterian Church, is one of the largest benefactors of Rutherford College, having given his check for $2,000 during our late Annual Conference. T whole Conference appreciates his munificent gift to the college and will, on this account, sympathize the more deeply with him in this sore bereavement. The body of the deceased was taken to Bethlehem, Pa., their former home, for interment. Besides the husband, two sons survive.

—Rev. Albert Sherrill writes hopefully of the work on the Summerfield circuit, as he begins his fourth year. He and the Summerfield people are in love with each other. He reports 125 converted in th revival meetings last year. Twenty-four additions to the Church. During the year a debt of $500 was paid off at Mount Pisgah, and a lot of furnishing done. This Church will likely be ready for dedication early this year. Plans are on foot for improving and beautifying the grounds about the Church at the Battle Ground, and that Church will also likely be ready for dedication early in the year. The building Committee at Gethsemane will soon begin work on the completion of their beautiful country church, hoping to finish up by Christmas. A building committee was elected at the fourth quarterly meeting to begin work on a new Church at Lee's Chapel. The congregation is enthusiastic over this enterprise. Brother Sherrill and his people have mapped out a big program for the ensuing year and all have the forward look.

—Rev. J. Frank Armstrong who has just closed four years of most effective work at Spray writes a letter of appreciation of that noble people which we regret not having space to print in full. A summary of the work shows: "The pastor's salary has been advanced from $700 to $1,500. the old parsonage has been redeemed by the payment of a large debt on it. Another parsonage, good enough for any preacher located on one of the choicest lots in town has been purchased so that now they enjoy the distinction of owning two. The latter house has been painted within and without, electric lights installed, kitchen cabinet, South Bend cook range, refrigerator, carpets and parlor set. On the outside a well has been bored and commodious car-house built. The Church has been furnished as follows: A smokeless furnace, pulpit set, individual communion service, communion table and one hundred first-class chairs for Sunday school rooms. The pastor has married more than one hundred couples, buried one hundred and twenty, conducted without ministerial help five revival meetings, preaching ninety times in these evangelistic services. There have been about two hundred conversions or reclamations, seventy baptisms and ninety additions. In all this work the Epworth League and the Ladies Aid have led with the Sunday school, the official board and the congregation gladly following." Many love tokens were given the family on their departure for their new field at Forest Hill, Concord, where Brother Armstrong is going to fit in even better than he did at Spray.

N. C. CONFERENCE NOTICES

Class of the First Year

The members of the first year's class, together with the committee, are asked to meet in the assigned room at the First Church, Wilson, N. C., Tuesday evening at 7:30, November 18. J. M. Ormond, Chairman.

Class of the Third Year

The Class of the Tihrd Year, North Carolina Conference will meet on Wednesday afternoon, November 19, at 3 o'clock at the designated place in Wilson. Costen J. Harrell, Chm.

Class of the Fourth Year

The class of the Fourth Year will please meet the committee at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, November 18, in the room assigned them.
W. W Peele, chairman

Presiding Elders

I am requested to state that the presiding elders of the North Carolina Conference are called to meet in Wilson on Tuesday, November 18, at 3 o'clock. J. E. Underwood.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT NOTICE

The Waynesville District Stewards meeting will be held at Sylva, Tuesday, Nov. 18 beginning at 1 p. m. The meeting will be concluded in time for all stewards to return home the same day on east and west bound trains. It is to be hoped 'hat every steward will be present. J. H. West.
Waynesville, N. C.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference is hereby called to meet at the Church in Wilson, Tuesday afternoon, November 18, 2:30 p. m. Train schedules make this the most favorable hour.

Much preliminary work is to be done and we hope to hav the presiding elders with us that afternoon or night that we may be able 'o relieve them and the Board of much work that usually comes later in the week, as well as to be able to confer together over certain new work enterprised by the Board. The importance of this meeting calls for a full attendance of all concerned. The Board never faced finer opportunities nor assumed heavier responsibilities. This meeting is to be one of more than mere routine. M. T. Plyler, President.

CENTENARY CONSERVATION GROUP MEETINGS

The following is the schedule of the Centenary Conservation Group Meetings in the Western North Carolina Conference: Mt. Airy District, Elkin, Wednesday, November 12th, 1 P. M.; Rural Hall, Thursday, November 13th, 10:30 A. M.; Mt. Airy, Friday, November 14th, 11 A. M.; Leaksville, Sunday, November 16th, 2:30 P. M.; Greensboro District, Asheboro, Monday, November 17th, 2:30 P. M.; West Market Church, Greensboro, Tuesday, November 18th, 10 A. M.; North Wilkesboro District at North Wilkesboro, Wednesday, November 19th, 2:-30 P. M.; Charlotte District at Tryon St. Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21st, 2 P. M.; Salisbury District at First Church, Salisbury, Tuesday, November 25th, at 11 A. M.; Asheville District at Central Church, Asheville, Friday, November 28th, at 10 A. M.; Hot Springs, Saturday, November 29th, at 2 P. M. and Hendersonville Sunday, November 30th, at 2 P. M.; Waynesville District, Bryson City, Wednesday December 10th. The dates and places for the Shelby, Marion and Statesville Districts will be announced later. We are expecting the pastors and local Centenary treasurers, the local church directors, the local church chairmen of the Minute Men, the charge lay leaders and representatives from the Sunday-Schools and Epworth Leagues and Woman's Missionary Societies to attend these Group Meetings.

R. M. Courtney,
Conference Missionary Secy.

GRACE CHURCH, WILMINGTON, N. C.

This good old substantial Church with more than a hundred and twenty years of history is closing a great year—the best of all the past. During the past quadrennium 302 have been received into the membership and the Church has contributed around $70,000. (The exact figures are not in yet.) So far as the records show this is more membe received and more money raised and during any two quadrenniums of the past. An equipment for the Sunday school and other Church work has been enterprised, built and paid for to the last penny. This is worth more than $50,000 at present cost of building. The amount raised for the Centenary ran beyond $35,000. And best of all, we expect to close the year with every debt paid, save the Centenary subscriptions, and a surplus in the treasury. This is something new in the history of Grace Church.

The Sunday school is graded throughout, a teacher training class meets every Sunday morning, and officers and teachers meet in council at luncheon once a month. The school has raised its Centenary special of $180 for the first year. The African Special in the Epworth League has gone from $60 to $300 per year.

The Church is united and growing, a vital organization with the promise of still richer fruitage in the years to come. Personally, I desire to express the highest appreciation of the ready response and fine co-operation of all who have made these things possible. In all this, we have had due regard for the faith once delivered to the saints, but the emphasis has been on the work now demanded of the saints. This gets results for the Christ.

M. T. Plyler.

MESSAGE FROM BROTHER HOYLE

I will say to the brethern, we are here in our home, just a little tired and worn with the move but trying to rest.

We were greatly encouraged and helped last night when quite a number of our old friends and neighbors called to see us bringing us new blankets to keep us warm, with almost every thing good to eat in abundance, and CASH for more when needed.

This is all the more to us since it comes from our old neighbors with whom we have lived several times in the past, and in our weakness tried to serve.

And I now remember you have served here as well as myself so I might say when you need rest come this may. R. M. Hoyle.

EAST MONBO

St. Johns Methodist Episcopal Church, of this place, regrets very much to have to give up our former pastor, Rev. J. W. Williams. The people have learned to love him for his untiring efforts in our behalf for the past three years. Our best wishes go with him to his new home for a pleasant and profitable year.

St. Johns has also lost two of its most valued and esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Colvert. They devoted much of their time to the building of the Church and took a live interest in its welfare. It is with sorrow that we had to part with these good people as they were not only a help to the Church, but the community.

We wish them much success in Charlotte, their new home. Mr. Colvert was secretary of the Turner Mill while at East Monbo. T.

MOREHEAD CITY STATION

After spending nearly two years in charge of this fine field, let me express my sincere gratification at the improvement and excellent spirit in our membership.

We recently closed a meeting of nineteen days, and its blessed effects are manifest in all departments of our work. A very large number of persons pledged themselves to a clearer, stronger, more consecrated life, and the situation brightens with the weeks. Rev. H. B. Hill, pastor of Riverside, New Bern, was my efficient assistant. He earnestly and instructively preached the gospel to us for some twelve days, and was heard by splendid congregations.

It would be difficult to find anywhere a better Sunday school than ours, so long and capably led by that prince of laymen, Brother Chas. S. Wallace. Last Sunday, without previous notice, he asked the school for $100 as an orphange special, and the offering was $136.

We are especially fortunate in having as chairman of our Board of Stewards, Brother R. W. Taylor, and as secretary, Brother H. C. Davis, as Church treasurer, Brother G. P. Hood, and as Centenary treasurer, Brother W. J. Hales. These good men and their loyal associates are greatly helpful to all Church interests.

While it may not be altogether safe to mention it, yet I dare to say that our parsonage is one of the best in the state.

Our live Woman's Missionary Society has observed the week of prayer with very satisfying results.

R. H. Broom.

REVIVAL AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Tuesday night, November 4, marked the close of the most wonderful revival meeting known in the history of Greensboro College for Women. Under the leadership of Dr. Hounshell, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, of the Southern Methodist Church, and his assistant, Miss Helen Hardy, Student Secretary of the Woman's Council, the few girls in college who were not members of the Church, gave their lives to Christ, while the professed Christians, with few exceptions reconsecrated themselves to the service of God.

The spirit of the revival was most strongly manifested in the prayer services which followed each evening service. Tongues that had never before spoken in public for Christ were loosed to testify what great blessings God had given them and to pray earnestly that their friends in darkness might find the Light.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. E. B. Craven, has served the Four Oaks Charge faithfully and efficiently for the year now closing; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the official board in behalf of the Churches of the Four Oaks Charge, do hereby express our hearty and cordial appreciation of him as a man and minister of the gospel, and pray that God will direct in his appointment his return to us at the coming Conference, and that the divine blessings will follow him and his family wherever his lot may be cast.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be submitted to our Church paper, the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and our county paper for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. Adams, D. J. Wellons,
G. K. Massengil, John F. Sanders,
W. H. Tucker, Robt. A. Sanders,
C. L. Sanders, J. A. Keen.
G. B. Smith, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, by the laws of our Church our beloved presiding elder, Rev. J. E. Underwood, must move from us at the approaching Annual Conference session, and,

Whereas, Brother Underwood has served the Church faithfully and well in this field, therefore, be it resolved.

First, That we have appreciated the untiring devotion of Brother Underwood to the duties of his responsible office, and that we will ever pray that wherever the lines may fall to him it may be pleasant to him, and that the consciousness may abide with him that he has done well the tasks committed to him by the Church.

Second, That we assure Brother Underwood of our abiding affection, and our prayers for his future and continued well being.

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THE DEDICATION OF THE WEST END METHODIST CHURCH

The dedication of the West End Methodist Church was a most impressive eleven o'clock service of Sunday morning. The members and admirers of this ideal community Church gathered from various parts of the State to hear the sermon for the occasion which was delivered by Rev. W. H. Brown, who is more commonly known to his people as "Little Billie Brown." In the beginning he modestly stated: "On such occasions as this people usually choose a big man to speak to them, but you have not chosen a big man in size or in place," etc. His West End friends could conceive of no man so big in soul who was equally worthy of the honor they made his. He was instrumental both in the organization of a Methodist Church at West End, and the building of the House of Worship which was to be dedicated. From the appropriate text "Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16:18, he proceeded, as one inspired to expound the strength of the great organization in its relation to the original founder. He concluded: "Unless this Church, as a member of God's great organization has as its primary mission the saving of souls, it has no right to exist; and this beautiful structure which we have met here to dedicate to God should be leveled to the ground . . ."

Immediately following the sermon the Church was presented by Mr. Von Cannon, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and accepted in form by Mr. Brown. C. L.

WILLIAM S. BLANCHARD

J. M. Ormond.

The account of the death and funeral of William S. Blanchard was written by others soon after he died in June, but the writer desires to add a word of appreciation of this good and useful man.

Mr. Blanchard was one of a large family of children of William R. Blanchard, who was in his day in Perquimans County, a merchant and exporter of no small proportions. The children of this family learned the most valuable lessons of thrift and honesty, as well as fidelity to duty and a simple faith in God. William S. Blanchard became a Christian in early life and at the age of nineteen joined the Methodist Church. At the time of his death he had been a member of the church fifty-four years, and had been a steward in the church continuously for nearly fifty years. He was not known to be absent a single time from the Quarterly Conference in this long period of official service. This record is only one of many which illustrates his faithfulness to duty. The writer was pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church two years, and during that period Mr. Blanchard never missed any service or meeting of any kind which men were supposed to attend, with the possible exception of a few times when he was ill or away from town. There are two good reasons for this punctuality: one was his well-ordered system of life; the other was his strong conviction that his duty must be done. Through the path of duty he, verily, found his way to glory. I have seen very few official men who felt so much responsibility for the welfare of the church and the comfort of the pastor's family. He would not let his preacher go to Conference unpaid. To serve a church with such a man on the Board is but to have salary and other expenses underwritten, giving the pastor great financial relief.

By his frugality, honesty and untiring energy, and not by the exploitation of weaker persons, he was able to build up a goodly fortune. He would not take more than six per cent from his creditors. Though identified with the industrial development of his town and county in many ways, his chief energy was given to the management of a general store. From the Civil War to 1912 he was associated with his brother, T. C. Blanchard. After that time his son, J. C. Blanchard, was a partner with his father.

His high aspirations for his children have borne fruit in their well-educated and useful lives. Dr. William M. Blanchard, of Greencastle, Indiana; Mrs. R. H. Willis, wife of the presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District; J. C. Blanchard, a successful business man of Hertford, N. C.; Miss Alice Blanchard, a member of the faculty of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools; Dr. Julian Blanchard, of New York City; Laurence E. Blanchard, of Washington N. C., and Miss Eugenia Blanchard, of Hertford, N. C.

Mr. Blanchard was married first to Miss Artemesia Towe. Though the writer never knew this woman, traces of her faithful motherhood are found in the six children who yet live to serve humanity. He was married a second time in August, 1896, to Mrs. Della Koonce, who is the mother of Miss Eugenia Blanchard, and who was always a most faithful and true companion to her husband

There are no words adequate to express the value of a loyal and faithful servant like that of Mr. Blanchard. Very quiet and calm, but within his bosom was a heart which always beat true to God and humanity. His words were few, but his deeds were many. He never allowed his heart to become tainted with envy and strife and destructive criticism. He had no

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Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

GIVE IN RETURN

By Mrs. Whit Gaskins

In this world of ours we must not dream
There's nothing to do but live,
And snatch the joys of the world so bright,
Nothing in return to give.

But let us sing as we pass along
With our faces lifted high,
A song of love and of hope and cheer
That will fill the earth and sky.

With singing hearts we may seize the light
The light of life we may lack,
But yet we can give the Golden Rule
And give the world's sunshine back.

For folks who live in the world to-day,
Just as our God has planned,
Live by the Golden Rule you must know
The rule of a helping hand.

For all we have is a glowing trust
And the world is ours today
It is ours to own, to love and to share
The brief little while we stay.

The sun and the cloud, the sea and the sky,
Are ours by His will to hold;
And it thrills my heart to know and feel
That the world is in my soul.

Would you know the secret of His love?
The secret of living true?
It's "Give to the world the best you have
And the best will come to you."

ANOTHER NEW ORGANIZATION

At Snow Hill, on the Shelby District, a Woman's Missionary Society has been recently organized, and the following are the officers: President, Mrs. C. A. Beatty, Vice-President, Mrs Nannie Underwood; Treasurer, Mrs W. T. Connell; Secretary, Mrs. Maude McIntosh.

A PLEASANT MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AT MIDDLEBURG

A pleasant meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at Middleburg was held a few days ago hehttaoemvRcmfwypc few days ago at the home of Mrs. J. M. Nowland, with a goodly number of members in attendance. After the devotional services, conducted by Mrs. Rowland, interesting readings on the subject of the afternoon's program, "Making Democracy Safe Religiously," were given by Mrs. W. T. Rowland, Mrs. Wells and Miss Ila Harrell. Four new members were enrolled on that occasion.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served by the hostess. Officers were elected for another term as follows: President, Mrs. Wells; Vice-President, Miss Ila Harrell: Secretary. Mrs. T. H. Crocker, and Treasurer, Miss Sallie Smiley.

NOTES FROM CENTENARY AUXILIARY, NEW BERN, N. C.

Centenary Woman's Auxiliary is in the midst of many activities with the slogan, "Carry On."

The study class is large and much enthusiasm results from the study of "Money. The Acid Test." The subject is so timely and the facts so convincing that we can but feel our spiritual selves expanding—grasping the vision.

We have had two series of Bible readings which were helpful and inspirational. Our women have received more inspiration from these studies than from any other source. The attendance is good and interest pleasing. Our beloved President, Mrs. Hendren, though very frail, leads on. Her hold on things spiritual is truly wonderful and her interest is amazing. Her very presence is a benediction.

Mrs. Whit Gaskins,
Supt. Mission and Bible Study.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Chucrh, Asheville, it was the pleasure of the society to have as a visitor, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, stationed in Africa, who with his wife and little daughter, are guests of relatives in Asheville for several months. Mr. Bedinger is a pleasing speaker and in his report of the missionary work in Africa, captivated his hearers. He gave quite a number of African customs and spoke especially of the willingness of the black people to hear and receive the Gospel, besides telling of the work carried on there by his own Church, through its missionaries, and of the work that our Methodist missionaries are doing.

Mr. Bedinger was the interpreter for Bishop Lambuth when he went to Africa, and has been a wonderful help to our missionaries in getting acquainted with the Africans. At his home many of our missionaries have been entertained and he and Mrs. Bedinger have endeared themselves by their many personal kindnesses to all of our representatives there. He has promised another talk before he goes to his field of work.

HARVEST DAY

In December comes the observance of Harvest Day. Is your society planning for it? Will all your obligations have been met so that you can report a clean sheet at the Harvest Day meeting? Only two months of the year remain in which to work. There is much to be done and let us each and all be busy and make this our greatest year in our history. Let us in these remaining seven weeks work as never before to bring about richer, fuller results than we have ever had.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARY F. HUMBER

When the sad news was flashed over the wires the afternoon of July 13, 1919, that Mrs. Mary F. Humber was seriously ill of pneumonia in a hospital in Wilmington, N. C., how sad our hearts were, and prayers for her recovery went up from many hearts in Jonesboro. But next day news came that our Heavenly Father had called her home.

Coming to Jonesboro to make her home about forty years ago, she at once connected herself with the Methodist Church, and was ever after busily engaged in active work in the Woman's Missionary and Ladies Aid Societies. For a number of years she has supported a Bible woman in China and it gave her such pelasure that she desired it should go on after her death. She was the most liberal member in support of our Pledge also. Whenever in need of funds for any church work all needed to be done was let her know and she gladly responded.

Now we shall miss her sweet smiling countenance and words of sympathy, for in all the years of her life among us she was ready at all times to do something. Into the homes of the poor and lonely she went, taking little dainties to the sick, and when the Death Angel visited a home you would find her there to mingle her tears with those who mourned.

When the first great sorrow in her own family came and her little boy was thrown from a pony and killed, she took his little playmates in her arms and held them up to see his dead face, at the same time telling them of the beautiful home to which he had gone, though her heart was breaking.

How we shall miss her here, but know our loss is her gain. God grant her mantle may fall on her noble daughters.

Mrs. D. B. Buchanan,
Mrs. L. M. Foushee,
Mrs. D. B. Robertson.

We wonder if there is a missionary society in the Conference that is in a rut. One where the meetings seem to lag, the members do not attend well and the interest of former years has abated. We all have our discouragements in this work, as well as our encouragements and often feel like giving up, but let us not allow our society to become afflicted with the disease about which the following timely and well-written article speaks. Read it carefully and if there is any symptoms of such trouble in your auxiliary use the remedies suggested.

We are indebted to the Missionary Voice for this splendid paper which appeared in the Monthly Bulletin of the North Mississippi Missionary Society, winning the prize offered for the best paper on the subject.

MISSIONARY RUTS—HOW TO GET OUT OF THEM

"Ruts" is a disease which, though not confined to the Missionary Societies, often thrives among them. Of long duration, it sometimes takes months to run its course, always resulting fataly unless treated in time. The peculiar danger of "Ruts" is that it runs the spiritual vitality so low as to leave the society the victim of various deadly diseases.

Cause.—"Ruts," like pellagra, is caused by improper diet—same songs, same prayers, same women on the program every time, nothing new, nothing spicy, nothing appetizing for mind or spirit. Results, "Ruts."

Symptoms.—The onset of the disease is insidious, manifesting tself in seeming trivial things, such as the falling off in attendance, lack of interest on the part of the members, absence of officers from the meetings. The work of the society becomes irksome even to the faithful few. The spiritual temperature of the patient is subnormal, a general condition of inerita is prevalent.

In the advanced stages of the disease, the symptoms are more marked. There is a total absence of the regular meeting of the officers of the society; a pronounced tendency to let the president do the work; the secretary fails to report to the district secretary; the attendance at monthly meeting is barely discernible; there is entire absence of mission and Bible study; members fail in pay their dues and pledges. Spiritual vitality runs so low that the auxiliary dies.

Treatment.—A reaction must be brought about immediately by an absolute change in habits. This is one disease where the "rest cure" is fatal. The patient should lead a strenuous life. New, spicy, snappy programs, new songs, new prayers, different girls on the programs—everything new. Sometimes a change in an officer is necessary. This is alwayys accompanied by severe discomfort for a time, but the patient recovers so rapidly that the end justfies the means. Ths reaction is best brought about by a thorough inoculation of the members with the Anti-"Ruts" serum called "Pep." "Pep" not only cures but is a sure preventive. Of course the officers take it first and keep a supply on hand to administer whenever needed.

It is the peculiar nature of "Pep" to render a society immune to "Ruts" because it builds up the general condition. The elements of which it is compounded must be in every successful auxiliary.

P-rayer. (That makes it possible for God to work.)

E-nergy. (That makes the member work.)

Personality. (Consecrated so as to glorify God.

The formula for "Pep" is found by combining John xiv. 14, Romans, xii, 11, and I Cor. vi. 20.

There is no danger of "Ruts" in any society that inoculates with "Pep." Let's have an Anti-"Ruts" camjaign.

THE PLACE OF PRAYER IN THE CENTENARY

No one who "stood with the watchers on the mountain top" or saw them face the many and varied issues as they arose, or lived in the offices of the secretaries of departments, or heard pastor and presiding elders lay plans, or witnessed busy laymen and women lay aside all other claims to answer calls for service on Sunday and week-days, or read the itlerature—no one who or read the literature—no one who even remotedly followed the progress of the great Centenary Movement could doubt that prayer was the power on which the leaders and workers depended. It was the pivot on which the Centenary wheel turned. It was the first thing to do in any matter. It was the court of appeal of the individual and the group, of the committee and the great gathering. The promotion of prayer has been the chief object to be attained in city Church and rural section alike.

What hath prayer wrough in the great Centenary Movement:

The Church has increased her intercessors to a known list numbering 227,000.

Her records show that those who pledged themselves to be "accounted as stewards" of time, talent and money now reach 55,000.

The fixed amount of $35,000,000 was not enough in which to express the gratitude felt for past blessings and present opportunities The Church rose in a mighty wave of thanksgiving and in response to the need in the world and pledged herself to giv $56,000,000 in the coming five years for the maintenance and development of missions.

Many are the by-products which have come from the great objectives at the forefront of the Centenary Movement.

Fourteen thousand Minute Men are giving time and service in pulpit and on paltform. Women are serving in many varied capacities in their local churches.

Firty thousand men and women are giving part-time service as volunteer workers to carry forward the work of establishing the kingdom.

Thirty-five thousand copies of The Centenary Bulletin are issued monthly to pastors, presiding elders and Minute Men.

The fields abroad are in league with the Home Church. They are organizing their own home missions, developing native leaders, becoming self-supporting and sending missionaries out of their own members to heathen countries. A wave of evangelism is starting and, guided by wise men and women, will increase in volume till it covers the Church at home and abroad.

Men and women have gone from their knees to the great task of the Centenary and thus "it has been done." "Greater things than these shall ye do."

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Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Lexington, N. C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

APEX SUNDAY SCHOOL

An invitation by Mr. W. F. Booker, superintendent of our Sunday school at Apex, and seconded by the pastor, Rev. V. R. Royal, gave me an opportunity to visit the Sunday school on Sunday, November 2. I found a small, but earnest and enthusiastic bunch of folks, who have the welfare of their Sunday school very much at heart. At the close of the morning service the whole Sunday school remained to hear the message from the secretary.

The officers and teachers met with me at three o'clock, when the pressing Sunday school problems were discussed and two Teacher Training classes were organized. One class is to be for teachers in service, and the other is for young people who expect to become teachers. The Sunday school has two adult classes. One class is enrolled in the Wesley Class department, and the other class decided to ask for enrollment at the morning hour. The teachers in session decided to organize a Home Department and a Cradle Roll Department. It was a real pleasure to be with the school in Apex for a day. Their school is going to be a real force for good in the Church and community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY INCOME

The total amount reported from the North Carolina Conference Sunday schools for the Centenary to November 1, is $3,248.71. The amount reported from Western North Carolina is $6,543.85; from Virginia, $8,462.40; from South Carolina, $3,666.85; from Upper South Carolina, $2,163.52. Our Sunday schools ought to make a better showing on the Centenary than this. Let every superintendent see that his school pays its Centenary pledge at once, so that our Conference will be reported in full by the 19 of this month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

An excellent way to begin the new year is to take stock of our forces. Every Sunday school that has not done so ought to conduct a membership campaign at once. We all know that our Sunday schools are not reaching all the folks that they ought. Map out a campaign. Make a systematic canvass of your territory. Enlist all the forces of the Church in the campaign. Follow the membership campaign up with persistent efforts to secure the attendance and enrollment of all who ought to be in the Sunday school. Write to Rev. Chas. D. Bulla, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., for leaflets, visitation cards and wall posters. Let us start the new year right.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY NIGHT

The Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Conference is planning to hold a Sunday School Anniversary Night at the Conference which meets in Wilson on the 19 of this month. Rev. W. Shackford, superintendent of the Department of Teacher Training of the General Sunday School Board, will be the principal speaker on this occasion. We consider ourselves very fortunate in having Mr. Shackford with us for this meeting. We know it will be an interesting and profitable meeting.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

At our Teachers' Meeting last Sunday we decided to have a membership campaign. We decided that we ought to have everybody in the neighborhood attending the Sunday school and we are going after them. I have written to Dr. Bulla for some cards on which to write the names, so we can do it right to start with. We are going to divide the neighborhood up by families and try and reach them all in one Sunday afternoon. We want to know just what the possibilities are for this Sunday school. We believe we have got a good Sunday school now and we want everybody in reach of it to be a member.

Our attendance has picked up wonderfully since Rally Day, but there are some yet who ought to be in it and are not. There is something else I want to ask you about. Our school subscribed to the Centenary, five cents per pupil per month, but we feel like we want a special. Is it too late to get a Special now? I mean can we change our subscription into a special? I would like to take a special besides what we have already subscribed, but don't know whether we could or not. Let me hear from you some time.

Yours very truly,
Superintendent of New Town Sunday School.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

THE CHURCH SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Just 31 of the 820 Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference have ordered five or more copies of "The Church School" to be sent each month with regular order of literature to the officers and teachers of their schools. These thirty one schools have ordered 274 copies. Our minimum quota is 684. We must have the other subscriptions and they will come in time. At present the printers' strike in New York City, where the printing is done, is preventing additional copies of "The Church School" from appearing but it is hoped that soon this strike will be over and the schools ordering subscriptions will be receiving them. Each dollar will bring twelve copies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HUSTLERS

Mr. E. C. Lyndon, of the firm of Brown & Lyndon Shoe Co., Greensboro, is a good salesman through the week and just as good a Sunday school worker on Sunday. One Sunday recently he organized six new Wesley Classes in his school at Spring Garden.

Superintendent M. F. McKnight, cashier of Mooresville's leading bank, believes in a systematized Sunday school. He has just sent in a list of five new Wesley Classes.

Rev. M. H. Vestal, our live pastor at Epworth, Concord, reports three new Wesley Classes and asks for application blank for the enrolling of another.

Rev. W. R. Ware, North Wilkesboro, moved many hearts with his testimony at the Conference Love Feast. He is a great spiritual force in North Wilkesboro. His Sunday school recently started five Wesley Classes.

Superintendent Geo. L. Hackney, Lexington, always starts a new year by having all his officers and teachers present in his home for a social business meeting. The work of the past year and the plans for the new year are always presented. He never has any difficulty in getting his guests to attend.

THE CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the number of schools contributing monthly to the Centenary the Western North Carolina Conference stands second in the list of 38 Southern Methodist Conferences in America. Four hundred and seventy-two Centenary schools are on the honor roll. These schools had up to November 1 paid to Col. John E. Edgerton, Nashville, $6,543.85. Three Conferences lead us as follows: Virginia, $8,462.40; South Georgia, $7,787.74; North Alabama, $7,062.57.

CENTENARY HONOR ROLL

The Centenary Sunday school honor roll is too long to be published entirely in a single issue. Whatever is left out in this issue will appear in succeeding issues of the Advocate. Kindly look for your school. In the event it is not listed won't you do all you can to see that it lines up as a missionary school?

The amount of money opposite names of schools stands for the total amount agreed to be paid in the five years. So far as I can learn, no school is finding it difficult to raise its Centenary pledge. It is a fine thing to owe money to the Lord's cause and then a better thing to pay the debt. Fall in and join the happy debt payers.

CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Asheville District

Bethel 500; Central 2058; Chestnut St. 500; Haywood St. 530; W. Asheville 300; Elk Mountain 125; Riverview 125; Biltmore 600; Biltmore 150; Mt. Pleasant 300; Black Mountain 120; Brevard 1000; Brevard 300; Bethany 100; Fairview 100; Tweeds 60; Flat Rock 150; Hendersonville 600; Edneyville 150; Fruitland 90; Moores Grove 150; Hot Spgs. 120; Marshall 60; Avery's Cr. 30; Mills River 210; Sardis 90; Shaw's Cr. 46; Swannanoa 90; West's Chapel 105; Montmorenci 50; Oak Hill 255; Pisgah 50; Pleasant Hill 50; Saluda 100; Stackhouse 25; Weaverville 300; Flint Hill 90.

Charlotte District

Ansonville 250; Mt. Vernon 90; Belmont Park 840; Brevard 450; Calvary 330; Calvary 480; Moores 240; Dilworth 1250; Trinity 240; Pleasant Garden 210; Trinity 1500; Tryon Street 900; Lilesville 120; Savannah 60; Shady Grove 60; Center 150; Gilboa 105; Marshville 300; Indian Trail 180; Monroe, Central 1050; Bethel 300; Morven 500; New Hope 200; Pleasant Hill 250; Union 60; Hawthorne Lane 960; Harrisons 300; Pineville 180; Marvin 210; Peachland 75; Polkton 300; Poplar Hill 69; Trinity 35; Bethlehem 180; Unionville 330; Mill Grove 90; Unionville 90; Zion 720; Wadesboro 2500; Hannah Chapel 105; Bond Grove 125; Pleasant Grove 120; Mineral Springs 60; Waxhaw 150; Weddington 60; Wesleys Church 153; Union 150; Hebron 99; Hickory Grove 520; Seversville 300.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Asheboro Station 375; Rehobeth 50; Mt. Olivet 120; Cedar Falls 100 Central Falls 120; West Bend 60; Gibsonville 300; Centenary 900; Spring Garden 3395; Walnut Street 300; Carraway Memorial 690; West Market Street 2710; Holts Chapel 375; Bethel 225; Zion 125; Mt. Pleasant 500; Oakdale 250; Jamestown 250; Groomes 325; Friendship 60; East End 375; Main Street 1259; Wesley Memorial 2100; Pleasant Garden 1425; Bethany 75; Bethlehem 240; Liberty 300; Pleasant Garden 600; Ramseur 500; Franklinville 275; St. Pauls 420; Naomi 300; Old Union 100; Mt. Gilead 90; Pleasant Hill 50; Trinity 300; Fairview 96; Reidsville 1000; Hickory Grove 111; Ruffin 120; Concord 300; Oak Grove 180; Salem 120; Shepard 110 Taber acle 120; Tabor 150; Union 120; Lowes 75; Salem 62.50; Bethlehem 125; Wentworth 90.

MARION DISTRICT

Bakersville Chapel 225; Bakersville 75; Galax 120; Grays Chapel 120; Kistlers Chapel 120; Providence 12 ; Tanners Grove 90; Union 90; Wesley Chapel 120; Cliffside 390; Oak Grove 120; Bollingers Chapel 120; Friendship 300; Connelly Springs 150; Mt. Holly 120; Rutherford College 450; Enola 60; Forest City 300; Cedar Grove 240; Pleasant Grove 240; Caroleen 300; Henrietta 300; Marion 625; Marion Circuit 40; Carsons 45; Clinchfield 150; East Marion 150; Murphy's Chapel 225; Nebo 180; Pleasant Hill 30; Daytons Bend 192; Bethlehem 120; Lebanon 30; Manus 12.50; New Hope 59.50; Ebenezer 50; Greenlee 50; Rutherfordton Charge 500; Gilkey 120; Concord 125; N. Catawba, 125; Penland 75; Spruce Pine 125; Brow Creek 125; Fairview 60; Mountain Gr. 180; Oak Hill 135; Centennial 114; Pisgah 81; Trinity 90; Thermal City 90.

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Chestnut 50; Dobson 195; Rockford 100; Stoney Knoll 30; Draper 420; Elkin 600; Leaksville 370; Madison-Stoneville 1250; Mt. Airy Central 1800; New Hebron 120; Oak Grove 57; Salem 147; Antioch 60; East Bend 150; Rural Hall 75; Trinity 120; Spray 200; Carmel 100; Eden 100; Glencoe 100; Stokesdale 120, Tabor 50; Center 120; Gethsemane 120; Lee's Chapel 60; Morehead 180; Pisgah 120; Summerfield 125; Battle 60; Walnut Cove 150; Boonville 165.

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I must make special mention of Calvary Sunday-school of Fayetteville. A week ago Brother D. N. Geddie sent me two hundred and forty dollars as a special from this Sunday-school. When we take into consideration the fact that it is not one of our stronger schools, it reveals in a striking way the self-sacrificing spirit of its members. If a small Sunday-school can give two hundred and forty dollars to help support our orphanage, what could our stronger Sunday-schools do toward financing our Home?

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Durham District

Charge	Subscribed	Paid
Branson	$ 5,538.50	$ 1,000.00
Brooksdale	5,649.00	1,070.00
Burlington	18,030.00	111.80
Calvary	4,487.64	457.00
Carr	7,375.00	1,733.75
West Durham	10,020.50	1,000.00
Chapel Hill	3,297.00	355.20
E. Burlington	2,453.61	322.80
Graham	3,569.00	
Hillsboro	3,101.00	150.00
Leasburg	2,480.01	334.85
Mebane	4,424.00	750.26
Memorial	35,044.10	2,879.70
Milton	5,865.75	654.75
Mt. Tirzah	3,597.00	171.00
Orange	2,526.55	157.30
Pearl Mill & Eno	545.00	128.00
Pelham	654.00	187.50
Person	16,637.50	785.00
Rougemont	3,181.30	411.00
Roxboro	20,350.00	3,568.39
E. R'boro & Longhurst,	805.00	137.50
S. Alamance	4,146.75	600.00
Trinity	45,907.49	6,186.43
Yanceyville	5,043.00	52.75
Lakewood	900.00	
Total collected		$23,204.98

Elizabeth City District

Camden	$ 6,540.29	$ 189.95
Chowan	4,931.13	384.42
City Road	16,012.09	522.00
Columbia	4,887.05	206.98
Currituck	3,088.00	181.60
Dare	5,486.47	774.35
Edenton	7,857.00	926.00
Frist Ch., Eliz. City,	28,315.94	
Gates	9,022.25	1,627.95
North Gates	5,913.79	304.00
Hatteras	872.50	107.50
Hertford	5,078.00	
Kennekeet	2,177.50	338.20
Kitty Hawk	1,158.25	224.34
Moyock	2,262.00	
Pantego & Belhaven,	4,430.65	223.08
Pasquotank	4,482.50	270.25
Perquimans	6,333.29	459.05
Plymouth	6,270.00	
Roanoke Island		183.88
Roper	5,254.69	302.50
Total collected		$7,226.03

Fayetteville District

Bladen	$ 4,239.55	$ 394.45
Buckhorn	3,715.59	610.40
Carthage	12,328.00	1.00
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Dunn	13,019.80	
Fayetteville Ct.	7,943.35	696.60
Goldston	5,420.50	538.30
Haw River	8,086.50	581.40
Hemp	3,199.25	52.35
Jonesboro	7,002.00	317.00
Lillington	7,466.50	298.80
Newton Grove	4,745.10	84.20
Parkton	7,981.97	848.90
Person & Calvary	2,542.95	
Pittsboro	8,829.60	925.16
Roseboro	4,658.00	203.23
Sanford	20,083.50	1,538.80
Siler City	6,548.15	898.54
Stedman	5,127.65	697.05
Hay St., Fayetteville,	29,680.20	1,206.20
Total collected		$9,892.38

Newbern District

Beaufort	$ 5,270.25	$ 659.95
Carteret	4,665.35	
Caswell, Kinston	2,568.00	250.00
Centenary, Newbern,	31,223.36	
Craven	1,390.00	59.50
Dover	4,298.25	409.50
Elm St. & Pikeville,	2,975.00	321.75
Goldsboro Ct.	10,761.50	1,527.47
Grifton	5,989.50	761.00
Hookerton	8,736.25	503.55
Jones	11,395.55	652.29
LaGrange	7,022.50	
Morehead	10,645.75	1,000.00
Mt. Olive Ct.	6,737.70	1,171.75
Mt. Olive Sta.	11,762.75	30.00
Ocracoke	1,117.00	200.00
Oriental	3,868.62	381.67
Pamlico	2,031.00	97.00
Queen St., Kinston,	28,422.00	864.00
Riverside	1,808.50	
Snow Hill	10,079.50	
St. John's	3,679.75	316.75
St. Pauls, Goldsboro,	38,667.50	3,380.05
Straits & Atlantic	3,344.50	199.00
Vandemere	2,355.00	
Total collected		$12,785.23

Raleigh District

Benson	$ 3,138.00	$ 129.00
Cary	6,930.20	342.25
Clayton	10,000.00	
Edenton St.	38,994.30	5,010.00
Four Oaks	5,012.30	338.66
Franklinton	19,468.75	1,000.00
Garner	5,596.00	249.00
Granville	4,752.58	694.20
Kenly	6,362.25	
Louisburg	15,697.50	
Millbrook	2,628.25	436.95
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Princeton	1,783.75	
Central	11,270.00	255.00
Epworth	2,309.66	108.66
Jenkins Memorial	3,125.25	486.15
Selma	5,510.00	
Cent'n'y, Smithfield,	15,944.91	586.36
Tar River	5,138.25	783.35
Youngsville	3,662.50	187.00
Zebulon	5,296.05	591.80
Total collected		$12,458.28

Rockingham District

Aberdeen	$17,928.00	$ 2,044.25
Biscoe	9,134.10	177.95
Caledonia	8,436.00	556.10
Elizabeth	5,685.56	399.06
Ellerbee	4,031.20	158.90
Hamlet		1,104.60
Laurinburg	15,040.50	1,669.10
Laurel Hill	4,720.74	620.35
Lumberton Ct	2,557.50	270.40
Chestnut St., Lorton.,		1,573.56
Maxton	9,848.00	
Mt. Gilead Sta.	7,907.75	453.40
Mt. Gilead Ct.	4,500.00	641.57
Montgomery	2,200.00	
Raeford	9,884.80	870.66
Red Springs	2,306.72	
Richmond		332.10
Robeson	8,935.42	1,497.35
Rockingham	28,661.75	3,997.50
Roberdel	3,933.60	601.51
Rowland	9,595.50	
St. John & Gibson,	18,000.00	3,261.50
St. Paul	10,477.50	912.21
Troy	8,220.80	327.50
Vass	5,318.23	124.80
Total collected		$21,594.37

Warrenton District

Battleboro & Whitakers,	$ 4,801.18	$ 318.00
Bertie	6,189.55	761.75
Conway	18,468.90	702.95
Enfield & Halifax	8,640.25	521.70
Garysburg	7,055.00	1,167.00
Harrellsville	5,721.05	618.88
Henderson Sta.	13,508.00	
N. & S. Henderson	540.00	
Littleton	16,727.07	1,827.25
Murfreesboro & Winters,	3,302.90	
Northampton	17,553.75	
Ridgeway	20,360.16	614.60
Rich Square	9,67..37	755.80
Roanoke	17,088.42	590.50
Rosemary	3,393.75	
Scotland Neck	8,808.65	350.00
Warren	7,623.75	415.50
Warrenton	15,462.40	2,041.35
Weldon	14,331.00	
Williamston & Hamilton,	3,807.05	97.50
Total collected		$10,782.78

Washington District

Aurora	$ 6,364.00	
Ayden	7,394.20	459.00
Bethel	6,410.53	181.03
Clark St., Rocky Mt.,	3,550.00	211.50
Elm City	4,775.00	204.00
Fairfield	4,378.25	263.00
Farmville	7,022.50	19.00
Fremont	7,865.61	627.50
Greenville	20,999.50	1,516.50
Mattamuskeet	2,103.00	252.30
McKendree	1,938.90	234.50
Mt. Pleasant	8,461.70	141.00
Nashville	8,729.50	521.00
First Ch., Rocky Mt.,	29,085.94	3,038.89
N. & S. Rocky Mount,	1,171.00	15.00
Tarboro	2,686.00	337.50
Stantonsburg	14,200.00	
Stokes	868.00	149.75
Spring Hope	7,579.92	
Swan Quarter	6,999.35	210.55
First Ch., Wash'ton,	16,108.00	1,400.00
Wilson	35,017.50	3,171.00
Vanceboro		
Total collected		$12,953.02

Wilmington District

Burgaw	$ 1,923.47	$ 229.25
Carvers Creek	6,674.30	
Chadbourn	7,718.50	1,413.45
Clinton	6,727.00	584.80
Faison & Warsaw	5,684.50	875.00
Hallsboro	4,915.00	
Jacksonville & Richlands,	8,370.63	
Kenansville	3,076.50	47.00
Magnolia	7,623.00	181.50
Onslow	5,290.00	
Scotts Hill	3,654.30	395.36
Shallotte	1,134.75	
Swansboro	5,837.50	122.80
Southport	8,117.75	518.56
Tabor	3,913.00	106.75
Town Creek	3,538.20	30.30
Wallace	8,790.84	
Whiteville	7,749.50	23.00
Bladen St.	4,053.00	
Trinity	8,263.86	1,126.00
Fifth Ave.	14,840.50	1,932.40
Grace	32,323.77	
Wilmington Ct.	2,362.00	
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The interest in the League work is steadily increasing and interesting. The business meeting held at the home of Mrs. K. R. Newbold was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The choir practice will be each week and much enthusiasm is being shown by the musical talent. Mrs. North's breezy little talks at all of our gatherings are full of interest and smiles. We will write later of the box party to be given at the court house Friday night. Much fun is anticipated.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

By Rev. J. A. Baylor, Architectural Secretary.

The Department of Architecture was organized in November, 1917, for the purpose of securing the construction of church buildings adapted to modern Sunday school and Church work. There was a general feeling that the Board of Church Extension should in some way prescribe the plans for buildings erected by its aid, as those who received Church Extension Funds had often failed to realize all the benefit intended because of inadequate or out-of-date plans. Some specific aims were:

(1) To give out to competent and interested architects throughout our bounds the information necessary to enable them to adapt their plans to the needs of the Church.

(2) To secure wherever possible the intelligent co-operation of these architects in an improved building program.

(3) To direct pastors and building committees to the architects prepared to give them the best service.

(4) To supply to building committees throughout the Church suggestions as to plans for churches and parsonages, advice as to building contracts, information as to church furniture and equipment, and concerning church problems generally.

(5) To prepare plans and specifications for churches and parsonages when called upon for such service, or when such service cannot be secured elsewhere.

The Importance of Securing Architectural Service

It is of the highest importance that competent architectural service be secured for every building enterprise, even the smallest. A good architect will always save the building committee far more than the amount of his commission, by the selection of the best materials to be used, by the elimination of waste in building, and by his knowledge of good construction.

Trying to get along without an architect is false economy. The proof of this statement is painfully evident on every side. In going about the country all too frequently buildings are seen with bulging walls due to improper roof construction, foundations giving way, cracked walls, leaning chimneys, leaking roofs, poor acoustics, etc. On a recent trip the writer preached in a church rivaling in its departure from the perpendicular, the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. On the same trip he saw two or three churches actually falling down from poor construction.

In addition to all this, there is the increased attractiveness secured by consulting the taste of the architect. Even the untrained eye can see at a glance the difference between the building designed by an architect and the one that is thrown together by rule of thumb.

What is Included in Real Architectural Service

(1) Real architectural service includes complete plans and elevations, with all necessary detailed drawings for the construction of a particular building, with special reference to the site which it is to occupy.

(2) Specifications covering every part of the work, and calling for the very best materials according to the judgment of the architect, that it is possible to use within the prescribed limits of cost.

(3) A complete and accurate estimate of cost, based upon the actual quantities of material necessary to erect the building, at present market prices.

(4) If called for, complete bills of materials, such as lumber, brick, cement, etc.

(5) All necessary advice as to purchase of materials, letting of contract, fixing of payments to contractor, furnishing, equipment, etc.; also supervision of the work of construction while in progress by the architect or his representative, in order to secure the faithful execution of the plans.

It can readily be seen that there is a vast difference between this kind of service and so-called "plans" sent out by individuals, magazines and building companies, which are nothing more than blueprint reproductions of stock plans, with no adaptation to any particular site, without reliable estimate, or real architectural service.

The standard scale of charges for architectural service for plans and specifications, without personal supervision of the work by the architect, is from 3 per cent to 4 per cent of the estimated cost of the building. When personal supervision is given, the charges are from 6 per cent to 7 per cent of estimated cost, with extra charge for traveling expenses. It is usual for buildings costing $10,000 or less to charge a somewhat higher commission than the above.

Terms on Which Architectural Service is Supplied by the Board

A great deal of service is rendered free of charge, such as giving information concerning the purchase of church furniture and equipment of every kind, advice as to remedying defects in buildings, furnishing forms for contracts, and suggestive plans for churches and parsonages.

Our suggestive church and parsonage plans are printed in folder form, so that any required number may be bound together. Each folder shows a cut of the completed building, with floor plans, and has a brief description of the plan, and gives the approximate estimate of cost.

When working plans and specifications are called for, the charges are in keeping with the standard scale already given. It would not be fair to the architects who generously co-operate with us to violate their established practices, and experience has shown that because of the numerous small building enterprises necessarily handled in this department, these charges scarcely cover the cost of the service rendered. Churches that are able to do so will not object to paying for plans, and in the case of churches unable to pay for architectural service, the Board is willing to cover this cost wholly or in part by donation or loan.

Advantages of Securing Plans From the Board of Church Extension

(1) One great advantage of securing plans from the Board, or from architects who co-operate with it, is that such plans are carefully adapted to the standards fixed by our Church leaders for Sunday school work and Church activities of every kind.

(2) In case it becomes necessary to call upon the Board for aid, it is a distinct advantage to have plans already approved by the Board, copies of which are on file in the Architectural Department.

(3) It is in many cases possible where plans and specifications are secured from the Board to arrange for competent local supervision of construction at small cost, thus reducing the cost of architectural service about one-half.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

"I don't like grandma at all," said Fred;
"I don't like grandma at all,"
And he drew his face in a queer grimace,
The tears were ready to fall;
And he gave his kitten a loving hug,
And disturbed her nap on the soft, warm rug.

"Why, what has grandma done?" I asked,
"To trouble the little boy?
Oh, what has she done, the cruel one,
To scatter the smiles of joy?"
"She—called—my—kitty—a—horrid name."

"She did? Are you sure?" and kissed the tears
Away from the eyelids wet.
"I scarce can believe that grandma would grieve
The feelings of either pet.
What did she say?" "Boo-hoo!" cried Fred,
"She called my kitty a quadruped."
—Selected.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS—GAL (A)

EVERGREEN INN

"Quick! Ned! Get up and look out the window! The snow has drifted in the night so much it must be ten feet deep out there!" and Henry hopped about excitedly.

Ned leaped out of bed and ran to the window.

"Let's dig a tunnel this morning to the big spruce tree" he cried. "Hooray!"

Both boys dressed as quickly as possible and were soon through their breakfast and ready to go out in the snow.

"We can start down the path father shoveled and begin to tunnel where the drift is so high," Henry said.

The boys worked fast, as the snow was light, and the tunnel progressed rapidly.

"What would become of us if it caved in?" Ned asked.

"I don't believe we would have a very hard time to dig ourselves to the top, because you see the snow is not heavy," Henry answered.

Suddenly a light came into the tunnel at the end where they were digging, and through the opening they saw the loveliest little evergreen room, formed by the drooping branches of the spruce tree.

"What a grand playhouse, Henry! We'll have this tunnel for our private entrance, and nobody else can come in. Just look at the birds hidden in the branches from the storm—all kinds."

Both boys peered excitedly through the opening in the end of the tunnel at the birds.

"I don't see what they can find to eat," said Ned. "Let's go into the house and get them some food, they must be nearly starving by this time."

The children ran to the house and called to their mother, asking if she could give them anything for the cold, hungry birds.

"My teacher says beef suet is fine for them in winter," Henry suggested, "and chickadees like nuts and sunflower seeds."

The boys hurried back through the tunnel with their hands full of food. Clearing away the small amount of snow there was under the evergreen boughs, they scattered the seeds and nut meals on the ground. Then they tied the suet on the branches and crept back into their tunnel, where they could see all that happened. Immediately the ground was covered with chickadees and other seed-eating birds, while woodpeckers, nuthatches and others were feasting on the suet ravenously. There was quite a chirping after they had eaten a few minutes, as though the birds were doing their best to thank the kind little boys for their thoughtfulness.

Ned and Henry kept food under the spruce tree all winter, and called the snug shelter made by the drooping branches, "Evergreen Inn." The birds soon grew so tame that they let the boys come into the little enclosure and would perch on their heads and shoulders in the most friendly manner. Henry, who was a very good whistler, learned to imitate their notes and they would answer him.

Both boys enjoyed their bird friends and Evergreen Inn so much that they felt very sorry to see the snow melt and to have the birds leave the old spruce tree for the open woods; but they were looking forward to seeing them return when the snow is deep again.—Louise M. Haynes, in Our Animals.

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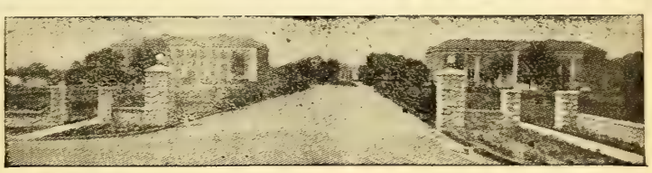
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HARRINGTON—Max Alexander Harrington was born in Chatham county, N. C., August 26, 1901. At fourteen he united with the Methodist church. So far as known he was faithful to God and to his church obligations, impressing all about him as a splendid young man. He had lived in St. Pauls only a short time, but had made many friends among all classes. Everybody liked Max." While preparing a milk shake in the drug store here, October 23, he was instantly killed by the electric shaker. The large crowd at his funeral and the most beautiful floral offering expressed in some measure the appreciation of this young man and the tender sympathy of all for the heart-broken parents.

G. W. Starling.

ODHAM—Mack Odham was born Dec. 19, 1875, and died August 28, 1919, at his home in Grifton, N. C. He leaves behind to mourn their loss, his wife and four daughters, beside his mother, six sisters and two brothers, with a host of relatives and friends.

About twenty-two years ago he joined the M. E. Church at Rose of Sharon. Later he moved his membership to Edwards Chapel and there remained until death. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ernest Dixon. May God's richest blessings be with the bereaved ones and the neighbors who were so kind during his illness. He was laid to rest by gentle hands in the cemetery at Grifton.

His Sister.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, the Heavenly Father in His ceaseless search for spotless candidates for the home above descended on October the twenty-fifth and has borne above our beloved friend, Mrs. Virginia Livingston, creating a severe loss in Snead's Grove church and Sunday school, therefore, be it resolved,

First, that we revere the memory of our dear friend whose life was so absolutely hid with Christ in God.

Second, that we would strive to emulate her example of ministering to the sick about her, of carrying sunshine to those under the cloud, and of pouring out her life on the altar of Christian service.

Third, that bowing to superior knowledge, we extend heartfelt sympathy and pray heaven's richest blessings upon the husband and relatives.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Laurinburg Exchange and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. C. J. Bowen,
Mrs. C. C. Snead,
Mrs. E. C. McCall,
Committee.

THAYER—Milton Worth Thayer died October 23, 1919, aged 70 years, 11 months and 26 days. He was converted and joined the M. E. church at Eleazar early in life and lived a consistent member till his death. He leaves one brother, N. M., two sons, W. L. and M. F., and two daughters, Mrs. Estelle Davis, of Ophir, and Mrs. Effie Pate, wife of Rev. J. P. Pate; his Christian wife, and one son, Dr. H. K. Thayer, having departed this life some years ago. He suffered considerably before he died, but bore it all patiently. He loved his church. He was a good man, faithful in all the relations of life and was loved and honored by all who knew him. He told the writer that when I died I would know where to find him. Surely the angels were augmented when his spirit winged its way to heaven. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. N. L. Seabolt at Eleazer in the presence of many people.

Brother.

MORROW—On Monday, the last day of Conference, I was called to hold the funeral of Willian Otho Morrow, who had reached the age of forty-seven. He was converted and joined the church at the age of fifteen at McKendree's chapel.

During the year 1903 he united with the church at Triplett under the ministry of Rev. J. M. Price. He had developed into an excellent church worker and had a great zeal for the cause of his Master. The offices he held proved his fitness and the confidence his church had in him. He was steward, recording steward, district steward, assistant Centenary treasurer, teacher in the Sunday school and trustee of church property.

He leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss. E. N. Crowder.

BROWN—Mary M. Brown, nee Watson, wife of James Lee Brown, of Iredell County, died October 21, at the age of 36 years. She was converted at sixteen under the preaching of George Stuart, and joined the Presbyterian church. After her marriage, she moved her membership to the Methodist church, where she was a faithful, active member. She loved her church. With her, it was not: How much can I make and have of this world's goods; but, How much can I give to help others? She is gone, but still lives. She leaves a husband and four little boys. E. N. Crowder.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst, on October 29, 1919, our much loved friend and co-worker, Mr. T. P. Randall, therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Senior Sunday school class and Oak Grove M. E. Church, of which he was a most excellent and worthy member, wish to record our sincere love and appreciation of the devotion and dignity which marked his consecrated Christian life.
2. That we will cherish the memory of his Christian character and influence in our Sunday school class and church.
3. That we, the surviving members, feel deeply our love and will endeavor to follow his example in being wholeheartedly true in the services and offerings of our church and Sunday school.
4. We thank God for having felt the influence of his gentle Christian life radiating its goodness and power to all those about him.
5. We extend to his bereaved ones our tender sympathy and trust that his life as a husband and father will lead and beckon them to follow on till they shall pass like him into the home of the soul on the other side.

Robert Biggerstaff, teacher,
W. A. Jolley,
J. Mc. Brooks,
W. P. Tate.

Correspondence

RESPONSE OF JAPAN

The following letter has been received by Director-General W. B. Beauchamp from the seat of the Japan Mission Conference. Surely every man, woman and child who has contributed any element to the success thus far of the Centenary will feel even more deeply constrained to "carry on" in the Conservation Period in view of the re-dedication of these God-like missionaries on the foreign field.

"At the Annual Meeting of our Mission just held in Karuizawa we were appointed a Committee to convey to you, and your associates, the deep interest we feel in your efforts to conserve and perfect the beginnings of the Centenary Movement and to assure you and your colleagues of our earnest and continual prayers for success in the undertaking which lies before you.

"The results of the Centenary Drive were presented to us fully, at our Mission Meeting, by Bishop W. H. Lambuth, Dr. E. H. Rawlings and Miss Mabel Howell, whose presence with us was a great inspiration. The session of our Mission this year was most unusual. The note of encouragement, the larger outlook, the fresh consideration of opportunity, the deepened sense of responsibility and the spirit of prayer and expectation characteristic of the occasion gave evidence of a changed attitude of mind. The key note of the deliberations was expansion, the projection of all activities on a large scale. This we felt was justified by the growth of the work by the new fields opening before us and by the greatly increased appropriation made by the General Board of Missions. Long delayed building enterprises will be undertaken, our institutions of learning will be enlarged and evangelistic activities will be widely extended.

"For the success of this new program outlined in our minds, it was felt that your work and that of your colleagues was of vital importance. We have greatly rejoiced and taken fresh courage because God has wrought on the home Churches. Our earnest prayer is that the good work may be carried to perfection and that the liberality of our people may be fully completed. (II Cor. VIII,II) and that the great beginnings may be measured up to and even surpassed in the coming five years.

"You may be interested to know that the Centenary Movement has been taken up with purpose and enthusiasm by the Japan Methodist Church with a surprising degree of success already achieved. Rev. M. Akazawa has been visiting the churches in that part of Japan where our territory lies as a representative of the Centenary Movement among the Japanese Methodists. He explained to our Mission at its meeting the plans they had in mind including the "One Principle," namely at least one verse of Scripture read daily, one coin given to the Church and one soul led to Christ as the motto for every member of the Japanese Methodist Church. He made the significant statement that the ultimate success of the Movement would depend upon a spiritual experience similiar to that of John Wesley at the beginning of the Methodist Revival.

The prospect of great re-enforcements for this field through the unprecedented benevolence of the home churches has had the rather surprising effect on the mission field of awakening a deep sense of need on our part. We have felt depressed in view of the weighty obligation laid upon us by the Church's pledge of support. We have been made to feel that results are expect of us which God alone can achieve by the power of His spirit. The signs of His presence in the home churches have deepened in us a desire to witness the working of His mighty power on the mission field. We most earnestly therefore seek to be remembered in your prayers that the blessing which stirred up expectations and inspired greater gifts may be shared in by us, in order that the good intention of those who contributed to the cause may be fully and perfectly realized.

Nannie B. Gaines,
S. H. Wainright,
J. C. C. Newton,
Committee for the Mission.

THE REVISED VERSION

I have read with much interest the letter published in the last issue of the Christian Advocate by Mrs. R. C. Stephens, of Asheville, N. C., with regard to the revised version in the Sunday school lessons. I most heartily endorse what she has said regarding it. Not only the "little fellows" have fallen down." We are all confused with the new reading. It is like skim-milk to me with all the cream gone, or the cold draught from the old well on a hot summer's day compared to the city water with ice in it. Give me the "old, old, Bible." There is enough in it to save the world without dressing it up with "new, modern clothes." The new version to me is like Mary of old said, "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him." Are we trying to "climb up some other way?" We know what the word said about "climbing up some other way." It is time the good Christians should speak out against this confusion of tongues. By all means gives us the old Bible that guided our old fathers safely through.

Joseph Parkin.

Trinity, N. C.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

I refer to being baptized in the Holy Spirit as found in our Sunday school lesson for Oct. 5th. I can see how one can be baptized in water. This, of course, means to leave a place where water is not and go down into the water and be submerged. This may be done either by a saint or a sinner, but to speak of baptizing a fish in water would be absurd.

Now, if the Holy Spirit is an omnipresent being and we really walk in (not into) the Spirit as the Apostle Paul exhorts us to do, then I submit that to baptize in the Spirit means the same as to baptize a fish in water.

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G. W. Starling.

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November

Weaverville Circuit, Salem 15-16
Haywood Street 16
Mars Hill, Shiloh 22-23
Weaverville Station 23
Mills River, Shaws Creek 29-30
Hendersonville 30

December

Fairview, Fairview 7-8
Central 8
Swannanoa, Swannanoa 14-15
Black Mountain 15
Henderson Circuit, Fruitland 21-22
Saluda 28-29
Acton, Acton 29
Biltmore 30

January

Harmony, Pleasant Hill 3-4
Mount Pleasant 4
Asheville, Riverview 10-11
Flat Rock 11
Rosman, Pine Grove 17-18
Brevard 18
Leicester, Leicester 24-25
West Asheville 25

District Stewards

Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

First Round **November**

Calvary, 11 a. m. 16
Tryon Street, night 16
Thrift-Moores, Thrift, 11 a. m. 23
Chadwick, night 23
Pineville, Pineville, 11 a. m. 30
Dilworth, night 30

December

North Monroe, Icemorlee, night 5
Unionville, Unionville, 11 a. m. 6
Mathews, Mathews, 11 a. m. 7
Belmont Park, night 7
Hickory Grove, 3 p. m. 10
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m. 12
Lilesville, Forestville, 11 a. m. 13
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m. 14-15
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m. 20-21
Monroe, Central, night 21
Seversville, Seversville, 11 a. m. 28
Hawthorn Lane, night 28

January

Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m. 3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m. 4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night 4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m. 10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m. 11-12

The District stewards will meet in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21, at 2 p. m.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

First Round **November**

High Point, Wesley Memorial, 11 a. m. 16
High Point, East End, night 16
West Greensboro- Muirs Chapel 22-23
Greensboro, Carraway Memorial, night 23
Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m. 30
Greensboro, Glenwood & Bethel, Bethel, night 30

December

Coleridge, Rehobeth 6-7
Randleman, St. Paul, night 7
Deep River, Cedar Falls 13-14
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, 11 a. m. 14
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel 20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m. 21
Randolph, Vernon 27 28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m. 28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night 28

January

Uwharrie, Concord, ... 3-4
Asheboro, night 4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden 10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night 11
Wentworth, Salem 17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m. 18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

First Round **November**

Mt. Airy Circuit, Salem 15-16
Mt. Airy, Central, night 16
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove 22-23
Pilot Mountain, Chestnut Grove 29-30
Rural Hall, Antioch, November 30, at 3 p. m. and December 1, at 11 a. m.

December

Summerfield, Morehead 6-7
Ararat, Mt. Herman, 11 a. m. 7
Yadkinville, Prospect 13-14
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m. 14
Leaksville, at 3 p. m. 21
Spray, at night 19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m. 27-28
Elkin 27-28

January

Dodson, Dodson 4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m. 9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m. 11, night
Madison, Madison 11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

First Round **November**

Morganton Circuit, at Salem 15-16
Glen Alpine Circuit, at Glen Alpine, Sunday night 16
Table Rock Circuit, at Oak Hill 29-30
Morganton Station ..... 30 Dec. 1

December

McDowell Circuit, at Murphy's Chapel 6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night 7-8
Marion Circuit, Providence 13-14
Thermal City, at Thermal, Sunday night 14-15
Forest City and Pleasant Grove and Forest City Circuit 20 21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel 27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock 28-29

January

Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel 3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock 4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine 10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night 11
Micaville, Shoals Creek 17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night 18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel 24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon ..... Jan. 31-Feb. 1

February

Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night 1-2

Our District stewards will please meet at the Methodist Church in Marion on Wednesday, December 3, at 2 o'clock. If possible let every one be present.

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

First Round **November**

Belwood, Fallston, 11 a. m. 15-16
Shelby, Central, 7 p. m. 16
Rock Springs, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m. 22-23
McAdanville, 7 p. m. 23
South Fork, Bethel, 11 a. m. 29-30
Lincolnton Station, 7 p. m. 30

December

Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m. 6-7
Cherryville, Bethlehem, 3 p. m. 7
Polkville, Polkville, 11 a. m. 13-14
LaFayette Street, 7 p. m. 14
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m. 20 21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m. 21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m. 27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m. 28

January

Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m. 3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m. 4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m. 10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m. 11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m. 17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m. 18
Mayworth, Lowell, 11 a. m. 24
Belmont, 11 a. m. 25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m. 25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.

November

Hudson, Hudson, 11 a. m. 15-16
South Lenoir, South Lenoir, 3 p. m. 15-16
Lenoir, First, Lenoir, night 15-16
Lenoir Circuit, Littlejohns, 11 a. m. 17
Hickory, First, Hickory, night 17
Dudley Shoals, Grace, 11 a. m. 18
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, night 18
Maiden, Maiden, 11 a. m. 19
Newton, Newton, night 19
Alexander, Taylorsville, 11 a. m. 22-23
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3 p. m. 22-23
Mooresville Circuit, Triplett, 11 a. m. 25
Mooresville, First, Mooresville, night 25
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m. 26
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night 26
Statesville Circuit, Trinity, 11 a. m. 27
Westview, Westview, 11 a. m. 29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, night 29-30

The District Stewards will meet in Broad Street Church, Statesville, on Friday, November 21, at 11 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

First Round **November**

Spencer-Central, 11 a. m. 16
Salisbury, First Church, 7 p. m. 16
China Grove, China Grove, 11 a. m. 22-23
Park Avenue, 7 p. m. 23
Cotton Ville, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m. 29-30
Norwood, 7 p. m. 30

December

Woodleaf, Woodleaf, 11 a. m. 6-7
South Main, 7 p. m. 7
Gold Hill, Gold Hill, 11 a. m. 13-14
East Spencer,, 7 p. m. 14
Kannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m. 20-21
Kannapolis station, 7 p. m. 21
New London, New London, 11 a. m. 27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m. 28

January

Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m. 3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m. 4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m. 10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m. 11
Badin, 11 a. m. 18
Salem, 7 p. m. 18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m. 24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m. 25

February

Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m. ..... Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m. 1
Kerr Street 7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m. 8

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

First Round **November**
(Organization)

Wilkes Circuit 15-16
North Wilkesboro, night 16
Sparta, Fabius Creek 22-23
Laurel Springs, Belmont 26-27
Jefferson, Jefferson 29-30

December

Helton, Greenwood 2-3
Warrenville, Warrenville 6-7
Creston, Southerland 9-10
Elkland, Elkburn 13-14
Watauga, Henson's 20-21
Boone, Boone, night 21
Elk Park, Elk Park 24-25
Avery, Pisgah 27-28

District stewards will meet at North Wilkesboro, November 18, 2 p. m. and night. Pastors are invited. The night meeting will be devoted to Centenary and Evangelism. Entertainment free. Notify Rev. W. R. Ware if you are coming.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
First Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W 4th St., Winston-Salem, N. C., Telephone 853

Walkertown, November 16, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m.
Burkhead, November 16, night, Quarterly Conference, November 6, night.
New Hope Circuit, Macedonia, November 17, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Denton Circuit, Denton, November 18, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Linwood Circuit, Macedonia, November 19, 11 a m., and 1 p. m.
Welcome Circuit, Ebenezer, November 20, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lexington, First Church, November 20, night.
Davidson Circuit, Good Hope, November 21, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Thomasville Circuit, November 22-23.
Thomasville, Main St., November 23, night Quarterly Conference, November 21, night.
South Thomasville, November 23, 3 p. m.
West Davie Circuit, Calahaln, November 28, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Davie Circuit, Oak Grove, November 29-30.
Mocksville, November 30, night Quarterly Conference November 28, night.
Southside Circuit, Vernon, December 2, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville, December 3, 3 p. m. and night.
Forsyth Circuit, Oak Summit, December 7, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C. Telephone 224—J

First Round **November**

Bethel 15-16
Clyde, Sunday night, Monday, 11 a. m. 16-17
Hayesville Circuit, Hayesville 22-23
Hiwassee Circuit, Sweetwater, Sunday, 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m. 23-24
Robbinsville Tuesday and Wednesday 25-26
Macon Circuit, Asbury 29-30
Franklin Station 30-Dec. 1

December

Franklin Circuit, Salem, Monday and Tuesday 1-2
Andrews 6-7
Murphy Station 7-8
Murphy Circuit, Tomotla, Sunday 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m. 7-8
Judson, Judson, Tuesday, 11 a. m. 9
Jonathan, Shady Grove 13-14
Bryson-Whittier, Whittier, Sunday night and Monday, 11 a. m. 14-15
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster 20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday 21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers 27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday 28-29

January

Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers 3-4
Fines Creek, Pine Grove 10-11

North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT
Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round **November**

West Durham, 8 p. m. 14
Person Circuit, 11 a. m. 15-16
Mt. Tiszak Circuit, Helena, 4 p. m. 16
Roxboro, 8 p. m. 16

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder, Elizabeth City
Fourth Round **November**

Camden, Shiloh 14
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven 16-17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
Fourth Round **November**

Hay Street 16-17
Person, Calvary night 16

NEWBERN DISTRICT
J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder, 187 Middle Street, New Bern, N. C. Fourth Round **November**

Vandemere Circuit 15 16
Pamlico Circuit, Reelsboro, 3 p. m. 16

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder
Fourth Round **November**

Zebulon 4
Garner 15-16

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
H. M. North, Presiding Elder

Roberdel, at Roberdel No. 1, at 3 p. m. November 15.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbee, at 11, November 16.
Richmond, at Zion, at 3 p. m., November 16.

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes Presiding Elder, Weldon, N C.
November

Ridgeway, Ridgeway 15-16
Weldon 16-17

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.
Fourth Round **November**

Bath, Asbury 15-16
Washington 16-17



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word of condemnation for any one, even for one who may have mistreated him. He kept his spirit sweet and gentle through all the experinces of life. To emulate the example of this consecrated servant of God is to possess a beautiful calmness of soul, a great faith in God, a love for all humanity, a spirit of forgiveness, loyalty to Christ and his church, faithfulness in the performance of every task, a clean life and a pure heart. May God raise up more men like unto him to bring His Kingdom to pass in the earth.

PASTORS AND LAY DELEGATES

Pastors, Laymen and their families and friends who attend the North Carolina Conference at Wilson, N. C., next week, are urgently requested to call at the Book Room in the Conference Church building, and examine the fine line of highly educational books that will be exhibited by J. T. Norsworthy, The Book Man, of Raleigh, N. C., ho is doing a great work for the educational, moral and financial progress of Carolinians, by placing in intelligent homes where Ambition abides, and in offices where Progress prevails, "The New International Encyclopedia," (the only down-to-date and reliable Encyclopedia suited to the needs of progressive Americans') and "Webster's New International Dictionary." (Supreme authority everywhere;) and "The Book of Knowledge," (which charms and educates every member of the family, from the "tiny-tots" to the gray-haired grand-parents.) These interesting and educative works are needed in every Home. Mr. Norsworthy sells "Anything and Everything in Books," including the Best Editions of the Bible, Bible Stories, etc. Prices right. Easy Terms.

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To avail oneself of these plant foods one must necessarily sweeten the soil by neutralizing the acidity; must decompose the soil and set the plant foods free.

It is not always easy to tell when land is sour. Frequently many crops are ruined and much labor, money and time lost before the real cause of the trouble is found. It is unwise to try to raise a crop on sour land. Every farmer should keep a record of the acidity of his soil at all times. It will save in the long run.

The method is simple. Litmus paper is manufactured for the purpose. It would be simple work to obtain some litmus paper and test samples of the various types of soil taken from various sections of the farm. Dampen the soil a bit and apply one end of the litmus paper strip. If the dampened end remains blue the soil is not sour. If it turns pink the soil is sour and needs attention.

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If the Church allows boys and girls to grow up without religious instruction, what is the Sunday School for?

What shall it profit us if we shall gain the whole world and lose our boys and girls?

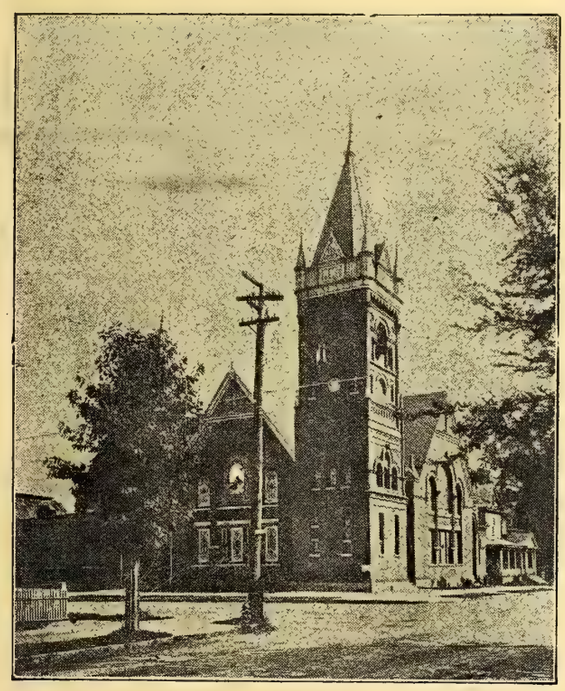
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THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

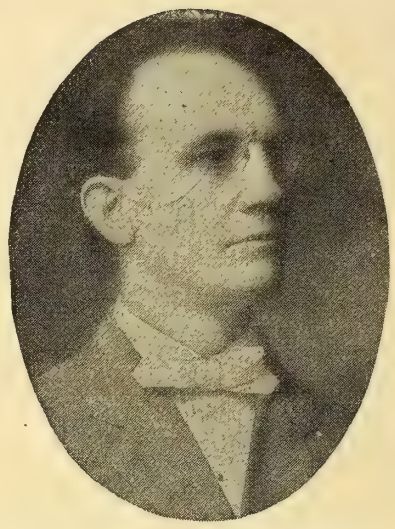
One year ago the noise of the guns had just been hushed along the battle lines of Europe, and the most destructive war of history had been brought to a close. So we thought, and it was indeed a reason for special thanksgiving. Yet today, because of a few men who are playing the game of politics, we are still at war with Germany; but the wholesale killing of men has stopped, and we will still be grateful.

While it has been a year of unrest and disturbances in the social and industrial conditions of this country, it is nevertheless the most favored nation in these respects in the world. Business has been prosperous, and we have not suffered as a nation for the necessities of life. As a people we have never lived so luxuriously before, and at the same time contributed so largely to philanthropic and religious purposes. Whatever may be the final outcome it remains true that President Wilson, as the representative of our government, injected into the recent war and into the proposals of peace the highest ideals of political government that have ever characterized the nations of earth, It cannot be that this will fail utterly to result in good.

But these external conditions never touch the deepest sources of life. God walks with His child into the deepest shadows of life, and enables him to sing a song of joy and divine content. Many of Paul's epistles were written from prison cells, and yet they thrilled through and through with joy and thanksgiving. It was there that he held closest fellowship with God and attained unto some of his richest experiences. He was conscious of the fact that the Word of God was not bound, though the chains were about his own wrists; and this was sufficient cause for him to rejoice. Many have been through the deep waters during the past year. Bereavements have come. Bodily disease and suffering have come. Financial reverses have come to some. But God has been present in the shadows, and new revelations of His love have been received These bring a richness into the experience of life more precious than the joy of material prosperity. So there is ground for thanksgiving even by those who have been afflicted in the eyes of the world.

It has been a year of remarkable movements in the kingdom of God. The great Centenary movement in our own Church is only one expression of the new order of things that is coming to the religious world. We have pledged fifty-three millions of dollars to be paid within the next five years for the evangelization of the world at home and abroad. Only a small percent of this amount has yet been paid as a matter of course. and scarcely any of it is yet doing the work for which it has been pledged. The machinery has not yet had time to get in operation. But that will all come along in due time. This is the most marvelous financial expression of the Church's faith that the world has ever seen. Other denominations are coming along with equally magnificent undertakings. And they, too, are going to succeed. God grant that they may! Should we not be profoundly grateful that the Church is giving this evidence that it is awake to the tremendous opportunity and peril that we face? It is the one star of hope that shines through the confusion and chaos of the times.

But the financial part is not the biggest part of this movement. A new emphasis is being put upon the spiritual, upon prayer, upon stewardship of life as well as of possessions, and a voice is beginning to sound through the Church that expresses a spiritual hunger for a revival of religion. These things may not all seem so genuine as we would like. A falsetto note may be heard here and there in the music. Some things may seem too mechanical and forced. We may be over-programmed and too much emphasis may be put upon organization at points. The old peril of the feeling that "I have done thus and so," instead of the humble confession that "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad"—the peril that Jehovah zealously guarded Israel against in the conquest of the Holy Land—may be obtruding its head at places. These are things that cling tenaciously to the carnal life, and against them the Church must ever be on its guard. But despite all of this there are great stirrings in the Church life of today that our generation at least has not experienced before, and the swing of these movements is too great, the surge is stirring the foundations too broadly, for it all to be of man. If the human element obtrudes itself in a way that creates some cross currents and counter currents, we still have faith to believe that God will bring out of it all a new day for the kingdom of Christ on earth.



BISHOP U. V. W. DARLINGTON
President of the Conference

But in its final analysis each soul must find for himself the basis for his personal thanksgiving. We do not know what is in the heart of our nearest neighbor. We cannot see the processes that are going on in his soul, and it is in that realm that the most real transactions of life take place. Earthly conditions and surroundings are constantly changing, and these changes do not have the same effect upon different individuals. The contribution which these changes makes to our character is the most important thing about them, and this should determine the measure of our gratitude. So abounding is the grace of God that there are no conditions of life from which the duty and privilege of thanksgiving is excluded. The old prophet sounded a true note when he said: "Why should a living man complain?" So long as there is life, there is something for which to be thankful; and to search for and find that something is an efficient means of grace.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

When these lines reach the reader the North Carolina Annual Conference will be in session at Wilson. convening in that place on Wednesday, November 19th, 1919. Bishop U V. W. Darlington, Huntington, W. Va., is president of the Conference. This is his second year with us, and our people have simply taken him as one of us. We are at home with him, and his welcome to Wilson will be a universal one. He is a pleasing presiding officer, a strong spiritual preacher and a comrade with every lover of the Lord. In the comparatively short time of eighteen months in this episcopal district, he has become well known to the preachers and leading laymen of the Methodist Church—so much so that any further words of ours are unnecessary.

We are coming to the close of an epochal year. Of course, the Centenary has been the great thing that has occupied the thought and effort of our people. The record of the Conference has been a remarkably successful one from the standpoint of pledges. With a quota of $1,599.721, we have reported pledged $1,770,493—a surplus of $170,772. These are the figures as given in the Centenary Bulletin for November. Of the first year's installment only 25 per cent had been reported paid to headquarters October 31st. We say that this has been the outstanding fact in the work of the year, but it has not been all. We trust that it will be found when the reports are in that the regular work of the Church has gone on with at least average success.

Wilson is a good town in which to meet. It has been fourteen years since the Conference met there, and at that time Bishop A. W. Wilson presided. Beginning with that Conference, Bishop Wilson presided over the Conference each year except one for five years; and he had previously presided over the Conference three times, 1894-95-96. Fourteen years ago the North Carolina Conference had only 71,288 members, and 667 Sunday schools with 55 122 members. At the last session the Conference reported a total membership of 94,863; but the town of Wilson has grown more in proportion than has the Conference. It is one of the leading, not to say the leading, tobacco markets of the State. It is in the midst of a great cotton growing section also, and its people are prosperous.

Rev. W. A. Stanbury is the host of the Conference. He is closing his fourth year at that point, having had a very successful pastorate. When he was sent there, he found a membership of 618, according to the Journal, and at the close of last year (we have not the figures for this year) there had been a net gain of about 100. The pastor's salary was then $2,000, and last year with the mission that has grown out of it, it paid $2,800. This has probably been increased for the year now closing. Brother Stanbury is one of the strongest younger men in the Conference, and the charge to which he will be sent for the coming year will be fortunate.

While the preachers and lay delegates are gathered in annual session, let the Church at home be much in prayer that the Holy Spirit may direct in all that is done, and the revival fires may be kindled throughout the Conference and the whole Church during the year that is just ahead of us.

THANKSGIVING AND FIFTH SUNDAY

Thursday, November 27th, and Sunday, November 30th, come close together as special days for the orphanage. Our Childrens' Home. at Winston-Salem, depends largely for its support upon the voluntary offerings of these two days and we hope our people will make both days count. Do not forget these dependent ones.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Stewardship and Tithing Drive Postonped. A telegram received last week, but too late to appear last week, and signed by J. J. Stowe, secretary, reads as follows: "Pressure of other phases of Centenary work and annual meeting of Conferences make it impossible to properly prepare the Church for the Stewardship and Tithing Drive in December. Commission has decided to defer drive until after the Evangelistic Campaign. Alabama and Florida Conferences expected to let educational work on this vital matter go on." We had expected to receive by letter some more detailed explanation concerning this matter before this time, but as yet nothing more has reached us. We lay the telegram before our readers as we have received it.

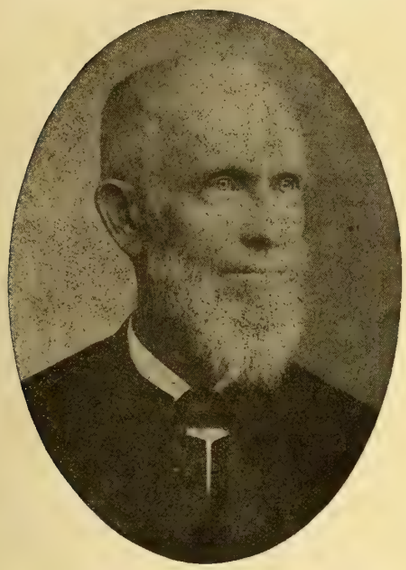
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Senator Thomas S. Martin, who passed away last week at his home in Virginia, was an unusual man in at least one respect—he plunged for the United States Senate without ever having sought a public office of any sort before, won his fight and remained there for nearly a quarter of a century. In that period, too, he was faced by some of the strongest men of Virginia who sought to supercede him. He was admitted to the bar in 1869, having read law at night while he gave his days to the mercantile business to support a large family following the death of his father soon after the war between the States. He was a railroad attorney in 1894 when he ran for the Senate and was elected over Major General Fitzhugh Lee. At the time of his death he was the leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate.

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The Interchurch World Movement is proposing to hold a series of Conferences throughout the South during the first twenty days of December. The Conference for North Carolina will be held in

Raleigh December 15-17. The men who are to take part in the conference at Raleigh are: Dr. Jas. I. Vance, of Nashville; Dr. A. W. Beaven, of Rochester, N. Y.; John A. Rice, of Sumter, S. C.; Henry F. Cope, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. H R. Steele, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. E. M. Poteat, of New York. To this conference are invited the heads of Church boards, pastors, forward movement leaders, laymen and lay women of all Protestant denominations. The problems which will be brought up for discussion deal with the Church in its relation to home and foreign missions, educational work in all its branches, especially as related to religious teachings in schools, colleges and the homes, the provision of the necessary men and women to carry forward the enlarged religious program of the future, the industrial and social situation in the nation, and other questions of the most vital moment.



REV. A. D. BETTS, D. D.

A Crowned Hero of the North Carolina Conference

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Remember the Orphans in connection with Thanksgiving Day, November 27, as set forth in proclamations by our President and by our Governor. The increased cost of living with which we are all so painfully cognizant is demanding greatly increased receipts for these benevolent institutions to go on with the same work that they have been doing to say nothing of the growth which they ought normally to make, and which they must make to meet the needs that are pressing. Every one is asked to give at leat one day's income for the relief of these dependent orphans who are being cared for by the different institutions of the State. Of course. our Methodist people will make their contributions to the Children's Home at Winston-Salem and to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. Those whose membership is in the Western North Carolina Conference will naturally send theirs to the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, N. C., and those whose membership is in the North Carolina Conference will send theirs to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. This does not mean that our people may not contribute to others, if they are so disposed; but these two institutions make special appeal to North Carolina Methodists, and are dependent upon us for their support. However much you may contribute to others, do not neglect our own institutions. And do not forget to make a contribution in keeping with your ability and the need. While we are rejoicing over the prosperity that has come to us, let us make glad the heart of the orphan in our midst.

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The Steel Strike and the Coal Strike have both in a measure failed of their purpose. We say in a measure failed, because the situation is not probably what it was before in either case. The government did the right thing in demanding that the mining of coal go on and that the differences between the operators and the miners be adjusted without freezing the nation. Conferences are still being held on this question, and the end of that conflict is not yet. We seriously doubt if the strike is ever a proper weapon with which to enforce demands. It stops production and in a way is wasteful. Somebody must pay for thaat idle time, and that somebody in the end is the consumer. In this period of world scarcity the strike is particularly a bad method. It complicates the problem of production which is already far too serious. It is encumbent upon the country to secure a better method of adjusting differences between employers and employees. The strike is not only wasteful, but it is fertile soil for the growth of anarchy and lawlessness. The prohibition of the liquor traffic during recent labor troubles has resulted in far less bloodshed and rioting than would otherwise have been inevitable. Mr. Gompers is wide of the mark when he attributes present labor unrest to prohibition; for, if the men had been fired with alcohol easily obtained during these serious months, the situation would have been incomparably worse. The radicalism of labor and the radicalism of capital must each be made to know that the public interest must be served. and that they must each keep within reasonable limitations in their demands.

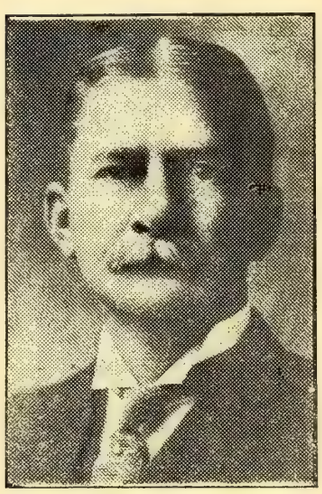
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The work of the Minute Men in preparing for the "Big Drive" last May was a revelation to the Church of the latent force that she has in her laymen. We say latent, for this force has not been largely utilized in the past. The Laymen's Movement was launched a few years ago, and a few of them important work which they can do, and which they must do if the kingdom of Christ is to come with power. It has put them to thinking about the work of the Church. It has led to the stirring of their were caught in its grip, but the number was all too few. The Minute Men have greatly increased the number. They have become accustomed to hear their own voice in the Church. The truth has been borne in upon many of them that there is really an own heart and has deepened their religious experience. They have seen the cause in which they engaged succeed and their hearts were thrilled with the experience. There is no doubt that the financial side of it loomed large in their vision, but they have also seen the spiritual side. We believe now that they are ready for a more decisively spiritual service to the Church. They are becoming concerned about the personal salvation of their friends who are outside of the Church and who ought to be brought in. We believe that this feeling on their part is going to deepen as the months go by, and these leading laymen are going to feel the thrill of bringing their friends to the personal knowledge of Christ. This is the highest work that ever engaged the hands of man, and the laymen of the Church have an important part to play here. The Minute Men are going to lead the van in this work, and then the Church is going to flame with the revival fires. May God speed the day!

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Southern Methodism Has Entered Europe. The Commission sent to Europe to investigate conditions and open the work of our Church in that territory has returned. The members of this Commission were deeply stirred by the needs which they found and set about the work of meeting that need in what small measure it could be met with the means at hand. The Commission has projected the establishment of stations at Brussells, Ypress, Montdider, St. Quentin, and elsewhere. "These relief stations will furnish food, fuel and clothing, and do everything possible to meet the most pressing needs of the people. " A building has been purchased at Uccle, a suburb of Brussels, which will be converted into a home for Belgian orphans. Another building in the heart of Brussels will be converted into an immense Publishing House. "It will contain printing presses, book-stores, Bible distributing station, lecture room, preaching place, and living quarters for deaconesses and nurses. Through agreement the secretaries of the two Protestant bodies already in Belgium, the State Church and the Free Church, will be located in this building, and it will become not only Methodist headquarters, but headquarters for the United Protestantism of Belgium." Permanent work will be launched at Ypres, probably the most completely devasted of any city of Belgium. The Commission also recommends the erection at once of a Southern Methodist Church amid the black ruins of Ypres to stand by the side of the great memorials to the fallen heroes of allied nations as a worthy and fitting exponent of Christianity. The Commission selected five colporteurs to go at once into the Holy Land for the purpose of distributing Bibles and Christian literature.

The Fight on the League of Nations is just at this writing at a very critical stage with the advantage on the side of the opponents of the League. In truth it looks like the treaty is killed, and the vote on the reservations has followed closely party lines. This paper takes no sides in party politics, but here is a movement that had in it the promise of the greatest advancement in the political government of the world that has ever been proposed. It was designed to put into effect the very thing for which we had professed to enter the great European war, or more properly the world war. We denounced militarism from every rostrum and pulpit of the land, and declared to the people that we were fighting to make war in the future impossible. In the peace compact that was drawn at Versailles there was embodied a League of Nations Covenant that was designed to enforce peace for the future, and stop the inhumanity and desolation of war. England and France, and we believe Italy, ratified it with practical unanimity. We believe that no one doubted at the first that the United States would follow, particularly as this government fathered the idea. Now it looks very strange to the laymen in such matters that Republicans in the Senate should line up solidly against, and with three or four exceptions the Democrats for it. If it were a matter of honest differences as to the details of the League Covenant, it does look like the division would not have come directly along party lines. It will be hard to make thoughtful people believe that it would. It looks like the game of politics played on the heartstrings of a suffering world, going even to the reckless limit of endangering the stability of our own government rather than that history should record such a glorious achievement as the bringing of permanent peoce to the world under the administration of its rival. Some eleventh hour repentance may yet prevent the final defeat of the movement, but the leader of the opposition has already pronounced the treaty dead. We shall see if his announcement is premature.



COL. JOHN F. BRUTON

Wilson, N. C.

A Leading Methodist Laymen of the State

Week of prayer for the Churches has been called this year for the week of January 4-11, 1920. The general topic is the Awakened Church, and the different phases of it are presented for different days of the week as follows: January 4th, Awakened by her new opportunities; January 5th, Awakened by Self-Examination; January 6th, Awakened by a Vision of the World's Need; January 7th, Awakened by the New Call for Co-operation; January 8th, Awakened by a Revival of Family Religion; January 9th, Awakened by the Call for Workers; January 11th, Awakened by a Rediscovery of the Reality and the Power of Prayer. The call is accompanied by a brief discussion of each subject, and other literature is prepared by the Federal Council of the Churches in co-operation with the Interchurch World Movement. This week of prayer at the beginning of the year has become a fixed custom, and nothing can be more appropriate than that each year should open with the Church upon its knees. Never did it need to be more in prayer than at the present time, and never did prayer need more to come from the deepest depths of our lives. The general topic is an appropriate and timely one and the phases of it presented will be very helpful.

AN ADDRESS FROM THE BISHOPS

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Brethren:

We, the chief pastors of our beloved Church, charged to "watch for your souls as they that must give account," that we may do it "with joy and not with grief," feel constrained at this time to address you concerning a matter which we judge to be of supreme importance and urgent necessity to our Church, our country and all the world, under the conditions which confront mankind in this momentous hour of human history.

At all times we would be ever mindful of the apostolic charge laid upon us that we give heed unto ourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers, to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood, and, at the present moment, this weighty and solemn responsibility is felt so keenly by us that we are impelled to make to you, upon whom rests the same burden of holy obligations, a communication concerning the great matter which fills our souls with reference to a revival of religion in our own country and in all lands. On this subject we addressed you from our last meeting, but our solicitude concerning it is so deep we cannot forbear speaking to you again with even greater earnestness than before.

It is noteworthy that great visitations of grace in former days have fallen upon God's Church at the same times that great providential movements have come to pass. "In the dispensation of the fullness of times" came our Lord in the flesh, and with pentecostal power he sent forth the agents of the primitive Church to save a sad and sinful world from utter ruin and despair, when the combined forces of Jewish religion, Grecian philosophy, and Roman law had culminated in a situation which prepared the way for the life-giving evangel which those agents preached.

In like manner the spiritual and providential forces of heaven moved in divinely directed conjunction during the days of Luther and the Reformers. That great revival of apostolic Christianity and the discovery of America were not accidentally brought together in that world renewing period.

So also out of revival centers in Great Britain (mainly in England), God sent forth the first settlers of the North American colonies. They were led of the Spirit into the wilderness, that by temptation and trial and heavenly succor a nation might be brought forth in whom all the families of the earth might be blessed in these last days. Indeed, it is a remarkable fact, the rise of the English speaking nations to their present commanding position of obligation and opportunity, has been coetaneous with great revivals which have prevailed among them at every epochal turn in their history, from the days of the Reformers to this good hour. And the history of our country has been marked especially by the saving power of such blessed visitations. The effect of the "Great Awakening" in 1740, the influence of the Wesleyan Revival in America, the far reaching results of the "Revival of 1800," and the saving power of the "Revival of 1856" have entered as most powerful factors into the making of this Republic. The nation has been a nation saved by grace, and might well adopt the language of the Hebrew Psalmist and say "Thou hast given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great." (Ps. 18:35).

In view of all our past history, would it not be a strange and disappointing thing, if now, when the ends of the earth have come upon us, no such heavenly power as that which came upon our fathers should fall upon us who have inherited from them such blessings and opportunities as we possess? Would it not argue some departure from God upon our part which had forfeited His favor and grieved His Spirit? Could we explain it by affirming that the God whose visitations of grace have so greatly enriched and invigorated the English speaking nations in all the days of their lives, has in our day withdrawn His saving purposes concerning them and that His mercies toward them are clean gone forever? Nay, we must believe that He who is the same yesterday, today and forever, will return to them even as He came to their fathers when they returned to Him.

Nevertheless, we are constrained to confess with sorrow that as yet there are no convincing tokens of the coming of such a wide-spread work of grace as those visitations which blessed the generations who have gone before us. Local revivals have come and in all such genuine works of the Holy Spirit we rejoice and for them we give thanks to God. But their fires have not spread, and in most cases their flames have gone out all too quickly.

The English speaking nations, especially our own country, need in this hour of the world's distress, disquietude and confusion, a great revival of religion as wide-spread as the Reformation and as powerful and purifying as that which came to them in the days of the Wesleys and Whitefield. Nothing less can save us at this momentous hour in human history. Even men of the commercial world, in which it is so easy to forget and ignore spiritual things, declare with emphasis that a revival of religion is the supreme need of this nation, and well they may; for if we forsake God, we cannot, with all our wealth and power, escape the doom of the nations which forget Him. The bare possibility of such a dreadful doom is enough to alarm the most careless and worldly souls among us, and, it cannot be averted unless there be a speedy and hearty turning of the people to God.

What do we see around us? On all hands we observe a riotous covetousness and a ravenous greed which sets neighbor against neighbor, and class against class, filling the land with bitter strife that threatens the stability of government and the very existence of social order. Sober-minded men, who view with clear eyes present day conditions, will no more accuse us of a faithless pessimism for thus speaking than they would charge St. Paul with hopeless despair when he warned Timothy of perilous times when men would be "lovers of themselves," "covetous," "boasters," "proud," "blasphemers," "unthankful," "unholy," "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (II Timothy 3:1-7.)

We cannot conceal from ourselves, nor withhold from you, that we note also a distressing decay of family religion. Family altars have fallen down, and their fires have gone out in multiplied thousands of the homes of our people. Children are born, grow to years of maturity, and go forth from parental homes to the temptations of after life, without the habit of prayer, and without the blessed memory of holy hands lifted daily by pious parents in supplication for them. Who can overstate the immeasurable loss thus sustained by the children of prayerless households? The family is the unit of civilization, and any genuine revival of religion must turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers.

We fear that many have become so addicted to pleasure, and so unused to prayer, that the words of Job concerning the godless might be applied justly to them: "They send forth their children like a flock, and their children dance. They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down into the grave. Therefore, they say unto God, depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty that we should serve Him? And what profit should we have if we pray unto Him?" (Job 21:11-15).

We would be less than just and faithful, if we failed to express the fear that the ministry has not wholly escaped the worldly influences prevalent in these times of abounding opulence. It would be gratifying and surprising if they had entirely escaped. "Like people, like priest," however, is a maxim which has had frequent melancholy exemplication since the days of Hosea. (Hos. 4:9). When the people fall under the spell of worldliness and wickedness, their priests and prophets are likely to be touched by the same unholy spirit. Then doctrine becomes corrupt, moral standards low, and spiritual life feeble. If such a state is long continued, the number of ministers is diminished, and the prophetic voices become few. So it was in the prosperous and worldly day of Solomon's reign in Israel, and so it is beginning to be in our country. The fundamental truths of God's word concerning sin, repentance, faith, the new birth, sanctification, and the witness of the Spirit, are too much neglected in the pulpits of the land, while current topics usurp their place, and programmes of naturalism are substituted for the saving power of the gospel of Christ. Schemes for ameliorating physical conditions occupy attention in some instances to the exclusion of the redemption which is in Jesus Christ; and, the number of preachers begins to show a decrease in many sections of the Church. Under such conditions our hearts are burdened for the salvation of all the people.

As Jesus Christ is in the world so are we in the world "to seek and save that which is lost." Our ears will not be deaf to the voices of the needy when they cry, nor will our hands be slow to stretch forth in compassionate ministry for their relief. But their supreme need, and the supreme need of all souls, is God and His salvation, revealed and imparted by the Holy Ghost. That will solve all perplexing problems, soothe all the sorrows of a grief stricken world and purge away the wickedness which disturbs the peace and threatens the welfare of mankind.

But we cannot have such a revival of religion, if we seek it with any lower end than that we may know God through Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath brought salvation down. Nor can we substitute for such a knowledge of God anything else.

We rejoice in the enlarged liberality of our people. Their generous gifts to the great enterprises of the Church and their contributions to many other benevolent causes fill us with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God who hath enriched them with abundance of goods and enabled them to do all these worthy things. But we should beware that we boast not of our offerings nor fall short of that humility which moves men of faith, after they have done all things commanded them,—to say in the presence of God, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." (Luke 17:10).

Above all, we must lay to heart the teaching of the Apostle Paul that though one bestow all his goods on benevolent projects and give his body to be burned, it will profit him nothing, if his heart be not right with God. We should not forget when we are disposed to be proud of our offerings that it was when the Jewish people were practising a system of tithing which descended to pot plants even and filled their ecclesiastical treasury to overflowing fullness, they forgot God and turned his house into a house of merchandise. Out of the plethoric funds of the Church were drawn the pieces of silver which purchased the betrayal of our Lord.

Our people, having brought their offerings to the altar, we now pray that they may give themselves also wholly to God. That offering of themselves, and that offering only, will bring upon them the pentecostal flames from above, which will attest their acceptance with God and fill them with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Such a consecration of themselves must and will involve deep convictions of sin, hearty repentance towards God, and true faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. It will mean agonizing to enter in at the strait gate. It cannot be brought to pass by more human plans and programmes, but must be the result of the convincing and saving power of the Holy Ghost, who alone is the administrator of God's will in redemption. It is to be feared that amid the complex machinery of modern society we may overestimate the power of our plans and underestimate our absolute dependence upon the Spirit of God. For the consummation of a material enterprise even, an ancient servant of God was warned that his task was to be done "not by might, nor by power, but by the divine Spirit," (Zechariah 4:6); and a great preacher of our own times has uttered recently the timely words that to "achieve spiritual results our fathers agonized, but we, their children, organize." Let us take heed that we do not dishonor the Holy Ghost, and "burn incense to our net and worship our drag."

Our hearts' desire and prayer to God is that He may pour upon us all the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring to us a mighty revival of repentance, faith and holy living. Therefore, most earnestly we call upon all the ministers and members of our Church to unite with us in prayer and labor to this end.

We do not forget that such an awakening must begin in the ministry, ourselves included. So all revivals of religion, in all ages of the world, have begun. So it was with the fathers of our Methodism, and so must it be with their successors in the Church of today. We who have been called and ordained to the ministry of the Word must keep this truth ever uppermost in our minds, and be careful that in purity of doctrine and holiness of life we be meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work (IITim. 2:21). The Holy Spirit will not work through men who are unsound in doctrine, feeble in faith, worldly in spirit and lax in life. Our first duty, therefore, is to take heed unto ourselves and unto the doctrine, continuing in them; for in so doing we shall both save ourselves and them that hear us. Wherefore we entreat our brethren to unite with us in self examination to see if we be in the faith, to the end that there be nothing in our hearts, or lives, which hinders our closest communion with God or retards our growth in grace.

In former days it was the habit of Methodist preachers to give much time to the study of the Scriptures, meditation and prayer; but the multitude of material affairs of the Church nearly usurps all our preachers' time and diverts their thought from the most vital matters. We can find no reason why our laymen, as intelligent as they are, should not take charge of all the material affairs of the Church that the preachers may give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word, and we exhort our laymen to assume these cares both for their own benefit and the relief of their preachers.

It was also a custom with our early preachers to preach on those doctrines which call men to repentance and to faith, such as sin, repentance, confession, justification, regeneration, holiness, the atonement, future rewards; and future punishments, and to follow their preaching with calls to the altar of prayer, or to unite with the Church, or to make open confession of Christ. God wonderfully blessed them in their work, and we beseech you that this custom be revived among us. And also let our Sunday school superintendents and teachers give frequent opportunity for the scholars publicly to seek the prayers of the church for their salvation. Likewise, let all of our stewards examine themselves to know if truly they are men of solid piety and examples to their families and the Church. We are not opposed to seasons of revivals when special efforts are made. On the contrary, we heartily believe in them, yet we pray for that degree of consecration which makes the spirit of evangelism the dominant and enduring spirit of our whole Church, not only on the Sabbath and at special seasons, but at all times and in all work.

We should not be satisfied with anything less than that all our people come into a satisfactory experience of the new birth by the Holy Spirit. The increase of members in our Churches ought not to be the ruling aim of our ministry, and any evangelistic efforts that aim chiefly at this result are not to be commended.

The spiritual conditions which now give us grief have arisen largely out of such mistaken aims, together with a habit of too hastily receiving members into full connection with the Church. We should give instruction to all candidates for membership, praying with them and guiding them until they come into a knowledge of God's forgiveness of sin and are truly prepared to assume the vows which we administer to all who unite with us. It is not an increase of numbers we seek, but renewed souls in Christ Jesus.

Upon no other grounds will any person enter the Kingdom of God, and we dare not allow any person under our pastoral protection to be deceived in this supreme matter.

While we do not think it appropriate for us to suggest to you a fixed plan of evangelistic work, knowing that the Holy Spirit is the guide of all who truly commit their ways unto the Lord, yet we do not deem it amiss to remind you, as we remind ourselves also, that in all things we must be wholly obedient unto the will of God as He has revealed it in Christ Jesus and through His holy prophets and apostles.

Let us hold fast and obey the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, the first of which we must magnify is the Lordship of the Holy Spirit, as the only executor of the mind of God in His Church. He only endows us with power, gives spiritual light, reveals the things of God, shows us the things of our exalted Lord, convicts of sin, and righteousness and judgment, brings forth new creatures in Christ Jesus, guides saints, distributes gifts, and accomplishes all the ends of redeeming love. Let us not in any degree grieve Him, but be obedient unto His will, and by an undivided devotion to the Master become effective agents of His saving grace.

Let us faithfully preach the word, which contains sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us put aside all strife, and divisions, and contentions, and speaking the same word, dwell in Christ as members of one body.

Let us frequently relate our experiences, remembering that we are witnesss of Christ. For this reason we earnestly request that the love feast and the class meetings be restored, and that we often speak one with another concerning our spiritual condition and welfare, especially taking oversight of the young Christians that they may be encouraged in their lives and strengthened in heir faith.

Let us in patience and love admonish all who do not walk in the way of the Lord, giving no place to sin in any form, constantly exhorting such to seek the highest estates of grace, that they may be unto the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are persuaded that concerning all else you and we shall be taught of the Holy Spirit that our labors may redound to the glory of God in the salvation of sinners. Pray for us, as we cease not to pray for all of you, making request unto the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that we may fill our office unto the ministry of the Spirit, and in faith and labors be true examples of the grace of God and faithful overseers of His flock. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever."

Eugene R.Hendrix,
Joseph S. Key,
Warren A. Candler,
Henry C. Morrison,
James Atkins,
Collins Denny,
John C. Kilgo,
William B. Murrah,
Walter R. Lambuth,
Richard G. Waterhouse,
Edwin D. Mouzon,
John M. Moore,
William F. McMurry,
U. V. W. Darlington,
Horace M. DuBose,
William N. Ainsworth,
James Cannon, Jr.

AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY

James Monroe Downum

America, thy day has come
To prove thy value to the world;
To show thy worth to every land,
Since now the battle flags are furled.

Thy God in love has sent thee here
To bear His gospel to the lands
Now lying out across the seas,
Reaching to thee appealing hands.

He's heard thy prayer for open doors
Whereby His Truth might enter free;
For millions stand with anxious souls
And look with faith to thee, to thee!

Thou must not dare neglect thy charge,
The charge thy God has given thee,
But forward go a mighty force
And strive a greater day to see.

Thy fate's at stake, the day has come
To stand the higher test of time;
Thy God, thy God looks forth to thee
To walk the truer way sublime!

Who dares to shirk this given task,
Or stand in guilty silence by,
While millions now expectant wait
To bear thy noble name on high!

Boone, N. C.

THAT HERO PREACHER

Francke Sandford

The annual meeting is over, the last song sung, the last prayer made, and a small army of Methodist preachers have gone out, under marching orders, to occupy the land. Some go to fields fair and inviting to find all that is conductive to their every comfort, pleasure and happiness anticipated and prepared for their coming; some to distant outposts, where little provision for them or theirs has been made, to face privations and hardships; some, it may be, go into a sort of a "No-man's-land," where there is little to cheer and comfort—but they have gone, trusting, not to fate, but in God.

What will they meet? With what shall they battle? Some will meet with hearty greetings—handclasps, smiles and "Welcome" written largely. Some must face the stolid and almost indifferent inquiry of, "Is this the new preacher?" and the chill greeting of the few who feel that they ought to notice the stranger. Some will receive the cold stare and question of "Who is he?" And all will find friends.

But they have gone. And there is hero stuff in some of them. But, in which? Is it in him who goes to find himself the favored and sought-for pastor of an organized and affluent people, who will give every care for his comfortable welfare? Is it he who goes to shepherd a scattered flock, where the pastures are lean, where privations and hardships are common, and discouragements are many? Is it he who will not need to take thought of "What ye shall eat . . . or what ye shall put on, because all these things have been provided for by those to whom he goes? Is it he who must glean where little is promised and dwell where little is provided; who must often sit down to the bare necessities of life, and, with heavy heart, look upon wife and little ones in their worn and faded garments? "Judge ye." The roll-call of Heaven will reveal who has "endured all things" for His sake.

No, this is not the fantasy of a bewildered brain, nor is it the vision of a distorted eye. Both drama and tragedy will play a part in the lives of men, who have just left the annual meeting and turned toward their fields of service—some with glad hearts; others with sad hearts. With some, all is well; with others—but why try to say; only God knows. Men are going to places that do not promise them the comforts of the living they deserve. They have given up all to do the work of their Master; to go out to face the privations and discouragements of an indifferent world—and a consecrated and suffering womanhood goes with them.

God will care for them? Yes, He will go with them. But is it right for a people who have prospered and are prospering to call for a shepherd to lead them "beside the still waters" and into "green pastures," and dole out to him, with meager measure, a mere subsistence? Must he, as a beggar by the wayside, hold out a trembling hand for the charity of the hurrying throng? Or, may he not be a man among men, a leader among a people whose God is the Lord, who have built for him the "prophet's chamber" and provided it with all that is needful? Shall he suffer need? Shall his come to want? "See ye to that."

Methodists—you on small charges—know that this is a day of big things. Your church cannot live on the financial standards of five years ago. You must do bigger things. Your preacher, to give you the best service, must not be hampered by want and privation. He cannot feel at ease when he knows that what you propose to pay him will not meet the expense of living and maintaining the home. Give him a square deal, and let him know, in the beginning of his ministry, that he need suffer no worry or fear for the comfort of the little woman in the parsonage and those who may be with her. Put a little of the hero stuff into your being, into your church and community. Show him the proof of the square deal as the days go by and do not wait until the year reaches its close. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and do it now. Is your man of the hero type? Then give him the reward that is due him. "See ye to that."

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Mr. J. M. McMichael and wife, of Stokesdale, left on Friday of last week for Athens, Texas, where they go for a visit of about thirty days to relatives.

—Mrs. W. G. Penry's class of boys in the Lexington Sunday school has assumed the support of an orphan in the Children's Home at Winston-Salem

—The Seaboard correspondent, writing, to the Roanoke-Chowen Times says all the friends are earnestly honing for the return of Rev. R. W. Bailey to that charge.

—Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, of Charlotte an Associate Reform Presbyterian Evangelist of note, has been conducting revival services in the Methodist church at Stony Point.

—Rev. P. W. Tucker preached his first sermon to the Newton congregation on Sunday, November 9th, and made a fine impression. So says the Newton correspondent.

—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office on Wednesday of last week. He reports larger plans and a cheerful outlook in every way for Main Street, Reidsville where he is beginning his second year.

—Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, long a devoted member of our church at Clarksbury, in Iredell county, passed to her reward on Friday evening, November 7th, aged 76. Deceased was prominently connected, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

—We have learned with deep regret of a serious accident which befell Rev. S. T. Barber at Morven last week. In preparing to ship his household goods, he fell from a dray and broke his left thigh. We have had no particulars, and hope his injuries are not serious.

—We have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Clell Allan Watson, of Swanboro, N. C., to Mr. David Brooks Wade, Jr., on Sunday, November 2. They are at home since November 15 at Morehead City N. C. We wish for them a happy and useful life.

—The Waynesville Mountaineer says: Rev. Walter B. West preached at his new church at Mount Airy Sunday and is much impressed with the possibilities of his new field. The new preacher here, Mr. Herman, made a very favorable impression on his hearers last Sunday.

—A layman writing from the Troutman circuit, speaks in high terms of the work of Rev. J. C. Keever, who has served that charge for four years, and now goes to Shelby circuit. He says the Troutman people have already fallen in love with Brother Byrum who succeeds Brother Keever.

—Referring to probable changes among the preachers of the North Carolina Conference, the Zebulon News says: We are very anxious that our pastor, Rev. G. W. Fisher, be re-appointed to his place here. The members of the church here will use all of their influence to keep him here.

—The Monroe Enquirer says:—A large congregation heard Rev. J. W. Moore, the new pastor of Central Methodist church, last night. The Baptist and Presbyterian congregations joined in the service. All who heard the sermon were well pleased with it. Mr. Moore and family arrived from Charlotte last Friday.

—The Reidsville Review, referring to Rev. C. F. Sherrill's arrival on the Wentworth charge, says: The circuit is to be congratulated on their preacher-in-charge. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill and son upon their arrival at the parsonage here were warmly welcomed by the reception committee from the four churches comprising the circuit.

—Rev. N. R. Richardson tells of a party welcome back to Cooleemee for fourth year. Salary increased, a good, substantial pounding and numerous tokens of appreciation. A new furnace just arrived for heating the church, which will be installed at once. Other needed improvements are being made. The preacher is happy and hopeful.

—Glenwood and Bethel, the new suburban charge set up at the late Conference in Greensboro, has started the new year most hopefully. Rev. E. P. Billups, the pastor, is a young man of good training and apparently of abundant common sense. Both congregations are pleased and the attendance on Sunday school and church is considerably increased.

—On November 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lefler, near Cooleemee, their daughter, Lena May, was happily married to Mr. Kennie T. Futrell. The bride is a graduate of Davenport College. The groom, who is a native of Guilford county, is now engaged in Y. M. C. A work in Alabama. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. N. R. Richardson.

—A marriage of interest to many of our readers is that of Mr. John M. Thompson, son of Rev. L E. Thompson, of the North Carolina Conference, to Miss Alma Foxworth, of Marion, S. C. Following the bridal trip, the couple will be at home in Wilmington, N. C., where the groom is engaged in the cotton business. The Advocate extends congratulations and best wishes.

—The salary of Rev. M. F. Moores, the pastor, was increased from $1,800 to $2,000 at the meeting Monday night. In view of its appreciation of Mr. Moore's service the church, just before he left for the recent conference, made him a present of $200. During the past year there were quite a number of additions in membership and decided growth in church work.—Hendersonville News.

—Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Richardson, of the Broad River circuit, have been cheered by a generous pounding right in the beginning of the new year. They testify that the people of that charge have always been good and kind to them, never failing to come with tokens of appreciation and cheer when otherwise the way would have seemed dark and discouraging. They are praying and looking for a good year.

—Rev. Jas. P. Morris gives a cheering account of his reception on the Watauga circuit. Going from Spruce Pine by way of Johnson City to Shulls Mills, the good people of Valle Crucis met the preacher and family with automobiles and soon landed them in the parsonage at Amantha, where a good hot dinner was served and a genuine old-fashioned pounding administered Brother Morris and family will find the very salt of the earth among those Watauga people.

—Writing under date of November 15th, Rev. E. P. Stabler, pastor of Franklin Avenue, Gastonia, says that, on the night of the 14th, their parsonage was very unexpectedly stormed and a severe pounding administered. After songs and a good social time with prayer by the pastor, the people went away happy, and left happiness and good cheer behind. At the first quarterly conference the new Presiding Elder made a fine impression and the pastor's salary was increased $100.

—The first quarterly conference for the Stokesdale circuit, held at Stokesdale on Saturday, Nov. 8th was largely attended. The people have given Brother Crouse and family a hearty welcome back to the charge and as evidence of this the salary was advanced from $1100 to $1500. The Presiding Elder pronounced this the best quarterly conference yet for this year. Everything has the forward look. On Sunday Brother Womble preached at Eden, after which a subscription was started for a new church at that place. Nearly $3,000 was subscribed. It is expected that they will have a modern church at no distant day.

—Rev. A. R. Surratt, pastor of our church in Kannapolis, writes: "The Methodists of Kannapolis gave their new pastor a cordial welcome to their midst and, on Monday night, came with a large and handsome pounding enough to make them feel under many and lasting obligations. The pastor and his wife desire to unite and co-op rate with these kind people, under God, for a great year in Kannapolis They have found a wide-awake church and large opportunities, with a membership that believes in progress. Kannapolis comes to the front as one of the leading churches in the district, both numerically and financially."

—The Roanoke News of November 13th, says: Next Sunday, November 16th, at the M. E. Church, Rev. F. M. Shamburger will close his pastorate of four years in Weldon. The annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference will be held in Wilson November 19-24, and Mr. Shamburger will have finished a very successful year. When he came to the pastorate there was a considerable debt on the church, which has been paid and the parsonage much improved. Many members have been received into the church and on November 2, at the regular communion service, there were more communicants than ever known before in the history of the church. Mr. Shamburger and his lovely family are much appreciated by the people of Weldon and every one will be grieved to have them leave.

—The people of the China Grove charge have given Rev. W. S. Hales and family a warm welcome back for the fourth year. The Board of Stewards gave substantial expression to this by increasing the salary $200 over last year, making it now $1.000 The every-member canvass is on for the budget, and this is expected to be complete by the meeting of the first quarterly conference. A pounding party, led by Brother J. N. Dayvault, and followed by many friends well armed invaded the parsonage on Saturday night, Nov. 8th. Of this Brother Hales says: "After a few minutes of sweet social fellowship, a short talk by the preacher reinforced by one by the preacher's wife, and a prayer, they withdrew leaving us better prepared by many "pounds" to meet the home demands."

—The annual meeting of the officers and teachers of the First Methodist Sunday schools at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. George L. Hackney on last Friday night was well attended and highly successful The work of the past year was briefly reviewed and the problems confronting the various departments and classes discussed. Mr. Chas. F. Lambeth, Superintendent of the Thomasville Methodist Sunday school Mr R. L. Pope, teacher of an adult class in that school and a Sunday school worker prominent throughout the State, and Mr. O. V. Woosley, Conference Field Secretary, were present and took part in the discussions. Professor C. O. Sink added to the pleasure of the evening by singing. At the close of the meeting, Mrs Hackney assisted by Miss Nellie Shippey and Master James Hackney, served refreshments.—Lexington Dispatch.

NOTICE

The District Stewards of the Marion District are called to meet at the Methodist Church in Marion on Wednesday, December the 3, at 2 o'clock.

I trust every member well be present. Parker Holmes. P. E.

NOTICE

Will all the pastors please notice the change in my address from Canton, N. C. to 210 Patten Ave, Asheville, N. C. I am ready for work again after our move to our new home and will be glad to help any pastor in his League work.

Grace Bradley,
Epworth League Field Secretary.

DEDICATION AT WOOD

Never did our little Church look more beautiful than it did on Sunday night when the people assembled for the purpose of disclosing it. Mrs. Holland had furnished chrysanthemums and ferns with which it was attractively decorated. Rev. E. M. Snipes, presiding elder of the Warrenton District, preached a forceful sermon and then dedicated the Church. The special music rendered by our organist, Miss Louise Chaplain, added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. A special offering, amounting to $55 43 was taken and given to the pastor for his services. W. C. Ball.

FAYETTEVILLE CIRCUIT

Fayetteville Circuit has enjoyed a twofold revival this year—in spiritual life, and in stewardship. More than fifty have professed saving faith, many children have been led to Christ, seventeen persons have united with the church on profession of faith, fourteen by certificate, and thirteen infants have been baptized. The collections for Annual Conference and General Conference causes are all in hand from each church and forwarded to the treasurer ten days before the close of the year, and the work is still progressing. We have no "Annual tug."

W. F. Craven, Pastor.

KERR STREET, CONCORD

Just a few lines before leaving for Conference. We have had a very good year, considering the various hindrances along the way.

We have just closed a very gracious revival meeting. There were a goodly number of professions and reclamations, and I have about 15 or 20 persons to connect themselves with our Church. Bro. G. W. Fink was at his best and did the preaching for us. We are planning to make considerable improvements on our church building, beginning this work the first of November, and when this work is done we will have one of the best arranged buildings for taking care of Sunday school interests.

J. W. Strider.

IS HE CORRECT?

Dear Advocate: Brother Ware says that the people of Wilkes county do not know what Methodism is. Isn't that true of the majority of Methodists of the state? What per cent of us know the number of prominent doctrines of our Church? what they are and the Scriptures on which they are based I have all the while sympathized with the International system of the Sunday School Lessons, but we should not let them crowd out persistent and intelligent teaching of our doctrines. What are other denominations doing. How many of our people, especially the young, can defend the doctrines?

Geo. T. Simmons.

CIFFSIDE

On returning to Cliffside, these worthy people have received us very cordially. We have been presented with a substantial purse from the Cliffside congregation, and were presented with a purse from every Church on the charge before going to Conference. We are planning for a great year's work. Two Churches to build and another to overhaul.

Brother Pink Randall, one of our most substantial members at Oak Grove, died prematurely of pneumonia just on our return from Conference. On acute cold prevented me from attending his funeral. Brother Hunt, the Baptist pastor, very kindly attended Brother Randall's funeral for me.

J. Burrus.

FIRST CHURCH, HENDERSON

Early in September the pastor was assisted in a revival meeting by Rev. A. L. Stanford, of Gastonia. The meeting was indeed a revival and its influence abides and is felt in all departments of church activity. A great many renewed their vows and a number united with the church; but the best feature of the revival is that some one has joined the church on almost every Sunday since the meeting. This condition, I think, is almost ideal. Fifty have joined the church and it seems now that others will join from Sabbath to Sabbath. The church is in fine condition and will meet all of its obligations for the year.

My co-laborer, Rev. L. E. Larkin, has done a fine year's work at North and South Henderson, and his churches are in good condition.

L. E. Thompson,

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

(Special to the Advocate.)

The Anti-Saloon League is planning a speakers' campaign that will cover the State. 340 addresses will be delivered beginning November 2 and ending December 21. The lecturers are men of national reputation who have made their mark on the battlefield, in the political arena, in the pulpit and on the platform.

Col. Dan Morgan Smith, commander of the "Battalion of Death" at St Mihiel, Drs. George W. Young of Kentucky, J. D. McAlister of Tennessee Ernest V. Claypooll of Rhode Island and George W. Morrow of Michigan, Ex-Governor M. R. Patterson of Tennessee, Congressman Will D. Upshaw and Hon. Joseph G. Camp, of Georgia and Wayne B. Wheeler, General Council for the Anti-Saloon League of America, Washington, D. C., are among the fifteen speakers who will campaign the State.

In their addresses they will make clear the law as it is laid down in the law-enforcement code recently passed by Congress. Some things that have been permitted by our State prohibition law will now be prohibited by this national act.

The speakers will also inform the people of the larger plans now being laid to aid the other countries in their fight against liquor, and will tell about the organization of the "World League against Alcoholism" and the League's purpose to raise a fund of fifty million in the next five years to put the world dry and to enforce our law at home.

Four field secretaries under the direction of Superintendent Davis have been in the State for some time planning the meetings. Already over half of the 340 meetings have been dated and the others will be in a short time.

Mr. Davis says the Anti-Saloon League is determined that the people shall know the law, and that the criminal class shall obey it.

He says also that the American church people that stand for the advanced movement of the church to carry the gospel to the other nations and give their money for this purpose will not sit idly by and allow the liquor traffic of America, now driven from this nation to go into all parts of the earth to nullify the work of the church and the missionary.

LAURINBURG

Our Church at Laurinburg has recently had a season of revival of which I would make mention in the Advocate. It was the first distinct effort in that direction that has been undertaken since the new Church was opened for worship and a better opening of the sort, a better dedication a better beginning of a line of similiar ones to follow as we hope and trust, could not well have been desired. The preaching was done by our able and industrious presiding elder, Harry North, as he is affectionally called here. Whatever titles may already be his or may come to him in the future this is that by which both now and then he is and will be known among them that are his own. His sainted father spent a good portion of his life here. Many of his people live here still and while he has never held a pastorate here, this presiding eldership being nearest to it, he can not be better known or be better loved in any of the charges where he has so efficiently labored than he is right here. The only respect in which he does not seem to be following his Master is this—of Him it was said He came to His own and His own received him not. Brother North came to his own and his own with open hands and hearts received him. Congregations were good from the beginning. The preaching was inspiring, uplifting, spiritual—good to the use of edifying to them who already believed—full of life and power to them without. People of other denominations attended these services almost as freely as our own and every church was the beneficiary of the blessed results. Besides the quickening of the spiritual life of the entire Christian community twenty have been added to our Church on profession of faith. There are others to be added.

A word about our new Church concerning which this pastor may say other men labored and he has entered upon their labors. Hardly a week passes that people from other charges —other Conferences even—pastors, stewards, contractors, architects—do not come to look it over and study it. We think it well worthy of their visit and study, being admirably adapted to all the work of a live Christian congregation in a progressive community. We believe too that the growth of the Church not only keeps pace with, but necessitates the adaptability and enlargement of the building. Our Sunday school may not be all it should be and is not all that under the blessing of God it is going to be and that right early, but it will do any Methodist good to step in there some Sunday morning and see for himself what it now is under the able guidance of its wide awake superintendent, Edward H. Gibson, assisted by a body of equally wide awake and devoted teachers. This is almost exactly what the wife of one of our presiding elders—not our own it is needless to say—said to me after a recent visit to our Sunday school.

A small debt is on our Church, but it will be wiped out shortly and everything be ready for the Bishop and the dedication in the spring or before.

E. H. Davis.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Vernon Liles Andrews was born December 27, 1884; was educated in the common schools of Montgomery county and the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond.

On October 11, 1911, Dr. Andrews was happily married to Miss Ida May Lee, daughter of Rev. J. A. Lee, of the North Carolina Conference. To this union were born three children, Martha Evelyn, Vernon Liles and Alexander Lee, the last named being born after the death of Dr. Andrews.

Dr. Andrews was a member of the Methodist Church at Mt. Gilead. He was a good man. He loved the Church, honored God and lovingly gave alms.

As a man Dr. Andrews was strong and brave, yet gentle and tender. Strong for the right, brave in its defense, tireless in effort, childlike in faith, a man of strong personality. He was a man of fine Christian character, observant and energetic, physically and mentally strong, a man of clean habits and perfectly trustworthy. He ever impressed his friends as a man of strong common sense and as having a sense for things morally and Spiritually. These characteristics made him lovable and association with him inviting. He was easy of approach and listened with interest to the story of the poor. He sided with the weak and was a friend to all heroic souls. He was an obedient son, a loving brother, a true friend, and a devoted husband and father.

Graduating from the medical college, Dr. Andrews practiced his profession for a short while at St. Pauls, N. C., but the greater part of his life as a physician was given at Mt. Gilead, N. C.

Dr. Andrews loved the practice of medicine and was a skilled physician. Perhaps his strongest point as a physician was in the matter of diagnosing. Having decided upon a case, and this he did readily, it was unusual for him to find reason or occasion to change his decision. His ability at this point had begun to attract attention of some of the best physicians of the state. He delighted himself in his work and into whatever home he went he carried comfort and cheer. No night was ever too dark nor the winds too cold for him to answer the call even of the most humble man of the country district. He was as faithful and true in the cabin as in the home of the well-to-do. To him his work was a calling. Like the Master he had come to be a physician. It was said of the Christ, "The common people heard him gladly." It may be said of Dr. Andrews the common people received him gladly. His thoughts seemed to be always of others and he was most happy when engaged in the relief of those who suffered. The testimony of those to whom he ministered is: Dr. Andrews was a good man and a good doctor, he will be greatly missed.

On October 13, 1918, Dr. Andrews fell a victim of influenza. Notwithstanding all the effort and skill to receive him, he passed from the stress and strain of a busy life into the great beyond. To his friends his death seemed a tragedy, yet to him it was victory. He had wrought well. So after all it may be best, while he was in love with life and lost in unselfish service to his fellowmen that he slipped away to await the coming of his friends on the other side.

May the God of love and mercy bless and keep his family and friends now and always.

W. F. Trawick.

Mt. Gilead, N. C

COOL SPRINGS

This charge went forward along several lines last year though we were not able to accomplish near all that should have been done.

Our revival meeting began with New Salem Church, and Brother J. H. Bradley was the pulpit help. Brother Bradley did such preaching as will be of lasting benefit, but we were hindered by rain and we had only five accessions to the Church. Brother Reavis was to have helped me at Providence, but was forced to go at that time for treatment for his throat. The pastor did the preaching, and while the Church seemed to be revived, we had only five accessions here. Brother Macon A. Huffman, the blind evangelist, of Hickory, helped me at Rose Chapel, and we had a great meeting, resulting in 25 professions and 20 accessions. Pastors who need pulpit help for revival meetings would do well to get in communication with Brother Huffman, for he seems especially gifted for that kind of work. Brother John Green helped me at Clarksbury and here we had another great meeting resulting in more than 50 professions, and 35 joined our Church. Brother Green will assist me in a meeting at New Salem beginning the fourth Sunday night in this month and continuing at least until the fifth Sunday, and we are hoping and praying for just such a meeting as we had at Clarksbury. Brother J. E. McSwain helped me at the Simon school house where we had about 35 professions and several joined at different Churches. Brothers Williams and Rhinehardt helped me at Cool Springs where we had a very good meeting considering the fact that diptheria broke out during our meeting and hindered the attendance. We have but a few unchurched people in this neighborhood, but we had nine professions and three accessions. On the entire charge we had 137 professions, and 107 accessions. We lost 17 by death and certificate having a net gain of 90 members.

All claims were paid in full last year. We have already held our first quarterly Conference, and the pastor's salary was increased to $1 800. Two years ago this charge paid only $800 to pastor's salary but it has developed into one of the best charges in the Conference. We are hoping and praying for a great year.

This charge is learning to do one thing exceedingly well that means much for the welfare and happiness of the pastor. For the last month or two, we have been pounded almost constantly and very liberally. All of these things place us under great obligations, and we must do our best for our people and for our God. May this be a year of great revivals.

R. A. Swearingen.

FROM JAPAN

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the far east! We said goodby to the folks at home September 8 and started on our long journey to Japan. We had a very pleasant and interesting journey across the United States and Canada. We arrived at Vancouver September 14 and sailed from that port September 17,. Except for a few days of seasickness and cold weather, our trip across the Pacific was very pleasant. We landed safely in Yokohama Oct. 4, and came up to Tokyo the following day. I entered the language school on Monday. The study of the Japanese language is right hard, but it is interesting

We like Japan and the Japanese people. The customs and costumes here are too numerous to mention. Tokyo has a population of 2,300.000. Some city! And the cost of living here is higher than in New York or London.

We have six Tar Heels here in Tokyo studying the Japanese language. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Fesperman, from Rockwell; The Misses Powless, from Hickory, and I. L. Shaver and wife, from Richfield.

We shall write more to the Advocate about Japan later—when we get better acquainted.

We shall be very glad indeed to receive letters from any of our friends in Carolina, and we solicit an interest in the prayers of the Advocate family.

Let me add before I close that I started a class of English speaking Japanese boys in the Union Sunday School last Sunday afternoon. We had five present and expect more soon. Pray for my class.

Love and best wishes to the folks back home.

I. L. Shaver.

8 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan.

MRS. P. L. TERRELL

Mrs. P. L. Terrell, who passed to her reward from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Russell, at Granite Falls, N. C., at noon Nov. 8, 1919 was a faithful wife for more than forty-five years, thirty-seven of which were spent in the Methodist Itineracy.

Born in Rutherford County, N. C., near Rutherfordton, reared in a Christian home, she early possessed those qualities of body and spirit which were to prove the basis for a Christian faith strong enough to undergird her for the storms that blow and the tempests that beat on lives loyal to work in the traveling connection.

Her husband through all those struggling years has been a circuit preacher. The first station to which he was ever appointed is his present charge which the good sacrificing sharer in all his toils was unable to

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Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

THOU HAST PUT GLADNESS IN MY HEART

Minnie Leona Upton

"Thou hast put gladness in my heart!"
Lord of the silver and the gold,
The cattle on a thousand hills,
And all earth's wealth untold,
I thank Thee, that instead of these—
Instead of riches of the mart,
Or any prize my hands can hold—
"Thou hast put gladness in my heart!"

"Thou hast put gladness in my heart!"
And only Thou canst take away,
And only I can give to Thee
Cause why it may not stay!
Lord, help me keep my heart for Thee,
So that this guest may ne'er depart,
So that I still unshamed may sing,
"Thou hast put gladness in my hoart!"

GRATIFYING FINANCIAL NEWS

In a comparative report of council treasurer for Third Quarter of 1919, recently issued, we find most gratifying increase has been made by the N. C. and W. N. C. Conferences over the report of the third quarter of 1918. In 1918, N. C. Conference reported $5,321.36; 1919 shows $6,811.77, an increase of $1,490.41. W. N. C. Conference for 1918 showed $5,634.96 paid; 1919, $6,491.59, an increase of $866.63. The North Alabama Conference made the highest increase for the quarter ($2,315.06). North Georgia with an increase of $1 979.41 holds second place and Virginia third place with an increase of $1,545.13. It is most encouraging to know that gains have been made in every Conference reporting, and we truly hope that still greater gains for the fourth quarter will show a grand total exceeding any year in our history.

LENOIR SOCIETY GIVES A WESLEY TEA

Mrs. J. L. Nelson

One of the most unique and enjoyable social affairs of the season was given by the Woman's Missionary Society, of Lenoir, on a recent Friday afternoon, in the Ladies parlor of the new church. After the members and other friends had been cordially welcomed by committees in charge, Mrs. Todd lined up forces in two sides, appointed Mrs. M. M. Courtney and Mrs. J. L. Nelson as captains, and proceeded with a "Questionnaire" on the life of John Wesley. The battle waxed warm but our pastor kept tab on us, the result ending in a tie. There was distributed to each one present a white paper tea-pot trimmed in blue, a fac-simile of a real Wesley tea-pot that adorned the center of the table, with an invocation on one side and thanks on the other. We sang several of Wesley's grand old hymns, after which the committee composed of Mesdames Sherrill, Huntley, Haily and Todd, assisted by members of the Junior Society served delightful refreshments. It was a time of friendly intercourse and pleasant association and we hope to repeat in the near future. The offering was splendid. In working for our church. our society has had a strenuous year, but we have done good work and expect to go "over the top."

REGULAR READING OF THE BIBLE

Those who have found regular Bible reading difficult, because of lack of a definite plan, will be greatly helped by the systematic daily readings outlined by Miss Etta Konitsky, of Baltimore.

One outline provides for daily readings both morning and evening. By following this the whole Bible is completed in one year; or the morning and evening readings may be used separately, and a two years' course followed. Psalms and Proverbs and the New Testament are used for the evening readings while the rest of the Old Testament is outlined for morning readings. Another plan provides for single daily readings in the New Testament only, giving one year to the reading. This plan is commendable for its simplicity and definiteness. The leaflets and cards giving the outline to be followed can be secured by sending a two cent stamp to Miss Etta Konitsky, Reisterstown Road. near Kate Avenue Station E., Baltimore, Maryland.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT MEETING

We are indebted to Miss Bettie Taylor, of Faison, for the interesting account which follows, of the recent District meeting of the Wilmington District. We are sure this was a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable occasion and will prove an inspiration to all who were in attendance.

The District meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wilmington District,North Caro'ina Conference, convened in the Methodist Church at Wallace, N. C., on the evening of October 30, 1919. After the devotional which was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Hardenbergh, a Pageant, "The Fruits of Our Work," was given by five of the young people. Miss May Ella Smith then made a very interesting and inspiring address.

Friday morning at nine thirty, the devotional was conducted by Mrs. Harvey Boney, Conference corresponding secretary. Organization of business was then taken up with Mrs. C. H. Fore, District secretary, presiding. Miss Bettie Taylor was chosen secretary. An interesting talk was made by Mrs. Fore in which she reviewed the work of the year and emphasized the need of more earnest effort. After the reports from the auxiliaries, a most splendid talk was made by Mrs. Harvey Boney, bearing on the qualifications of individuals and auxiliaries for efficiency. Mrs. Hardenbergh gave a most helpful and inspiring talk on "The Value of Mission Study." She brought to us ideas for creating interest among the children by making the invitations attractive. It was inspiring to listen to her as she told of the work in which she is so much interested.

One of the most enjoyable features was the thrilling account of the Centenary celebration given by Mrs. E. L. Hart. A letter from Mrs. Gates, Conference president, was read in which she expressed regret that she could not be present but asking for more earnest effort and prayer for the Master's work. After the devotional, which was conducted by Mrs. Fred Mintz. the meeting adjourned for the noon hour. A most delicious dinner was served and highly enjoyed by the visitors and friends present. At 2 o'clock the devotional was conducted by Mrs. H. J. Faison, on the work of the Bright Jewels. Miss Smith then gave a helpful talk on the Young People's Work in which she urged that Christian life be made attractive for young people.

After reports from the young people's work, a consecration service was held with Mrs. W. E. Murphy as leader. Thus came to an end a District meeting which was pronounced by those present as a most successful meeting. Each delegate returned to her auxiliary with more zeal and greater determination to work for the Master and grateful to the people of Wallace for their cordial hospitality.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER OF MISS MABEL HOWELL

Another letter from Miss Mabel Howell, Administrative Secretary of Oriental Work, to her brother and sister in Asheville, tells of the safe arrival of Miss Howell, Bishop Lambuth, Dr. and Mrs. Rawlings and others at Peking, China. A few weeks ago we gave extracts from a letter from Japan and so interestingly does she write of these countries we feel that our readers would like to hear of her impressions of China.

"We came to China by train from Korea, going North to Mukden, Manchuria and then South to Peking. Our Church has no work here, but the Northern Methodists have and I am interested in their medical plant. We will spend the day with the Methodists in their compound and will lunch with them also after visiting the Rockefeller Medical Plant.

Peking is a city of a million people. The hotel at which we are stopping is right in Legation quarters. Great big camels are in the street drawing carts, they seem to be the beasts of burden. Along side of them are Manchurian ponies, jinrikishas, and Peking carts, the like of which I have never seen.

Yesterday we visited the heathen Buddhist and Confucian temples, to get an idea of the heathen practices. The Buddhist worship is disgusting to the extreme. Their temples are in decay, badly neglected. The greatest thing of the many things we have seen here is the Temple of Heaven. This was built in 1420 and is older than Buddhism or Confucianism. It is the oldest form of worship. It is of white marble circular, over 1,000 feet around, open at the top and built in three great terraces. It is wonderful beyond description. It is so arranged that nothing is in sight but the great vault of Heaven, the most wonderful piece of religious architecture we have yet seen. It was there the Emperor went once a year and worshipped for his people. I can't describe its great contrast to awful Buddhism.

If you think China pig-tails are all gone you are woefully mistaken. In Manchuria all the Manchus wear pigtails.

We have heard so much of anti-foot binding societies in China that one would suppose that all small feet were gone. The children are with unbound feet but you should see women of thirty or more. They hobble about on feet not over five inches long. You wouldn't believe it possible. They are everywhere in Peking.

Exchange is dreadful here in China. It was bad enough in Japan and Korea but much worse here. For a gold dollar we only get a Mexican dollar (nearly fifty cents in normal times). Formerly for a gold dollar one got $2 and sometimes $2.25 Mexican. This cuts our money value in two and we have to be very careful. The cause is the high price of silver as a result of the non-importations during the war.

The food problem is not as difficult as I thought. You can get anything that we have at home, the problem is to get it clean. Chickens are very cheap (10 cents a pound) and so everywhere we go we have chicken. This and Korea seem to be lands of chickens.

I have been in Cholera all the time I have been in Korea. It is terrible in Korea and China. I have been vaccinated against it which makes me 85 per cent secure and am therefore, hoping to get along all right. We are glad to get into China. The Chinese are a different people to the Japanese. I like them. They are honest and open in dealing with you. They are surely the real thing. They have no army and no arms and are in no condition to fight with Japan.

I cannot tell you how we have suffered with the Koreans. They have been treated by Japan worse than the Belgians by the Germans. The Japanese are the Prussians of the East. They must not have Shantung, it will be the end of China should they gain possession of it. I hope America will see that they leave Shantung to China.

We are leaving Friday for Nanking and then to Changchow, Soochow, Huchow and Shanghai. The Conference will be held in Huchow. Will let you hear again soon."

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SNOW HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday morning, Nov. 9, I had the pleasure of addressing the children in the Methodist Sunday School at Snow Hill. The invitation to visit this school came from Miss Ethel DuRant and the pastor, Rev. W. A. Piland. Rev. Daniel Lane, who was for the past two years a chaplain in the army with the A. E. F. preached a strong sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. Sunday was the closing day of a series of revival services conducted by Brother Lane.

At three o'clock in the afternoon a meeting was held in the church to consider the problem of reorganizing the local Sunday School. The meeting was well attended and a reorganization was effected. At a conference of the officers and teachers after the service, it was decided to establish a Training Class for teachers. At this meeting twelve business men of the community and members of the church pledged their united support to Mr. J. P. Frizelle, Superintendent of the school, in order that the school might serve the interests of the church and community.

THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

At the beginning of every term of public schools the law requires that a census be taken of the school population. Every child of school age in the community has to be accounted for by the school authorities. We recognize this as a wise and necessary proceeding on the part of the public schools. Is it not more necessary for these who have the interests of the Sunday School at heart to take a careful survey of the field and take a census of the Sunday School population? We hope that every Sunday school within the bounds of this conference will enter heartily upon the Campaign of Evangelism in the Sunday school to be underaken the first of next year. We cannot save the people unless we teach them. We cannot teach them unless we reach them, and so the first thing to do, if we intend to carry out this program, is to reach the people by enlisting them as members of the Sunday School. This is the most important thing before us at the present time.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

We desire tom ake this column serve the best interests of the Sunday Schools of the North Carolina Conference. One of the ways in which this may be done is to have a column of notes from the field each week. Let me know the interesting things that are taking place in your Sunday School. What special programs are you carrying out? Have you conducted a Membership Campaign? With what success did you meet? What are your Wesley Classes doing in the way of special activities? Write me about your most pressing problems.

TEXTS FOR TRAINING CLASSES

Due to printers' strikes in the East, the following Teacher Training books are out of stock at the present time: Life in the Making; The Pupil, the Teacher, and the School, and The Worker and His Bible. Barclay's, The Pupil, is still available for classes beginning this work.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The eighty third annual session of the North Carolina Conference will be in session at Wilson when this is printed. Problems of vital interest to the Church and State will be considered, and decisions of tremendous consequence rendered at this meeting of the leaders of our Church We believe that no interest of the Church is of more vital importance to the whole life of our people than that of the Sunday Schools. Charged, as it is, with special care for the young life of the Church, the Sunday School Board of the Conference has tremendous issues to face at this emte ingofet hnAn to face at this meeting of the Annual Conference. May God's blessing attend the deliberations of this body and His Spirit guide them in their decisions.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We have set next Sunday afternoon as the time for our Membership Campaign. Last Sunday I appointed a Campaign Committee and they have been at work this week dividing up the territory and selling the visitors to canvass the field. They will go, two together, and visit every home where there are Methodists or people not members of any Sunday School. The canvassers will meet at the church and have dinner on the grounds and go from there to the homes. I got the cards, etc., from Dr. Bulla and they will be a great help to us.

I have been making out a program for each of us and it for each Sunday morning now for some time. It certainly does help opening and closing session tto go off smoothly. And it helps me too. Quite a number have complimented me on the way we carry out our program each morning. I am trying to make the songs and prayer fit the lesson for the day.

We have decided to take a Special in the Centenary of fifty dollars per year. Please send me a list of Specials for the Sunday School.

Yours very truly,
Supt. of New Town S. S.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

BELMONT

Rev. J. E. Thompson is an old man in years, but he is young in purpose and endeavor. His forty-one years in the ministry have not exhausted his resourcefulness, nor have they left a desire to rest on the oar. While his work now is not so large as when he traveled the larger districts and served the prominent stations, he works away with the same bouyancy and success. Left alone, his devoted companion having been transplanted to heaven a number of years ago, he refuses to let his loneliness prevent his sunshiny soul from radiating to those around him. Everybody loves Brother Thompson.

Recently I visited Belmont, where he is beginning his second year's work. Everything seemed to be on the move. His Sunday school, while cramped for space and facilities, is doing splendid work. Superintendent R. G. Fitsgerald, of the local public schools, has put new life into the school because of a complete reorganization and vitalization. He, a young man. and the pastor, an old man, make a fine team, a team that will pull any load.

Belmont is just three years old as a station, but it refuses to let its youth prevent its doing big jobs. Last year a big debt was paid and the Centenary raised along with everything else. This year plans are being laid for building a Sunday school annex and a parsonage. Belmont makes a fellow feel good.

GASTONIA

After spending the morning with hustling little Belmont I hastened to big hustling Gastonia. Brother Stanford thought it well for me to look over the blue prints for his new Sunday school building and while there to speak to one of his large congregations.

Gastonia Methodists are most certainly on the move. Main Street has a building project of a quarter of a million. It will first build a modern Sunday school building. Then the present church building will be torn down and a better one put in its place. Ten thousand dollars have just been invested in an adjoining lot for a modern parsonage which the ladies of the church have asked to be permitted to build. In sixty days the new district parsonage. built largely by Main Street, will be completed.

Building is not all. Last year Brother Stanford took in 16 new members on profession of faith. Nearly every Sunday witnesses a new recruit. One fine young man gave his name for membership after the pastor and the secretary had spoken. The Wesley Baraca class had found him and had prepared the way. This class numbers over two hundred fine young men and there are other fine large organized classes about which I will write later

Brother Stanford gives one hour every Sunday afternoon to his junior Church. A large group of boys and girls meets him at the church where they learn songs and Bible verses. At night they are asked to sing and recite these verses. And they do it with much satisfaction and precision. Stanford will never have to account for neglect of the children of his church. Great work is going on at Gastonia.

DAIVIDSON-HUNTERSVILLE

The pastor of the Davidson-Huntersville charge in a personal letter writes as follows:

"Since Conference I have been looking after details. We are beginning some regular work on the Church, and one of my stewards has been appointed to buy some shingles to cover the parsonage. Two new charters are on the way for additional Wesley Classes, making seven in all. I have one of my classes, a class of young girls extending the Cradle Roll, another class building up the Home Department. The Men's class will buy a Bible for the Church.

My wife is having a great time with her Junior League. The Senior League took a straw ride Friday night and of course we chaperoned the event. We are right much shaken up, but we got several young men interested in the League. These little things are putting life into our school and church and they serve to encourages."

CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Last week the Centenary Sunday schools of Asheville, Charlotte. Greensboro. Marion and Mount Airy districts were recorded on this page. The honor roll is continued this week. The figures opposite names of schools stand for total number of dollars promised for the five years. The Lord loves these cheerfull givers. Does He love your school?

CENTENARY SUNDAY SCHOOLS
NOTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

Black Horn, 28; Elk Park, 250; Bethany, 75; Mill Creek, 150; North Wilkesboro, 900; Miller's Creek, 60; Union, 120; Cox Chapel, 60; Valle Crusis, 105; Wilkesboro, 240; Moravian Falls, 120; Beulah, 100.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Albemarle Central, 600; Albemarle First St., 500; Albemarle Circuit, 180; Stony Hill, 180; Badin, 600; Bethel, 420; China Grove, 450; Harris Chapel, 90; Concord Central, 390; Epworth, 627; Center, 123; Kerr St. 120; Westford, 375; Harmony, 150; Boger, 100; Carmel, 60; Olivet, 480; Rock Ridge, 300; Cedar Grove. 120; Cottonville, 168; Rehoboth, 120; Zion, 120; Gold Hill, 180; Kannapolis Station, 1200; Unity, 150; Oak Grove, 90; Shiloh, 150; Mt. Pleasant Ct., 289; New London Circuit, 660; Bethany, 120; Bethel, 120; Norwood-Randall, 500; Oak Grove, 75; Salem, 420; Tabor, 63; Salisbury First, 1500; Tabor, 150; Spencer Central, 500; East Spencer, 300; North Main, 300; Cleveland, 210; Ebenezer, 70; Gay's Chapel, 65; South River, 100; Woodleaf, 155.

SHELBY DISTRICT

Belmont, 375; Fallston, 120; Palm Tree, 240; Lander's Chapel, 59.75; Pleasant Gr. 50; Crouse, 100; Laboratory, 50; Dallas, 210; High Shoals, 180; Gastonia, Main St., 1300, East End, 150; Bethesda, 125; Franklin Avenue, 1200; West End, 500; Tates' Chapel, 147; Iveys' Mem., 36; Marvin, 210; Asbury, 300; Pisgah, 128; McKendree, 35; Hill's Chapel, 180; New Hope, 150; Salem, 150; Snow Hill, 217.50; Mayworth, 120; South Point, 120; Lowell, 150; Ebenezer, 500; Mt. Holly, 450; Lebanon, 60; Marvin, 60; Mt. Pleasant, 210; Rehobeth, 210; Webbs, 240; Denver, 300; Bethany, 60; Bethel, Lafeyette St., 600; Sharon, 100; Zion, 90; Bethel, 60; Mt. Vernon, 36; Plateau, 150; Stanley, 100; Central Shelby, 750; King's Mountain, 597; Elbethel, 240; Beulah, 123; Cherryville, 300, St. Paul, 114; Lincolnton, Sta., 600; Rehobeth, 210; Bessemer City, 300; Concord, 216.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Liberty, 60; Taylorsville 200; Concord, 250; Hopewell, 360; Clarksbury, 120; Cool Spring, 90; New Salem, 240; Rose Chapel, 120; Davidson, 405; Fairview, 120; Huntersville, 135; Granite Falls, 500; Fairgrove, 60; Lenoir, First Church, 690; Friendship, 90; Maiden, 420; May's Ch., 150; St. Paul, 60; Mooresville, 500; McKendree, 100; Tripplett, 500; Williamson, 150; Mt. Zion, 1250; Newton, 1000; Hudson, 180; Olin Chapel, 250; Snow Creek, 150; Rhodhiss Chapel, 375; South Lenior, 75; Whitnel, 75; Broad Street, 1200; Bethel, 120; Race Street, 600; Center, 180; Midway. 90; Pisgah, 180; Stoney Point, 300; Knox Chapel, 180; Rocky Mount 120; Shiloh, 180; Troutman, 300; Vanderburg, 180; Wesley Ch pel, 180.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Bryson City, 180; Shoal Creek, 120; Whittier, 240; Canton, 410; Clyde, 240; Longs Chapel, 250; Clarke Chapel, 105; Iola, 96; Salem, 75; Cashiers, 100; Norton, 100; Sweet Water, 90; Haywood 365; Hyder Mountain, 240; Jonathan, 825; Dellwood, 150; Palmers Chapel, 120; Shady Grove, 180; Judson, 125; Murphy, 366; Sylva, 500; Waynesville, 300; Waynesville Circuit, 75; Webster, 60; Myers Chapel, 26.

WINSTON DISTRICT

Advance, 250; Fulton, 50; Mock's 150; Lemee, 625; Arcadia. 150; Center Good Hope, 250; Midway, 15; Olivet, 500; Center, 25; Concord, 25; Hardison, 25; Liberty, 150; Jackson Hill, 90; Newsom, 120; Pleasant Grove, 75; Bethlehem, 125; Farmington, 250; Smith Grove, 100; Bethel, 250; Crews, 200; Mineral Springs, 180; Mt. Tabor, 450; Oak Summit, 150; Shiloah, 90; Mt. Pleasant, 60; Kernersville, 250; Mt. Vernon, 12.50; Oak Ridge, 220; Sedge Garden, 85; Brooktown, 120; Concord, 60; Doub, 120; New Hope, 105; Sharon, 125; Union, 120; Lexington, 1500; Bethel, 120; Center, 221; Ebenezer, 120; Cotton Grove, 60; Linwood, 150; Macedonia, 150; Wesley Chapel, 200; Eleaser, 60; Macedonia, 105, New Hope, 12; Thomasville-Main Street, 1500; Fairgrove, 100; Prospect, 120; Shady Grove, 75; Unity, 120; Zion, 75; Walkertown, 500; Hanes Grove, 120; Burkhead, 900; Centenary, 1750; Grace, 300; Liberty, 300; Salem, 960; Southside, 750; West End, 1250.

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The cold weather of last week reminded me very forcefully that winter with its snows and ice, will soon be here. Several good kindhearted friends have sent us quilts and blankets which are sincerely appreciated. We are still in need of more quilts and blankets to keep our two hundred and forty one children warm through the rigors of winter. There is not a Christian among us that is willing for his own children to fare sumptuously and sleep warm and at the same time allow our Orphan children to go hungry, or to sleep cold. Let Thanksgiving be the time when dozens of quilts and blankets will find their way to our Methodist Orphanage for our dear children. What individual Church, Sunday school class Missionary Socity, Aid Society or Epworth League will be the first to send us covering? Our need is urgent and an early response will be highly appreciated.

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Just a few days more and Thanksgiving will be here. The people have been wonderfully blessed along financial lines. Our people, and especially the farmers, are more prosperous than they have ever been before. Let me urge all who have been so abundantly blessed that they remember our Methodist Orphanage children in a most generous way. I fear we will not have as many Thanksgiving services this year as we usually do because so many of our preachers will be moving and others will be away from their charges. Let me urge all individuals who can to send me their contributions directly by letter in the event they do not have an opportunity to give at a regular Thanksgiving service. Unless our friends give now when money is abundant, we will have a mighty hard time to finance our Orphanage, numbering nearly two hundred and fifty during the coming year Let all give as largely as possible and have the satisfaction of knowing that they have given to a cause that lies close to the great heart of our Heavenly Father who has promised to be a father to the fatherless.

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There was a reunion of the Atwaters at Chapel Hill recently. Many descendents of this prominent family came from far and near that they might meet and become better acquainted with each other. Distant relatives from Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut were present. To Mr. Francis Atwater, a retired business man, the credit is largely due for the great reunion. The occasion was one of much pleasure and delightful fellowship. At the close of the exercises, Mrs. Matte Atwater Jenkins, who has been head-matron of our Orphanage for the past nineteen years, suggested that the reunion do something worthy of their ancestors whose name they proudly bear. In her winning and degnified manner, she mentioned the need of a modern kitchen and dinning hall that would meet our needs for the next fifty years. The suggestion was unanimously accepted. The building is to be a memorial one and equipped with every convenience and labor-saving device. It is to have an up-to-date bakery, a refrigerator plant, cold storage room, dairy department and possibly other departments. They want to raise $50,000 for the Atwater Memorial Building. About one twelfth of the amount has been pledged. Brother J. B. Atwater, of Bynum, and Mrs. Mattie Jenkins, with the assistance of others, will be the active leaders in the movement. That their efforts will be crowned with success is an assured fact because the suggestion met with a spontaneous response and enthusiasm is running high. To the Atwater family I wish to express my sincere appreciation of their noble undertaking for the Orphan children of our Church. May Heaven's blessing rest upon them in their labor of love.

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reach. It was the hope of some of us who knew her love for her home and her children that she might rally from the weakened condition of an overstrained body beset by the limitations of a remote country parsonage, and with at least some of her treasured household share in a less laborious way, the quiet evening of a well earned rest. But her work was done and done as she would have chosen, and did choose, serving her household and two small grandchildren providentially thrust into her keeping a little less than a year before. Shocked by three deaths in the family circle some months before it was during the heated term of the following summer that the family discovered that the strain of her heavy cares was too great. Her daughters hastened to her and with tender ministries of loving hearts and hands brought relief. Her strong sons with obligations of their own, public and private, came their varying ways. It was my privilege during one of these trying days to spend some hours with the family. The weary mother lay a patient sufferer. The Itinerant hero of thousands of miles of mud, of heat, and cold in service noble for Christ and His church was there in anxious solicitude. The children by every token of effort and securing a trained nurse, with the faithful physician next door, by all the diligennce of domestic interest and service, were trying to brace the enfeebled frame for a longer lease of life. How tender! How devoted! It was a lesson to me in that which I delight here to record as still extant in our troubled social conditions—the existence of an Old Fashioned home resting secure on Love as its indestructible basis.

Sister Terrell was one whom to know was to love and whom to love needed to be known. If St. Paul's description of the Widow worthy of acceptance into the number entitled to the consideration of the church to be a present day test of true womanly character as I believe it is, then verily I say of this good woman she is "Well reported of for her good works, she brought up children, and grandchildren, she lodged strangers, she would, if need be, gladly have washed the feet of the Saints, she relieved the afflicted, she diligently followed every good work."

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From the weakness of the summer months there came a period of marked improvement. Visiting the parsonage a short while before the Conference I observed a cheeriness in her bearing, a spirit that seemed lifted up. I then thought that it meant physical healing, but I see now that it was the Superhuman at work within. It was the oncoming of that life that pushes off the fading leaf. For I noticed the bodily weakness—the indisposition for the food that perishes. Her meat and her drink were of things that were imperishable. The next word that I had was, "She has been taken to the home of her daughter." Our hope was that rest and quiet away from the sharing with the pastor the care of the churches would mean added years; but her going was but a journey toward the land in the seeking of which she had pitched her tent so often. Surrounded by all those she loved best and who will miss her most she met the Master.

Before her marriage she was Miss Ellen Porter At ten years of age her parents, William Perry and Mary Clark Porter, settled in Haywood county, N. C. Here her education was completed. At fourteen she was converted and received into the M. E. Church. South, under the ministry of the Rev. J. R Long by whom also she was married August 25, 1874 to Mr. P. L. Terrell, of Haywood county, who eight years later entered the Holston Conference as a minister of the Southern Methodist Church.

To them seven children were born. The six surviving ones are Mrs. W.F. Russell, Granite Falls, N.C.; James O. Terrell, High Point, N. C.; Mrs. P. D. Estes, Asheville, N. C.; Miss Eethel Terrell, Asheville, N. C.; Fred Terrell. Graham, N. C ; Marvin C. Terrell, Burlington, N. C. Three sisters survive her: Mrs. R. O. Rhinehardt, Woodruff, S. C.; Mrs. Samuel Queen. Inman, S C.; Mrs. J. A. Harvell, Highpoint, N. C.

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The last year of the mother's life in the flesh was sorrow crowned by the loss of a son-in-law and grandchild. A little later and by the same dire plague of influenza that carried both small and great she suffered with her son in the death of the mother of his children.

May the hand that was pierced rest gently on the heads of those who follow on to know that which is glad fruition to the loved ones gone before.

The funeral service conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. G. Allen. in the Methodist Church at Granite Falls, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9, was attended by a large concourse of people The grave near by was covered with chrysanthemums by the tender handed women of the community.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NOTICE—Will all the pastors please notice the change in my address form Canton, N. C. to 210 Patton Avenue, Ashville, N. C. I am ready for work again after our move to our new home and will be glad to help any pastor in his League work.

GRACE BRADLEY,
Epworth League Field Secretary

HOLDING OUR OWN

I saw a comic post card recently, containing the picture of a tired-looking father holding on his knees a pair of chubby twins—At the bottom: "I am holding my own." There is nothing gained by trying to conceal the fact that for some years in our conference it has been nip and tuck to hold our own.

This state of things, we trust, is at an end. It is a time for advance. Every other department of Church enterprise is looking up. World conditions call for a quickening of zeal and an increase of forces. The call for workers is especially urgent at this time. Increase in gifts calls for an increase in consecrated lives. Centenary money must be backed up with surrendered lives.

Right here, as I see it, is the League's opportunity. Young people must be gotten ready for special work at home and out on the firing line. The League must find them and train them. Almost all of our present Missionaries were trained in a League some where. History will repeat itself, and our workers of the future will be the products of the League

AN ADVANCE STEP

For the first time in our history we have a Conference Field Secretary. Miss Grace Bradley, who served in that capacity from June till our Annual Conference, was continued in that office. Already there is felt the effects of her work. Eighteen new Leagues have been organized. Other charges look to organizing at an early date.

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Miss Bradley is now ready for work and should be kept busy. District secretaries will please take notice. This office is not primarily an ornamental affair, since every district secretary is expected to function. Itineraries should be arranged for Miss Bradley, enabling her to touch as many places as possible on a given trip. Here the District Secretary must take the initiative.

THINGS NEW AND OLD

One pastor goes back to his former parish, another faces a new field. Much is involved in every way, but what, we wonder, will be the results in the welfare of the League. Some men have leagues every where they go. Such men, it has been noticed, retain their youth in a very wonderful way. Old men do not organize leagues. (A man's age is not determined by the calendar.) The dead line might be said to be that place where men cease to work with young life. No man has reached it who organizes or operates Epworth Leagues. Preachers, please take notice!

Has the precarious life of the League in so many charges been due to the frequent change of pastors? Men who have not given much time to the League have gone this year to charges containing League organizations. What shall be their attitude to this work? On the other hand, League pastors have gone this year to charges containing no leagues. May not this situation enable us to hold what we have, and, at the same time, add a good number of new organizations?

NOTES

Rev. H. G. Allen, pastor of Granite Falls and League Secretary for the Statesville District, submitted one of the best reports to Conference which it has been our pleasure to hear in a long time. To break the monotony of a humdrum itinerant's life, he has helped to break up a number of illicit distilleries the past year.

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One of the strongest deliverances heard at the past conference was an Epworth League address by Dr. E. K. McLarty, of Asheville.

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The editor is expected in the near future, to devote one issue of the League page to Asheville, one to Charlotte, one to Winston, and one to Greensboro. District secetaries are asked to see that no league is over looked in the write-up.



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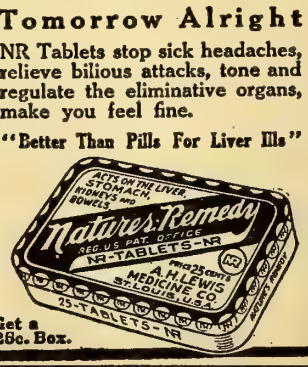
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RACHEL'S THANKSGIVING GUESTS

Kathrine waved her hand as she went by, but only made Rachel sigh harder. Of course she smiled to Kathrine, but it was a poor little rainy smile. The sight of the grip in Kathrine's papa's hand was more than she could bear, for it meant to her grandmother's for Thanksgiving.

"O, dear me. O, dear me!" sobbed Rachel, very softly indeed so poor, sick mamma would not hear, "seeing Kathie go makes my stomach ache for my grandmother's Thanksgivin' dinner! The mashed potatoes and the white meat, the cranberry sauce and the wish bone! O, dear me! and the litte saucer mincepie just a-purpose for me! Seems to me I sh-shall d-die if I try to bear it!"

The window pane was cold, and Rachel's little flattened nose turned quite blue aginst it. Her tears made little paths in the stream of her warm breath. She was a very unhappy little girl indeed.

Last year she and Kathrine had gone to Cloverdale together and sat in the same car seat and nibbled both ends of the same banana. That was such fun! Then their grandfathers had met them and they had wished each other "A merry Thanksgiving" and parted.

Now, only Kathrine had gone. A faint whistle sounded down at the end of the snowy street.

"There goes Kathrine's whistle this minute!" thought Rachel dolefully. "Now the engine's puffing in—now they're getting on—now the conductor's crying 'All abroad!' Kathrine's sitting next to the window and she's begun to eat her bananas. We did the minute we got on, last year. You can't wait when you're riding on the cars. O, dear! I wonder if my end o' that banana doesn't look lonsome And then, in spite of herself, Rachel laughed. It was such a funny idea.

"Dear child! How good that laugh sounds!" thought mamma, among her pillows. She had been lying there grieving that her sickness must keep Rachel away from grandmother's Thanksgiving dinner. It was hard for the child. And then, to have Bridgett gone. so there couldn't be any Thanksgiving dinner at home. It was a wonder the dear child could laugh.

Outside, on the snowy lawn, a few little chickadees were hoping about pecking hungrily at the dry weed stalks that peeped above the snow. Rachel watched them with a sudden feeling of companionship with them. They would have no Thanksgiving dinner, either—just snow and dried grass, poor things. Not even rice and cream and baked apples!

"I wish I could—I wonder if I couldn't—I'm going to!" she cried aloud. Her eyes shone with delight. It would be such a beautiful thing to do! Who'd ever given the birds a Thanksgiving dinner before!

"I'll begin right now to make out the bill o' fare. O this is fun!" laughed Rachel. Then she tiptoed to the door and listened.

"Mamma, you asleep?" she cried, just above her breath.

"No, sweetheart; come right in here." And Rachel went in and sat on the bed and told her plan.

"A dear little birds' Thanksgiving dinner, mamma!" she cried. "Won't it be splendid?"

"Splendid, sweetheart."

"And we'll count the things to eat—the courses, you know!—right now, on my fingers. You say the thumb one, mamma." Rachel held up her little fat thumb and waited.

"Seeds, Rachel, and grain."

"O, please wait! The grain's my forefinger. That's two courses. And little bits of apple, mamma?"

"Yes, dear, and peanuts all nicely shelled and broken up."

"O, Yes, peaunts—goody!"

"And bits of cake and bread and—yes, a bone, Rachel!"

"Mamma! a bone!"

"Yes, or two or three bones—that would be better," 'mamma smiled palely, "You can hang them on the lowest branches of the mulberry bush. Tie them on with little bright ribbons, to make the dinner table look nice! Didn't you know little birds liked to peck at meat? The idea of a Thanksgiving dinner without any turkey course! I'll tell you, Rachel—there are some cold chicken bones in the pantry. That's next best to the turkey, isn't it?"

Such a Thanksgiving dinner as it was, next day! Rachel got it ready herself, with her mittens on! The "course" were daintily spread in neat rows on the clean, white snow for a table cloth. There were "covers" for twenty-five. Rachel said.

And the guests that came—the snow buntings and the woodpeckers and the chick-a-dees! And the social way they chattered and chirped! and the appetites they had!

But, best of all, mamma was able to sit bolstered up in the easy chair, beside the window, and be introduced to the guests. She nodded and smiled, and they nodded and ate.

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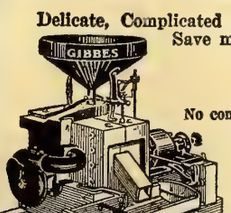
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3. That we extend to her bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy and pray that they may realize that underneath are the everlasting arms and that the house in which she reigned as queen may be brightened by the loving presence of our Father.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our records and one sent to her family and one published in the Advocate.

Mrs. T. W. Lee.
Mrs. J. Harry Swindell,
Mrs. W. S. Bonner.

BOWEN—On November 9th, Mrs. Linnie Bowen, wife of George Bowen, died at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs Charlie Powell, near Scottsburg, Va. She had gone to see them on a visit and was taken seriously ill. She only lingered a little while. She leaves a husband, father, mother, sisters and brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure. She was a faithful member of Longhurst Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mrs. Bowen will be sadly missed by her Church and community, as well as by the many friends and relatives she leaves behind.

A Friend.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas death has invaded our Aid Society at Norwood and taken from us one of our loyal and faithful members. Miss Ann Ruth Blackburn, who was always in her place in her Church, Sunday School and Aid Society. Her devotion to her Church and pastor, and every trust committed to her care was inspiring, and those of us who are permitted to remain in the flesh should strive to emulate her beautiful Christian character.

In all her suffering, which must have been intense, she was never known to murmur or complain; therefore be it resolved:

1. That our Aid Society has lost a valuable member, and we shall miss her in our society, and in our homes where she was so kind and sympathetic.

2. That while we shall see her no more in the flesh we will look forward to the re-union where partings are unknown.

3. That we extend sympathy to the friends and kindred, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. W. C. Kendall,
Mrs. Joe Lilly,
Mrs. T. T. Salver.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas God saw best to call to him the young life of Winfred Holton, son of our beloved superintendent and active steward, we, the members of the West Durham Methodist Church, are desirous of expressing our sympathy. Therefore we resolve:

1. That we submit to the watchful care of a kind Father "who doeth all things well."

2. That, while we grieve with Mr. and Mrs. Holton in their loss, we recommend to them the hope of a happier meeting where all in Christ have become "as little children."

3. That we pray God's blessings on the home He blessed with the life of a little child.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the resolutions recorded in the records of our Sunday school.

Signed:
Alma Lupo,
Mrs. Ira C. Dailey,
Bernice Buck.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE STUDENT BODY OF RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has taken from us Dr. Webb, our beloved president; and,

Whereas we, the students, feel so deeply the loss of our leader and friend.

Be it resolved:

First, That we hereby give expression to our sorrow at his passing from us. As a Christian, sincere and consecrated, he daily manifested in his life the spirit of Christ; as a man of letters, deeply interested in the advancement of things intellectual, he held ever before us the highest ideals of scholarship; as a co-worker with the faculty, ever ready to advise and always willing to share every responsibility, he strove earnestly to promote the welfare of the college; as our president, loyal, sympathetic, untiring in his efforts, ever responsive to all matters pertaining to our good, deeply interested in our college activities and giving freely of his best self to us, he won for himself our respect, our admiration, and our love.

Second, That these resolutions be published in the college periodicals, The Lynchburg News, The Banner, Nashville, Tenn.; The Tennessean, Nashville, Tenn.; The Nashville Christian Advocate, The Nnorth Carolina Advocate, The Richmond Christian Advocate, The News and Observer, and that a copy be sent to the family as an evidence of our sympathy for them in their sorrow.

Hadley Woodard,
Mary Bell Bible,
Martha Latham,
Committee.

O'NEAL.—Sister Arceneehan O'neal a dear mother in Iseral, was born January 17, 1844, died at her home at Currituck, Inlet, September 22, 1919.

Mrs. Cenethan, as she was known was loved by all who knew her. She was always ready to help the sick and needy. She was a good nurse, gentle and kind This writer will never forget her loving motherly care in time of sickness in his home. She was a kind neighbor, a loving wife and mother. She was the daughter of Thomas and Emily Ballance. She joined the Baptist Church in early life; and, when married to Fields O'neal thirty-six or thirty-seven years ago, she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a real Christian until God called her home.

She was twice married, and leaves three sons and two daughters and a loving husband to mourn their loss. May God ever bless and comfort the loved ones.

R L. Beasley, P. C.

BURRUS.—Mrs. Ellen Farrow Burrus was born January 12, 1868, and died July 15, 1919 in her 51st year. S he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in early life and remained a faithful member until the Lord called her above. Her devoted husband preceded her to the eternal world only a few months. She was a faithful companion, a kind and affectionate mother, and a true Christian. May the protecting care of God be over her children now left without the guiding hand of a mother.

Her pastor, D. A. Futrell.

MARRIED

At the parsonage of Bladen Street Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C., November 12, 1919. Mr. William G. Pettaway and Miss Lena May Hervette, both of Jacksonville, N. C. Rev. E. C. Sell, officiating.

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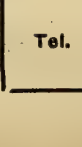
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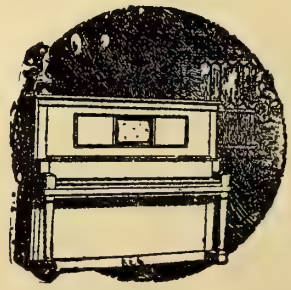
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W. N. C. CONFERENCE

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Weaverville, N. C.

	November
Mars Hill, Shiloh	22-23
Weaverville Station	23
Mills River, Shaws Creek	29-30
Hendersonville	30
	December
Fairview, Fairview	7-8
Central	8
Swannanoa, Swannanoa	14-15
Black Mountain	15
Henderson Circuit, Fruitland	21-22
Saluda	22
Acton, Acton	28-29
Biltmore	29
	January
Harmony, Pleasant Hill	3-4
Mount Pleasant	4
Asheville, Riverview	10-11
Flat Rock	11
Rosman, Pine Grove	17-18
Brevard	18
Leicester, Leicester	24-25
West Asheville	25

District Stewards

Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

First Round	November
Thrift-Moores, Thrift, 11 a. m.	23
Chadwick, night	23
Pineville, Pineville, 11 a. m.	30
Dilworth, night	30
	December
North Monroe, Icemorlee, night	5
Unionville, Unionville, 11 a. m.	6
Mathews, Mathews, 11 a. m.	7
Belmont Park, night	7
Hickory Grove, 3 p. m.	10
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m.	12
Lilesville, Forestville, 11 a. m.	13
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	14-15
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m.	20-21
Monroe, Central, night	21
Seversville, Seversville, 11 a. m.	28
Hawthorn Lane, night	28
	January
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m.	3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m.	4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night	4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m.	10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m.	11-12

The District stewards will meet in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21, at 2 p. m.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

First Round	November
West Greensboro- Muirs Chapel	22-23
Greensboro, Carraway Memorial, night	23
Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m.	30
Greensboro, Glenwood & Bethel, Bethel, night	30
	December
Coleridge, Rehobeth	6-7
Randleman, St. Paul, night	7
Deep River, Cedar Falls	13-14
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, 11 a. m.	14
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel	20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m.	21
Randolph, Vernon	27 28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night	28
	January
Uwharrie, Concord,	3-4
Asheboro, night	4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night	11
Wentworth, Salem	17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

First Round	November
Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove	22-23
Pilot Mountain, Chestnut Grove	29-30
Rural Hall, Antioch, November 30, at 3 p. m. and December 1, at 11 a. m.	
	December
Summerfield, Morehead	6-7
Ararat, Mt. Herman, 11 a. m.	10
Yadkinville, Prospect	13-14
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m.	
Leaksville, at 3 p. m.	21
Spray, at night	19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m.	27-28
Elkin	27 28
	January
Dodson, Dodson	4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m.	9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m. 11, night	
Madison, Madison	11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

First Round	November
Table Rock Circuit, at Oak Hill	29-30
Morganton Station	30 Dec. 1
	December
McDowell Circuit, at Murphy's Chapel	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night	7-8
Marion Circuit, Providence	13 14
Thermal City, at Thermal, Sunday night	14-15
Forest City and Pleasant Grove and Forest City Circuit	20 21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel	27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock	28-29
	January
Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel	3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock	4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine	10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night	11
Micaville, Shoals Creek	17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel	24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night	1-2

Our District stewards will please meet at the Methodist Church in Marion on Wednesday, December 3, at 2 o'clock. If possible let every one be present.

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

First Round	November
Rock Springs, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	22-23
McAdanville, 7 p. m.	23
South Fork, Bethel, 11 a. m.	29-30
Lincolnton Station, 7 p. m.	30
	December
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m.	6-7
Cherryville, Bethlehem, 3 p. m.	7
Polkville, Polkville, 11 a. m.	13-14
LaFayette Street, 7 p. m.	14
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m.	20 21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m.	21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m.	27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m.	3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m.	4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m.	11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m.	17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m.	18
Mayworth, Lowell, 11 a. m.	24
Belmont, 11 a. m.	25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m.	25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward, in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.

	November
Alexander, Taylorsville, 11 a. m.	22-23
Stony Point, Stony Point, 3 p. m.	22-23
Mooresville Circuit, Triplett, 11 a. m.	23
Mooresville, First, Mooresville, night	23
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	26
Davidson-Huntersville, Davidson, night	26
Statesville Circuit, Trinity, 11 a. m.	27
Westview, Westview, 11 a. m.	29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, night	29-30

The District Stewards will meet in Broad Street Church, Statesville, on Friday, November 21, at 11 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

First Round	November
China Grove, China Grove, 11 a. m.	22-23
Park Avenue, 7 p. m.	23
Cottonville, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	29-30
Norwood, 7 p. m.	30
	December
Woodleaf, Woodleaf, 11 a. m.	6-7
South Main, 7 p. m.	7
Gold Hill, Gold Hill, 11 a. m.	13-14
East Spencer, 7 p. m.	14
Cannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m.	20-21
Cannapolis station, 7 p. m.	21
New London, New London, 11 a. m.	27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m.	4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m.	10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m.	11
Badin, 11 a. m.	18
Salem, 7 p. m.	18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m.	24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m.	25
	February
Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m.	1
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m.	8

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

First Round (Organization)	November
Sparta, Potato Creek	22-23
Laurel Springs, Belmont	26-27
Jefferson, Jefferson	29-30
	December
Helton, Greenwood	2-3
Warrenville, Warrenville	6-7
Creston, Southerland	9-10
Elkland, Blackburn	13-14
Watauga, Henson's	20-21
Boone, Boone, night	21
Elk Park, Elk Park	24 25
Avery, Pisgah	27-28

District stewards will meet at North Wilkesboro, November 19, 2 p. m. and night. Pastors are invited. The night meeting will be devoted to Centenary and Evangelism. Entertainment free. Notify Rev. W. R. Ware if you are coming.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
First Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W 4th St., Winston-Salem, N. C., Telephone 853

Welcome Circuit, Ebenezer, November 20, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lexington, First Church, November 20, night.
Davidson Circuit, Good Hope, November 21, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Thomasville Circuit, November 22-23.
Thomasville, Main St., November 23, night Quarterly Conference, November 21, night.
South Thomasville, November 23, 3 p. m.
West Davie Circuit, Calahaln, November 28, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Davie Circuit, Oak Grove, November 29-30.
Mocksville, November 30, night Quarterly Conference November 28, night.
Southside Circuit, Vernon, December 2, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville, December 3, 3 p. m. and night.
Forsyth Circuit, Oak Summit, December 7, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C. Telephone 224—J

First Round	November
Haywood Circuit, Havesville	22-23
Hiwassee Circuit, Sweetwater, Sunday, 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m.	23-24
Robbinsville Tuesday and Wednesday	25-26
Macon Circuit, Asbury	29-30
Franklin Station	30-Dec. 1
	December
Franklin Circuit, Salem, Monday and Tuesday	1-2
Andrews	6-7
Murphy Station	7-8
Murphy Circuit, Tomotla, Sunday 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m.	7-8
Judson, Judson, Tuesday, 11 a. m.	9
Jonathan, Shady Grove	13-14
Bryson-Whittier, Whittier, Sunday night and Monday, 11 a. m.	14-15
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster	20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday	21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers	27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday	28-29
	January
Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers	3-4
Fines Creek, Pine Grove	10-11

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A Conference Missionary secretary stated in our office last week that in his Conference there were fifty preachers short of actual demands. He further said that it would require at least thirty recruits each year for the next five years in order to redeem the lost ground and to meet the advance requirements. The figures of this Conference may be larger than the average but the situation is a universal one.

If this is the situation facing the ministry at home what about the demands for workers to man the strategic centers opening on the foreign fields? Shall there be any lack of response for men when the Church begins to give of its money?

"My people perish for lack of knowledge" We are preaching the need for workers and giving the great commission as a basis for their response. But if our faith was adequate to meet the demands which we feel, or as large as the needs we picture, we wou'd be swamped with volunteers for every available service.

Our people at home will perish and heathen nations will continue to perish unless our people have a more certain knowledge of world conditions. An occasional sermon or address on missions is good, but no field of literary pursuit wou'd be satisfied with less than real study.

Our present missionaries were led to their service by the inspiration which comes from study of world conditions. The volunteers on our waiting lists have been students of missions. If there is a live mission study class in your Church the missionary fires will glow and there will be volunteers for every service. Try it! Organize a mission study class and write for help.

Garfield Evans,
Dept. Missionary Work Epworth League

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND STEWARDS

Dear Brethren:

One section of our Centenary program has been a tremendous success. This success is leading us to further achievement. There is one particular phase of the program, however to which the Home Department wishes to call your attention namely the better support of our pastors. We do not presume to believe that you are negligent in these matters but the Centenary Survey charges us with the interests of the underpaid pastors. In five years there will be paid out of the Centenary treasury to the support of pastors on mission charges, between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000. But even so large an amount as this will not be sufficient to meet the needs in these days of increased cost of living. There are many needy cases which we will not be able to help at all.

The standard set by the Centenary is that no unmarried man shall receive less than $600, and no married man less than $1,000. We appeal to you, brethren, to help make this possible. In fact, it cannot be made possible unless you do help, and help largely. There is not a Church in our entire connection, small or large, but could add something to its pastor's support. They are the poorest paid men in the world. Some of them go hungry and their families uncomfortable that they may minister to your spiritual needs and the moral welfare of your family. Let's give them a bit of encouragement and thus help to work out our own salvation.

Let all the stewards go to the first quarterly Conference, not to keep the pastor's salary down but to put it up. We would suggest that you increase the salary at least 25 per cent over last year. Then you will lack about 75 per cent of meeting the increased expense of living. Brthren, we ask you in the interest of these good men and their families who trust you to look after their very living, to do your best for them. Let there be an advance in this matter in all our churches, and we will do very much to advance every interest of the kingdom of God.

R. L. Russell,
Secretary.

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES

At a meeting of representatives of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and the Student Life Committee of the Faculty a tentative program of religious and cultural activities at Trinity College was arranged for the entire year. Heretofore the meetings have been conducted separately with the services addressed by speakers selected as opportunity allowed them to be secured. The result of the meeting referred to above was the arrangement of a program, partly co-operative, by which definite service could be rendered and definite results achieved.

The program as agreed upon provides for a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at least twice a month and oftener if occasion demands. One meeting a month is to be devoted largely to music. Either some special music is to be furnished by local talent, or there will be community singing along the lines made popular by the war. At least one night in the month will be a student's meeting at which the students will have problems of vital interest discussed, either in the form of an open forum or by some speakers selected from the student body. One night will be devoted to a message delivered by some person who is not a member of the college community. The remaining session will be the occasion of a faculty lecture.

The faculty lecture is a revival of the custom, which was once practiced in the college community, of having some member of the faculty to deliver a lecture to the students and friends of the college. Because of overcrowded schedules and for other reasons, this custom has been neglected for the past year or two. It will now be revived and the faculty will thus be brought in contact with the community in an unofficial way. These lectures have been very enjoyable and profitable in the past, and it is expected that they will be of great interest and value now.

In addition to the regular mid-week meetings the two organizations are sponsoring two other activities of a helpful sort. Vesper services of a devotional nature will be held each Sunday evening immediately after supper. These will be held separately by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Thus the purely devotional side of the college community will be fostered as well as its intellectual and cultural side.

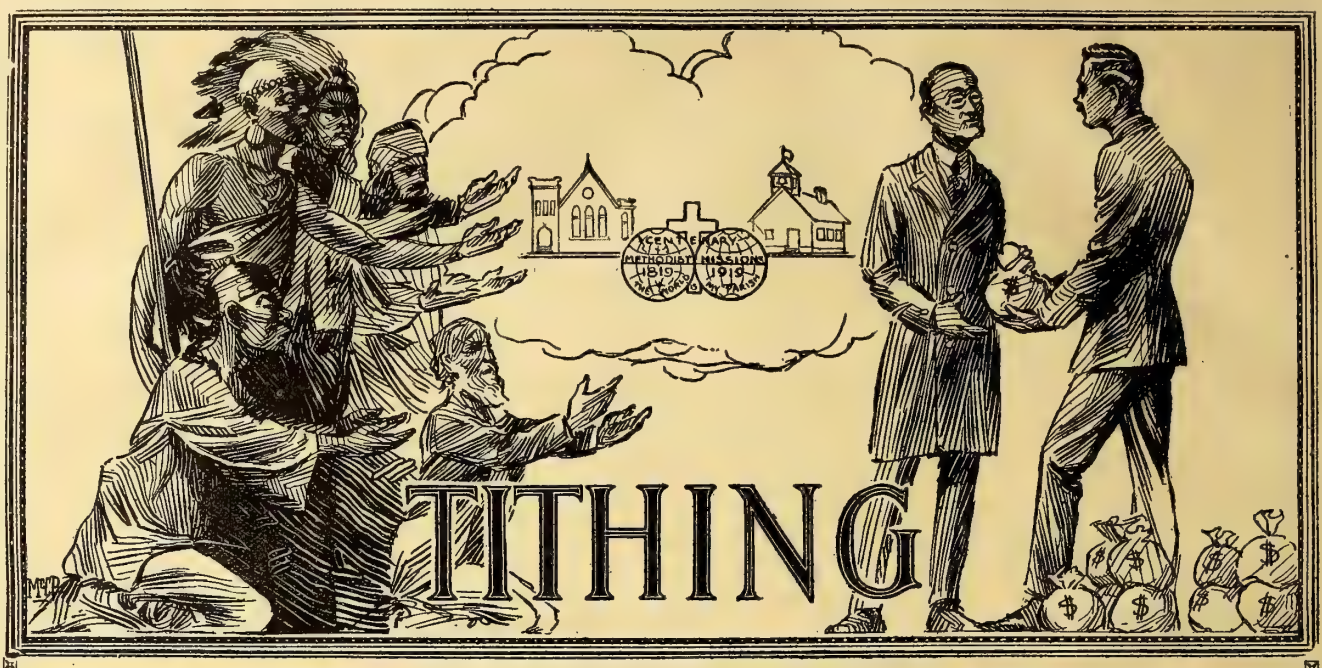
The two organizations are also conducting voluntary Bible classes which will be held for the benefit of those students who desire specialized instruction in brief courses. At least three classes will be offered, such as a Study of Modern Missions, Teacher Training and the Teachings of Jesus. These courses will be offered by Professors Spence and Cannon and some other instructor to be announced later.

Other organizations tending to uplift the spiritual side of the community are the Volunteer Band, which is composed of students who propose to make missions their life work, and the Ministerial Band, composed of the ministerial students of the community. These two organizations meet weekly and have programs suitable to the needs and interests of their members.

The Department of Biblical Literature has announced personal consultation hours at which time all students are invited to meet with Professors Spence and Cannon for the purpose of discussing matters of religious interest to the individual student. It is hoped that in this way each student may be helped to a correct solution of these problems.

Trinity College.

The amount of time you spend alone with God, and with your own soul, has no little to do with your comfort, and your strength and your strength and your fruitfulness. —Dr. Alexander Whyte.



Our Objective

A Tithing Church

A Million Tithers in Methodism

December 7-14

Sign the Tither's Card

Immediate Task

One-Fifth of Membership Signed up as Tithers

STUDY carefully that chapter of the Standard Plan which deals with the campaign for Christian Stewardship and Tithing.

FROM the Pulpit, in the Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Societies, Epworth Leagues, and all other organizations of the church the principles of Christian Stewardship and the reasons for Tithing should be clearly and frequently presented in order that the people may be informed on this vital subject.

THE Church membership should be divided into groups of twenty, and trained workers should earnestly and prayerfully present to such groups the subject of Tithing, urging each individual to sign the card as a tithing steward.

TO acknowledge by the payment of at least the **tithe** God's ownership of all that we possess will mean a deeper spiritual life in the church.

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Get Ready to Go Over the Top---
FAR OVER

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The Methodist Minute Men

The choicest body of laymen ever organized for any ecclesiastical movement in the world's history. They have aroused the Church as no man ever dreamed it could be aroused, and the record of their achievements will always be one of the most glorious stories of the Church.

But these are forward looking men, and their greatest opportunity, as well as their most valuable service, lies in the future. With the Minute Men permanently organized the entire resources of the Church can be mobilized for action. And when the resources of six million Methodists have been mobilized there is no limit to their capacity for service in extending the kingdom.

ELMER T. CLARK.

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Editorial

LOOKING FORWARD

As we close the Conference year, 1919, we are glad to announce that we are still pressing toward the mark. St. Paul sounded the key note of hope and inspiration to all the Christian world when he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark." The past holds nothing but dead issues. The future is radiant with the prospect of larger achievement. The solution of its problems will open the way for the dawning of the golden age of the world.

With our eyes fixed on the prize of successful achievement we may address ourselves to the completion of the unfinished tasks of the old year. Let not the memory of disappointment or apparent failure dishearten us or disqualify us for putting all our energies into the tasks of the new year. These failures may have been but the discipline of a wise providence—the chastening of our Father, dealing with us as with sons. Shall we disappoint the expectation of our Father by a failure to submit to His chastening as obedient and faithful children?

As we cannot afford to dwell upon the failures or dig up the dead issues of the past, no more can we afford to hesitate in the presence of the uncertainties of the future. No great task has ever been achieved without the courage of faith, willing sometimes to start upon a journey, the end of which cannot be seen. If we do God's will we shall ofttimes travel in a way that we know not and the sublimest test of our faith is to keep traveling, even though we do not understand. Abraham became the greatest exemplar of faith because, at the first, under the call of God, he was willing to go out not knowing whither he went.

What though this year should be the last, shall we not be found about our Father's business? To some who read these lines this year will bring the end of the journey. What shall it be? A condemnation and sentence, or a coronation? Let us feel about us for the solid foundation upon which to rest our hope, and with the apostle say, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."

CONFERENCE NOTES

The Presidency of Bishop Darlington has again proved a delight to our Conference. Though he had been under continuous burden for several weeks, he was not seemingly greatly worn. He was apparently in perfect health, and was in good spirits all the time. He has a keen eye for all the interests of the Church, and most of all for the loyalty and fidelity of the ministry to Jesus Christ. Of course, this means also loyalty to the Church. He treats every cause that is good with perfect consideration. We have yet to hear the first word of complaint from any one that Bishop Darlington has ruled unfairly in any case, or that he has been indifferent to any cause. We all love him for himself and for his work's sake, and will continue gladly to follow his wise leadership.

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The Absence of Brother J. E. Underwood from this session of the Conference was deeply regretted by every one. The exchange of messages of love revealed the closeness of the ties between the Conference and this man of God. Notwithstanding the injury that he received a few weeks ago, he had hoped to be able to attend the session of the Conference, but he did not sufficiently recover to justify this. However, the many friends of Brother Underwood will be glad to know that his physician is confident that in a short time he will be able to go on with his work. He was assigned to a delightful charge, St. John and Gibson, and both preacher and people are to be congratulated. We sincerely pray that he may be able soon to return to his loved employ.

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The List of the Translated for the past year was unusually long, and they are men who wrought well in their day. Here is the roll: A. D. Betts, C. W. Smith, J. M. Benson, C. O. DuRant, D. B. Parker and W. A. Forbes. They were all on the list of superannuates save one, C. O. DuRant, and he was not able to go to the work assigned him on account of the condition of his health. Nevertheless they will be greatly missed. They were all men of untarnished character. Their influence was a holy one. They have left to their families and to their Church the heritage of a good name that is rather to be chosen than great riches. Some of these names were more familiar to the great bulk of our readers than others, but be it said to their honor that the distinctive characteristic of all of them to those who knew them was their goodness. Their memories are blessed.

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With Equal Step the journey of life keeps up its march. Five superannuates died during the past year; five new names were added to the roll at the session of the Conference just closed. These are the following: A. W. Price, W. F. Galloway, A. McCullen, C. W. Robinson and G. T. Simmons. It pains us to see these good men drop out of the ranks, even though with some of them it may be but a temporary rest. The shortest ministry among them is that of Brother W. F. Galloway, who has served for fourteen years; while the longest is that of Brother A. McCullen, who joined the Conference in 1882, or thirty-seven years ago. There is not this much difference in their ages, some having entered the itineracy earlier in life than others. But they have all wrought well. We shall miss them, but they will miss the work more. May the kind Father be very close to them, and let the light of His approving smile shine brightly along the pathway!

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The Entertainment of the Conference at Wilson was certainly all that could be desired. We are under a heavy debt to Brother W. A. Stanbury, the host of the Conference, to the entertainment committee who helped him, and to the people of Wilson for this royal entertainment. We are prepared now to charge them with a conspiracy to make it pleasant for every preacher, lay delegate and visitor who attended. The weather also joined the conspiracy, and smiled upon us in a way that made or ought to have made, every one of us happy. We had the best home there with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wiggins, and for the pleasure given us we are sincerely grateful. For the midday meal the ladies fell upon the plan of serving lunch in the Odd Fellows' Hall from one to two o'clock each day. This made it less burdensome to the housekeepers in this day when domestic service is so difficult to secure, and at the same time threw the members of the Conference together for a very pleasant social hour. We believe the scheme worked well, and vindicated the wisdom of the Wilson Methodists in adopting it. For the coming year the Conference is laying an assessment for its entertainment, and the hosts will be expected to furnish only lodging and breakfast to the guests.

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Bishop Darlington's Sermon on Sunday morning made a profound impression upon the great audience that crowded the Church to hear him. Many stood, and many who wished to hear him could not get in at all. He announced for his text two passages of Scripture apparently disconnected. One described the strife among the disciples about who should be greatest in the kingdom of God, and the other was the promise to His disciples that they should receive power after that the Holy Ghost had come upon them, and that they should be witnesses unto Him. As his discourse proceeded the hearer saw that the one described the disciples before they had fully understood Christ and really become imbued with His spirit, and the other characterized them after the day of Pentecost. We shall not attempt a synopsis. It was a sermon strong in its thought conceptions and great in its appeal to the heart for high and unselfish living. It was particularly addressed to the preachers, though applicable to all Christians, and insisted that we walk with Christ and warned us that there was much suffering along the way. Christ came into the world to suffer. He was truly a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. We profess to be His disciples and to desire to be like Him; and yet we wish an easy time. The two things are incompatible. Those who heard Bishop Darlington's sermon last Sunday morning, and failed to recognize this truth, heard to very little purpose.

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Two New Presiding Elders were made at this session of the Conference. One of these, Brother M. T. Plyler, has been tried in that high office before, having served the Elizabeth City district for four years and the Raleigh district one year. He is one of the strong and aggressive men of the Conference, and he will render effective service on the Durham district. The other, Brother F. M. Shamburger, has not served in this capacity before, but he has occupied some of the most important positions in the Conference. He is not an untried man. He is one of the most popular men of the Conference, and will give a good account of himself in this new relation on the New Bern district. We bespeak for these new presiding elders, as for the old, the hearty co-operation of the preachers and people; for after all this is essential to the success of any man in this difficult field. It shows small wisdom and less religion to put men in position of responsibility in the Church, and then heckle them with adverse criticism. Let us all pull together to make this the very greatest year the North Carolina Conference has ever had.

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Rev. S. E. Mercer was called away from the seat of the Conference by the passing of his mother. It was a moment of genuine sympathy when Bishop Darlington had the Conference to stand with bowed heads while he led in a very tender prayer for our brother in that hour of sore bereavement. The comforting truth that came to all our hearts in that hour was that she went in the triumphs of the Christian faith, while the son, and other members of the bereaved household, follow with the Christian's hope in their hearts—and this hope has never been disappointed.

The Relation of the Races is the subject of a recent pronouncement by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. It looks for the moment as if the people are taking a little time for a sober second thought, and that the acuteness of the situation may be a little relieved. Of course, the conditions still exist that would make a small matter kindle a great fire. The powder house is still here; no one very recently has struck a match in it. Let us hope they will not. As to the statement above referred to, "the points presented were unanimously adopted at a preliminary meeting well attended by Southern and Northern delegates from the white Churches, both men and women, and by a number of colored delegates. The constructive program covers eight points: For legal protection: economic justice, including equal pay for equal work: respect and protection for the Negro woman and the Negro home: adequate recreational facilities; adequate educational opportunities, including a just division of public funds; qualifications for franchise the same for all races; co-operation and conference between white and black." These propositions seem to us from the Christian standpoint self-evident. There is hardly room for debate about them. The only difficulty would come in matters of interpretation and application. Two individuals will look at the same situation and report the state of facts differently. Take the statement of equal pay for equal work; what is equal work? Hardly any two men, whether of the same race, or of different races, will do the same work on the same job. Take equal traveling accomodations: if the races travel in separate coaches, which for the white man and the negro is better for both races, people will differ about whether they are equal or not. The same thing is true concerning the educational pronouncement. It is a very difficult thing to enforce gospel principles by legal enactments. The gospel is higher than law, and these questions of race relationship in their finer qualities can only be solved as we can get men to act upon the high principle of Christian brotherhood. We shall come to this more and more as the religion of Jesus Christ takes a deeper hold upon men.

AN APPEAL TO NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(Read to the North Carolina Conference in session at Wilson last week, and adopted by that body.)

It is a most evident fact to every student of human affairs that a period of transition is a time fraught with many perils to the spiritual welfare of men. Old restraints are loosened, and the powers of sin that rule unregenerate hearts have new opportunities to assert themselves outwardly. Religion oftentimes takes on a worldly form, and the great matter of salvation from sin degenerates into formality and a program of human activities.

Ttat we are in the throws of such a period is manifest by the materialism of our day and the attendant economic and social unrest; but the tides of godlessness in our so-called Christian land; by many strange and unevangelical doctrines appearing on every side; and by worldliness in the Church of God. These conditions lay upon the Christian ministry a weighty responsibility and challenge us in no uncertain terms to give full proof of our apostolic ministry.

We, the members of the Cabinet, being agreed among ourselves, call upon our brethren of the North Carolina Conference to join with us in the following:

First, That we, during the Conference session, keep before ourselves the God-imposed responsibility that rests upon us as ambassadors of Christ. To the end that we may this year lead men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ we will give ourselves to private and public yrayer that the Holy Spirit may make manifest to us the wonderful grace of Christ, and that our whole Conference may be charged with His Pentecostal power.

Second, That we make a solemn resolve before God that we will be more earnest students of His Word and much given to prayer. In our public and private ministry we will be vigilant that we be not drawn into secular affairs. In love we will cry out against all forms of sin, and with all earnestness proclaim the Evangel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Third, We recognize that there are many uplift and reform movements that are doing much to better the conditions of men, and they deserve our sympathy and commendation. Seeing, however, that these matters are being looked after by our laymen, we will not turn aside from our high calling to dissipate our energies in these interests, but we will give our whole energy and time to the ministry unto which we have been called.

Fourth, While we have no interest in a campaign for Church members or an evangelistic drive as such, we feel most profoundly the need of a spiritual awakening. To this end we will give ourselves through prayer and a study of the Word of God and work among our people that we may experience this year a mighty turning toward God. We will call upon our Sunday school officers and teachers and our godly laymen to keep to the forefront throughout the year the evangelistic appeal. We will give men and women an opportunity to accept Christ at our regular services, and at some time during the year we will hold in all our churches a revival meeting. In all of this we will give prominence to the Scriptural doctrines of sin, repentence, and salvation through Christ, seeking on all occasions to lead the unregenerate into an experimental knowledge of saving grace, and to establish all who are in our communion in Christian faith and practice.

(Signed) J. C. Wooten, R. H. Willis, J. D Bundy, J. B. Hurley, H. M. North, E. M. Snipes, N. H. D. Wilson, J. H. Shore.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON FINANCE

Your Commission on Financê begs leave to submit the following report:

The Commission made the apportionments of the General Conference assessment of $69,360.00 to the districts as follows:

Durham	$8,546	
Elizabeth City	8,649	
Fayetteville	6,076	
New Bern	8,228	
Raleigh	7,568	
Rockingham	8,141	
Washington	7,923	
Warrenton	7,292	
Wilmington	6,937	$69,360

After careful consideration of the requests from our Conference Boards we recommend the following Conference assessments:

For Conference Missions	$18,000
For Education	17,650
For Conference Claimants	15,000
For Sunday School Fund	5,000
For Epworth League Fund	1,300
For Superannuate Endowment Fund	3,073
For Conference Entertainment Fund	2,500
For Orphanage	28,331
Total	$90,854

We have made apportionments to the several districts as follows:

Durham	$11,199	
Elizabeth City	11,330	
Fayetteville	7,952	
New Bern	10,777	
Raleigh	9,910	
Rockingham	10,663	
Warrenton	9,549	
Washington	10,378	
Wilmington	9,096	$90,854

The percentage for distribution to the several Conference causes from the Conference assessments is as follows:

	Per Ct.
To Conference missions	19.81
To Education	19.42
To Conference claimants	16.51
To Sunday School Fund	5.50
To Epworth League Fund	1.43
To Superannuate End. Fund	3.38
To Conference Entertainment Fund	2.75
To Orphanage	31.20
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Your Commission recommends that all the amounts collected from the grand total of the assessments—$160,214—shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer, Mr. J. G. Brown, and be distributed on the percentage basis of 43.29 per cent to General Conference work and 56.71 per cent to Conference work.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. DOWD, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

DURHAM DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—M. T. Plyler.

Burlington	W. B. North
Burlington Circuit	T. F. Higgins
Brooksdale Circuit	J. A. Russell
Chapel Hill	E. McWhorter
Durham—Branson	J. A. Martin
Calvary	S. E. Mercer
Carr	H. C. Smith
Lakewood	R. N. Price
Memorial	M. Bradshaw
Pearl Mill and Eno	W. L. Rollins
Trinity	A. D. Wilcox
West Durham	W. C. Martin
Durham Circuit	J. C. Humble
East Burlington	J. F. Starnes
East Roxboro and Longhurst	R. E. Atkinson
Graham and Haw River	C. T. Thrift
Hillsboro Circuit	J. E. Blalock
Leasburg Circuit	S. F. Nicks
Mebane	N. C. Yearby
Milton Circuit	B. O. Merritt
Mt. Tirzah Circuit	W. C. Benson
Orange Circuit	A. S. Abernethy
Pelham	J. O. Long
Person Circuit	J. A. Dailey
Rougemont	D. A. Petty
Roxboro	J. B. Hurley
South Alamance	W. R. Hardesty
Yanceyville	J. T. Stanford
Professor in Trinity College	H. E. Spence
Student, Boston University	H. E. Myers
Conference Missionary Secretary	A. D. Wilcox

ELIZABETH CITY RISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—R. H. Willis.

Camden Circuit	D. Lane
Chowan Circuit	J. L. Midgett
Columbia Circuit	J. L. Smith
Currituck Circuit	J. J. Lewis
Dare Circuit	C. C. Carson
Edenton	H. I. Glass
Elizabeth City—City Road	J. W. Bradley
First Church	J. M. Ormond
Gates Circuit	B. T. Hurley
Hatteras Circuit	C. M. Pegram
Hertford	T. M. Grant
Kennekeet Circuit	E. T. Ipock
Kitty Hawk Circuit	R. L. Beasley
Moyock Circuit	J. Bascom Hurley
North Gates Circuit	J. C. Whedbee
Pantego and Belhaven	W. L. Loy
Pasquotank Circuit	E. L. Stack
Perquimans Circuit	C. P. Jerome
Plymouth	D. L. Earnhardt
Roanoke Island	L. M. Chaffin
Roper	L. E. Sawyer
Professor in Sou. Meth. Univ.	J. L. Cuninggim

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—J. D. Bundy

Bladen Circuit	J. W. Dimmette
Buckhorn Circuit	H. M. Wellman
Carthage Circuit	G. W. Perry
Duke	R. F. Taylor
Dunn	J. M. Daniel
Fayetteville—Hay Street	W. V. McRae
Person and Calvary	T. H. Sutton
Fayetteville Circuit	W. F. Craven
Glendon Circuit	J. C. Cummins
Goldston Circuit	E. C. Maness
Haw River Circuit	J. W. Autry
Hemp Circuit	H. E. Lance
Jonesboro Circuit	C. R. Ross
Lillington Circuit	N. M. McDonald
Newton Grove Circuit	G. H Biggs
Parkton Circuit	W. L. Maness
Pittsboro Circuit	P. D. Woodall
Roseboro Circuit	R. F. Munns
Sanford	W. R. Royall
Siler City Circuit	H. B. Porter
Stedman Circuit	J. A. Tharpe

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—F. M. Shamburger.

Beaufort	R. F. Bumpas
Craven Circuit	F. B. Noblett
Dover Circuit	J. P. Pate
Goldsboro—Elm St. and Pikeville	E. C. Durham
	W. A. Piland, Junior Preacher
St. John	J. W. Potter
St. Paul	G. T. Adams
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Harlowe Circuit	G. Hamilton
Hookerton Circuit	R. H. Broom
Jones Circiut	C. A. Jones
Kinston—Queen Street	C. L. Read
Caswell Street	J. R. Edwards
	F. E. Dixon, Supernumerary
LaGrange Circuit	R. G. L. Edwards
Morehead City	O. W. Dowd
Mt. Olive and Calypso	Frank Culbreth
Mt. Olive Circuit	R. E. Pittman
New Bern—Centenary	H. A. Humble
Riverside and Ghent	H. B. Hill
Ocracoke and Atlantic	M. B. Cox
Oriental	R. R. Grant
Newport Circuit	S. A. Nettles
Pamlico Circuit	W. E. Brown
Pink Hill Circuit	T. W. Lee
Straits	J. M. Carraway
Snow Hill Circuit	C. T. Rogers
Vandemere Circuit	W. E. Hocutt

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—J. C. Wooten.

Banks—Youngsville Circuit	H. M. Jackson
Benson Circuit	E. M. Hall
Bunn Circuit	E. R. Clegg
Cary Circuit	V. A. Royall
Clayton	O. I. Hinson
Four Oaks Circuit	E. B. Craven
Franklinton	T. A. Sikes
Garner Circuit	J. G. Johnson
Granville Circuit	B. H. Black
Kenly Circuit	J. E. Holden
Louisburg	G. F. Smith
Mill Brook Circuit	J. C. Williams
Oxford	R. C. Craven
Oxford Circuit	B. C. Thompson
Princeton Circuit	W. G. Farrar
Raleigh—Central	D. N. Caviness
Edenton Street	W. W. Peele
	J. O. Guthrie, Supernumerary
Epworth	W. G. McFarland
Jenkins Memorial	L. B. Pattishall
Selma	C. K. Proctor
Smithfield	S. A. Cotton
Tar River Circuit	G. B. Perry
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Caledonia Circuit	G. M. Daniel
Elizabeth Circuit	H. L. Brown
Ellerbe Circuit	N. B. Johnson
Hamlet	J. H. Buffaloe
Laurel Hill Circuit	J. C. D. Stroud
Laurinburg	W. A. Cade
Lumberton	R. C. Beaman
Lumberton Circuit	R. A. Bruton
Maxton	J. A. Hornaday
Montgomery Circuit	N. L. Seabolt
Mt. Gilead	W. H. Brown
Mt. Gilead Circuit	A. J. Groves
Piedmont Circuit	L. M. Hall
Raeford Circuit	B. P. Robinson
	W. H. Townsend, Supernumerary
Red Springs Circuit	A. J. Parker
Richmond Circuit	To be supplied
Roberdel Circuit	E. L. Hill
Robeson Corcuit	W. F. Trawick
Rockingham	A. L. Ormond
	Supernumerary, J. H. Hall
Rowland Circuit	W. C. Merritt
	R. W. Townsend, Supernumerary
St. John and Gibson	J. E. Underwood
St. Paul	G. W. Starling
Troy	J. P. Bross
Vass Circuit	L. H. Joyner
President Carolina College	R. B. John

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—E. M. Snipes.

Battleboro and Whitakers	W. G. Lowe
Bertie Circuit	B. F. Boone
Conway Circuit	J. J. Boone
Enfield and Halifax	E. N. Harrison
Garysburg Circuit	W. Towe
Harrelsville Circuit	J. J. Barker
Henderson—First Church	L. E. Thompson
No. and So. Henderson	W. I. Satterfield
Littleton	G. B. Starling
	J. M. Rhodes, Supernumerary
Middleburg Circuit	E. F. Evans
Murfreesboro and Winton	N. M. Wright
Norlina Circuit	Marvin Self
Northampton Circuit	J. M. Wright
Rich Square Circuit	H. M. Eure
Roanoke Circuit	R. W. Bailey
Roanoke Rapids	E. C. Few
Rosemary	C. M. Lance
Scotland Neck	N. E. Coletrane
Warren Circuit	J. T. Draper
Warrenton Circuit	J. T. Gibbs
Weldon	L. D. Hayman
Williamston and Hamilton	L. C. Larkin
Missionary to Japan	J. W. Frank

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—N. H. D. Wilson.

Aurora Circuit	R. Bradley
Ayden	T. G. Vickers
Bath Circuit	L. C. Brothers
Bethel Circuit	W. E. Trotman
Elm City	S. T. Moyle
Fairfield	F. B. McCall
Farmville Circuit	J. L. Rumley
Fremont Circuit	W. T. Phipps
Greenville—Jarvis Memorial	Walter Patten
Grimesland Circuit	G. C. Wood
Mattamuskeet Circuit	D. A. Futrell
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	T. E. Davis
Nashville	L. B. Jones
Pinetops	L. L. Smith
Rocky Mount—First Church	J. F. E. Bates
Clark Street	B. B. Slaughter
So. Rocy Mount	I. T. Poole
Rocky Mount Circuit	N. B. Strickland
Stantonsburg Circuit	J. B. Thompson
Stokes Circuit	E. W. Glass
Spring Hope Circuit	W. P. Constable
Swan Quarter Circuit	L. T. Singleton
Tarboro	D. E. Earnhardt
Vanceboro Circuit	R. N. Fitts
Washington	D. H. Tuttle
Wilson—First Church	C. J. Harrell
Calvary	J. H. Miller

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
Presiding Elder—J. H. Shore.

Burgaw Circuit	O. P. Fitzgerald
Carver's Creek Circuit	T. W. Siler
Chadbourn Circuit	B. E. Stanfield
Clinton	E. H. Davis
Faison and Warsaw	E. C. Glenn
Hallsboro Circuit	B. F. Watson
Ingold Circuit	B. H. Houston
Jacksonville and Richlands	W. J. Watson
Kenansville Circuit	J. W. Hoyle, Sr.
Magnolia Circuit	To be supplied
Onslow Circuit	M. W. Hester
Scott's Hill Circuit	F. A. Lupton
Shallotte Circuit	W. J. Underwood
Southport	M. D. Hix
Swansboro Circuit	W. B. Humble
Tabor Circuit	C. N. Phillips
	J. F. Usry, Junior Preacher
Town Creek Circuit	D. A. Watkins
Wallace and Rose Hill	J. R. Moose
Whiteville	J. H. Frizelle
Wilmington—Bladen Street	E. C. Sell
Fifth Avenue	J. H. McCracken
Grace	W. A. Stanbury
Trinity	V. P. Scoville
Wilmington Circuit	M. F. Hodges
Student, Trinity College	H. K. King
Emory University	J. W. Hoyle, Jr.

Transferred: W. E. Edmundson to Pacific Conference., M. W. Dargan and M. H. Tuttle to W. N. C. Conference, C. A. Johnson to the Upper S. C. Conference.

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS OF EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION

MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society of the North Carolina Annual Conference held its annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Wilson, N. C., on Tuesday evening, November 18th, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock. In the absence of the President, Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, Rev. R. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, presided.

Hymn No. 180 was sung, after which Rev. R. B. John, President of Carolina College, led in prayer.

In accordance with the custom of a number of years, the Historian, Rev. L. S. Massey, was allowed to complete and file his report with the Society.

The Treasurer, Rev. T. A. Sikes, of Franklinton, made his report, showing amount on hand to be $73.25, and the annual dues of 25c each were collected.

Rev. R. H. Willis, who as first vice-president would have succeeded to the presidency for the ensuing year, was relieved at his own request, and the second and third vice-presidents advanced accordingly.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. H. Buffaloe; first vice-president, Rev. W. A. Stanbury; second vice-president, Rev. R. C. Craven; third vice-president, Rev. W. A. Cade; Secretary, Rev. W. H. Brown; Treasurer, Rev. T. A. Sikes; Historian, Rev. L. S. Massey.

The address was to have been delivered by Hon. Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, and his subject was: "The Life and Work of Rev. John W. North." An unexpected call which took him out of the State at this time made it impossible for him to be present. Dr. W. G. Cram, of Nashville Tenn., was called upon to address the meeting upon such subject as he might choose, and he gave a very helping discussion of The Supremacy of Jesus Christ. He is the One of whom men like to hear. He saves the individual. He regenerates and purifies the inner life. He is the message needed for the capitalist and the laborer alike. The Commission sent out by the Mission Board to France was received by Marshal Joffre, and he said to them we need the spiritual help which the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ will bring. The speaker emphasized the importance of worship and of teaching the people how to pray. The supremacy of Jesus will likewise be emphasized by the doctrine of stewardship, and above all Jesus must be made supreme in the individual life.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, November 19, 1919

The North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its eighty-third annual session in the Methodist Church, Wilson, N. C on Wednesday, November 19th, 1919, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., Bishop U. V. W. Darlington in the chair.

The Conference was opened with the administration of the Lord's Supper, conducted by Bishop Darlington, assisted by Rev. J. T. Gibbs, Rev. J. H. Hall, Rev. D. N. Caviness and Rev. L. S. Massey.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, after which Rev. R. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, was unanimously elected secretary to succeed himself.

On motion of the secretary, Rev. J. M. Ormond and Rev. W. H. Brown were elected assistant secretaries, and Rev. Rufus Bradley was elected statistical secretary.

On motion of J. C. Wooten, it was ordered that the Conference meet at 9:30 a. m., and adjourn at 1:00 .p m., and that the evening services meet at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion of Rev. W. A. Stanbury, the main floor of the Church was made the bar of the Conference.

On nomination of the presiding elders, reported by J. C. Wooten, the following committees were elected:

Conference Relations

E. H. McWhorter, B. T. Hurley, N. E. Coltrane, R. F. Bumpas, B. H. Black, A. L. Ormond, Wm. Towe, B. B. Slaughter and M. D. Hix.

Church Property

Clerical: J. A. Russell, J. J. Lewis, W. L. Maness, F. B. Noblett, R. F. Taylor, W. F. Trawick, H. M. Eure, L. T. Singleton and J. W. Autry.

Lay: W. R. Hambrick, Wm. Credle, A. L. Newberry, T. C. Etheridge, Dr. E. T. White, A. Cameron, M. T. Grant, J. A. Best and L. Walker.

District Conference Records

J. E. Blalock, J. W. Bradley, H. B. Porter J. J. Dixon, J. D. Spiers, J. C. Lentz, Marvin Self, J. Bascom Hurley, and W. C. Benson.

Public Worship

N. H. D. Wilson, W. A. Stanbury, J. H. Miller, and Col. J. F. Bruton.

Memoirs

H. M. North, T. M. Grant, M. T. Plyler, J. T. Gibbs, N. M. McDonald.

Rev. J. D. Bundy and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson resigned from the Board of Missions, and Rev. W. V. McRae and Rev. Walter Patten were elected to supply their places respectively.

R. G. L. Edwards was elected to take the place of C. O. DuRant, deceased, on the Board of Temperance.

L. D. Hayman was elected to take the place of J. D. Bundy on the examining committee of the third year.

J. A. Long was elected to take the place of C. C. Covington on the Board of Finance.

Dr. W. G. Cram, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. H. M. Blair, Associate Editor and General Manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate were introduced to the Conference. Dr. T. N. Ivey, Editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. W. Frank, missionary to Japan and Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, of the Southern Methodist University, members of the Conference, but doing work beyond its bounds, were called to the front and cordially greeted by the Bishop.

Question 17 was called: viz., Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of J. C. Wooten, presiding elder of the Durham District; R. H. Willis, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District; J. D. Bundy, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District; J. B. Hurley, presiding elder of the New Bern District; H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham District; E. M. Snipes, presiding elder of the Warrenton District; and J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Wilmington District, were called, their characters passed, and they made reports of their work for the past year.

Annual Sermon

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, R. H. Willis moved that the business of the Conference be suspended for the preaching of the annual sermon. A few brief moments were taken for the audience to re-adjust itself and the service began. Rev. H. M. North was the preacher, and he chose for his theme An Adequate Gospel Appeal and the Response to it. The text was from Acts 2:36-38. It was the conclusion of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. In these days, when we are looking for a great Church-wide revival, it is well to see how this first great revival came about. The Scriptures not only give the message to be delivered, but also the best possible form of presentation. The speaker was Spirit-filled, and he spoke directly to the consciences of men. Both these facts were emphasized. The preacher must be dominatd by the Holy Spirit, and the people must be brought to see the sinfulness of sin. We need conviction. And the speaker emphasized the sinfulness of sin in its relation to God. It is not enough to consider it in its human relations. It is not a mere matter of wronging a fellowman; it is more terrible to sin against God.

When the people realize this, they will be "pricked in their hearts." True repentance follows the clear, earnest presentation of the truth to the heart. We cannot expect sinful men to give up their position until we show them that they are wrong. The iron of conviction must go down deep into their souls, or they will not heed.

The speaker dwelt at length upon the kind of appeal that should be made to men. Fundamentally it must be that the sinner be reconciled to God. An appeal to join the Church, or to engage with us in service, or to take any step based solely on human relationships is not sufficient. The conscience must be reached and the heart must be made right with God.

The gospel has the power to effect this change. When Peter's hearers repented he quickly offered the promises of God, the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gospel that convicts can also save. To the repentant sinner this is necessary, lest he despair; and, when this is given, there is a quick response. Three thousand souls were saved on the day of Pentecost. And they continued steadfast. They were not easily turend aside. They "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." And a condition was produced in which others were added to the Church daily. These words only indicate something of the line of thought that ran through the sermon. It was appealingly delivered and it made a deep impression upon the Conference. At its conclusion the Bishop emphasized the importance of this spiritual work of saving men and called the preachers about the altar in a prayer of consecration. It was a solemn hour, and will be productive of much good.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned at 1 o'clock with the benediction by Rev. J. L. Cuninggim.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sunday School Anniversary

The Sunday School Board held its anniversary service on Wednesday evening. Rev. H. E. Spence of Trinity College, chairman of the board, presided. Hymn No. 50 was sung and Rev. S. B. Turrentine, president of Greensboro College for Women, led in prayer.

Rev. J. T. Jerome, field secretary of the board, made a short address. He began his work in September, and so had been in the field but a few weeks. He was mostly concerned, therefore, with the plan for future work. He is making a good start, has the work blocked out for some months ahead, and we may expect his influence and leadership to be felt in this work during the year that is just ahead of us.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Dr. John W. Shackford, Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of the Teacher-Training Department. He made a strong address. We shall not attempt to give an outline of it here. He spoke on the subject of religious education, and to this the Church must give thoughtful consideration. Naturally his work leads him to study this problem in its relation to the Sunday school, rather than to the educational work of the Church in colleges and universities. Apart from the Sunday school and the home, the Church is practically eliminated from the field of primary education. The public school in the very nature of the case cannot do this work. As important a function as it is serving in the general education of the child, here is the most important interest of the life that the public school cannot develop. The home is becoming weaker rather than stronger in this work. This is a deplorable fact, but it is the fact that faces us. There are many causes contributing to this result, and there is no prospect that these causes will be removed from our life. This throws a heavier responsibility upon the Sunday school, and makes the position of the Sunday school teacher a more responsible one than ever. The Church must meet this issue. Through her colleges and training schools and teacher training classes, she must prepare for more effective work. We must take the Sunday school really seriously and put into it the effort and prayer and consecration necessary to develop the religious side of the child's life. These things and more, Dr. Shackford emphasized, and we trust that his message will bear fruit in an increased efficiency in our Sunday school work.

Thursday, November 20, 1919

Conference met at 9:30 a. m., Bishop Darlington in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. F. Bumpas, of Beaufort, N. C.

Minutes of yesterdays session were read and approved. The roll of the members of the Con-

ference not present on yesterday was called, and alternates present were substituted for principals absent.

Question 17 was called: viz. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The name of Rev. J. E. Underwood, presiding elder of the Raleigh District, was called, and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, who had gone to visit him on the preceding day, made a statement concerning his physical condition. He was still suffering from the shock received in an automobile accident some weeks ago, but his physician did not think he had suffered any permanent injury and thought that in a short time he would be able to take up his work. There is no purer or better man among us, and his character was passed in answer to the minute question. Under the same question, the name of N. H. D. Wilson, presiding elder of the Washington District, was called; he made his report and his character was passed.

J. C. Wooten presented an addendum to the report of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, offering the use of that institution to the Conference for the holding of its annual sessions, if held before the opening of the fall session of the college, and in case the Conference should so desire to use it for that purpose. The offer was ordered spread upon the minutes.

Question 17 was called: viz. Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration? The names of J. O. Guthrie, R. W. Townsend, W. H. Townsend, M. H. Tuttle and J. M. Rhodes were called and in each instance their characters were passed and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The names of T. J. Browning, G. D. Langston, T. P. Bonner, M. A. Smith, P. Greening, C. C. Brothers, T. J. Dailey, M. D. Giles, B. C. Allred, H. E. Tripp, J. M. Lowder, J. A. Lee, A. P. Tyer, W. F. Galloway, A. W. Price, C. W. Robinson, G. T. Simmons and A. McCullen were called, and in each case their characters were passed and their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuate relation. In the case of J. M. Lowder, it was understood that his own request was to be put back on the effective list.

A. D. Wilcox presented report No. 1 of the Board of Missions, setting forth the policy of the Board for the next five years. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Following some brief discussion, a substitute motion that the report be received and the Board commended for its well-thought-out policy was adopted.

M. T. Plyler presented the report of the Board of Publication of the North Carolina Conference and the report of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc. These reports were read by the secretary of the Conference and referred to the Board of Christian Literature.

Question 1 was called: viz. Who are admitted on trial? Walter Isaac Satterfield, from the Durham District; Lloyd Crawley Brothers, from the Elizabeth City District; Ernest Roy Clegg, from the Fayetteville District; Walter Gaston Farrell, from the Raleigh District; Howard Lyddell Brown, from the Rockingham District; and Hiram Kershaw King, from the Wilmington District, each having passed the Committee on Examination and the Committee on Admissions were by a vote of the Conference in each case admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

A. S. Barnes read the report of the Methodist Orphanage, and it was referred to the Orphanage Committee.

Rev. R. N. Hartness, of the Virginia Conference, was introduced to the Conference, and he spoke in the interest of the American Bible Society.

Question 2 was called: viz. Who remain on trial? The names of D. A. Petty, W. G. McFarland, L. C. Larkin, N. B. Johnson, J. C. D. Stroud and O. P. Fitzgerald were called, and each having passed the Examining Committee, their characters were passed, and they were advanced to the class of the second year. J. W. Dimmette and E. M. Hall, not having passed the Examining Committee, their characters were passed, and they were continued in the class of the first year.

Question 4 was called: viz., Who are admitted into full connection? The names of E. C. Maness, J. C. Williams, W. R. Hardesty, E. C. Few, B. O. Merritt and E. W. Glass were called and each having passed the Committee of Examination and the Committee on Admissions, were elected to deacon's orders and advanced to the class of the third year. J. R. Edwards, John Bascom Hurley and C. C. Carson, having already been ordained, and having passed the Examining Committee, were advanced to the class of the third year. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., was continued in the class of the second year.

N. H. D. Wilson, presiding elder of the Washington District, reported that W. J. Covington had during the year withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and returned his credentials to the Secretary of the Conference.

J. C. Wooten presented and read the report of the Methodist Mutual Fire Insurance Company, addressed the Conference in its interest, and the report was referred to the Committee on Church Proprty.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. A. Hornaday.

Trinity Banquet

The Trinity banquet is not technically a part of the proceedings of the Conference, but it has come to be an established custom to have one during the session. This year it was held on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The number who gather annually at this festive board is one of the many evidences of the large place which Trinity College holds in the hearts of our Methodist preachers and people. This year not less than 150 men were present. It was an occasion of high fellowship. While it is not limited to the alumni of the institution, they are in the large majority of those present; and those who are not alumni are the friends of the institution and all enter into its spirit. The banquet itself was served by the ladies who have been serving the mid-day lunches to the Conference, and the manner of its serving put all present in debt to them and to the men who assisted them in the management of it. A number of short talks, mixed with wit and wisdom added to the enjoyment and profit of the occasion. It has come to be one of the social features of our conference sessions.

Thursday Evening

Those who attended the Trinity banquet went directly from the banquet hall to the Church for the Educational Anniversary. Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of the Board of Education, presided.

Hymn No. 91 was sung, after which Rev. E. H. McWhorter, pastor of our Church at Chapel Hill, led the congregation in prayer.

It had been announced that Bishop James Cannon, Jr., would deliver the address on this occasion, but other duties made it impossible for him to be present; and Dr. R. H. Bennett, Secretary of Ministerial Supply and Religious Training, took his place. He referred briefly to the educational drive that is to occupy the last two years of the quadrennium and to the harmony that is between the Centenary movement and this educational program. He predicted that the Church would carry the latter to the same high success that it had the Centenary movement. The burden of his address was upon the need of men for the ministry, and the strong appeal which this high vocation makes to men. The Centenary movement has filled our treasury, but now we need men and women to do the work. We are in the position of a country going to war with a strong treasury, but without an army. The number of ministerial students re fewer than heretofore. Our Church lost 66 more men last year than we received into the traveling connection.. The number received has been decreasing from year to year. In 1910 325 were received on trial; in 1918 only 193. Life service is the great objective now. The appeal is being made to our young people in our institutions of learning. Three hundred men and women have signed up for life service this year. We must hold up the ministry as the highest calling on earth. We must begin in the home, in the Sunday school, in the Church before our young people reach college. It takes strong men to meet the demands of the ministry. It is a heroic life; it is a happy life. These are only some of the thoughts contained in his great address. A great audience filled the Church to hear him, and the message was worthy the most serious consideration.

Friday, November 21, 1919

Conference met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Bishop U. V. W. Darlington in the chair.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle conduc'ed the devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Conference instructed the Secretary to send an expression of its love to Bishop John C. Kilgo, who is holding the North Mississippi Conference at Aberdeen, Miss., and the Secretary was instructed to send similar expression of love to Rev. J. E. Underwood, who is detained at his home in Raleigh by illness.

Question 12 was called: viz., who are the deacons of one year. The names of D. E. Earnhardt, B. F. Boone, W. L. Loy, Guy Hamilton, W. B. Humble, L. L. Smith, C. N. Phillips and L. M. Hall were called; and having passed the Examing Committee, their characters were passed, and by vote of the Conference in each case advanced to the class of the fourth year. J. L. Smith, not having passed the Examing Committee, his character was passed and he was continued in the class of the third year.

Dr. T. N. Ivey presented and read a paper, requesting the Historical Society to have a paper prepared on the life and labors of Green Hill, and appointing a committee to take steps looking to the purchase of the Green Hill house located near Louisburg, N. C. The paper was adopted.

Question 7 was called: viz., who are received from other churches as traveling preachers? None.

The class of the fourth year was called, and T. W. Siler, W. L. Maness, C. K. Proctor, E. L. Hill, I. T. Poole, R. F. Munns, W. C. Benson, and F. A. Lupton, having passed the Examining Committee, were by a vote of the Conference in each case elected to elder's orders. M. F. Hodges and H. E. Myers, having already been ordained elders, passed the Examing Committee, thus completing their Conference course of study.

Qestion 5 was called: viz., who are re-admitted? Answer none.

On motion of J. T. Gibbs, the Conference requested the Bishop to sign a draft against N. H. D. Wilson, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Conference for $560.67 in favor of the Board of Finance.

Question 35 was called: viz., Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? W. A. Cade placed in nomination First Church, Rocky Mount; and T. A. Green placed in nomination Centenary Church, New Bern. The vote was taken and First Church, Rocky Mount, was selected.

M. T. Plyler presented the report of the Board of Managers of the Summer School at Trinity College for 1919. It was read by the Secretary and adopted by the Conference.

J. C. Wooten, from the presiding elders, called upon the preachers and laymen to give themselves more completely to the great work of saving men. We hope to give this paper in full to our readers in the near future.

Rev. Mr. Bethea, rector of the Protestent Episcopal Church, Wilson, N. C., was introduced to the Conference.

Question 17 was called: viz. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of the preachers in the Durham and Washington districts, whose names had not been previously called, were called, their reports were heard and their characters passed.

C. J. Harrell presented and read the report of the Committee on Conference Entertainment appointed at the last session of the Conference. It provided for an assessment of $3,000 to furnish dinner and supper, and that rooms and breakfast be furnished in the homes of the people. The report was adopted.

Rev. E. N. Orr was introduced to the Conference and called attention to a conference of the Inter Church World Movement to be held at Raleigh, N. C., December 15-17, 1919, and invited the members of the Conference to attend.

J. H. Bridgers presented the report of the Board of Finance, and it was read to the Conference by J. A. Hornaday. Dr. T. N Ivey addressed the Conference in the interest of superannuates

J. F. E. Bates, of the North Arkansas Conference; C. S. Kirkpatrick, of the Western North Carolina Conference, and G. W. Taylor, of the Virginia Conference, were intriduced to the Conference.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by L. E. Thompson.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. M. T. Plyler, president of the Board, presided. Hymn number 631 was sung, and Dr. C. G. Hounshell led in prayer.

First on the program was the report of Rev. A. D. Wilcox, who has so effectively labored during the year as the Centenary Secretary for the Conference. He paid a tribute to the pastors for their faithful co-operation, and especially to the pastors out in the rural districts. It is true that the magnificent results achieved could not have been accomplished without the co-operation of the whole Church; yet it is but just to say that much credit is also due to Brother Wilcox for his effective leadership. He called attention to the fact that this episcopal district, composed of the two Carolinas, leads the entire Southern Church in this movement, and that the North Carolina Conference leads this episcopal district. The quota for this Conference was a little less than $1,600,000, and there was pledged without credits $1,773,000. Of this amount $256,000 has already been paid, or a little more than 70 per cent of the first year's quota.

Dr. R. H. Bennett, who had addressed the Conference on the preceding evening, was the next speaker. He addressed himself to the doctrine of stewardship and tithing. It was a strong address, but it does not lend itself to the reporter's art. The great audience was almost continuously stirred with laughter, but his witticisms were armed with truth. He traced the history of tithing through the Old Testament, and found its endorsement in the New Testament. He does not believe that God has left the support of His kingdom to the whims of men, but that the law of the tithe is the minimum amount that we must contribute.

Dr. W. G. Cram was the last speaker, who presented the Conservation Program of the Centenary movement. He believes that 500,000 Methodists on their knees can do anything they want to do. We have had the period of preparation, when the survey of the world's needs was made, when a half million Methodists were enlisted in the Prayer League, when the doctrine of stewardship was emphasized and when a wonderful organization was effected. Then came the period of the "Big Drive," when in eight days, not only $35,000,000 were pledged for the evangelization of the world in five years, but $53,000,000. Now we are in the midst of the conservation period, when this money must be collected and the Church stirred with a great revival that shall reach and save the individual and bring multiplied thousands of them to the personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1919

Conference met at 9:30 a. m., Bishop U. V. W. Darlington in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. F. E. Bates, after which the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Question 17 was called: viz., Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of the preachers on the Wilmington District whose names had not previously been called passed the examination of character, and made their reports for the year.

The Bishop read a telegram of greetings from Bishop Kilgo in response to a message of love sent from the Conference to him on yesterday.

A. D. Wilcox made a report by districts of payments made on the Centenary fund to date, and presented a resolution to the effect that it be the sense of this Conference that no decrease be made in the assessment for Home and Conference Missions this year. He spoke to his resolution; and, after some further discussion, on motion of J. F. Bruton, action was deferred until the Board of Finance should make its report.

The call of question 17 was resumed, and the preachers on the Rockingham District passed the examination of character and made reports of their works.

The Bishop announced to the Conference the death of the mother of Rev. S. E. Mercer, and the Conference standing with bowed heads the Bishop led in a tender prayer as an expression of sympathy with Brother Mercer.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, in behalf of J. D. Hamilton, of Nashville, Tenn., presented to the Conference a picture of "Liberty Hill", a house built by Green Hill near Nashville, Tenn., a North Carolina pioneer Methodist preacher. On motion of M. T. Plyler and amended by R. B. John, the Conference accepted the picture and ordered that it be kept at Trinity College among the archives of the Conference.

The constitutional question of substituting a new article of religion, one pertaining to civil authority, in the place of present article 23, was presented by Bishop Darlington to the Conference. A standing vote was taken, and 169 favored the new article, while none opposed.

C. G. Hounshell, of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced to the Conference.

The following were received into full connection in the membership of the North Carolina Conference: J. R. Edwards, J. Bascom Hurley, E. C. Maness, J. C. Williams, W. R. Hardesty, E. C. Few, B. O. Merritt, E. W. Glass and L. M. Hall. The usual questions were asked by the Bishop in open Conference, and a strong, practical exhortation was given the class. The Bishop especially emphasized the Deity of Jesus Christ. He was not simply a good man; and, whenever a Methodist preacher comes to believe that He is, he ought to join the Unitarians. They would be glad to get him. They should seek to be made perfect in love in this life; love of God as we love our own flesh and blood. He was especially pronounced in warning the young men against turning aside to other things than the ministry for money. He made a strong appeal for them to keep close to the work to which they had been called of God, and to follow the Discipline as their guide in official administration.

Question 13 was called; viz., What local preachers are elected deacons? J. C. D. Stroud, having been properly recommended and having passed the Examining Committee, was elected to deacons orders. T. F. Higgins, having been elected to deacons orders by the Western North Carolina Conference, but having been called away before being ordained, will be ordained with this class.

Question 15 was called; viz., What local preachers are elected to elders orders? None.

The name of J. W. Demmette, who had been previously continued in the class of the first year because he had not received report of his passing on one book of the course of study, was reported as now having passed the Examining Committee, and advanced to the class of the second year.

On motion of J. T. Gibbs, it was ordered that the Memorial session of the Conference be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion of R. L. Davis, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourned, it do so to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

O. W. Dowd presented and read the report of the Board of Finance. M. T. Plyler moved to amend the report so as to make an assessment of $21,000 for Home and Conference Missions, instead of $16,000, which the Board reported. During the discussion, it was moved to extend the time for adjournment for the settlement of this question. After further discussion, N. H. D. Wilson moved that the report be re-committed to the Board of Finance, and the motion prevailed.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned at 1:30 p. m., with the benediction by Rev. J. R. Moose.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Conference met at 3 o'clock, Rev. D. H. Tuttle in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. R. Moose, after which the minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

J. A. Dailey presented and read the report of the Orphanage Committee. Hon. R. N. Page, president of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Orphanage. The report was adopted.

R. C. Craven presented and read the report of the Sunday School Board, which was adopted.

R. L. Davis presented and read the report of the Board of Temperance and Social Service, and it was adopted.

W. P. Constable presented and read the report of the Board of the American Bible Society, and it was adopted.

A. L. Ormond presented and read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records, and it was adopted.

L. T. Singleton presented and read the report of the Committee on Church property, which was adopted.

On Motion of A. J. Parker, the Conference adjourned at 4:30 o'clock with the benediction by J. A. Hornaday.

SATURDAY EVENING

The anniversary of the Church Extension Board was held on Saturday evening. Rev. E. H. McWhorter, Chairman of the Board, presided, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. L. Stack.

Brother McWhorter made a short statement of some of the aims of the Church Extension Board. For one thing our Conference is seeking to raise a Conference Loan Fund of $50,000. He suggested that this could be put into the shape of memorials of $1,000 each, or of $500 each. He proposes that representatives of the Board shall visit the District Conferences this year to lay before these bodies the claims of Church Extension. It also proposes to do some educational work in the way of presenting pictures by means of lantern slides of old Churches as they were side by side with new Churches which will show the progress that is being made in the character of our Church buildings.

Following his statement, Brother McWhorter presented Dr. C. G. Hounshell, of the Board of Missions, and the service at once took on the Centenary flavor. The speaker showed how this great movement has correlated and co-ordinated all the great agencies of the Church. We could never have come to our present position without the co-operation of the women with their years of mission organization and study. The Sunday school with its magnificent machinery, the Epworth League, Church Extension—all these agencies will come together and deliver their full strength upon this great evangelistic campaign that is before us. We now have for the first time a program that is sufficient to challenge the highest endeavor of the best among us. God called John Wesley to raise up a Church that had the vision to start this mighty movement for the conquest of the nations to Jesus Christ. Now all Protestantism is falling into line in the greatest movement ever known to Protestant Christianity.

There is now a call for two classes of workers (1) Those who will give some of their time do this work without pay. Men gave freely of their time to the government to put over its great drives for money to finance the war; and men must give of their time to the work of the kingdom. (2) Those who separate themselves from all secular pursuits to give all their time to tell this story across the world.

Following the address of Dr. Hounshell, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., was introduced. He had come particularly to present the world program of the Anti-Saloon League in its fight against alcohol. He gave a hopeful view of the attitude of the government authorities of Mexico to prohibition. He had found some saints in Mexico, and the government officials where he had gone, some of them at least, were introducing drastic measure to prevent the operations of the liquor traffic in that country. Turning to the Old World, he had found the attitude there one of incredulity and wonder as to what had been done in America. But he sounded a note of hope. Scotland will vote next November, and he thought that many victories against the liquor traffic would be won; and, also in other parts of the world. A program is on to raise $25,000,000 to belt the world with the prohibition propaganda; and at the same time we must defend ourselves at home against the efforts of the liquor forces to nullify the law that we have enacted. He made a wonderfully strong address, and it was well received.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Conference met at 3 p. m., for Memorial Service, Rev. J. T. Gibbs in the chair. After devotional services in which Rev. E. H. Davis led in prayer, the names of the preachers of the Conference who have died during the year were called and memoirs read as follows: A. D. Betts, by J. T. Gibbs; C. W. Smith, by M. T. Plyler; C. O. DuRant, by T. McM. Grant; D. B. Parker, by H. M. North; W. A. Forbes, by N. M. McDonald; and J. M. Benson, by D. H. Tuttle. Memoirs of the wives of W. A. Cade and J. H. Frizelle respectively were presented for publication in the Journal. M. D. Giles, J. H. Hall, R. H. Broom and D. H. Tuttle spoke concerning the lives of the deceased preachers.

On motion of R. H. Willis, the report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted.

Bishop Darlington took the chair, and on motion it was ordered that Conference convene in the morning at 9 o'clock, instead of 9:30 as heretofore.

Then followed the ordination of elders with which service the Conference adjourned.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1919

Conference met at 9 o'clock, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. E. Thompson, after which the minutes of Saturday's sessions and of the Memorial Service Sunday afternoon were read and approved.

Question 6 was called; viz., Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? The names of J. F. Starnes, C. A. Johnson, J. F. E. Bates, C. T. Thrift and J. R. Moose were announced as having been received by transfer.

T. J. Folger was located at his own request.

The names of F. E. Dixon and J. H. Hall were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary relation.

The Bishop announced that he ordained on yesterday the following to deacon orders: E. C. Maness, J. C. Williams, E. C. Few, B. O. Merritt, E. W. Glass, T. F. Higgins, J. C. D. Stroud, and W. R. Hardesty.

The Bishop announced that he ordained on yesterday the following to elders orders: T. W. Siler, W. L. Maness, C. K. Proctor, E. L. Hill, I. T. Poole, R. F. Munns, W. C. Benson, and F. A. Lupton. H. I. Glass, having been elected to elders orders at the last session of the Conference, and on account of illness was not present to be ordained with the class, the Bishop announced that he had ordained him an elder during the year.

O. W. Dowd presented and read the report of the Board of Finance and it was adopted.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that C. L. Read had been selected to preach the sermon at the next session of the Conference, and that J. H. Shore was alternate.

A. D. Wilcox presented and read report No. 2 of the Board of Missions, and it was adopted. Seventy-five per cent of the first year's quota of the Centenary for the North Carolina Conference has been paid.

Under the call of question 17, all the preachers of the Conference, whose names had not been previously called, were called and their characters passed.

The Secretary made announcement concerning his expense account, and announced that the same had advanced from $600 to $900.

Question 10 was called; viz., Who are transferred to other Conferences? The Bishop announced the transfer of C. A. Johnson to the South Carolina Conference, W. E. Edmundson to the Pacific Conference, M. W. Dargan and M. H. Tuttle to the Western North Carolina Conference.

J. G. Brown, J. C. Wooten and D. H. Tuttle were announced as the committee in connection with the Liberty Hill matter.

A collection for the sexton was taken.

Separate resolutions of thanks to the people of Wilson for the entertainment of the Conference were presented and read by T. M. Grant, D. H. Tuttle and R. E. Atkinson. The Conference unanimously adopted them all by a rising vote and requested them to get together and put their resolutions into one for the Secretary.

H. I. Glass presented and read the report of the Epworth League Board and it was adopted.

Question 18 was called: viz., Who are supernumerary? The Committee on Conference Relations recommended the following for this relation: J. O. Guthrie, R. W. Townsend, W. H. Townsend, J. M. Rhodes F. E. Dixon and J. H. Hall, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

Question 19 was called: viz., Who are superannuated? The Committee on Conference Relations recommended the following for this relation: T. J. Browning, G. D. Langston, T. P. Bonner, M. A. Smith, P. Greening, C. C. Brothers T. J. Dailey, M. D. Giles, B. C. Allred, H. E. Tripp, J. M. Lowder, J. A. Lee, A. P. Tyer, A. W. Price, A. McCullen, W. F. Galloway, C. W. Robinson and G. T. Simmons, and the report of the committee was adopted. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, M. H. Tuttle was placed on the effective list.

On motion of Walter Patten the six boards of the Conference were requested to make an appropriation each of $150 to meet the expense of the Secretary.

Statistical Questions

Question 20. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of societies in this Conference?

Answer. Districts, 9; Pastoral charges, 210; Societies, 773.

Question 21. How many have been licensed to preacher, and what is the number of local preachers and members?

Answer. Local preachers, 108; members, 96395.

Question 22. How many adults and how many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer. Adults, 3428; Infants, 755.

Question 23. What is the number of Epworth Leagues, and of Epworth League members?

Answer. Number of Leagues, 122; Number of League members, 4710.

Question 24. What is the number of Sunday schools, of Sunday school officers and teachers, and of Sunday school scholars enrolled during the year?

Number of schools, 279; number of officers and teachers, 6221; number of Sunday school scohlars, 74960.

Question 25. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same?

Answer. Number of Societies, 256; Number of members 8463.

Question 27. What has been contributed for the following causes? Foreign Mission, $24,000; Home and Conference Missions, $27,687; Church Extension, $12,845; Education, $20,457; Conference Claimants and Superannuate Endowment Fund, $7,784; American Bible Society, $2,028; General Conference Expense, $676; Women's Missionary Societies, $66,223.

Question 28. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry?

Answer. For bishops, $6,084; For presiding elders, $23,751; for preachers-in-charge, $286,729.

Question 29. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? Answer. $1,283,431.

Question 30. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness, thereon?

Answer: Houses of worship, 765; value of houses of worship, $3,707,960; indebtedness on houses of worship, $100,912.

Question 31. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon?

Answer: Number of parsonages 193; value of parsonages, $673,100; indebtedness on parsonages, $38,005.

Question 32. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums?

Answer: Insurance carried $1,320,026; premiums paid, $6,894.

Question 33. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year? What is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon?

Answer: Churches and parsonages damaged, 2. Amount of damage, $2,979; amount collected, $2,979.

C. J. Harrell presented and read the report of the Board of Education, and it was adopted.

J. E. Holden presented and read the report of the Board of Church Extension, and it was adopted.

Y. T. Ormond presented and read the report of the Committee on Lay Activities, and it was adopted.

R. H. Broom presented and read the report of the Board of Christian Literature, and it was adopted. The Bishop appointed Col. J. F. Bruton, Commissioner called for in the report.

Question 9 was called: viz., Who have withdrawn or been expelled? It was announced that W. J. Covington had withdrawn.

The minutes were read and approved, after which the appointments were announced and the Conference adjourned.

Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—The post office address of Rev. J. O. Banks is Asheville, N. C., R. F. D. 5.

—Rev. J. R. Walker, writing from Boone, says: "I am expecting a happy and successful year here."

—Rev. C. M. Short announces a meeting at Mt. Holly to begin Sunday, November 30th, with Rev. Raymond Browning as leader.

—The post office address of Rev. J. H. Robertson is Winston-Salem, R. F. D. 2. Brother Robertson took the superannuate relation at the recent Annual Conference.

—Rev. Raymond Browning recently held a meeting with Rev. E. W. Glass at Ayden in which there were eighteen accessions to the Church, and a gracious revival in the Church.

—Mr. W. H. Davis, of High Point, is pushing the organization of teacher-training classes. He reports two classes organized on Sunday the 16th, one at Climax with 14 members, and one at Fairview, with 9 members.

—The total gain in membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in North Carolina for the year just closed is 4,857. Of this number the North Carolina Conference gained 1,640, and the Western North Carolina Conference 3,217.

—The total amount raised for all purposes in the North Carolina Conference this year, is $1,283,431, and in the Western North Carolina Conference, $1,202,618—a total for the Methodist Episcoppal Church, South, in North Carolina of $2,486,079. This is an increase over last year of $839,834.

—Rev. H. H. Robbins writes. "The people of Murphy Station gave us a very cordial welcome. On the evening of our arrival they visited the parsonage and left a bountiful supply of good things to eat. We are anticipating a very good year on this work.

—Rev. J. A. Fry and family arrived at the parsonage on the Morganton circuit November 4th and received a warm welcome. A generous pounding was administered Nov. 6th and Brother Fry looks hopefully into the new year. The stewards have increased the estimate for the support of the pastor.

—The Year Book of the General Board of Missions for 1919 is now ready for distribution. It is a volume of 208 pages and gives a complete survey of the activities of the Board at home and abroad. It will be sent free on request, with ten cents to cover postage. Order of the Board of Missions, Box 510, Nashville, Tenn.

—Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor at Franklin, writes: "We have just closed a good, solid revival at Franklin. There were a score of conversions and almost the entire congregation reached a more complete consecration. We sang our Methodist hymns without any gymnastics and the pastor had only the help of a good congregation and the Lord."

—Rev. J. O. Ervin is happy on his return to Bethel, Asheville, for the fourth year. He believes in his flock. He says, "Our Sunday school is good and improving. Our Epworth Leagues, Junior and Senior, are pushing onward, and Bethel Woman's Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid are a right arm of strength to the pastor." The salary will be increased substantially.

—Rev. F. O. Dryman and wife of Bethel charge, are elated over their reception for another year. On Thursday evening, October 30th, the people gave them a "long-to-be-remembered and a long-lasting pounding." First and last they estimate the value of the donation at about $40. They are praying that God may make their ministry a great blessing to the kind people of that charge.

—Rev. Marvin W. Mann, pastor of Hanes-Clemons, writes thanking the people of their charge for the reception given and the good things sent to the parsonage while they were away at Conference. A severe pounding was administered, including a Wilton drugget, rocking chairs, pig, chickens and many other good things. The preacher and family are grateful and happy and say that the Hanes-Clemons people suit them all right, and they are praying and looking for the best year yet.

—We are pained to note the death of Mr. J. F. Cowell, of Washington, N. C., which occurred on Tuesday night, November 18, 1919. He had been ill for almost a year with Bright's disease intensified by grief over his son who was killed in action in France November 19, 1918. Brother Cowell was a successful business man, a devoted member of the Methodist Church and loyal and generous in its support. He had been a steward in his Church for many years. The Advocate extends sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

—Rev. Walter A. Creason writes that he has been conducting a revival service in the Tryon Church during the past week which resulted in seventeen additions to the Church and a score of other conversions who will go to other churches or join later on. The Church has been reorganized and started anew here after a state of repose for more than two years. We now have about fifty new members and the prospect is very bright. A number of others are expecting to join in the near future. A live Sunday school and Epworth League are also children of the revival service.

—A note from Rev. S. T. Barber gives particulars of his recent painful accidents as follows: "Less than four weeks after breaking my right arm and just as I was leaving Morven for my new work, I fell from a dray, fracturing my thigh almost in the hip joint, very badly. At the same time I broke my left arm, both bones, near the wrist, and badly dislocated my wrist and hand. This was November 6th. Have been flat on my back here and will be till Christmas or after. My friends on the Morven charge have been exceedingly kind to me and I am doing well. Pray for me." Brother Barber writes from Anson Sanatorium, Wadesboro, where he is being cared for. The note is dated November 23. We sincerely trust Brother Barber may soon be able to resume work again.

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Williams will learn with sorrow that Ruth Irene, their little two-year-old daughter, was burned to death last Saturday morning. Ruth was indeed a bright sweet child and was loved dearly by all who knew her. She was a rose budded on earth to bloom in heaven. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the bereaved ones.

Burley C. Reavis.

CONSERVATION GROUP MEETING

On the 11 of November, quite an interesting "Centenary Conservation Group Meeting" for the Winston-Salem District, was held in Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Sixteen pastors and twenty-four laymen and laywomen were present, most of whom took an active part in the discussions.

Dr. Siler outlined the plan for carrying on the work of the Centenary.

Rev. R. M. Courtney led the discussion on the conservation of the Centenary.

Prof. O. V. Woosley spoke in his usual characteristic way, on the work of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Frank Siler represented the woman's work. and did it well.

Mr. Jas. A. Gray discussed the Centenary collections.

Mr. J. F. Spruill spoke of the work of the "Minute Men."

Mr. Walter Thompson represented the work of the Children's Home.

The Meeting Decided

1. That the Every Member canvass for salaries and benevolences be made before February 1.

2. That the pastor and local church cabinet stress immediate payment of Centenary pledges now due.

3. That November and December be made rallying months for Sunday school members.

4. That we observe the Thanksgiving Service.

5. That on December 28, each Sunday school be organized into a Missionary society, unless already so organized.

6. That the first week in January, 1920, be devoted to the enlistment of intercessors and the establishment of family altars.

7. That March 14-April 4, be devoted to the carrying out of the Easter Revival Campaign.

J. M. Varner, Secretary.

Woman's Missionary Society

Conducted by Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. W. R. Harris, 19 Orange Street, Asheville, N. C.

VICTORY

(2 Cor. XII; 9)

By Mrs. H. E. Bruns

"Is". What a tiny little word!
And yet how mighty to me,
Because it comes straight from the Lord.
"My grace IS sufficient for Thee."

In times of temptation and pain and loss
When I feel that I'm almost undone;
Then quick as a flash, as clear as a Cross
Comes that "IS" and I've won.

Not some other time in an hour or day
Are we promised help. But see! —
"Is" means NOW. Can't you hear Him say
"My grace is sufficient for thee?"

WOLTZ-ELLIOTT

We are in receipt of cards announcing the coming marriage of Miss Lola Woltz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Woltz, of Mount Airy to Mr. K. C. Elliott, which will be solemnized at the home of the bride on Monday afternoon, December 1, 1919 at three o'clock.

Miss Woltz is a most accomplished young woman especially talented in music and is the daughter of one of our efficient District secretaries, and also a member of one of our Young People's Societies in Mount Airy. We extend to this young couple our very best wishes.

DR. LOUIS INGERSOLL

A few years ago from the First Presbyterian Church, of Asheville, Dr. Louis M. Ingersoll, a most devoted Christian worker, went to China as a medical missionary under the auspices of the Southern Methodist Church. She took up work at the Mary Black Hospital with Dr. Ethel Polk and after urgent calls from Vladivostock when the United States entered the war, she became affiliated with the American Red Cross.

She, with Dr. Polk, and two American Red Cross nurses left China for Vladivostok to administer unto Czecho-Slav soldiers and refugees there and for the first time in history carried with them two Chinese women doctors and 13 Chinese women nurses. It was the custom for Chinese women not to assist in nursing those of other nationalities, so Drs. Polk and Ingersoll witnessed the breaking of that old Chinese rule.

Dr. Ingersoll is at present visiting her sister in Asheville and tells most interestingly of her experience during those years. While at a general hospital of the American Red Cross on Russian Island, just across the bay from Vladivostok, Dr. Ingersoll treated soldiers and patients representing 19 different nationalities including Czechs, Austrians, Poles, Roumanian, Japanese, Serbian and American citizens.

When a contingent of 1,000 Czech wounded was started for home Dr. Ingersoll was one of the convoy appointed to accompany them. They came across the Pacific to San Diego, where they stayed a week at Camp Kearney. Then for Washington by New Orleans and then for Prague the distance travelled being 15,000 miles. Dr. Ingersoll returned to Paris, where she was held on account of a strike. Sailed for America from Marsellaise on September 23.

THE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR MEMORIAL

We are glad to have the following message from Mrs. Harvey Bone, Corresponding secretary of the North Carolina Conference regarding our Memorial for loved ones who after faithful service in our missionary work have passed to the great beyond.

Item 5 on page 60 of our North Carolina Conference report reads: "A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this special purpose.

It is a beautiful tribute when an auxiliary member dies, for the family or auxiliary to pay the sum of twenty-five dollars that the deceased name may be placed on the Memorial Roll. A certificate is given by the Council and the money is placed on the Retirement and Relief Funds. This fund is used for the support of worn-out deaconesses and missionaries."

TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Dear Co-Workers:

The year 1919 is fast drawing to a close—the record of this year will soon be completed and we will have to face this record as it stands in the final Judgement day. Let us stop and consider this record while there remains time for us to make it what we would have it be.

Our pledge for the district for 1919 is $3,350. During the quarters already past, there has been sent to our treasurer on this pledge $1,890.10, leaving a balance of $1,459.90. Our report for 1918 showed that we paid for all purposes $5,327.27, and the three quarters of this year shows a credit to the Charlotte district for $3 218.67 for all purposes.

You can readily see what remains to be done if we reach the goal we have set for ourselves. I have faith in you and am looking to each society (Adult, Young People and Junior) to meet all obligations in full and go beyond the amounts paid last year.

If you will do this the Charlotte district will rise to the top and this will be the best year in our history. God has been good to us this year. He has preserved our lives and has prospered us. Now at this harvest time, in our missionary work, let us bring our tithes and offerings and put them into His treasury and He will pour us out a blessing that will make our hearts overflow with joy and happiness. Let me, as leader of the district, give you a few suggestions for these closing months of the year:

1. If you have not observed the week of prayer, do so yet, it is not too late.
2. If you do not have a Mission Study class, organize at once.
3. Let the Social Service Superintendent see what can be done in er department and report same to Mrs. Newell.
4. Do not forget to contribute to the Lucy H. Robertson Scholarship Fund and also to the Supply department.
5. Observe Harvest day as early as possible in December and try to raise all funds in full by that day.
6. See that all reports are duly filled out and sent to the respective officers on time.
7. Elect officers for 1920 at your December meeting and send names with correct addresses to the different Conference officers and also to your district secretary.
8. Please take this as a personal letter from me and have it read to your society as I will not be able to write individual letters as I did last year. Praying God's richest blessings upon each member of every auxiliary I am, yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. N. Presson, District Secretary.

WINDSOR AUXILIARY

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Windsor, N. C., held the November business meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Modlin, with Mrs. M. F. Gilliam president, presiding.

For several months this society has held two meetings monthly, one devoted to business, the other to the study of the Bible. The meetings are well attended and the members are greatly interested in the work. The Week of Prayer services were most enjoyable, each department taking part in the observance of that week. The offering which is to be given to the Medical work in China and in San Francisco amounted to $20.00 which was in excess of the amount of last year.

The members of the auxiliary contemplate starting a Mission Study class in a few days at the home of the superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. T. C. Bond. The society has also sent a box of clothing valued at $63.25 to a little girl at the Orphanage in Raleigh. We are striving to place our auxiliary on the Honor Roll for 1919.

Corresponding Secretary.

The Triplett Missionary society has been greatly bereaved in the death of one of their most valued members and the high esteem in which she was held by those who knew and loved her is shown by the following Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, or Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our much loved member, and co-worker Mrs. J. L. Brown, therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we, the members of the missionary society of Triplett Methodist Church, bow in humble submissio to the will of our Heavely Father who doeth all things well. Her beautiful, sincere, Christian life will ever bear testimony of her love for her Master.

Second, That in her going our Church and society have lost one of the most faithful and loyal members; our Sunday school one of its best teachers. Her place was seldom vacant, her tender loving heart was ever ready to respond to every call for help and her devotion to her Church was an inspiration to all her co-workers and to her pastor.

Third, That we extend to the bereaved husband and children our deepest sympathy and trust that her life as wife and mother will lead them on their passing to her home above.

Fourth. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our record, one sent to the family and one to the Advocate for publication on the Woman's page.

Mrs. L. G. Sloop.
Mrs. W. L. Upright
Mrs. R. C. McGinnell,
Miss Bessie Kyles.
Committee.

That the Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary Church, Newbern, N. C., has had a prosperous year is evidenced by the splendid report which comes from the secretary of the auxiliary, Miss Myrtle Pope.

Starting the work of the year with the slogan, "Carry On", the society has made an advance along nearly all lines. In the beginning of the year the consecrated president, Mrs. Hendren, urged the necessity of a larger and better work and an increase especially in members, attendance and financial obligations.

Each department has been interested in the work and has carried to success the work given them. Bright Jewels under the leadership of Mrs. L. E. Lancaster has had an especially interesting study class with a most gratifying attendance. Though they have not raised as much money as last year the work of 1919 has been helpful to them.

Under the direction of Mrs. Whit Gaskins, the Mission and Bible Study classes have done splendidly. Two books have been taken. "The Path of Labor" and "Money, the Acid Test." A series of Bible study is in progress and is inspirational and uplifting to all taking the course.

We are kept in touch with the workers in the Conference and interesting items about our own society have been contributed to our Woman's page through this department.

Mrs. A. E. Hibbard has had the Social Services work well in hand, and with her co-workers has brought cheer and happiness into many homes. Number of visits to the sick have been made and papers and magazines have been distributed.

The treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Scott, and the Pledge committee deserve especial mention as through their efforts the pledge has been raised with a 10 per cent increase. Their work has done much to the entire satisfaction and appreciation of the entire membership of the auxiliary.

The week of Prayer was observed and it was the most fruitful week in the cycle of fifty-two.

During the year three of the most earnest and loyal co-workers have gone to their reward. Mrs. Martha Morris, a charter member of the society, Mrs. Jane Meadows and Mrs. R. P. Williams. Our auxiliary is bereaved in the loss of these good women but we realize that our Father never makes a mistake and we bow in submission to His will.

The year is closed and the record made. We are grateful for what we have done in His name, but with yearning hearts we stand on the threshold of 1920 with purpose full and clear for a better, fuller and greater year in His service. We go forward.

WONDERFUL EGG PRODUCER

Any poultry raiser can easily double his profits by doubling the egg production of his hens. A scientific tonic has been discovered that revitalizes the flock and makes hens work all the time. The tonic is called "More Eggs." Give your hens a few cents' worth of "More Eggs," and you will be amazed and delighted with results. A dollar's worth of "More Eggs" will double this year's production of eggs, so if you wish to try this great profit maker, write E. J. Reefer, poultry expert, 3258 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., who will send you a season's supply of "More Eggs" Tonic for $1.00 (prepaid). So confident is Mr. Reefer of the results that a million dollar bank guarantees if you are not absolutely satisfied, your dollar will be returned on request and the tonic costs you nothing. Send a dollar today. Profit by the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.

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Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Lexington, N. C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

BADIN

A recent religious survey of Badin, the home of the great aluminum works, revealed about 600 Methodists who have come there from various parts of the country. These good people have no church building in which to worship and in lieu of that worship in the elaborate theatre built by the Tallahassee Power Co. at a cost of $150,000. But there is little suggestive of worship in a theatre and the loyal band of 135 registered members is bending every nerve towards the erection of a modest house of worship, they not being so fortunate as their sister denomination, the Baptists, in land in the newly grown town, the proceeds from the sale of which to the extent of $20,000, have been invested in their elaborate $75,000 plant.

Our congregation has already received their new pastor, Rev. G. W. Vick, and he has already acclimated himself and is thoroughly on the job. He and your Sunday school secretary spent a large part of last Sunday afternoon with the building committee in planning the departmentalizing of the Sunday school annex instea of the proposed Akron plan. The building committee being m n of sound judgement readily agreed to the change and are pushing the costruction of the plant.

Badin needs financial assistance from the Church Extension. The members there are ransient and for the greater part are people without property. They are, however, putting up their Liberty bonds as security and are borrowing and paying as best they can. It is a plucky bunch. Brother Vick is planning big things for Badin and since he is a man of action good reports may confidently be expected from his labors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY CONSERVATION

The Sunday school Centenary conservation program calls for these lines of activity: The completion of the drive for Centenary Sunday schools, a drive for additional members and a well directed effort to lead Sunday school scholars to Christ.

Christmas week is set apart for lining up with the Centenary. Also a special effort will be made at this time to get all schools contributing to the Centenary to select a special cause to which their contribution will go.

The membership drive is now on. This week each superintendent in the Western North Carolina Conference will receive literature giving directions for putting on a well directed effort to gain new attendants. It is hoped that our schools will put something behind this membership campaign. It will take work and determined personality.

Following the completion of the drive for new members will come the efforts towards leading our Sunday schools closer to Christ. But we are not yet ready for this campaign. Let's bend our energies through the month of December towards filling up our schools.

NEW CHURCHES

It will be a pity for any church to be built this year without having clearly thought through its Sunday school needs. It is without doubt a great mistake to further build those large recangular churches with no place for Sunday school classes. If you will let your field secretary know he will go anywhere to consult with you concerning your needs. Please don't forget your Sunday school when you build a new church.

MORE ABOUT GASTONIA

Last week the Advocate stated that 16 had been received into Main Street, Gastonia, on profession of faith. It should have been 216.

The Wesley Philathea Class of this congregation has a ministeral loan fund amounting to nearly $1,000.00 from which funds are forwarded to any deserving candidate for the ministry who wants to go to Rutherford College. The class fund is now helping five young ministers obtain an education and the class is constantly d-ding to the fund.

No more collections are to be taken in the Main Street congregation. Boxes are placed at the entrances to the church and the members will place their voluntary contributions in them. You will be surprised to note how much these people are paying.

NORTH CHARLOTTE

Rev. J. H. Armburst, our new pastor at Spencer Memorial, Charlotte, writes thus: "We are planning for a Rally Day in our school for Sunday, November 30. Can you come to us as speaker for the eleven o'clock hour. We will give the whole day to our Sunday school. Ours is a mill church and we are girding up our loins for a bigger and better Sunday school. Mr. L. E. Anderson, one of the mill superintendents, is at the head of the school. Our Men's Bible class, just organized, is headed by one of our live young physcians. Last Sunday we had 169 present. We are pulling for 250 on November 30."

GREENSBORO AND WINSTON

Greensboro and Winston have definitely decided to put across standard teacher training schools for the Methodist congregations of their respective cities, there being seven in the former and eight in the latter. Dr. J. W. Shackford, general superintendent of teacher traning, favored us last week with his presence and the two centers mentioned after hearing him gladly went on record asking to be included in his teacher training itinerary.

In all probability Asheville will also enroll one of these schools. The Greensboro and Winston schools will convene during the first half of next February.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, STATESVILLE

The Men's Bible Class, at Broad Street, Statesville, is assuming big proportions. For the past month it has had an attendance of 130 or more each Sunday. Recently the class gave a banquet to which all members were invited by means of a cleverly conceived bulletin.

The business of the evening was stated in the Bulletin as follows:

"The Men's Bible Class continues to grow. We are fast approaching the mark set by the optimistic officers of the class. But we must show our faith by our works. We must soon consider the question of providing for the folks we expect. Our quarters are too small. What shall we do? We want to talk about it.

"A large number of the male members of Broad Street Church do not yet belong to our class. We want every male member to be enrolled and will not be satisfied until this is done. What shall we do? We want to talk about it.

"Miss Allen will graduate at Davenport this year. The Class wants something to do to take the place of this work. What shall we do? We want to talk about.

"There are many men in Statesville who are not members of any church or any class. We want to reach them. What shall we do? We want to talk about it.

"Can we do more to help the work of Broad Street Church? We think we can. What shall we do? we want to talk about it.

"These and many more things will be discussed as we satisfy the physical man with good things to eat. Do not fail to be on hand. If you have any ideas, we want to talk about it."

N. C. CONFERENCE

SILER CITY CIRCUIT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Field Secretary spent Sunday, November 16, on the Siler City Circuit in the interest of the Sunday schools. Rev. H. B. Porter, the pastor, made an engagement for me at Hickory Mt'n. Church Sunday morning and Siler City Church Sunday night. Good congregations greeted me at each place. Mr. W. H. Ferguson is superintendent at Hickory Mt. and Mr. W. W. Fox is superintendent at Siler City. Both of these men are earnest, enthusiastic Sunday school leaders. They have interest and enthusiasm at both places. The Wesley classes are doing good work. The invitation to visit the Hickory Mt. Sunday school came from Mrs. O. B. Mann, a Sunday school teacher who is very much interested in her work. It was a real pleasure to be with these good folks for a day and to talk over with them the great program of the Sunday school.

FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Conference:
Gentlemen:

Your Field Secretary begs leave to submit his annual report as follows:

My connection with the Sunday School Board, in the capacity of Field Secretary, began on the first day of July, of this year. The first ten days of that month were spent in Columbus, Ohio, attending the celebration of the Centenary anniversary. From July 20, until August 10, I was at Lake Junaluska attending the Training School for leaders, and the Wesley Bible Class Federation of the Western North Carolina Conference. During the month of August I attended the Virginia Conference Training School, held at Blackstone, Va. Practically two months were thus spent in study and preparation for the work to which you have called me.

Beginning with the first Sunday in September I have filled an engagement each Sunday on some charge of this Conference, presenting the work of the Sunday school as seemed to fit local conditions. During this period I have made forty-one addresses in twenty-one different churches, all but three of which were in rural districts. Three Circuit Sunday school institutes have been held. After a Conference with the presiding elders it was decided not to undertake any District Institute or Conferences this year.

Fourteen Training classes have been organized, and several cradle rolls and home departments have been instituted. Two general letters have been prepared and sent out to pastors and superintendents, and hundreds of letters dealing with individual requests have been written. Weekly notes for the Advocate have been prepared and sent in. Plans for holding three District Training Schools and a Conference Training School are being formulated. A campaign is being conducted for placing in our schools The Church School, a magazine for officers and teachers dealing with Sunday school methods and principles. A district Sunday school organization has been perfected in only one district at present.

The attention of your secretary has been directed mainly to the following issues. Teacher Training Classes, Rally Day observance, the campaign for The Church School, departmental grouping for children and organized classes for adults, a campaign for Sunday school membership as a preliminary step to the evangelistic campaign in the Sunday school.

The recommendations made by the secretary to the Sunday School Board, as incorporated in the report of the Board to the Annual Conference, will be published in these columns at an early date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY NIGHT AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Evening of Wednesday

November 19 wa given over to the Sunday School Board for the program of the Sunday School Anniversary. Rev. H. E. Spence chairman of the Board, presided. The whole congregation sang with the choir, "Abide With Me," after which Rev. S. B. Turrentine led in a prayer for the young life of the Church and the Sunday school workers everywhere.

The Field Secretary made his annual report mapped out the plan for a campaign of evangelism in the Sunday schools.

With a few well chosen words the chairman introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. John W. Schackford, superintendent of the department of teacher training.

Dr. Shackford brought a message of real worth to the Sunday school workers of our Conference. He discussed the importance of religious education in the life of the child and the necessity for a real educational program on the part of the church. Among other things he showed the futility of expecting the present program of thirty hours in the public schools under well trained teach rs, and one hour in the Sunday school with mediocre instruction, to produce well rounded Christian characters. He stressed the real purpose of the Sunday school, which is evangelism.

A note of optimism and confidence was sounded at this meeting which can not fail to be reflected in the work of the Sunday schools throughout the bounds of our Conference. The Lord is with us and we are going forward.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I went up to Wilson Wednesday to attend the Conference I had two or three things I wanted to do there. The first was, I wanted to make sure that they sent our pastor back here next year. We told the presiding elder that we wanted him when he was here the other day, but you can't tell these days, somebody will be sure and try to get him when they find out how much interest he is taking in the Sunday school work. You see we kept him don't you? Let me tell you a secret. Some of us got together and made it up to pay him $2.000 next year.

Another thing I went for was to hear Dr. Shackford speak on Teacher Training. I got my money's worth all right. He said a good many things I won't forget soon. It gave me a little different viewpoint of the work I am trying to do in the Sunday school. Somehow, I thought of the Master as a teacher while he was talking. I got in too late to hear your report, but they told me that you made a little talk about a little teacher in a little school in a little town. Don't make fun of folks when they are doing the best they can. Your job is to help them not to hurt them. Come and help me get some kinks in my school straightened out.

Yours truly,
Superintendent New Town Sunday School

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RECEIPTS.

Jackson Baraca Class, Northampton ct., $10; Lakewood ss., Durham, $5; Wesley Bible Class, Rowland ss., $20; Rockingham ss., $13.65; Class No. 13, Rockingham ss., $10; Miss Vallie Hill, Benson, $10; Zion ss., Conway ct., $6.50; Epworth Wesley Class, 5th Ave., Wilmington, $10; New Hope ss., Northampton ct., $10; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Smithfield, $10; Mr. Roy Jackson, Apex, Cary ct., $20; Oak Grove ss., Person ct., $7.35; W. A. McIntosh, New Bern, $10; J. E. Underwood, Raleigh, $5; Wesley Bible Class, Mt. Gilead, $3; Bethany ss., Wanchese, Roanoke Island chg., $20; Mrs. W. S. Stevens, ss., Selma chg., $5; Mrs. Sallie B. Baskerville, Red Lane, Va., $10; Campbell's Creek ss., Aurora ct., $4.45; Mt. Bethel ss., Rougemont ct., $2.40; Evans ss., Chowan ct., $20; C. H. Smith, Abbotsburg, $100; Mt. Sylvan ss., Rougemont ct., $9; Welcome class, Aberdeen, $37.41; Soule ss., Swan Quarter ct., $32.25; Mrs. Amelia Gainey, Parkton ct., $5; C. G. Gainey, $5; Newton Grove ss., $3; Union ss., Pasquotank ct., $4; Mill Brook ss., $2.60; Wadeville ss., Troy chg., $5; Stem ss., Granville ct., $5; Selma Cotton Mills ss., $5.30; Wesley Bible Class, Conway, $20; Hopewell ss., Newton Grove ct., .24; Whitakers ss., Battleboro and Whitakers, $12.99; Beaufort ss., $10; Warren Plains ss., Warrenton ct., $10; Mrs. J. A. Wood, Perquimans ct., $10; Susanna Wesley Class, Trinity ch., Wilmington, $10; Fairfield ss., $10; Concord ss., Perquimans st., $7.20; Wharton ss., Stokes ct., $5; Central ss., Raleigh, $15; Zion ss., Gates ct., $10; Bethel ss., Roseboro ct., $5; Bauks Chapel ss., Franklinton ct., $10; Middleburg ss., Ridgeway ct., $5; W. H. M. Brown, Buies, Red Springs chg., $25; Swepsonville ss., South Alamance ct., $5.05; Mrs. Foreman's ss. Class, Elizabeth City, $6; Missionary Society, St. Pauls, $6; Missionary Society, Weldon, $33; Missionary Society, Central ch., Raleigh, $8; Mrs. Donlan and Mrs. Huffines, Rocky Mt., $6; Sanders Chapel ss., Selma chg., $6; Mrs. A. L. Vann, Franklinton, $6; Missionary Society, Nashville, $11.71; Missionary Society, Murfreesboro, $8; Missionary Society, Pollocksville. Jones ct., $15; St. Pauls Auxiliary, Goldsboro, $12; Missionary Society, Smithfield, $6; Windsor Auxiliary, Bertie chg., $6; Missionary Society, Fayetteville, $8; Epworth League, Elizabeth City, $6; Missionary Society, South Mills, Camden ct., $8; Missionary Society, Mt. Olive, $6; Missionary Society, Whiteville, $21; Miss Helen L. Reade, Henderson, $15; Mrs. D. H. Dixon, Goldsboro, $10; Aid Society, Roxboro, $6; Aid Society, Washington, $8; Aberdeen Missionary Society, $50; Aid Society, Fairmont, $45; Philathea Class, Oxford, $8; Missionary Society, Morehead City, $5; Missionary Society, Kinston, $6; Mrs. R. L. Plummer, Raleigh, $10; Missionary Society, City Road ch., Elizabeth City, $6; Mrs. M. J. Best, Goldsboro, $15; Missionary Society, Memorial ch., Durham, $6; Baxter's Grove ss., Moyock ct., $.50; Wesley Class, Stantonsburg, $10; J. O. Boone, Lumberton ct., Route No. 2, $35; Leigh Wesley Workers Class, Elizabeth City, $10; Parker's ss., North Gates ct., $10; Ernest Deans, Wilson, $15; Wall Casey, Goldsboro ct., $20; Ladies' Bible Class, First ch., Elizabeth City, $7.75; Business Men's Class, Trenton, Jones ct., $10; Pleasant Plains ss., Lillington ct., $2.36; East Laurinburg ss., $5; Asbury ss., Bath ct., $5; Mrs. E. L. Hart, Grace ch., Wilmington, $10; Wesley Philathea Class, Henderson, $10; Miss Lillie Duke's Class, Memorial ch., Durham, $10; R. P. Raiford, Faison, Warsaw chg., $5; Jas. B. Church, Southport, $10; Fred W. Bynum, Rockingham, $10; Graham Woodard, Wilson, $25; Center Hill ss., Chowan ct., $1.80; Missionary Society, Franklinton, $8; Missionary Society, Biscoe, $6; Missionary Society, Rockingham, $18; Missionary Society, Moncure, Pittsboro ct., $8; Willing Workers' Class, Fairfield, $4; Missionary Society, Yanceyville, $15; Mary Steele, Rockingham, $25.51; Mrs. F. W. Tilghman, Wilson, $6; Wesley Philathea Class, Rich Square, $8; Warsaw ss., Faison and Warsaw chg., $5; Officers Fifth Ave. ss., Wilmington, $23; Union ss., Leasburg ct., $1.01; J. C. Burwell, Maysville, Ky., $5; Union ss., Garysburg, ct., $6.50; W. R. Gordon, Roberdel ct., $1; Class No. 11, Roxboro ss., $15; Holly Springs ss., Cary ct., $5; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horner, Oxford, $20; Lumberton M. E. ss., $26.78; Mrs. N. B. Dozier, Nashville, $5; Gray Rock ss., Oxford ct., $6; Daniel's Chapel ss., Goldsboro ct., $2; Baraca Class, Norlina ct., $10; Ridgeway ss., $3; St. John ss., St. John and Gibson chg., $47.42; Business Men's Class. Louisburg, $7.50; Pleasant Grove ss., Epworth League, Northampton ct., $20; Class No. 2572, Tabor ch., Roanoke ct., $5; Yanceyville ss., $1.31; Fletcher's Chapel, Durham, $8; Goldston ss., Goldston ct., $3.85.

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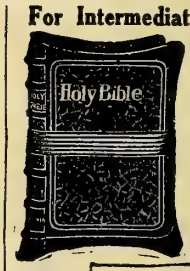
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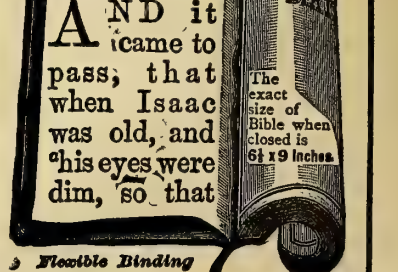
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His three years with us have witnessed some of the most progressive steps in the history of the local church. During his administration we have grown in physical structure and in spiritual influence, having advanced from a disreputable, weather-beaten, out-of-date shack to a fifty thousand dollar edifice worthy of the respect of any town in the State, of Southern Methodism as a whole.

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Against seeming utter impossibility, his optimism saw the Centenary movement through. He has served as financial collector for the new Church since its origin.

Under the shepherding hand of Bro. Few the Church has grown beyond a mission charge to a self-supporting station, and from hence the Mission Board may feel relieved of our proportional has-been allotment.

Pastoral attention has not been slack in Bro. Few's hands. Tied and bound by his conference course, building project, and Centenary drive, he has at the same time made good as a thoughtful guardian of his congregation.

We reverence his character, love his religion and do honor to his w[illegible]hy labors. The administration of Rev. E. C. Few has seen more dreamed wonders clearly realized in Roanoke Rapids Methodism.

Every Available pressure of influence would we bring to bear in behalf of the return of Bro. Few for his fourth year as our Christian co-laborer in God's kingdom.

(Signed) W. V. Woodroof, W. G. Lynch, G. E. Williams, J. H. Matkins, J. V. Womble, R. L. Towe, J. W. Taylor, C. W. Graham, J. W. Smoot, W. A. Butts, Board of Stewards.

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We hesitate to take space in your paper so soon again, but a public acknowledgment is due the big hearted people of Weddington Church for service rendered.

We have just moved from our field at Matthews to this. Bros W. L Hemby and W. A. Thomas voluntarily moved our freight gratis. Bro. and Sister McCain and the Ladies' Aid Society had a clean, well furnished parsonage ready for us. Only one day was given us to adjust our belongings till Prof. R. E. Hinshaw led a majority of the neighborhood in a generous pounding. We think of these good people each day with renewed gratitude, and at the same time our thoughts linger around the many true and tried friends we have just left on the Matthews charge.

We have filled each of the appointments on this work and at each point a large congregation greeted us.

We now join the good people of this work for a great year. J. E. McSwain.

FINAL WORD ON THAT $50,000

My final report for Weaver Hall and water and lights at Rutherford College is in the hands of the Advocate. The total is $50,660.68. Shelby District leads—$10,530.26. Marion District comes next—$7,784.27. Among the charges: Main Street, Gastonia comes first with $6,248.00; Morganton, second, with $2,913.00. The men giving from $250 up are: A. M. Kistler, Morganton, $2,000; G. F. Ivey, Hickory, $1,000; Rev. Baxter McLendon, Bennettsville, S. C., $1,000; A member of West End, Winston-Salem, $1,000; J. L. Gray, Gastonia, $600; J. B. Ivey, Hawthorn Lane, $500; C. D. Gray, Gastonia, $500; Dr. C. C. Weaver, Emory, Va., $500; Mrs. Blanche Boyles Carr and brothers, West Market Ctreet, $500; E. M. Cole, Tryon street, $500; Geo. R. Spencer, Gastonia, $500; J. H. Separk, Gastonia, $500; Dr. W. H. Nicholson, Hickory, $300; Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Womble, West End, Winston-Salem, $300; J C. Smith, Shelby, $250; H. M. Blair-Greensboro, $250; A. A. McLean, Gastonia, $250; Geo B. Mason, Gastonia, $250; S. B. Tanner, Tryon street, $250.

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Organization

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Meeting

Bands should meet at least as often as once a month following a program prepared by the chairman.

Direction

The direction of the Bands shall be through the Life Service Superintendent of the Epworth League Conference and not through any of the local organizations. The office of the Conference Life Service Superintendent shall be a clearing house for all organizations.

Reporting

Bands shall report quarterly to the Conference Life Service Superintendent on the blanks which will be furnished. The pastor is the head of the Church and should have cognizance of all plans.

Work

Individaul volunteers will seek places of activity in their local churches and will endeavor to see that the various organizations are perfected according to the standards for each organization. There should be discussion of such opportunities at the regular meetings of the Band.

Program

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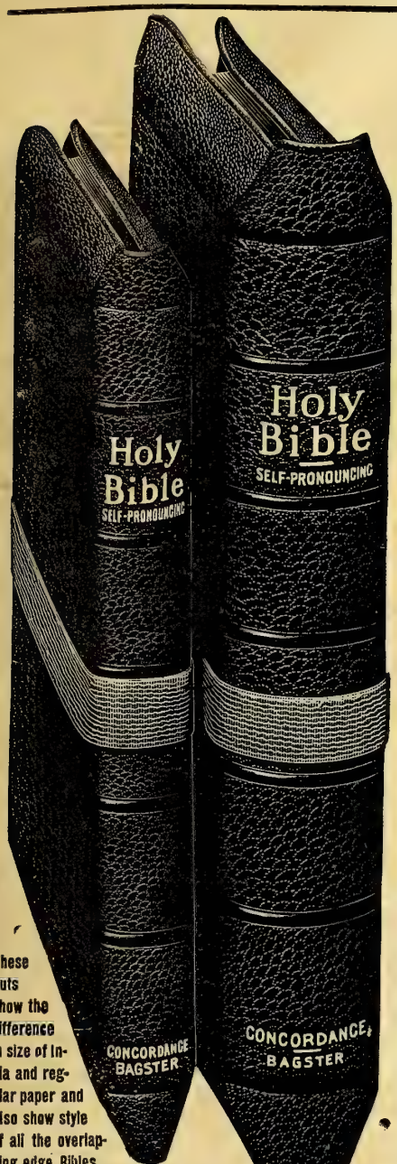
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WITHOUT WHOM NOTHING

By Rev. S. A. Neblett.

To make effective the missionary enlargement authorized for the next five years by the last General Conference and approved by the Church in the Centenary Drive, it is estimated that seven hundred and thirty-five men and women missionaries are needed. For the seven foreign fields in which Souther Methodism is working, three hundred and eighty-seven missionaries are needed.

Men and women might carry on missionary operations, and perhaps evangelize the world, without any organized board to support them—at least there was some material progress made during the first three centuries of the Christian era without any very extensive organization to finance it. But all the organization and money and equipment and transportation facilities in the world combined are absoultely useless without consecrated men and women. These latter are God's indispensables.

Churches, Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues and individuals have theorized and directed that some or all of the money they subscribed during the Centenary drive last May be used for the support of one hundred and fifty-four missionaries, and other American workers, distributed among the several fields as follows: Mexico, 26; Cuba, 16; Brazil, 23; Africa, 6; China, 45; Korea, 28; Japan, 10. A considerable number have been taken for the home field, and applications are in for European specials as soon as definite assignment can be made. The figures given above are for assignments made up to November 15th.

The situation briefly stated is just this: The call comes from our foreign fields for a stated number of men and women; the Church has considered the call, pronounced it timely, and subscribed all the money necessary to enable them to go as planned. The money is being paid in and will be available January first, 1920. There is no guess work about any of this. The work is all definitely cut out and waiting. Materials are on the ground—it is not a case of making brick without straw. Where are the men and the women workers?

The whole Centenary program depends on them. It will be carried through gloriously if qualified men and women offer themselves right away. It will be hindered, delayed, or defeated, according as workers fail to offer themselves or delay in so doing.

Having had more than fifteen years experience as a missionary of our Church on a foreign field, and having been for nearly two years engaged in the Centenary movement at the home base, I may speak positively concerning this situation without being considered impertinent or presuming. We need at once more than one hundred and fifty of the best prepared men and women, college graduates if possible, to be found in the South, who will turn away right now from whatever the world offers them and say to the Board of Missions: "Here am I; send me to the Congo, to China, to Cuba, anywhere I can serve best."

Sophomore and junior volunteers will not answer. They will be needed later, and must be cultivated assiduously. Young persons just entering normal school or medical college are not available for 1920. But there are hundreds of young men with their A. B., B. D., Ph. D, etc., some with three or four years' experience in the pastorate, others succeeding as teachers, lawyers, physicians, or in other professions, whom their Lord and their Church are calling. Scores of young women who are prepared, capable and experienced, hold membership in our Church. It is up to them to make the next move in the Centenary game, and to make it promptly.

One missionary from each presiding elder's district in 1920 will make the Centenary program a success. Perhaps there are a few districts that have no available man, but they are few. The wise presiding elder, merging the lesser interest of his own district into the larger interest of the whole Church, will say to his most promising young preacher, "Have you considered the call to the mission fields? There's an urgent call. Go, and God speed you." The presiding elders can turn the scales and insure victory by encouraging the ones they feel are most efficient at home to let God have a chance at them for a foreign field.

Our college and high school faculties contain young men and women who are exactly qualified for an important place at the front. Mr. College President, be magnanimous, and suffer your faculty to be broken up in order that your brightest young professors may answer the Church's call, just as preachers, teachers, lawyers and doctors answered our country's call for welfare workers last year. A word from you may supply the impulse needed. Will you speak it without delay?

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CONCORD CHURCH—PERSON CIRCUIT

Whereas, the Conference year is now closing and our beloved pastor,

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READ, IN THIS ISSUE, THE ARTICLE: "DESIRES RECIPROCITY"

Intelligent, Ambitious, Progressive People Are Respectfully Urged to Read and Carefully Consider the Article: "Desires Reciprocity"

A FINE DISPLAY

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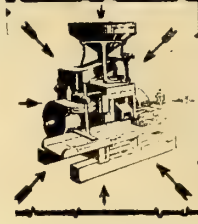
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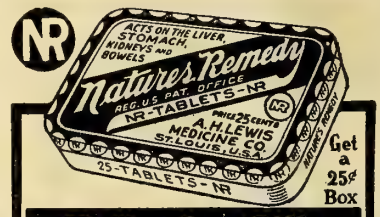
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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
W. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
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First Round	November
Mills River, Shaws Creek	29-30
Hendersonville	30
December	
Fairview, Fairview	7-8
Central	8
Swannanoa, Swannanoa	14-15
Black Mountain	15
Henderson Circuit, Fruitland	21-22
Saluda	22
Acton, Acton	28-29
Biltmore	29
January	
Harmony, Pleasant Hill	3-4
Mount Pleasant	4
Asheville, Riverview	10-11
Flat Rock	11
Rosman, Pine Grove	17-18
Brevard	18
Leicester, Leicester	24-25
West Asheville	25

District Stewards

Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

First Round	November
Pineville, Pineville, 11 a. m.	30
Dilworth, night	30
December	
North Monroe, Icemorlee, night	5
Unionville, Unionville, 11 a. m.	6
Mathews, Mathews, 11 a. m.	7
Belmont Park, night	7
Hickory Grove, 3 p. m.	10
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m.	12
Lilesville, Forestville, 11 a. m.	13
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	14-15
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m.	20-21
Monroe, Central, night	21
Seversville, Seversville, 11 a. m.	28
Hawthorn Lane, night	28
January	
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m.	3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m.	4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night	4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m.	10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m.	11-12

The District stewards will meet in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21, at 2 p. m.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

First Round	November
Ruffin, Ruffin, 11 a. m.	30
Greensboro, Glenwood & Bethel, Bethel, night	30
December	
Coleridge, Rehobeth	6-7
Randleman, St. Paul, night	7
Deep River, Cedar Falls	13-14
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, 11 a. m.	14
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel	20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m.	21
Randolph, Vernon	27-28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night	28
January	
Uwharrie, Concord	3-4
Asheboro, night	4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night	11
Wentworth, Salem	17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

First Round	November
Pilot Mountain, Chestnut Grove	29-30
Rural Hall, Antioch, November 30, at 3 p. m. and December 1, at 11 a. m.	
December	
Summerfield, Morehead	6-7
Ararat, Mt. Herman, 11 a. m.	10
Yadkinville, Prospect	13-14
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m.	
Leaksville, at 3 p. m.	21
Spray, at night	19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m.	27-28
Elkin	27-28
January	
Dodson, Dodson	4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m.	9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m. night	11
Madison, Madison	11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

First Round	November
Table Rock Circuit, at Oak Hill	29-30
Morganton Station	30 Dec. 1
December	
McDowell Circuit, at Murphy's Chapel	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night	7-8
Marion Circuit, Providence	13 14
Thermal City, at Thermal, Sunday night	14-15
Forest City and Pleasant Grove and Forest City Circuit	20 21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel	27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock	28-29
January	
Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel	3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock	4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine	10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night	11
Micaville, Shoals Creek	17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel	24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon Jan.	31-Feb. 1
February	
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night	1-2

Our District stewards will please meet at the Methodist Church in Marion on Wednesday, December 3, at 2 o'clock. If possible let every one be present.

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

First Round	November
South Fork, Bethel, 11 a. m.	29-30
Lincolnton Station, 7 p. m.	30
December	
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m.	6-7
Cherryville, Bethlehem, 3 p. m.	7
Polkville, Polkville, 11 a. m.	13-14
LaFayette Street, 7 p. m.	14
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m.	20 21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m.	21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m.	27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m.	28
January	
Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m.	3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m.	4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m.	11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m.	17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m.	18
Mayworth, Lowell, 11 a. m.	24
Belmont, 11 a. m.	25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m.	25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward, in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Nowell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.

	November
Statesville Circuit, Trinity, 11 a. m.	27
Westview, Westview, 11 a. m.	29-30
Rhodhiss, Rhodhiss, night	29-30

The District Stewards will meet in Broad Street Church, Statesville, on Friday, November 21, at 11 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

First Round	November
Cottonville, Cedar Grove, 11 a. m.	29-30
Norwood, 7 p. m.	30
December	
Woodleaf, Woodleaf, 11 a. m.	6-7
South Main, 7 p. m.	7
Gold Hill, Gold Hill, 11 a. m.	13-14
East Spencer, 7 p. m.	14
Kannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m.	20-21
Kannapolis station, 7 p. m.	21
New London, New London, 11 a. m.	27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m.	28
January	
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m.	4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m.	10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m.	11
Badin, 11 a. m.	18
Salem, 7 p. m.	18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m.	24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m.	25
February	
Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m.	1
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m.	8

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

First Round (Organization)	November
Jefferson, Jefferson	29-30
December	
Helton, Greenwood	2-3
Warrenville, Warrenville	6-7
Creston, Southerland	9-10
Elkland, Blackburn	13-14
Watauga, Henson's	20-21
Boone, Boone, night	21
Elk Park, Elk Park	24-25
Avery, Pisgah	27-28

District stewards will meet at North Wilkesboro, November 19, 2 p. m. and night. Pastors are invited. The night meeting will be devoted to Centenary and Evangelism. Entertainment free. Notify Rev. W. R. Ware if you are coming.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
First Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder

West Davie Circuit, Calahaln, November 28, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Davie Circuit, Oak Grove, November 29-30.
Mocksville, November 30, night Quarterly Conference November 28, night.
Southside Circuit, Vernon, December 2, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville, December 3, 3 p. m. and night.
Forsyth Circuit, Oak Summit, December 7, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C. Telephone 224—J

First Round	November
Macon Circuit, Asbury	29-30
Franklin Station	30-Dec. 1
December	
Franklin Circuit, Salem, Monday and Tuesday	1-2
Andrews	6-7
Murphy Station	7-8
Murphy Circuit, Tomotla, Sunday 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m.	7-8
Judson, Judson, Tuesday, 11 a. m.	9
Jonathan, Shady Grove	13-14
Bryson-Whittier, Whittier, Sunday night and Monday, 11 a. m.	14-15
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster	20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday	21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers	27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday	28-29
January	
Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers	3-4
Fines Creek, Pine Grove	10-11

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Rev. J. A. Dailey, will be called to the Annual Conference to give an account of his work on Person circuit, and will have work assigned him for the ensuing year, therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we most heartily endorse his work among us this and the past two years, and earnestly request our presiding elder to have him returned to us for another year.

2. That we recognize Bro. Dailey to be a devout man of God, ever ministering to the souls of his people and pointing men to the way of eternal life, and doing all he can through the spirit's power to uplift the Church, endeavoring always to maintain a fine relationship of its members one toward another.

3. That we sympathize with him and his good wife in the sad affliction of their dear daughter, and most earnestly wish for her speedy recovery.

4 That these resolutions become a part of the records of the quarterly conference, and a copy be mailed to the N. C. Christian Advocate for publication.

(Signed) C. T. Wood, C. E. Winstead, Jr., K. C. Wagstaff, I. G. Stephens, J. H. Hester, T. C. Wagstaff, J. D. Winstead.

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RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, our pastor, M. T. Plyler, has closed his quadrennium, be it resolved.

1. That we, the members of the Wesley Adult Bible Class, and men of the Church express our appreciation of the fine service he has given us, and the leadership that he has displayed in the Sunday school work, in calling and inspiring us to make the fine showing we have made in this great branch of the Church. We feel that in no small degree the credit of building and paying for this fine plant is due to his untiring effort

2. That the Church has been signally blessed in every department. That on account of his good judgment and business ability, the Church is in better financial condition than it has ever been in its long history. We have grown in members and in grace.

3. That the helpful sermons he has given us, brought, straight from the word of God, after thoughful and prayerful study, the truth with wonderful power.

4. That we pray God's richest blessings on his future service in the kingdom.

5. That a copy of this resolution be spread in the minutes of the class, and sent to the N. C. Christian Advocate for publication.

(Signed) E. R. Wells, Pres.
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The Vision Splendid

THERE seem to be a great many disappointed people in the world today, and the explanation apparently is that many of us do not find our dreams and hopes realized in quite the way and at the time we expected. Many months ago that phrase "after the war" conjured up before us a kind of magic day in which all fine and splendid things would be easily possible, and life would, of necessity, lose very much that was sordid and unideal. We had beautiful visions that seemed so easy of realization. But in the cold light of the day into which we have now come there are many hard and unyielding unideal facts, and what we fondly pictured fails to shape itself in actual life. And of course we are disillusioned and disappointed. But ought we to be? Was there, after all, anything the matter with the vision that we cherished? Is it possible that the trouble with us is that we haven't the faith and the wisdom to see the vision being realized, though in ways and fashions of which we had not dreamed? Columbus did not discover what he looked for, but were his faith and dreaming not justified nevertheless? And would he ever have discovered anything but for the faith and the dreaming.—The Christian Guardian.

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SHALL WE OBSERVE WATCH NIGHT?

It is nearly a whole month yet to the dying of the Old Year and the birth of a new one; but it is not too early to decide whether or not we will observe that artificial division of time according to the pious custom of our fathers. If its observance is to be profitable, we must get it into our program and plan for it. This division of time is artificial, and we have never put great stress upon "the observance of times and seasons;" but there is something in human nature that responds to them and it is well to take proper advantage of them for the kingdom of God. The night dividing the old year from the new will be in its essential nature like every other night, but the minds of millions of people will be in a different state from what their minds are on other nights. Shall we take advantage of the occasion to turn their thoughts toward God, or shall we let them drift along with the great tide of the world?

This transition hour from one year to another would seem to be a most fitting time for prayer. It is a natural time for reviewing the year that is closing. Such a review, if honestly made, will always contain enough to make us humble. With the most successful there have been enough of failure to reveal our dependence upon God. We have been unable to attain many of our ambitions. Perhaps we are able to see that is is best we did not; perhaps our disappointment in not attaining them is not assuaged by such understanding of them; but in either case the logical effect is to throw us back upon God, and this means a deepening of the prayer life. And then it is a natural time to take stock for the future and to forecast the ambitions and struggles for the coming year. Here again, if we are wise, we will recognize the necessity of taking God into copartnership with us in the accomplishment of the task that is before us. It is a time for prayer.

There will probably be more watch night services held this year than in any previous year. The times imperatively call for prayer. The Church must go to God for itself before it can go to God for a lost world. Prayerless churches are powerless churches—from God's point of view—no mat ter how full of good works. The church of the New Testament that lost its vision was a working church; "nevertheless," said Christ, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works." The Church must evangelize the world, or be swallowed up by a world reverting to barbarism; but to evangelize the world, it must itself be evangelical. It can be this only by entering anew the power house of confession and repentance and prayer. It must escape from its own worldliness. It must cease its toleration of unholy alliances, of undisciplined membership, of Sabbath breaking, of worldly-pleasure seeking, of the teaching of "damnable heresies" that "drown men's souls in perdition," of "seducing spirits" and doctrines of devils." It must "preach Christ and Him crucified," as the one hope, and the world's only hope.

In its issue of Oct. 31st, the Pittsburg Leader, a widely circulated daily paper, said: "'Human management of the affairs of the universe is failing. Without divine intervention, the world and its people will plunge into chaos. America is rent asunder by the spirit of defiance of law and order. There appears to be no man or men big enough in this land to stay the rising tide of disaster. . . . God alone can save. . . . In prayer alone exists hope. The people of America must go down on their knees and ask for divine aid." This outcry for divine leadership from men engaged in secular pursuits stands not alone. A few months ago Henry Watterson, a man never accused of being pious or suspected of entertaining any prejudices favorable to religion, but recognized as one of the greatest secular editors the country has produced, sounded a similar note. Under the pressure of the world's collapse, the disintegration and the confusion everywhere apparent, he declared that the only hope of the country was the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The wisdom of the world is not sufficient for its own conservation. Its policies are founded in selfishness; and, like the famous Australian instrument—the boomerang—they return upon themselves and effect their own destruction. Shall we not learn the lesson that man is a dependent creature, that he must look to God for leadership, and that failure to do so means his certain destruction.

But one peril of the Church today is that of becoming worldly wise. We are fatally perverting the statement of Christ: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light;" and with this statement we are defending the contention that the Church must learn from the world better methods of action. So the Church is beginning to adopt the world's methods and undertaking to ape its wisdom. We do so at our peril. The wreck of the nations that strew the pathway of history is a sad commentary upon the wisdom of men. Solomon has been characterized through the years as "the wise man" by eminence, yet it was he who put into operation the principles of government that led to Israel's downfall. David had followed the leadership of Jehovah—imperfectly, to be sure, but it was his policy to follow Him—and he built the people into a great nation. "My thoughts are higher than your thoughts," is the simple declaration of Jehovah to men; and the Church must take her marching orders from God, if she is to fulfill her mission in the world.

Shall not our Church take this thought to heart today? Shall we not forswear dependence upon our own wisdom, or our own strength, and turn mightily to God for help? Only a few weeks ago we are told that all the orthodox churches of Japan, led by the Presbyterians, were in humble prostration before God in a day of fasting and prayer for revival. The poor Korean Christians are being purged anew in the fires of a bitter persecution. The world is in a tumult from which the wisdom of the world cannot extricate it. Political powers are falling about us like a house of cards, because the foundations upon which these powers rested are being disputed and disregarded. Autocracy has been overthrown in the earth because the men who exercised the power under it were bad and exercised it for selfish ends. Democracy is running wild in anarchy because so many of the people are as utterly selfish in their clamors as were the autocrats. Whether or not there are enough of the people sufficiently imbued with the spirit of Christ to hold up the standards of righteous law and order remains to be seen. But, if such proves to be the case—God grant that it may—it will be because there are enough who look up to God and confide in His leadership to save the multitude. In this effort surely the Church must lead.

The observance of watch night is not of itself sufficient. If observed in a merely formal way, it will not be worth the loss of sleep that it will entail. But, if the people of God come together with the awful burden of the world's salvation upon their hearts, and, forgetful of sleep and of all things earthly for the nonce, commit themselves to God in the abandon of an absolute self surrender, it will generate a power that will stay the processes of distintegration and spiritual death, and baptize the Church anew for her holy task.

INCIDENTALS AND FUNDAMENTALS

The great undertaking of all the ages is the saving of men from sin. Nothing else is worthy of being mentioned in the same class. It stands alone. The things that concern and absorb the thoughts and energies of the great mass of men utterly obscure this great underlying purpose. Whether our possessions are many or few; whether we have friends, or dwell in the midst of enemies; whether we have training and culture, or are compelled to live within the circumscribed horizon of ignorance; whether one form or another of political government prevails—all these things are utterly insignificant when compared with whether we shall live in sin or be delivered from its servitude. We would not underestimate the former things, but we would put an unspeakable emphasis on the latter.

There are a thousand organizations that seek to solve the problems involved in the minor details of life. You cannot count them up; they are too many. They bulk large in the eyes of men, because they concern themselves with questions that appear upon the surface of life and disturb the pleasures of sense. With the deep, primal question in human life, there is only one organization that directly seeks to meet its challenge. That organization is the Church. In its very nature that organization must be in a peculiar sense divine. "Who on earth can forgive sins out God only?" No merely human agency, whatever may be its form of organization, can save sinners. Supernatural power is involved in this work; and the Church, as the organization through which God proposes to work for this end, must operate upon a different basis from any other organization among men. In our attitude toward the Church we must never lose sight of this unique position which it occupies. The very purpose for which it exists is to point lost men the way of salvation from sin. If it fails in this, it is an utter failure. It would be a failure in that case, even though every man, woman and child under God's blue heaven should bow at its altar. So long as it points out to men the way of salvation from sin, it is fulfilling its God-given purpose, even though the whole world should turn its back upon its doors. It is not a question of human patronage; it is a question of fidelity to God.

It is from this standpoint that we must determine what is fundamental and what is only incidental. So long as the Church actually points out to men the way of salvation from sin and brings them into vital fellowship with God, she is holding true to her fundamental purpose; but whenever she begins to pander to the desires of sinful men in an effort to hold them in her fellowship, she has pulled up her anchor and forfeited her right to live. The Church has never accomplished her work by compromising with sin in order to hold men. We read a lengthy discussion in a leading Church paper the other day, seeking to show that the Church by condemning dancing was constantly alienating the young people from her fellowship. Such argumentation is wide of the mark. It is not a question of alienating this person or that from its membership. The only question which the Church has to answer with reference to any practice is whether such practice is right or wrong. The pronouncement of the Church about it does not make it the one or the other; but the Church dare not, for the sake of patronage or anything else, bias her judgment from the truth.

And so her success is not measured by the numbers and wealth and intelligence of those who worship at her altars, but by her fidelity to the truth which God has committed to her. In all of our discussion of what it is wise for the Church to do we must not lose sight of this fact. Her very life depends upon her adherence to this principle, and it does not depend upon anything else. The world is ready to say the Church must do this or do that, or not do the other thing, if she would hold her influence over men; but the vital question is not in them. An illustration of this sort of daubing with untempered mortar is pictured and punctured by Dr. Jowett. He says:

> There is widespread discontent with the churches, and many remedies are suggested for their imagined shortcomings. Some would permit smoking in the back pews. Shorten the sermon, abolish the sermon, keep the whole service within an hour, or, better, half an hour, employ the cinematograph, get chairs instead of pews, use more ritual, use less ritual—these are the voices of a crowd of counselors. They are concerned with the fire-grate when what we need is fire, with cake plates when what we want is bread, with electrical fittings when we need the power. The cardinal necessity of the church today is to recover the fulness of her holy gospel and to exult in the incomprehensible glory of her spiritual status in the nation.

In these words Dr. Jowett has struck the keynote of what is fundamental. The most constructive work which the Church can do is to preach the fundamental truths about sin and salvation with a new zeal, with a clearer faith, and with the note of authority which Christ put into it undiminished. This will do more to exalt the Church in the eyes of men than all the expedients which the wisdom of the world can devise. It has pleased God through the foolishness of this sort of preaching to save men, and it is only the salvation of men that means the progress of the Church.

NOTE AND COMMENT

We Congratulate the Baptist Church upon the great victory they have won in their 75-million campaign. At the close of the first day, it was freely prophesied that they would roll up in the end more than $100,000,000 instead of the $75,000,000 for which they planned. This will mean a great impetus to the work of that great denomination. We never had a doubt but that they would raise it.

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Pay Your Centenary Subscription Where You Made It. This is the regulation sent out from Centenary headquarters with reference to people who move from one place to another, whether preachers or laymen. Subscriptions were all credited to the charges where they were made, and it will introduce endless confusion to undertake to transfer these pledges from one charge to another. No office could keep up with the moving throng that way. Let the pledge stay where it was made, and let the individual, wherever he may be, send his remittance to that Church. This will keep the record straight.

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An Increase of Pastor's Salaries to meet the mounting cost of living is one of the things that is gathering momentum, but none too soon. It is announced that an average increase of 40 per cent in the salaries of Methodist ministers throughout the country in the Methodist Episcopal Church has been decided on by the Centenary Commission in that Church. It is said that the new wage average will be about $1,500. It was announced at the last session of the North Carolina Conference that the minimum salary of $1,000 would probably be reached in that Conference this year. It was thought that if any should fall below this it would be very few. But this is not keeping pace with the advancing cost of living.

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Liberty Hall and Liberty Hill now promise to take their proper place in the history of Methodism. The late Tennessee Conference took action looking to the purchase of Liberty Hill, located twelve miles from Nashville, Tenn., and using it for a home for one of our superannuated preachers. At the recent session of the North Carolina Conference similar action was taken with reference to Liberty Hall, located near Louisburg, N. C. It yet remains to be seen what these initial steps will result in, but it seems a fitting thing that places so historic as these should be preserved. These houses were both built by the same man, Rev. Green Hill; and at Liberty Hall, Louisburg, N. C., was held the first Annual Conference of American Methodism, April 20, 1785. In Liberty Hill, near Nashville, Tenn., the first Tennessee Annual Conference was held in 1808, and three Annual Conferences have been held in the same building since. We trust that the movement to preserve these buildings to Methodism because of their historical associations will succeed.

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A National Thrift Week has been called to begin Jan. 17, 1920. A thrifty people stand in close relation to a moral people. This does not mean that the well-to do have any monopoly upon religion. As a matter of fact wealth is a great demoralizer and religion is a great promoter of wealth. "Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked," is in a nutshell the history of nations; but Jeshurun was quite good while he was waxing fat, and during the days of his kicking, he tumbles back toward poverty. All the elements of the Christian character make for efficiency in men, and efficiency produces wealth; but the luxury and indulgence of the wealthy are enervating and possessions crumble away. Thus the endless circles is kept up. But thrift is a virtue. It is a good thing to save—not to hoard, but to save. Wisdom and economy in spending will make any people great in the earth; and those who possess these virtues are likely also to render due reverence to God. This truth has its exceptions, of ccurse; but we are speaking of the rule. It will be a good thing to observe thrift week, not only for the material gain, but also for its moral effect.

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What Will Be Done About the Peace Treaty now that the new Congress is open? is a most important question. What will the message of the President to the New Congress contain concerning it? This is also unknown at this writing. It is generally believed that in some way he will lay it before them again, and it is to be hoped that the opposition senators will have had time to cool off and that a better spirit will prevail. The League to Enforce Peace has issued the following appeal: "Save the Treaty! The defeat of ratification has been received by the country with surprise and indignation. The people want Peace. They want Peace and they want a League of Nations to guard the Peace. Whose name it bears, which party brand it wears, they care not at all. They longed for and expected ratification before adjournment of the Senate. The making of peace is no more a party question than was the making of war. The American people, without regard to party, stood behind the war until the day of victory. With like unanimity they now stand behind the Treaty. Shall the small minority who oppose a League of Nations in any form defeat ratification? Shall fifteen senators decide where America shall stand in this world crisis? Eighty senators have shown by their votes that they stand for the great principle of the League of Nations. The fate of the Treaty rests in their hands. They have the votes. They have the power. Theirs is the responsibility. They must get together."

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The Effort to Pit One Reform Against Another is a thin disguise of the liquor forces. Those who are endeavoring to nullify the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution, and especially to defeat war time prohibition, have been spreading the story that the temperance forces are already moving to prohibit the manufacture and use of tobacco. They are thus endeavoring to call to their aid all those who would be opposed to prohibition as applied to the tobacco business. Nobody will be really deceived by it. Those who side with the liquor crowd on that basis wanted to go there anyhow. The two questions are not parallel. The following action of one great force in the securing of national prohibition expresses the attitude of all those engaged in the prohibition reform: "The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while approving all proper efforts to educate the public to a realization of the harmful effects of the use of tobacco, and approving the prohibition of the sale of tobacco in any form to minors, hereby places on record the fact that it recognizes the fundamental difference between the traffic in tobacco and that in alcoholic liquors which has been declared by the courts to be responsible for most of the insanity, pauperism and crime and further places on record the fact that it does not contemplate any attempt to prohibit the production, sale or use of tobacco except as above indicated." That the moral forces of the country will put a stronger emphasis upon the evil of the use of tobacco than they have ever done, is morally certain, but this propaganda will have to develop its own agencies and formulate its own plans. But the crusade is coming.

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The Church Rule About Dancing. The quadrennial discussion of the regulation concerning dancing in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church is now on. It seems to us that the dancing craze has more nearly taken possession of the country than at any time in our day. Many would have the girls to believe that it was their patriotic duty to dance with the soldiers during the war, and staid old matrons who had sat in the Amen corner for years, turned out to chaperone them. Our hearts grew sick at the sight, as did the hearts of many others; but the revelry in the face of death went on. It still goes on. The dancing masters' association has even gotten up a petition to the Northern Methodist Church to remove the ban, and we believe that they have found an ex-chaplain to champion it. We shall see what we shall see, but no action of the Church can change the moral quality of the thing. We received through the mails the other day two clippings of bridge parties with request to run in the Advocate. One of the parties was given at the home of a Methodist steward and the other at the home of a teacher of a Bible class, according to a notation accompanying the clippings. And then the writer asked this question: "Wouldn't it be well to have the bishops and preachers cut out dancing from the forbidden things, or quit having our leaders lead this way?" The bishops and preachers do not make the laws of the Church, but apart from this there is another fact that it is well to remember—Church law does not determine moral quality; it only gives expression to it. Just imagine God expurgating the Bible of all condemnation of vice because men will live vicious lives! The Church is no police force to compel men to live right. In God's name, it holds up the standard of right; and, if men do not heed, the responsibility then is with men. The Church cannot take down its colors because misguided men and women will not follow them. It must declare the truth, the whole truth; but it has no power to compel obedience.

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The Cost of the War. In the sacrifice of human life, in the disturbance of the peace and happiness of the world, in the privation and hunger that men and women have been compelled to endure—in these and many other ways the cost of the terrible war through which the world has passed can never be estimated. The principal business of war is destruction, as Clarence C. Howard has said in a recent publication; but we cannot agree with him that "the chief motive was fear." It seems to us that the motive on the part of Germany was ambition, thirst for power and greed, while on the part of the rest of the world it was self-defense. But in cold figures we are told that the cost of the war has been about 175 billions of dolllars, or $175 for every minute since Christ was born into the world. $175 a minute for nearly two thousand years! If we should reduce the rationale of war to this lowest level, it surely still is madness. Now we are beginning to realize that this measureless waste has got to be paid for. Men today must be careful how they eat and dress whatever may be the size of their bank account. The world is short on the necessaries of life. Dastardly scoundrels are deliberately planning to curtail productions in order to make the shortage greater in the hope of stuffing their own pockets. The vultures are feeding on the starvation of their fellowmen. It is criminal now to reduce production, and both patriotism and religion—yea, common humanity—lays upon every one the obligation to promote production as far as possible.

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Bigness of Organization and Efficiency are not always synonymous. The China Christian Advocate finds difficulty in operating in China under a Discipline that has been provided for conditions in this country. It says: "When our Southern Methodist Conference was organized in 1886, the missionaries did not want a full fledged Annual Conference, as we felt sure that much of the machinery of an Annual Conference was unworkable in our field. Our experience for thirty odd years has confirmed our opinion.. . . We still think that many of the provisions of the Discipline are not well adapted to our needs. . . The best plan would be to have a General Conference, or similar representative body, in China with full power to legislate for the Methodist Church in China." This position seems to us in full accord with common sense, and it is a truth that the Commission on Unification of American Methodism should take into consideration. A world-wide Church government is as contrary to the best interest of the Church, as a world-wide political power would be contrary to the best interest of civil government. Conditions are too diverse for the same general regulation to apply with profit. There is much to be said in favor of united effort; but, when we attempt to bring all the world together under one government, either civil or religious, we are sure to multiply difficulties until it will break to pieces—and it ought to.

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The Ad Interim Committee on Unification had its meeting in Richmond, and was in session from Tuesday, Nov. 4th, until Friday, Nov. 7th. All the members of the Committee were present. After two days of discussion a Committee of four—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Dr. Edgar Blake, Dr. J. R. Joy, and Dr. Frank M. Thomas—was created to compose, if possible, some of the problems committed to the Ad Interim Committee by the Joint Commission On Friday morning this sub-committee brought in a report which so impressed the whole committee that it decided to transmit this report to the Joint Commission as in its best judgment representing the wisest solution of these specific problems which it was possible to arrive at in the present time. The content of this report has not been given to the public, and it is intimated will not be given to the public until after the meeting of the Joint Commission in January. We wonder if the editors who were on that committee will maintain silence so long. Of course, the whole Church is anxious to know what is in that report.

CONTRIBUTIONS

VOWS

I sat in meditation
At the barrenness of earth
And I gazed at heaven, illumined
With a million-rayed light,
And my soul went surging upward
Through the portals, to the throne,
While the midnight stars together
Sang, "God loves; you are His own!"

And my soul in wonder questioned
At the barreness of earth
Pondered long upon the knowledge
That men lacked of things of worth;
Unto me a voice said, gently,
"Who will tell the world? Wilt thou?"
And alone in stilly darkness,
Unto God I vowed the vow.

Leaksville, N. C. —Mabel Stamper.

EVANGELISM AMONG CHILDREN

J. J. Stowe

It is of the utmost importance that the children of our Methodist families, and other children properly coming under our influence as a Church, should be reached by the Gospel message and brought into a definite Christian experience. There are two erroneous views concerning this matter; one, the child taught certain portions of Scripture and certain statements of a creed, thereby becomes a Christian. The other erroneous view, represents the opposite extreme, that a child in order to become a Christian must know the agony of an accusing conscience, portrayed in the 51st Psalm, and must have a cataclysmic experience in order to be saved. Some difference of opinion will also be found as to the age at which a child may come into conscious relationship with God. Upon this last point, no definite age limit can be set, for a precocious child properly trained, may much earlier exercise faith, than another child less favored by nature and environment.

It is possible on the one hand to urge these things upon the child too young to comprehend the message, and make a decision in matters so vital. More often we commit the opposite mistake—that of allowing the child to drift until wrong habits of thought and life have built a barrier between the child and God.

A word of caution is needed as to another mistake too often made, that of substituting Church membership for a definite experience with a child. With a child as with an older person, Church membership should be an expression and evidence of a surrendered heart and of a vital faith, and not a substitute for these things. Let it then be clearly understood that our object is not simply to instruct a child, though that is important, nor win the child to Church membership though in its place that is right and proper, but to lead the child into a consciousness of God's presence and into a life of love and obedience.

Methods employed in working with adults, may be most unwise when applied to children. Stories calculated to harrow the feelings of a child should never be employed, the emotions of a child should not be unduly aroused. Again children are given to move in masses, accepting propositions that they do not comprehend, or following the course they do not understand simply because they are urged to do so, or because they follow the example of other children.

There may be little danger in dealing with hardened adults that their emotions will be too greatly aroused, or the individuals will simply follow the crowd. The case, however, is very different with children, and this gross injustice to them should never be done. It is an easy matter to induce children to join the Church. It is not Church membership alone that the child needs, but a vital Christian experience, for which Church membership should, but does not always stand. Motives of fear should never be appealed to in dealing with children, and harrowing death bed scenes are entirely out of place.

The deep conviction for sin which must and does come to the adult who has spent years away from God, cannot be known to a child, and the transport of joy often experienced at conversion by a grown person, is seldom known by a child. The reason for this is perfectly clear to one who gives the matter serious consideration. We should not expect the agony and joy of the Prodigal Son in the experience of a child. While all of this is true and must never be lost sight of, it is also true that a child may have and should have a definite experience. With some children this experience is an evolution and looking back years later, no definite date can be recalled when that experience began. But to most children to whom the claim of God upon them is made clear, and the love of God for them made distinct an experience comes that is delnite and may often be recalled through a lifetime.

The child must be led definitely and fully to surrender to God, and definitely and fully to trust in Christ, as a personal friend and Saviour. The "conversion" is as necessary with a child as with an adult, but the concomitants of this conversion differ widely in the one case from the other. With the child, as with the adult, this marks the beginning of the Christian life and experience, and does not mean of, and by itself, the full consummation of that experince. Development, progress, instruction, must follow. Not only is it far easier by proper methods to lead a child into this vital Christian experience than it is to win a sin hardened adult to God, but investigation has shown that a larger per cent of children really converted, "hold out," and remain faithful, than is the case with people converted after reaching maturity.

Not only is it of utmost importance to push evangelism among children, it is equally important that this evangelism be founded upon common sense, the laws of psychology and the Word of God.

The boy of ten or twelve, who is led into definite Christian experience, guided and instructed through the years that follow, must ever prove of far more value to the Kingdom of God than the remnant of a life snatched as a brand from the burning. In most cases children should be dealt with one by one, or in small groups in these vital matters of the soul, at least when it comes to the decision each must make. This does not mean that services may not, with great profit, be held, for a large number of children at one time, but does mean that the individualistic, rather than the mass method, should be employed to obtain the desired results.

A PROTEST

R. Ernest Atkinson

I sincerely regret that I must avow myself opposed to some things which are, and have been, tolerated in our Church. I am always in a measure grieved when I am compelled to take issue with brethren, who. do doubt, are as sincere as I. But, to be religious, I must be true to my conviction and to God and speak what is uppermost in my heart.

I have a peculiar jealousy for the Methodist Church as, perhaps, I have for no other Church. With that spirit of jealousy I can but refuse to condone any acts or conduct whatsoever in the Methodist Church, which, as I see it, are gradually producing decay and death.

Of the many seemingly harmless things the Church has to contend with, there are but few to be more dreaded than the soft drink habit. To my mind, it is wrong for Christians to drink, sell or encourage others to drink soft drinks, and especially Coca-Cola. Coca-Cola may have a "refreshing quality and is a favorite drink for millions," but it has another quality also; "it has a power to create a thrist for more Coca-Cola. One can drink buttermilk for many moons without the least disorder of his nerves and digestive organs, but he who drinks Coca-Cola daily for a season will do so at his peril. The taste and appetite acquired for Coca-Cola are similar to that for beer; they are perverted. The first sip may not be pleasant to the taste. The first glass or bottle is not all consumed, perhaps, but by and by one glass a day will not quench the thirst for Coca-Cola, nor soothe the nerves, which have become shaken and shattered, but from three to five glasses a day are required. I have learned by observation and from the testimony of no few, that Coca-cola diminishes man's power of resistance. The clerk at the desk, the weaver at the loom, the mother in the nursery, and the preacher in his study become restless and irritable, when the effects of the first glass have passed away. The most delicious fruits, wholesome food, dainty confections, rest, and sleep will not quiet the nerves and relieve an abnormal mind —nothing but another "dope" will suffice. The Coca-Cola fiend is with us in country town, and city—the greatest number, perhaps, being women and children. It does not, therefore, require a vision of wide range to see what the future of the Church and state may be. Even the motherhood of America is slowly but surely being deteriorated by Coca-Cola. It is producing deterioration of muscle, mind and manhood.

Many of the children of the coming generation will be nervous, erratic, and very susceptible to attacks of evil upon body, mind and soul.

I have been grieved to see in some of our Conference organs, and even in our Sunday school and Epworth League literature prominent ads. for Coca-Cola. By this means the Methodist Church is stamping her approval upon a business and habit that is similar to

"The bat of India's brake,
Whose pinions fan the wound he makes;
And thus while soothing the dreamer's pains
He saps the lifeblood from his veins."

If credence can be given to the utterances and evidences upon every hand, the Church is in poor business to encourage in any way the drinking of Coco-Cola. I would that, when all contracts expire, no more space be given the Coca-Cola company.

I desire not to be understood as dealing in personalities. Let those who deal in, and whose business it is to manufacture Coca-Cola, do so at their discretion and risk.

The Church is under no obligation to any one because he has been admitted to its communion, to cry his wares. The Church commits no crime by receiving gifts from those who sell or manufacture Coca-Cola, however, provided she does not make concessions or compromise.

This is an age in which every inclination of the appetite and passion is excited to the extreme. The god of the Amorites is constantly and zealously worshiped by the masses. Eating and drinking are the chief concern of multitudes, whether they be lounging and lolling in opulence, or ground and goaded in poverty.

Those who drink much Coca-Cola consume little. Those who contribute largely to the Coca-Cola company give little or nothing to the Church. Therefore, as we pray for a great revival throughout the Church, is it not the part of wisdom to take from before the eyes of a maddened and morbid race every form of temptation? Will the message and attitude of the Church help or hinder? If we preach conservation and self-indulgence in the same sermon, may we not expect the Church of the future to be possessed of imbecility and the state largely composed of pagans? America in the future will need a motherhood and manhood that is not a slave to appetite and passion, a citizenship, which can endure the crushing tests that must surely come. She will need a vigorous motherhood to bear her sons, and a stalwart and sturdy manhood with a nerve of steel, and an intellect, which is keen and alert. The Christian of tomorrow will of necessity have to know as never before Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. Christ must be their Master instead of a domineering and an abnormal appetite. She will need healthy normal souls—Christians whose muscle, mind and money are dedicated to God, and not consumed upon the altar of the god of greed and gluttony.

We have more than two and one half millions of members in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. If one fourth of the membership drink one glass or bottle of some soft dring each week during the year, they have drunk thirty-two millions and five hundred thousand glasses. Such a quantity at five cents a glass would amount to one million, six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars — a handsome endowment for any enterprise of the Church. I believe God is displeased at such waste

and wickedness. I do not believe he will bless, and use as he would, a people who consume many times more for self than they place in His treasury. We have just recently put every part of the machinery of the Church into action to raise something over fifty million dollars to be paid in five years. Every conceivable method which was wise and legitimate, was used. Every one in the Church was called upon to help in some way to make the effort a success. We preached, we prayed, we banqueted, we called out the minute men. The directors and generals were in command. Guns of every description and range were in action day and night.

Shot and shell rained, and gas, with a most pleasing effect, floated over the fields.

Every one was called upon to contribute, from the multi-millionaire to the tiny tot in the trundle-bed gang, to secure a subscription of fifty odd millions to be paid in five years.

I, with the millions in the Methodist Church, rejoiced much over our success. But when I began to reflected my heart ached because of the wasted millions. If we could turn the tide and flow of nickles that are filling the tills of the soft drink companies, it would not be one million and a half a year for the kingdom of Christ, but five millions more.

Should we advertise Coca-Cola? No.

A LETTER FROM MEXICO CITY

G. B. Winton

In company with Bishop Cannon, Miss Esther Case and Rev. J. B. Cox, I came to this city a week ago, October 8. We had been designated by the Board of Missions as a Commission to complete the transfer of the stations of our Church in this part of the republic from which we have retired to those missions which are to take over the work. In these days of almost continuous labors we completed the negotiations with the Methodist and Presbyterian representatives. The Special Commissioner of the American Board (Congregationalist) did not arrive, but we had sufficient informal consultation with the missionaries to make it possible to complete the business later in the United States. The Bishop, who was accompained by Mrs. Cannon, and two daughters, hurried away to a district Conference in Torreon, to be followed by the session of the Mexico Annual Conference at Monterey. The other members of the Commission went with him, leaving me alone, as I had certain personal matters to look after.

I wandered about the picturesque streets of this romantic old city, in the warm sun of the mornings of the chill air of rainy afternoons—the season of rains is holding out longer than usual—renewing memories of other years and oppressed by a good deal of sadness to think of myself as the lone rearguard of that army of occupation which our Church kept here so long. I was never in favor of the wholesale move to the border, but since it was determined upon, I think we have done wisely not to attempt to keep a lone outpost in this city, so far from the center of our operations. But I put some of my best years into this Central Mission, and there is hardly a city or even a circuit within it that is not for me redolent of precious memories. Just around the block from where I sit is the old Balderas Mission house, built by Dr. Patterson in the late seventies. It was long our publishing house, and was always our headquarters in Mexico. In one of the upper apartments I passed my honeymoon more than thirty years ago, taking my first lessons in the Spanish language and getting my first insight into Mexican life. Since that day, by various providences, I have continued to be bound up in the bundle of that life.

Alongside the old mission house was later erected a gem of a little stone Church, the handsomest evangelical building of worship in Mexico. Now we have turned over to our friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church the buildings and the work. The agent of the new Joint Publishing House lives upstairs and the Mexican pastor below. I have visited both but while I conversed, forms of the dead moved through the doors and corridors, and memories of the dear dead years lay upon my heart.

The city after a period of rather feverish material development, in which it was subjected to much foreign influence, especially American, has reassumed many of the characteristics which it wore in 1884. The recent revolution was directed against the party of wealth and ostentation, and in the turmoil the Americans also took their departure. One notes now, as a consequence, comparatively little show of wealth on the streets, and foreigners are almost as rare as they were thirty-five years ago. The city is distinctly Mexican again, and thereby, in many ways, all the more charming.

There is perhaps, it is true, no city in all America which has more of squalor. It was once a swamp. The buildings are old and unsanitary. The climate is chill (at more than seven thousand feet above the sea), too raw for the free application of water, either to clothes or person. And water itself, until recently, was scarce and costly. The insecurity of recent years has driven in from neighboring villages and towns a host of poor people, who overcrowd the streets and tenements. Yet, on the whole, poverty does not seem to me any worse or more obtrusive than in other years, while the business sections of the city are throbbing with a strong-running current of commerce and social activity. After one has been a week in contact with the affluent and vital quality of the national life of Mexico, the notion that the Mexican people are an insignificant factor, which can be practically disregarded, while we from without arrange the future affairs of this country, seem like the phantasy of a dream. Yet there are a great many people north of the Rio Grande who think and act that way.

The country has had an excellent season and is gathering a great crop of corn, beans, wheat, cotton, tobacco, etc. Stories of starvation should be taken with a great deal of salt. There is always poverty here, and in some sections bandit raids have interfered with crops. But those are isolated districts and there are few of them. The so-called rebels occasionally wreck a train still. One was derailed on the main line from Loredo just ahead of us—the first attack on that line in several months. But the marauders, after wrecking the train by loosening a rail, did not have the courage to try to rob it. They took to the hills, and so far as I know have not been heard of since. We have traveled in comfort and without delays. All the railways, except a few branch lines in remote districts, are in operation. The rebels do not "control" in the sense of holding against the government, a single state capital, a single piece of railroad, or even an important town in the whole republic. They simply hide in wild jungles and mountains, where troops cannot be concentrated against them, changing from place to place and making occasional raids for food or money.

I hope that the people of the United States will not be distured by the sensational reports that are circulated in the press, surplied by men who have interest in Mexico and who are hostile to the present government here. The Fall Committee will go on to the border soon. Doubtless it will find many witnesses there who have a grievance to air. The people who have been injured by the revolution in Mexico are down on both President Wilson and President Carranza. They feel that they must blame somebody. But the revolution was an uprising of the Mexican people against conditions and men that they considered intolerable. While it has been very destructive in many ways, it has at least produced a situation which is more favorable for our missionary work than any we have ever known. The door is wide open to us. It would be closed by intervention. The Mexicans are already irritated by the talk of our interfering in their affairs. They do not hate all Americans. Far from it. I was never treated by them with more of courtesy and real friendliness than on this trip. But they do hate the threat of intervention, and if intervention comes, there is danger that they will include us all in their resentment.

This letter is so long already that I will not take space to speak of alleged German influence and intrigues, more than to say that during the whole time I have been in the city I have not heard a word spoken in German or seen a single individual whom I could certainly indentify as a German. The Secretary of Fomento in his report to Congress gave a list of foreigners who last year bought land in the republic. There were 415 Americans and 127 Germans. The Japanese, too, are negligible. There is much prejudice here against Orientals, both Chinese and Japanese. I recall that quite a hubbub was made in American papers when sometime ago the Mexican government bought in Japan machinery for manufacturing rifle cartridges. Now the papers here report that the machines are so defective as to be practically worthless. Such experiences are a rather poor basis for closer relation between Mexico and Japan.

Let me again beg my readers to discount sensational stories. There are no questions between Mexico and the United States which cannot be arranged by peaceable means, and the Mexicans, including Mr. Carranza, are desirous, even anxious, that only such means be resorted to.

THE ORIENT THREATENED BY AMERICAN BEER INVASION

Robert B. Eleazer

The liquor leaders, outlawed in the United States, are looking about anxiously for new victims. China offers a shining mark. Rudolph Samet, president of the California State Brewers' Association, recently said: "We are looking to China as the best place to locate. I am going to China in a few days to arrange for the construction of a two-million dollar plant for one brewery. Other brewers are making similar arrangements."

In reply to this the Peking Leader says in an editorial: "We admire the self-complacent confidence of these brewers, but why on earth must they come to China? We have had enough of the Indian opium; we are still wallowing in the dust of foreign cigarettes: and now we are promised a veritable deluge of intoxicants."

"China welcomes all forms of profitable but healthy trade and manufactures, but we certainly have no desire to drive out the opium fiend and then usher in the drunken set. What do the brewers think China is? A happy hunting ground for all money-makers and health-destroyers? Apparently they think the Chinese are too sober, despite their own production of wines and spirits. and so must educate them to the delights of Western Bacchanalianism. Why don't Westerners come to teach us better maners than indulging in opium, cigarettes, intoxicants, etc? Western civilization must be poor indeed if it has nothing better to teach us than these unedifying habits.

"In view of the fact that Article II of the 1880 commercial treaty between the United States and this country commits both countries to prevent the importation of opium by each other's nationals into each other's territories, we hope the United States government will put an immediate ban on such activities in this country."

Now it so happens that the United States Congress is entirely competent to save China from the threatened invasion, since Americans in China have extra-territorial rights and are still subject to the laws of the United States. All that is necessary, therefore, is for Congress to pass an act applying the provisions of the National Prohibition Amendment to Americans in extra-territorial lands. Such legislation ought to be enacted promptly. Every Christian citizen would do well to bring this matter at once to the attention of his representatives in Congress.

ASSESSMENTS, 1919-20

Salisbury District

Name of Charge	P. E's. Salary	Conf. Work	Gen'l Work
Albemarle, Central	$185	$551	$483
First Street	100	306	268
Albemarle Circuit	60	189	166
Badin	70	153	134
Bethel-Loves	100	306	268
China Grove	80	245	215
Concord-Central	185	551	483
Epworth-Center	115	367	322
Forest Hill	115	367	322
Kerr Street	65	199	174
Westford-Harmony	55	153	134
Concord Circuit	115	367	322
Cottonville Circuit	70	217	190
Gold Hill Circuit	90	276	242
Kannapolis Station	115	368	321
Kannapolis Circuit	60	191	168
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	115	367	322
New London Circuit	100	306	268
Norwood-Randalls	115	306	268
Salem Circuit	80	260	228
Salisbury-First Church	265	765	670
North Main	70	207	181
Park Avenue	90	276	241
South Main	140	459	402
Salisbury Circuit	100	306	268
Spencer-Central	185	551	483
East	70	207	181
Woodleaf Circuit	90	286	251

An amount equal to 10 per cent of present year's pastor's salary is assessed for the support of the Children's Home.

John F. Kirk.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. A. L. Lucas, has taken charge of his work at Elk Park in a hopeful spirit, praying and preaching for a great revival.

—Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Earnhardt have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Worrell, at Rich Square since Conference.

—Union Thanksgiving services were held at Maxton in the Methodist Church, and the various Church orphanages were remembered.

—The Zebulon News informs us that the people of that charge are rejoiced at the return of Rev. G. W. Fisher to that charge for another year.

—The Franklin Times says that the congregation at Louisburg is delighted with the return of Rev. G. F. Smith to that charge by the recent Conference.

—Friends of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle. of Burnsville, will sympathize with them in the sudden death of their son, Ralph, aged 21 months, which occurred at their home in Burnsville on Tuesday, November 18.

—Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor of Millbrook charge, paid the Advocate office a pleasant visit last Monday. He was returning to his work after a visit to his people following the session of the North Carolina Conference.

—The Montgomerian said of Rev. N. L. Seabolt as he started to Conference: Mr. Seabolt is an excellent preacher and carries up a good report. He has many friends in and around Troy who will welcome his return to this charge."

—The Reidsville Review announces that Mrs. Annie E. Johnston, of that city, has recently pledged $10,000 on the Seventy-five million fund the Baptist Church is endeavoring to raise. This is the first large individual gift made by a North Carolinian.

—The Statesville Landmark says that by the will of the late Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, of Iredell county, $100 goes to the Children's Home at Winston-Salem. We commend the example of Mrs. Campbell in thus remembering the dependent children.

—The friends of Rev. J. J. Barker, for the past two years pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will note with gladness that the recently adjourned Conference assigned him to this field for another year.—Hertford County Herald.

—Rev. Ira Erwin and family have received a warm welcome in Norwood. Mr. Erwin preached his first sermon to six hundred people. They have left a large number of friends in Asheboro who will be glad to hear of his reception in his new home.—Exchange.

—The Scottish Chief of November 28 says: "Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Hornaday arrived from Wilson Monday evening where they attended the Annual Conference and Mr. Hornaday was re-appointed pastor of St. Paul's Church for the new Conference year, to the pleasure of his congregation and the community."

—The Smithfield Herald says: "To the delight of the people generally, Rev. S. A. Cotton, pastor of the Methodist Church, was returned for his fourth year. Mr. Cotton has made many warm friends in Smithfield, and they are glad to have him among them for another year."

—The Newton congregation gave their new pastor, Rev. P. W. Tucker and family, a big welcome in a formal reception at the parsonage on Friday evening, November 21. The pastors of nearly all the other Churches with their wives were in the receiving line. Brother Tucker is preaching to large congregations.

—Rev. J. P. Rodgers, though feeble in health, is on the journey in the interest of the superannuate endowment fund of the Western North Carolina Conference. This fund had a substantial increase last year notwithstanding the many other interests which were pressing their claims in the same field.

—A note from Rev. W. R. Ware brings the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. L. D. Webb, which occurred at her home in Shelby, on Friday, November 28. Deceased was more than eighty years of age and had been a faithful member of the Church for more than sixty years. May God greatly comfort the bereaved ones.

—The Roanoke News says: "Mr. Shamburger's many friends regret very much to have him and his estimable family leave Weldon, but we are very sure that they will find other tried and true friends on their new work who will hold up his hands in both a temporal and spiritual way, and we know that he will be a blessing to the district"

—The Montgomerian of November 20 says: "Rev. J. P. Bross carries up the best report to Conference from the Troy charge that has ever gone up. . . The Board of Stewards has endorsed his year's work, and has determined on a substantial increase in his salary for the coming year. The entire town is hoping that he will be returned to this charge by the Conference."

—Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Arnold, of Waynesville, went to Washington, D. C. last week to attend the wedding of a grand-daughter of Brother Arnold.

—Mr. J. Dale Stentz has resigned as assistant manager of the Southern Assembly at Lake Junaluska and will leave the Lake about December 1. The Waynesville Mountaineer says that the people of the community regret to give up Mr. and Mrs. Stentz.

—We note that Mr. Gurney P. Hood. who has been for the past five years cashier of the Bank of Morehead City, has resigned his position to accept the vice presidency of the Farmer's Banking and Trust Co., of Tarboro. He will enter upon his new duties January 1. Mr. Hood has been a leading member of the Methodist Church in Morehead City, and will be a valuable addition to our Methodist force in Tarboro.

—Mrs. Mary Byrd Moore, a devoted member of Bethlehem Methodist Church, Rockingham county, passed to her eternal reward at a local hospital in Greensboro on Sunday, November 23, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Moore was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Womble, of Chatham county. She is survived by her husband, Mr. T. A. Moore. and seven small children. Much sympathy is felt for the stricken family.

—Rev. P. H. Brittain reports a most cordial reception at the parsonage at Nebo on the McDowell circuit. Soon after the pastor and family arrived, Prof. W. B. Harbison, of the Nebo High School, led a body of students and citizens of the village in an attack on the parsonage and Brother Brittain says, "It was a pounding in deed not just in name." Good cheer reigned and the company joined in a prayer for the blessing of God upon the year's work. The company left the pastor and family happy and hopeful.

—The Thrift-Moores charge, Charlotte District, is looking forward to larger things. Rev. C. L. McCain, the new pastor, arrived in good time and found everything in readiness at the parsonage. On the night of November 10, the people gathered from both Churches and gave the inmates of the parsonage a good pounding. The stewards met on November 12 and made provision for a substantial increase in the pastor's salary, and at the Quarterly Conference, November 23, they reported one fourth of the salary paid. The pastor is looking forward to a good year.

—Rev. T. A. Groce makes a very encouraging report from Race Street, Statesville. He had a warm reception at both Race Street and the St. John's congregation at East Monba. The ladies had the parsonage in order and gave the preacher and family a big welcome. The stewards have raised the salary to $1,700 and, in addition, furnished the pastor with a purse to purchase a good milk cow. Following this came a most substantial pounding. Congregations are large at both morning and evening services and the Sunday school is in fine shape. Now Brother Groce looks with solicitude for a great revival of religion in the Church.

—The R. J. Reynolds estate is estimated at more than $17,000,000. The State of North Carolina will receive over one half a million dollars of that as inheritance tax. It is gratifying to know that Mrs. Reynolds, who is made executrix of the will, and who must assume large responsibility for this great estate, is inclined to use it in such way as to make it a blessing to the world.

—The Waynesville Mountaineer says: "Rev. Walter B. West and family left for their new home at Mount Airy Friday and Rev. Geo. D. Herman, the new pastor of the Methodist Church is rooming at the parsonage. Mrs. Herman is nearly ready to leave the hospital and will make a visit before coming here the last of the year."

—The Men's Bible Class of the Broad Street Methodist Church has on foot plans for the erection of a $15,000 building on the Church property between the Church and Mr. C. V. Henkel's residence and to the rear of Presiding Elder W. A. Newell's home. The class, which is an important organization of the town, numbers almost 200 members. The class plans to finance the erection of the building. The structure will be a two story affair, measuring 65 by 35 feet. On the lower floor, according to the plans, will be an auditorium seating about 500. This room will be used for lectures. The class will have rooms upstairs, reading rooms, etc. It is probable that the building will be erected at an early date.—Statesville Landmark.

NOTICE

The District Stewards of the Raleigh District will meet in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Friday, December 5, at 11 a. m.

J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder.

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

The work of the North Wilkesboro District is starting off in a most encouraging manner. Every preacher is at his post of duty. The laymen are organizing and taking up the work with enthusiasm. I am starting on my swing round the District. The magnificence of the mountain scenery at this season is only excelled by the hospitality of the people of this great section. We are upon the very threshold of a period of material and spiritual awakening. "A great and effectual door is opened unto us, and there are adversaries." Pray for us.

W. Edgar Poovey.

A GOOD DAY AT ST. PAULS

Thanksgiving Day, 1919, will be long remembered by the people of St. Pauls, N. C.

After a splendid Thankskiving sermon by Rev. Harry M. North, the corner-stone of the new Methodist Church was layed by him. Everybody here feels good as the walls of this beautiful Church go up. We are working and praising God as we look forward to the completion of this Church by early summer.

Our Methodist Orphanage is $100 better off as one other result of the service here yesterday.

G. W. Starling.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH, CURRITUCK

Rev. M. W. Dargan preached his farewell sermon at Mt. Zion Church Sunday, November 16. The Church was filled and the sermon was a most excellent one.

There have been thirteen accessions to the Church on profession of faith. This has been one of the best years in the history of Mt. Zion Church, and it is with regret that we have to give up our former pastor, Rev. M. W. Dargan, whom we have learned to love for his untiring efforts in our interest. He has not only been a help to the Church, but to the community as well.

Brother Dargan made a short, but impressive talk on the needs of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, and the congregation promptly responded with a liberal offering.

Mt. Zion has a splendid Sunday school and prayer meeting. We also have a Ladies' Aid Society that is doing good work. We have recently purchased an individual communion set for the Church.

In behalf of the Church I wish to express our hearty appreciation of Brother Dargan as a minister of the gospel, and pray that the divine blessing will follow him and his to their new home.

(Miss) Nettie Barco.

DEATH OF BROTHER HORNBUCKLE'S CHILD

Ralph Kerr, the twenty-one months old son of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle, died suddenly at their parsonage home in Burnsville, N. C., on Monday evening, the 17th, having suffered only a few hours with spasmodic croup. Ralph was the youngest of three children, and was bright and promising. The suddenness of his going comes as a shock to all, and the many friends of Reidsville, the former home of the parents, as well as the friends throughout the W. N. C. Conference, greatly sympathize with Brother and Sister Hornbuckle in this sad trial.

The little body was brought to Reidsville on No. 12 Tuesday night, by the parents, accompanied by Mr. Gardner, of Burnsville, and with suitable songs and beautiful flowers, the funeral service was conducted from the home of Mr. C. L. Firesheets, a brother-in-law to Rev. and Mrs. Hornbuckle, at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, the writer, assisted by Rev. C. F. Sherrill, officiating.

Touching resolutions by the Boy Scouts, of Burnsville, of which organization Brother Hornbuckle is Scout Master, were read at the funeral service.

H. C. Sprinkle.

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE NOTES

Several weeks ago Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, and I were talking about the work at Rutherford College, especially about the need for more teachers and better pay (one teacher has been added since then). I should like to see several men join Brother Ivey on a proposition that he made. He said that, including the interest on the $5,000 that he directed through the Centenary to Rutherford, he would annually give enough to pay one-half the salary of one teacher.

A few days ago I sent to the Advocate the names of those giving $250 or more to the Weaver fund at Rutherford. In addition to giving $500 to this fund, Brother C. D. Gay, of Gastonia, has given through Brother H. H. Jordan $1,000 for a scholarship fund.

J. R. Walker.

PERSON CIRCUIT

Our good Bishop Darlington returned me to the Person circuit for the fourth year, for which I am grateful and which seems to please my people.

The Bishop was considerate and did not use his "clippers" on my strongly built fence, set to keep all foreigners out a little longer. Just be patient, fellows, another year, then the bars

will be let down and in one of you will proudly walk.

It makes me happy to be able to say that I have the privilege and the honor of serving again one of the very best country charges within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference. Person circuit is situated in perhaps the most prosperous section of Person county, and among as high-souled, intelligent and loyal people as are to be found anywhere. To confirm what I have said, this charge contributed as a special to our Orphanage the past Conference year more than $1,500, and to all purposes more than $13,000. When our Church building and parsonage improvement projects shall have been completed ere the year closes, this will be an attractive field indeed in which to do the Lord's work.

We hope to get these new comers, Revs. M. T. Plyler, J. B. Hurley and others from Districts outside, who are coming to labor with us, naturalized soon. We are glad to have these brethren in this great District, to share with us in building up the Master's kingdom on earth. We regret to lose Revs. J. C. Wooten, O. W. Dowd and others, but our losses are gains to other sections of the Conference. God's blessing be upon them.

I pray that a great revival wave may come upon all our fields of service this year, and that we may have many souls for our hire.

J. A. Dailey.

THANKSGIVING AT NORTH WILKESBORO

Physically the day was ideal. Practically all business was suspended. Not a whistle was blown. The whole community turned out and filled the Methodist Church and armed for a union service. It was one of the largest and most representative congregations ever assembled in the town. The Church was beautifully and artistically decorated with ferns and flowers, white pine and laurels standing about the corners there forming the background about the pupit and choir loft. Donations of flour, meal, corn, pumpkins, irish and sweet potatoes, cabbage, turnips, apples, canned goods, coffee, dressed chickens, were sent in, also about $40 in cash. The products of the soil were tastefully arranged about the pulpit, chancel and windows in a measure creditable to a professional artist. The music by the several choirs, pipe organ and pianos was fine. The proclamations by the President and Governor were read by laymen representing the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. A bountiful and appropriate reading was given by a resident graduate of the Boston School of Expression. The Scriptural lesson, hymn and prayer were read and offered by the pastors of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. The sermon was preached from Psalm 107:1, by the pastor of the Methodist Church. At the close of the sermon two people were received into the Church by vows. Immediately following their reception they were married. The groom coming to us from the Roman Catholic and the bride from the Baptist Church.

The several orphanages were not forgotten. More than the 10 per cent allotment for our Church was placed in the plates.

Our Epworth League, the Young People's Societies of the other Churches joining them by invitation, carried a sumptuous dinner to the county home for the inmates and held a service there.

The donations of flour, meal potatoes, etc., sent to the Church were distributed to the local poor through the associated charities.

It was the best, most impressive and truly helpful Thanksgiving day ever observed in North Wilkesboro. Everybody was pleased and happy and God smiled upon us.

W. R. Ware.

WORLD PROHIBITION; HOME LAW ENFORCEMENT

By Andrew Joyner

Active organization of all forces in North Carolina in sympathy with the movement to bring about law enforcement of prohibition in all the United States and prohibition in all the world is now in progress.

It is a part of the National Organization known as the World League against Alcoholism, Central State Headquarters being located at Greensboro. The purpose of the nation-wide campaign is to celebrate the first anniversary of legalized prohibition in the United States, and the date of operation of the 18th Amendment, January 16, 1920, by contributing a fund of Twenty-five million dollars for the prosecution of the prohibition principle in all other nations and especially for enforcement of the law in this nation. The quota assigned North Carolina is $700,000, and organization work is being directed so that the moral forces of the State may be universally informed of the necessity for this fund and moved by concert of action at a specified time to contribute it without feeling any burden at all.

North Carolina Headquarters for this Law enforcement and World prohibition movement is now domiciled in accessible quarters in the heart of the business district on South Elm Street, the securing of office space here having been possible only through sympethetic interest of the public spirited men of Greensboro.

The State movement is in charge of Hon. C. H. Mebane as director; Harvey Hollemen, organizer; W. B. Cooper, treasurer.

Mr. Mebane is the former superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina, for many subsequent years engaged in State educational organization, and is the owner and editor of the Catawba County News and the Greensboro Patriot.

The detailed organization plan is being directed by an experienced and successful man in such work, for it was Harvey Hollemen who led the successful nation-wide Salvation Army campaign last May. He is a North Carolina boy, who left his Wake County home for the Pacific coast in early youth, soon made his way, becoming mayor of San Diego, travelled Europe as representative of the California exposition. When the great war started he plunged up to his neck in government war work in Europe and America, and has now returned to his native heath to help arouse his folks "down home" as to the necessity of extending a new helping hand to other nations, sobering them after their bloody ordeal of war and attendant horrible sufferings.

The treasurer, W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, is the well known publicist and financier, his heart and head devoted to public service.

State Advisory Board

These active organizers, while subject to direction of the National organization, are also responsive to suggestions from a State Advisory Board.

This Board embraces representative men from every section of the State.

Woman's Auxiliary Board

In addition to this State Advisory Board will be a special auxiliary board with an able woman directing from central headquarters. The Board while not completed is now ready to function.

The State has been divided into fourteen districts, with a director for each district, and a leader in each county.

Responses to requests for assistance in the campaign came from friends all over the state, expressing willingness to help to do the work as well as to help lead in it.

These preliminaries arranged, a conference has been held at headquarters, of leaders and friends of the movement, experienced in organizing along religious, political and war work lines. These came from all sections of North Carolina and from many parts of Virginia, each one reporting earnest interest in the cause from all moral forces of their communities. At this conference plans were perfected for holding a big central all-day and all-night meeting for executive conferences, public addresses from men of State, national, and international achievement and reputation, setting forth the objectives of the campaign, and stressing the urgent call from other nations for America's assistance in banishing their liquor evils. The "key note" of the whole thing, declared a delegate who has recently returned from an industrial business trip in South America, "should be, we just must remove the deadly temptation of the ever present rum bottle in all Latin America before the gospel or correct business influences can have a fair show." Others present emphasized the law enforcement feature, asserting that States like North Carolina, would find a greater need for alert local effort against the "moonshiners" and "bootlegger" brigades under federal than State prohibition, and his slogan was, "Law Enforcement." Cut out the moonshiner and you destroy the bootlegger." But all agreed to join heartily in the campaign for home prohibition law enforcement and world-wide prohibition.

Prominent at this conference here was Bishop James Cannon, of Texas, and Virginia. He is a high official in the National Prohibition League, having as it's Legislative Chairman succeeded in securing from Congress submission to the people of the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution, the 18th Amendment, and it's decision by the ncessary number of states.

He is also chairman of the Board of Temperance and Education of the M. E. Church. South, and has international fame by his forceful efforts in behalf of temperance and education in foreign fields of the Church's work. Bishop Cannon in the course of his view of the great necessity for America's contribution to this fund, stated that he had but recently returned from a trip to Mexico, where good work for prohibition has already been done, but he insisted that from what he saw and heard in Mexico, and from what he saw and heard earlier in the year at the Peace Conference at Versailles from representatives there from all countries, these nations were urging the enlistment of America's aid in combating the strongly intrenched brewery and liquor influences in their borders.

Serious efforts he said were even made by many representatives there, especially by those from the Orient,

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BOXES FOR INDIANS

I have received the following letter with the endorsement of Mrs. Gates. I hope many auxiliaries will respond to this far-a-way call so that we can send many boxes in time to reach them by Christmas. Each auxiliary will please value the articles sent and report total value to me. We have had few calls of this kind recently, and I do trust that our auxiliary presidents will attend to this at once.

Mrs. Ida Wilkins, Weldon, N. C.

The Letter

Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Sister:

As your societies make their plans for Christmas, will not some of them send boxes to the Indians at Carnegie, Okla.? They have a meeting of a week's duration, a Christmas tree and celebration in a Christian way at the Church. They need good second hand clothing for grown people and children, toys and picture books, candy, and anything that would please other children. The women would like quilt pieces, or anything women could work up for their children—half worn sheets, pillow cases, gowns, or anything for the sick. This will be greatly appreciated I assure you. Please send to Rev. Mr. Kickingbird, care Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Carnegie, Okla. God bless you!

Very sincerely,
Mrs. H. B. Spaulding.

NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION

We are glad to chronicle the organization of another young people's Society and wish for these new workers the greatest success in their missionary work. At Kannapolis recently a society was organized with thirty members and they have started out most enthusiastically in their new work. They meet every two weeks and are arranging most interesting programs, which we are sure will be most helpful and of great profit.

The following girls were chosen as officers—President, Miss Ida Sides; first vice-president, Miss Annie Lowder; second vice-president, Miss Lucille Christopher; Secretary, Miss Norma Scarboro; treasurer, Miss Evelyn McCommons; superintendent Mission Study, Miss Luella Harmon; superintendent Social Service, Miss Bertha Sides; superintendent supplies, Miss Mary Brown.

We are also glad to know that under the leadership of Miss Leith McDuffie, of Kannapolis, a boy's society has been organized within the past few weeks which is known as "The Coming Laymen." We are sorry we have not the names of the officers of this splendid society, but we hope to have them very soon. We especially welcome these boys into our missionary ranks and trust that they may grow into real laymen so that when the Church of the future shall be depedent upon them for leaders they will be ready for a great service.

A MESSAGE TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

May we call especial attention to the following message from our president and corresponding secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference. The year is fast drawing to a close and there remains much to be done within the next six weeks. Let us read this message carefully and get busy along all these suggested lines of work. The three past quarters have been productive of splendid results, and let us not weary in well doing but continue to work until we have closed the year with a record of which we shall all be proud.

My Dear Co-Workers:

We are writing to ask you for your hearty co-operation in finishing up the year's work in our Conference. While we have made a good increase in organization, members and finances, yet if we keep our place as fifth among the Conferences of Southern Methodism, we will have to make our fourth quarter's report the best it has ever been. Fifteen per cent must be the minimum of increase. One Conference increased its gifts 50 per cent the first two quarters. We are depending on every member to do her best.

There are a few things to which we wish to call your attention. If you have not a Mission Study class, organize one now. If you have not observed the Week of Prayer, set apart at least one day for prayer and make a generous offering for our Medical work in China, and the work in San Francisco; both are most worthy causes and in need of our gifts.

If you will plan to observe "Harvest Day" in the first or second week in December, we believe you will find it helpful in raising the full amount you have promised, and it will be in hand before the Christmas rush comes on.

Isn't there some one in your Church who hasn't yet decided what her life work shall be? Can you not, by your prayers and sympathetic interest, help that one to do definite Christian service?

Let each auxiliary make a contribution to the Lucy H. Robertson Scholarship. that there may be funds in hand to send to Scarritt our girls who volunteer, but who are unable to meet their expenses at our Training School.

Each one should put forth a strenuous effort to help enlist new members, and if you can influence a group of women to organize a Missionary Society, you will have been a great help to the work.

We would urge reporting in every department, that we may make a proper showing in comparison with the other Conferences. Sometimes, the officers tell us, less than one-half of the Auxiliaries make a report to them. I believe we have done good work this year, but if we fail to report it, we will not have the place among the Conferences that rightfully belongs to us. We are one of the largest Conferences in Southern Methodism; let us show by our reports that we are doing our part.

We should do our part in intercession, stewardship and tithing—in aiding carry out the Centenary Conservation plans.

May God bless you as you try to do this work for Him, is the prayer of

Your sisters, in His name,
Lucy H. Robertson, Conference President.
Ella H. Dunham, Conference Corresponding Secretary.

TO THE AUXILIARY SOCIAL SERVICE SUPERINTENDENTS

Read the splendid suggestions contained in the following message from the Social Service Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference. This is one of the most important departments in our missionary work and one in which we should all be vitally interested. Through the lines of work presented through Social Service each Church has an opportunity to do a splendid service for the Master.

My Dear Co-Workers:

I am writing you this letter to try to tell you a few of the things that have come to me from our Council Superintendent, Mrs. Downs, about social service. What is social serv'ce? It is that form of effort for man's betterment which seeks to uplift and transform his associated and community life. It is the social application of Christian principles. The Scriptures warrant it, for Jesus said: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because he annointed me to preach good tidings to the poor." Jesus went about doing good, helping the needy, adjusting the relations of men, and seeking to establish justice among men. The fundamental idea is the Kingdom of God.

Social service relates to other forms of Christian activity in four chief items; Evangelism—winning men unto Jesus Christ; Missions—making the good news known to the nations; Education—training lives for the Kingdom and building them up in the likeness of Christ; and Social Service—serving the whole life of man and building a Christian social order. Social salvation is the deliverance of human society from disease, poverty, crime and misery—the construction of a social order that is the City of God on earth. The relief of distress, prevention of poverty and crime, the provision for all of the conditions of a clean, healthy moral and spiritual life, and the creation of a social atmosphere which shall bring about right conduct and brotherly relations. Christians should be most active in this work because it works in line with the Lord's Prayer—seeks to create such conditions that every life can earn its daily bread, that needless temptation be removed from men and that boys and girls may be delivered from evil.

The Church, the home, the school and the State are means through which this end may be sought. We can study social conditions and stand ready to help others to see the great need for practical methods.

We have committees to study the various agencies of social uplift in our community and be ready to do effective work. We should strive to suppress gambling, the social evil, the use of alchohol and all habit-forming drugs, see that there is a good child-labor law, and support the juvenile court. We should in every instance help in the new work of child welfare. We know that the future of Church and State depends on the child, and we should, as Church workers, give our hearty support to what our State is doing to protect the child. I recommend that you elect a very strong woman for your Superintendent of Social Service—one who can give help to the county welfare worker. Together the religious influence will go hand in hand with the Government in making a better citizenship for the near future.

If the county welfare worker does not ask our help, let us go to him and offer our Social Service Committee to serve with him when he may need that service. We should study the questions that concern our community, study labor laws and conditions as relate to grown-ups and to children.

Let us study educational conditions and seek to relieve what is unsatisfactory. So long as 1 per cent of the entire population are women workers it is our concern, and so long as 18 per cent of boys and girls do not attend school it is of vital importance to men and women in every walk of life.

What are the sanitary conditions in your schools? Are they well heated? Well lighted? This concerns our children. It concerns us. What part does your Missionary Society have in improving school conditions in your community? How do you look after your sick within your Church? How much Sabbath day work is carried on in your community? How far are you responsible for it? What is of vital importance to our community is our concern and our Master's business. Let us be most zealous in our work.

Social service offers a very appealing work to our women. It gives a wonderful opportunity for Christian service; but we must be careful to have our committee hold closely to the activities called for in our report blanks and see that they are thoroughly done. The required things are suggested on your report blanks.

Our women must remember that we are Christian missionary women and we must approach our work from this viewpoint. We must realize that social service is not individual but collective. We must pray for the community as for the individual.

The two are one great whole in the program of Christianity. You are doing much that is never reported. Be sure to fill out your blanks and mail to me by the first of each quarter. Our Conference must measure up to its obligation.

Be busy with the Master's work.

Faithfully yours,
Mrs. E. C. Duncan,
Conference Superintendent Social Service,
Raleigh, N. C.

DECEMBER IN THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Harvest Day—Very early in the month—regular or special meeting. If special meeting, program may be had form November Voice of 1918. There are also suggestions for service in November Voice of 1919. All dues and pledges should be paid in full at this meeting. Let Treasurers appoint committees and begin rounding up all members that have not paid in full.

Election of Officers for 1920.—If the society prefers, a committee may be appointed to study the situation prayerfully and make the nominations.

Or, after a season of prayer, the nominations may be made in the December meeting. Much depends on the choice of right leaders for the coming year.

Special Officers' Conference.—The retiring officers should meet the new officers and give full information regarding their work, and together they should lay plans for the new year.

Order Pledge Cards.—January is the pledge month. Cards for taking the pledge can be had free in any numbers from the Home Base Secretary, 810 Broadway, Nashville Tenn. The use of pledge cards has greatly increased the pledge in many societies. Order now.

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W. N. C. CONFERENCE

SALISBURY

Miss Cornelia De Berry, one of the 64 women Sunday school superintendents of the Western North Carolina Conference, leads our Sunday school at First Church, Salisbury. Miss De Berry is the primary supervisor of the Salisbury city school system and will soon go on an extended trip through the middle west visiting the most progressive school systems in our endeavor to find the best methods of promoting the educational work of the Salisbury schools. Our Church is fortunate in securing the services of this talented and consecrated woman.

A recent visit to her Sunday school impressed me with the fact that efforts were being directed towards training young life. The general exercises of the morning were those of thanksgiving. A primary girl gave a reading explaining how we came to celebrate Thanksgiving, a Junior girl recited a sweet little Thanksgiving sentiment and a Junior and Intermediate boy read respectively the governor's and president's Thanksgiving proclamations. All this was so well carried out that the large body of Primary and Junior children assembled for the services, listened attentively and profitably.

Salisbury Methodists have a great plant in which to promote Church work and it was a pleasure to note that plans were being worked out that must bring together a larger and more effective Sunday school and church congregation.

First Church has a Junior Board of stewards composed of young men of about twenty years of age. These young men assemble with the regular board of stewards and are given definite work to do. They are not merely nominal workers but real workers. They do much of the Church visitation and share in much of the planning of the Church enterprises. Each fourth Sunday they have charge of all functions of the worship period. At the close of this particular service, several of these young men went forward with a young man who had given his name for church membership on profession of faith. As might be expected, a large body of young men were in attendance upon the services. The Church that is giving its young life something to do is wise.

TRAINING LEADERS

Rev. W. L. Dawson, of Forest City, and Rev. J. A. Cook, of Sylva, are beginning the work of leading teacher training classes. They realize that the work of training leaders is very important and they are getting at the job. Their congregations are to be congratulated.

When our country had the great task of raising an army for the recent Great War, it first set about providing for an officers' training camp. After officers were trained then the work of training privates began. Our Church work can be best carried along after the same manner. The Church that is spending its time working with privates to the loss of leadership is not doing its greatest work. Well directed work counts. How about a training class?

CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Thirty years ago, Methodism in North Carolina was about equally divided in two Conferences. Recent figures given out from these two Conferences just held may prove interesting. The first column stands for the North Carolina Conference and the last for the Western North Carolina Conference.

Number of districts ..	9	11
Pastoral charges	210	253
Churches	773	907
Sunday schools	729	820
officers and teachers ..	6,281	6,571
Scholars	74,960	93,616
Woman's M. Societies	256	249
Members	8,463	7,928
Epworth Leagues	122	81
Members	4,710	2,997
Church members	98,395	113,800

Other comparisons will be made from time to time.

WINTER QUARTERS?

Some one has said that there should be evergreen Sunday schools and nevergreen Sunday school teachers. Certainly there can't be much done in a Church where the Sunday school goes out of business three or four months in the year. There are few communities that can't run a Sunday school throughout the whole year, should there be a real desire to do so. The custom of going into winter quarters started back yonder when roads were few and means of travel were limited. Good roads and automobiles should do much towards putting an end to the winter quarters business. The same boys and girls that go to the day school five days in the week ought to be given an opportunity to go to a Sunday school one day in the week. Make your Sunday school evergreen.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Now is the proper time to be beginning your Christmas exercises. If you do not have any definite idea of what to do or how to plan your exercises it will pay you to write Mr. E. E. French, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., asking for information dealing with programs. You ought to state what general line of exercises you would prefer. His department of supplies will be able to aid you materially.

Be sure to have some special exercises for the children. Two-thirds of your school are children under thirteen years of age. Christmas means much to them. A Sunday school that will let this opportunity pass without cementing its prestige upon the child's mind is losing a great opportunity. You don't have to give a "treat." It may be best to train the children to give rather than receive. If your school is not a missionary school throughout the year, it by all means should be at Christmas time.

But have a Christmas exercise. The children are entitled to it and the exercise will aid your membership drive. People like to go where there is something doing.

A MISTAKE

Recently I heard of a superintendent who asked his Beginners' and Primary departments to do away with their plans for the morning and assemble with his main school so as to swell the numbers for the impression it would make on a visiting speaker who had come along. It so happened that the speaker was an adult worker and said nothing that could appeal to the little people. They only swelled the number.

Don't be too hard on the men. Have you not done the same thing? Many of our schools fail to remember the little children when it comes to providing for them places for doing their own work in their limited way. Often when they are given a place of their own it is taken away at any time another call comes along. Many of our Sunday schools could be indicted for criminal negligence when it comes to providing for the Beginners, those who are getting their first impressions.

N. C. CONFERENCE

THE WORK OF EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is a matter of great encouragement to the Church that the Evangelistic Committee is preparing to expend under the leadership of so able a leader as Dr. C. D. Bulla its prime efforts in the field of the Sunday school.

The wisdom of this action can be seen at once when we consider the fact that the very springs of spiritual energy and growth lie within the work of the Sunday school. Evangelization begun in the Sunday school carries a kind of double guaranty of healthful growth and successful fruitage. The Sunday school prepares the way, as it were, for the highest spiritual exploits of the Church. It is at a most depressing disadvantage that the evangel approaches one who has been bereft of the influence of the Sunday school.

Consider the vast scope of the field of evangelical effort in the Sunday school. That field stretches from childhood to old age and embraces both eternities.

The possibilities of Sunday school evangelization are many and rich. It is possible for the right kind of Sunday school teacher to bring so simply, tenderly, and appealingly the gospel message to the young heart as to start it at once on the upward journey to eternal life. If the teacher be not so successful as this, he can so prepare the soil as to make it productive for the later evangelist.

So many are lost to the Church because they become lost to the Sunday school that it seems to us that our faith is justified in looking upon our evangelistic efforts in the Sunday school department as a certain precursor of a great ingathering of souls. —T. N. Ivey, in Christian Advocate.

THE PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The North Carolina Conference Sunday School Board, in session during the Annual Conference at Wilson, recommended to the Conference and the Church that we adopt and plan to carry into execution the plan for Sunday School Exangelism provided by the General Sunday School Board. The Program is briefly as follows: From November 1, until January 4, each Sunday school is to conduct a Membership Campaign, with a threefold object in view; bring back the lost members, secure new members, keep definitely in mind the ultimate end of it all—evangelism. From Jan. 4, until February 15, every pastor, officer and teacher is to study carefully the opportunities afforded by the Sunday school for evangelism, and study out the best method of reaching every unsaved pupil in the school. From February 15, until March 21, all the evangelistic agencies of the Church will be expected to concentrate on the one task of bringing the unsaved in the Sunday school to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. At some time during the coming year our Church expects to conduct revival services or a scale never before undertaken in this generation. It is expected that many new members will be added to the Church. Judging from the past, most of these new members will come from the Sunday schools. It is the task of the Sunday school workers to prepare the soil and sow the seed. The Sunday schools of our Conference, by carrying out this threefold program, can render the greatest service to the Church that any agency has ever rendered in the past.

Every superintendent should write at once to Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, Nashville, and ask for leaflets, literature, cards and maps for use in this great Campaign. Plan for a Membership Campaign at once. Keep in mind the whole program for Evangelism in the Sunday schools.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last Sunday I heard the Bishop preach a great sermon at Wilson. Of course he was preaching to preachers, but there was a whole lot in his sermon that could be applied to everybody. I notice that preachers are not the only ones who are inclined to seek the first place in the Kingdom. We could get along with a few more laymen who are willing to do more work and accept less honors in the Church. He said that if the ministers would follow Jesus they would have to suffer, but it seems to me that their families ought not to have to suffer from lack of comfort. I want to see the time come in our Church when its ministers will be paid a wage commensurate with the dignity of the office they occupy. We have some members of the Church here who still look upon the pastor as an object of charity. They seem to feel that the preacher should bow and scrape and give great thanks when they pay their small part of his salary. Our people must be educated to a different view of the ministry, and the Sunday school is the place to start their education.

Yours very truly
Superintendent New Town Sunday School.

SOME THINGS UNCLE BILLY SAID AT THE TEACHERS' MEETING

By A. L. Dietrich

Our Sunday school teachin' begins here on Sunday, but it ought to go on into the whole week follerin'—in our own lives as well as in our scholars' lives."

Missus Tobiah Beasley's mighty oneasy 'cause th's a rattlesnake lives in that ol' pile o' cobblestones in the orchard where their children likes to play. I asked Tobiah why he didn't take them stones an' use 'em some way, an' kill the snake. But he said it'd cost too much money an' be too much work. Wonder if that ain't the reason we got so many immoral rattlesnakes all the while bitin' our children?"

"I was talkin' with Missus Fussalot t'other day 'bout her children comin' to Sunday school an' church. She said she wanted 'em to make their own choice an' wasn't goin' to influence 'em. I told her folks never did make wise choices in matters relatin' to which they was ignorant, an' if her children was ever to make right choices 'bout religion they'd better go to Sunday school an' church so's they could be larnt how to make a choice intelligently when the time came for it."

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It would afford me genuine pleasure to write at length about the pastors and laymen and laywomen of our North Carolina Conference who have done so much for our Methodist Orphanage during the year and especially during the Thanksgiving season. My space is so limited and the demands so great I shall have to deny myself the pleasure of giving an extensive account of their beautiful, unselfish deeds.

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During the session of our Annual Conference in Wilson, Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the Rowland circuit, handed me a most interesting letter from Brother J. W. Ward. In the letter was found a check for two hundred and forty dollars, but this was not all. Brother Ward wants to see a modern building erected on our campus for children under five years of age, and pledges one thousand dollars for that purpose, provided twenty-four more friends will do likewise. The need for such a building is most urgent. A more worthy cause will never present itself to our people. With all my soul I most heartily commend it to all who are so inclined and I want to appeal to their generosity. I believe we have twenty-four laymen and laywomen in our Conference who are financially able to meet the challenge that comes from a layman. Who will be the first one to match Brother Ward's thousand dollar pledge? The good women have been given laity rights, so they can give as well as vote. It would not surprise me if several of them accept Brother Ward's challenge. Watch the Orphanage page and see if my prediction does not come true.

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RECEIPTS.

Ebenezer ss., Garner ct., $1; Mrs. H. F. Reid, Wake Forest, $5; Wesley Bible class, Trinity Ch., Durham, $15; Wesley Bible Class, Rocky Mount, $20; Mrs. Carrie L. Brantley, Winston-Salem, $2; Mrs. J. H. Williams, Duke chg., $2; Wesleyan class, Burlington, $5; Swan Quarter ch., Swan Quarter ct., $44.48; Soule ss., Swan Quarter ct., $75.57; Soule ch., Swan Quarter ct., 34.95; Mrs. L. T. Singleton and children, Swan Quarter ct., $5; Sr. class, Amity ch., Mattamuskeet ct., $5; P. D. Merritt, Magnolia ct., $25; Salem ss., Goldsboro ct., $60; Carver's Creek ct., $1.75; Conetoe ss., Bethel ct., $1.95; Bible Class, Rowland ss., $10; Tabernacle ss., Laurel Hill ct., $3.37; Lea's Chapel ss., Person ct., $3.65; Grifton ss., Grifton ct., $10; Two Classes, Parkton ss., $10; Ebenezer ss., Currituck ct., $2; D. H. Read, Morehead City, $10; Mr. Thomas M. Davis, Perquimans ct., $5; Mackey's ss., Roper ct., $6.99; Old Hundred ch., Laurel Hill ct., $7.50; Powellsville ss., Harrellsville ct., $4; Leasburg ss., $3.30; Gray Rock ss., Oxford ct., $5; Rosemary ss., $5.85; Carthage ss., $26; Henderson ss., $20; Carr Ch., ss., Durham, $20; Chatham ss., Pittsboro ct., $2.05; Mt. Olive Baraca class, $25; Excelsior class, Memorial ch., Durham, $10; T. J. Rouse, Burlington, $5; G. E. Harris, Greenville, $120; Jarvis Memorial ch. ss., Greenville, $100; Ormond's Chapel ss., Hookerton, $10; William E. Springer, Grace ch., Wilmington, $5; A Friend, $50; Ebenezer ss., Tar River ct., $5.06; Lemon Springs ss., Vass ct., $1; Tabor ss., Tabor ct., $8.69; Ladies of Garysburg, $28; Wesley Bible class, Kenly, $6; Y. W. Missionary Society, Fayetteville, $8; Miss. Society, St. James' ch., $35; W. Missionary Society, Trinity ch., Durham, $8; Susanna Wesley Class, Rich Square, $8; Missionary Society, Hertford, $14; Missionary Society, Hay St., Fayetteville, $8; Missionary Society, Wallace, $22; Missionary Society, Southport, $8; Mrs. W. B. McKenzie, Roberdel, $20; W. Missionary Society, Swan Quarter, $7.50; Bible Class, Methodist ch., Laurinburg, $6; Philathea Class, Frankilnton, $8; Locust Hill Missionary Society, $6; Mrs. T. W. Tilghman, Wilson, $10; Missionary Society, Hay St. ch., Fayetteville, $8; Missionary Society, Towncreek, $15; Galloway Wesley Class, Swepsonville, $6; Missionary Society, St. Paul ch., Goldsboro, $33; Missionary Society, Hamlet, $8; Missionary Society, Farmville, $6; Cokesbury ss., Henderson R. F. D., $6; Miss Lelia Barnes' class, Maxton, $19; Missionary Society, Woodland, Rich Square ct., $8; Missionary Society, Princeton, $9; Wesley Philathea Class, Mt. Olive, $6; Missionary Society, Fremont, $6; Aid Society, Snow Hill, $42; B. W. O'Neal's ss. class, Oriental, $7; Missionary Society, Apex, $8; Elizabeth Lamb Missionary Society, Wilson, $6; Mary Pescud Society, Raleigh, $6; Volunteer Wesley Class, Smithfield, $6; Grace ch. ss., Wilmington, $50; Young Ladies' class, Graham, $6; St. Paul ss., Goldsboro, $30; Eureka ss., Fremont ct., $140; Mt. Zion ss., Currituck ct., $18; Union ss., Biscoe, $5.88; B. H. Ledbetter, Mt. Gilead, $1; New Land ss., Camden ct., $5; Clinton ss., $4.51; T. W. Maxwell, St. Paul ct., $25; Baraca Class, Burlington, $20; Person St. ss., Person St. and Calvary chg., $10; Rev. E. C. Maness, Buckhorn, $15; Mrs. Fred A. Woodard, Wilson, $120; A. C. Hooper, Stumpy Point, Dare ct., $5; J. H. Westbrook and Wife, Rocky Mt., $10; Calvary ss., Person St. and Calvary, Fayetteville, $240.25; M. J. Best; Goldsboro, $120; J. W. Poole, Smithfield, $10; Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Durham, Pikeville, $30; Oxford Baraca Class, $10; Wesley Bible class, Stantonsburg, $10; Wesley's Chapel ch., Newton Grove, $10; Maple Grove ch., Newton Grove ct., $64.25; L. F. Evans, Farmville ct., $5; A. M. Jones, Tar River ct., $10; Sneads Grove ss., Laurel Hill ct., $5; Clayton ss., $10; Kenley Baraca Class, $10; Jackson Baraca Class, Northampton ct., $10; Grace ss., East Roxboro, $7; Alice White, Manson, Warrenton ct., $1; Sharon ss., Conway ct., $10; Asbury ss., Bath ct., $5; Harriett Batts, Washington, $15; Sandy Grove ss., Parkton ct., $3.15; Bethel ss., Mt. Olive ct., $8.50; Brown's Chapel ss., Garysburg ct., $8.05.

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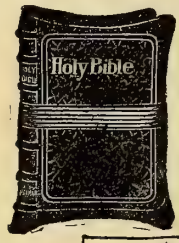
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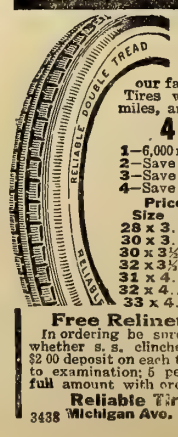
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CENTENARY REPORT NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

The following report of the standing of the charges in Centenary collections is correct only up to Friday, November 21st. The rush of business makes it impossible to get a correct statement in this week's Advocate. This is the statement that was prepared at the Annual Conference:

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Charge	Total Paid and Reported in Banks
Burlington	$2,500.00
Burlington Circuit	478.00
Brookdale Circuit	1,074.00
Chapel Hill	604.40
Durham— Branson	1,164.00
Calvary	647.00
Carr	1,493.90
Lakewood	141.00
Memorial	5,202.07
Pearl Mill and Eno	168.00
Trinity	7,865.70
West Durham	1,500.00
Durham Circuit	741.50
East Burlington	450.00
East Roxboro and Longhurst	137.50
Graham and Haw River	775.75
Hillsboro Circuit	150.00
Leasburg Circuit	361.02
Mebane	908.00
Milton Circuit	1,044.00
Mt. Tirzah Circuit	925.25
Orange Circuit	198.30
Pelham	187.50
Person Circuit	785.00
Rougemont	649.50
Roxboro Station	4,300.00
South Alamance	878.50
Yanceyville Circuit	879.50
Total	$38,528.01

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

Camden Circuit	948.90
Chowan Circuit	267.42
Columbia Circuit	210.48
Currituck Circuit	707.15
Dare Circuit	1,254.45
Edenton	50.00
Elizabeth City—City Road	1,753.00
First Church	4,805.44
Gates Circuit	1,842 4
Hatteras Circuit	154.00
Hertford	746.40
Kennekeet Circuit	338.30
Kitty Hawk Circuit	224.54
Moyock Circuit	109.00
North Gates Circuit	1,117.00
Pantego and Belhaven	377.90
Pasquotank Circuit	782.62
Perquimans Circuit	479 55
Plymouth	310.00
Roanoke Island	183.88
Roper	308.60
Total	$16,971.1[illegible]

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bladen Circuit	814.90
Buckhorn Circuit	871.49
Carthage Circuit	1.00
Duke	450.00
Dunn	1,658.35
Fayetteville—Hay Street	1,256.50
Person and Calvary	888.90
Fayetteville Circuit	1,410.00
Goldston Circuit	592.55
Haw River Circuit	1,332.65
Hemp Circuit	42.35
Jonesboro Circuit	667.00
Lillington Circuit	698.80
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Newton Grove Circuit	508.45
Parkton Circuit	1,795.90
Pittsboro Circuit	1,785.06
Roseboro Circuit	203.20
Sanford	4,016.70
Siler City Circuit	1,086.04
Stedman Circuit	697.05
Total	$20,728.29

NEWBERN DISTRICT

Beaufort	801.00
Carteret Circuit	23.00
Craven Circuit	193 50
Dover Circuit	527.15
Goldsboro—Elm St. and Pikeville	505.75
St. John	715.00
St. Paul	7,533.50
Goldsboro Circuit	2,128.47
Grifton Circuit	764.00
Hookerton Circuit	1,661.10
Jones Circuit	1,965.73
Kinston—Queen Street	2,576.50
Caswell Street	514.25
LaGrange Circuit	983.00
Morehead City	2,393.75
Mt. Olive and Calypso	1,414.00
Mt. Olive Circuit	1,979.90
Newbern—Centenary	654.36
Riverside	369.60
Ocracoke and Portsmouth	200.00
Oriental	481.67
Pamlico Circuit	115.21
Straits and Atlantic	382.75
Snow Hill Circuit	1,318.50
Vandemere Circuit	5.00
Total	$30,206.79

RALEIGH DISTRICT

Benson Circuit	692.90
Cary Circuit	366.75
Clayton	553.00
Four Oaks Circuit	1,166.56
Franklinton Circuit	6,897.42
Garner Circuit	1,135.70
Granville Circuit	657.26
Kenly Circuit	1,125.08
Louisburg	2,317.45
Mill Brook Circuit	521.95
Oxford	1,664.15
Oxford Circuit	1,582.90
Princeton Circuit	201.50
Raeligh—Central	1,719.00
Edenton Street	5,536.00
Epworth	133.66
Jenkins Memorial	486.15
Selma	
Smithfield	2,150.00
Tar River Circuit	836.35
Youngsville Circuit	187.00
Zebulon Circuit	624.45
Total	$30,555.23

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

Aberdeen	2,085.25
Biscoe Circuit	1,121.50
Caledonia Circuit	1,195.70
Elizabeth Circuit	1,010.41
Ellerbee Circuit	310.90
Hamlet	2,512.45
Laurel Hill Circuit	1,141.65
Laurinburg	3,011.20
Lumberton	1,573.56
Lumberton Circuit	274.90
Maxton	63.62
Montgomery Circuit	275.00
Mt. Gilead	1,600.00
Mt. Gilead Circuit	866.57
Raeford Circuit	2,415.31
Red Springs Circuit	2,000.00
Richmond Circuit	332.10
Roberdell Circuit	717.66
Robeson Circuit	1,843.30
Rockingham	5,286.00
Rowland Circuit	1,500.00
St. John and Gibson	4,088.00
St. Paul	2,411.01
Troy	1,552.50
Vass Circuit	222.80
Total	$39,411.39

WARRENTON DISTRICT

Battleboro and Whitakers	800.00
Bertie Circuit	771.75
Conway Circuit	3,173.95
Enfield and Halifax	730.70
Garysburg Circuit	1,950.00
Harrellsville Circuit	1,212.00
Henderson—First Church	3,700.00
N. and S. Henderson	492.00
Littleton	3,341.90
Murfreesboro and Winton	794.05
Northampton Circuit	2,700.00
Rich Square Circuit	800.15
Ridgeway Circuit	1,175.34
Roanoke Circuit	590.50
Roanoke Rapids	850.00
Rosemary	227.05
Scotland Neck	734.90
Warren Circuit and Mission	638.00
Warrenton Circuit	2,041.25
Weldon	1,855.00
Williamston and Hamilton	136.50
Total	$28,715.1[illegible]

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Aurora Circuit	
Ayden	1,209.00
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Bath Circuit	
Bethel Circuit	1,289.0[illegible]
Elm City	825.00
Fairfield	748.00
Farmville Circuit	935.25
Fremont Circuit	1,672.65
Greenville—Jarvis Memorial	3,976.73
Mattamuskeet Circuit	252.30
McKendree Circuit	328.00
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	738.90
Nashville Circuit	731.00
Rocky Mount—First Church	3,024.00
Clark Street	396.00
N. and S. Rocky Mount	296.80
Stantonsburg Circuit	1,878.00
Stokes Circuit	149.75
Spring Hope Circuit	948.04
Swan Quarter Circuit	210.55
Tarboro	467.50
Vanceboro Circuit	
Washington	2,400.00
Wilson and Mission	4 154.00
Total	$27,021.6[illegible]

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Burgaw Circuit	229.25
Carver's Creek Circuit	1,096.82
Chadbourn Circuit	1,866.00
Clinton Circuit	764.75
Faison and Warsaw	880.50
Hallsboro Circuit	205.50
Jacksonville and Richlands	1,720.00
Kenansville Circuit	589.10
Magnolia Circuit	761.36
Onslow Circuit	1,232.90
Scott's Hill Circuit	395.36
Shallotte Circuit	156.80
Southport	518.56
Swansboro Circuit	244.20
Tabor Circuit	189.55
Town Creek Circuit	759.35
Wallace and Rose Hill	1,343.40
Whiteville	860.00
Wilmington—Bladen Street	637.00
Fift Avenue	2,516.00
Grace	5,180.00
Trinity	1,562.00
Wilmington Circuit	260.00
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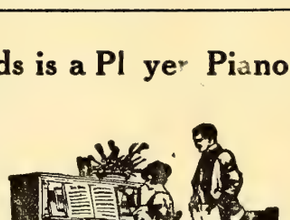
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9:18 am			Ar Troy	Lv	11:50 am		
9:45 am			Ar Star	Lv	11:30 am		
12:28 pm			Ar Varina	Lv	8:36 am		
1:15 pm			Ar Raleigh	Lv	7:50 am		
9:50 pm	D6:00 am	D2:05 pm	Lv Raleigh	Ar	7:35 am	7:45 pm	12:05 pm
12:05 am	8:05 am	4:05 pm	Ar Wilson	Lv	5:15 am	5:35 pm	10:00 am
1:36 am	9:40 am	5:42 pm	Ar Greenville	Lv	3:32 am	4:08 pm	8:28 am
2:55 am	11:20 am	6:50 pm	Ar Washington	Lv	2:25 am	3:05 pm	7:25 am
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Epworth League Department

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Editor. Greensboro, N. C.

FROM THE SHELBY DISTRICT

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Just a few more notes from the Shelby District. Our District has two more Leagues since our last writing. Brother E. L. Kirk, of Kings Mountain, has organized a new League at his Church, with Miss Sue Cannon as president. The League is going fine, and an energetic bunch of young people are behind it, and backing their pastor in his efforts for the extension of good work.

Miss Grace Bradley, our field secretary, runs over and visits us now and again. Spent last Sunday with Brother Stabler at Franklin Avenue, Gastonia, and organized another fine League with the following officers: President, Mr. P. L. Plyler; vice-president, Ervin Nance; secretary, Lola Bradley; treasurer, Maggie Plyler; superintendent, Bertha Allen; second superintendent, Ira Bradley; third superintendent, Arthur Allen; Era agent, Ethel Wilson; Miss Bradley is in our district at this writing and will no doubt organize one or two more Leagues before going over to the Charlotte District. Miss Bradley also visited our League at Belmont and gave a fine lecture on mission study, which was very much enjoyed by our whole congregation, as Mr. Thompson gave us the Church hour. Our League was glad to welcome Mr. Thompson back as our pastor. He is as young as any of our Leaguers if he is beginning to wear a head of white hair. May God bless the Epworth League work in our District is our prayer.

Clyde L. Hager,
District Secretary

THE GRIM REAPER

He has recently claimed two of the best young Leaguers of Chestnut St. Church. While this is sad, nevertheless, there is comfort in the recollection that they were lined up in the Master's service here. Their associates will remember them tenderly and the Chestnut Street League will be drawn to love the work for their sakes. Heaven will have an added attraction. A mother recently lost a child and then said: I "can not afford to miss heaven now. I have interests there."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In the midst of life we are in the midst of death. How vividly that truth was brought to our minds in the sudden death of Miss Norma Brewer, September 9, 1919. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That in the death of Norma, the Epworth League of Chestnut St. Church. Asheville, N. C., has lost one of its most active and loyal members. We would not dare try to estimate the value of such a member, nor would we attmept to count the loss we so deeply mourn. A picture may be seen and enjoyed and then passed out of mind, a sermon heard and forgotten, but a life such as hers still lives. She willingly responded to calls of usefulness, to fill the place of an absent organist, to assist the Sunday school secretary, and to act in other capacities. Her music, her prayers, her testimonies are still with us. The sacrifices she made were only known to those who knew her home life. Her devotion and faithfulness to her mother in her lingering illness was beautiful to behold.

Second, That the members of this Chapter hold high the life of this young member as a model worthy of imitation. That we extend to that doubly bereaved father and sister our sympathy. There is comfort in the knowledge.

"That God shall wipe away all tears,
There's no death, no pain, no fears,
And they count not the time in years,
For there is no night there in that city
Four Square."

Third, That a copy be sent to the father and sister, a copy placed on the minutes of our League and a copy be sent to the Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Ira Askew,
Bettie Moore,
Committe.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our beloved member, Henry Jones, age 17 years, therefore be it resolved.

First, That in the death of Henry our Epworth League, of Chestnut Street Church, Asheville, N. C., has lost a most valuable and much loved member. Owing to his lingering illness, which he so bravely and patiently bore, it was impossible for him to be regular in attendance, but in his absence we felt his influence and cooperation through other channels. Though in answering the roll call above he has ceased to answer here, and while his body of clay has passed from sight, we realize that the young life is pure as the white flowers placed upon his casket, that kind and gentle manner, that congenial personality which graced his every action, stands as a living monument to his memory. Henry had to make no effort to gain friends; to know him was enough. Pitiful is the poverty of language and its failure to express a fitting tribute to his memory. We can only console ourselves by the blessed thought that his passing, October 30, 1919, was one from death unto life.

Second, That we, as an Epworth League, do bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things best. and we render to the grief stricken family our heart felt condolences.

"God's plans like lilies unfold,
Do not tear the leaves apart,
Time will reveal the heart of gold
And when by faith we reach the land
Where tired feet may sweetly rest
Then shall we clearly see and understand
And say "God knew best."

Third, That a copy be sent the family, a copy be placed on the minutes of our League and a copy be sent to the Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Ira Askew,
Miss Bettie Moore,
Committee.

LEAGUE INSTITUTE

Those Epworth Leaguers are a live bunch. Asheville Churches are served by League pastors to a man. Then there are Edwards and Miss Bradley. Come to think about it, they ought to do a good job in League work. And they do. Here is the program of a League Institute which they held recently in Central Church:

3:00 Discussion of Devotional Department. Lead by Mrs. Ira Askew.

3:20—Round table discussion.

3:40—Discussion on Social Service. Lead by Rev. J. O. Ervin.

4:00—Round table discussion.

4:20—Discussion on Literary and Social Work. Lead by Miss Ruth Jenson.

4:40—Round table discussion.

5.00—Discussion on Missionary work. Lead by Miss Grace Bradley.

5:20—Round table discussion.

5:40—Presentation of Epworth Era. By Mrs. W. N. Penley.

6:15—Supper and social hour.

7:30—The Field. Miss Grace Bradley, Field Secretary of Western North Carolina Conference.

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THE BLUEJAY

"I do wish I was pretty, like Cousin Eleanor," Dora Bell said wistfully, as she looked at her own plain face in the mirror.

"My little girl must remember that handsome is as handsome does. though." Dora's mother answered smilingly, as she calmly brushed the brick-red curls.

"Yes, but I'd like to be "handsome is' and 'handsome does' both," Dora said decidedly.

Mrs. Bell tenderly kissed the little face upturned to hers.

"But if you had to choose, dear," she asked, "would you rather be good or be pretty?"

Dora was silent. She was thinking very hard.

"Don't answer me now. Tell me tomorrow morning," her mother said.

She finished dressing the little girl for school. and then she told her a nice surprise.

"Grandpa's downstairs, and he's going to walk to school with you this morning."

"Oh, oh!" Dora cried delightfully.

A few minutes later her grandfather and she started merrily down the street.

They were passing a high brick building, when they saw a beautiful bird perched upon the branch of a maple tree ahead of them.

"Oh, Dora! Look at the pretty bluejay" grandpa said quietly.

It was a bird not quite so large as a dove, perhaps, but very handsome.

Dora, who dearly loved beauty in all its forms, feasted her eyes upon it. Its feathers were an exqusite shade of blue, just the shade Dora liked. and, oh, what a dear little crest adorned its head; Suddenly the bird flew restlessly to another tree, and then to another, and back again. All the while it uttered a loud, screeching sound that was most disagreeable.

"The noise is alarming those sparrows," grandpa said softly, as he pointed upward. "Look, look!"

Almost before the words were out of his mouth the thing had happened. The bluejay had discovered the sparrow's nest on the window cornices of the high building. Quick as lightning it flew up to them and began tearing them down. The father and mother sparrows were crazy with grief and fear. They chattered and scorned and pleaded; but the bluejay was relentlessly cruel. It tore down nests, destroyed eggs, tumbled out unfeathered birdlings to the pavement, and killed right and left without mercy. When it had done all the harm it could there, it flew off in search of other mischief.

"The bluejay is one of the most cruel birds we have," said grandpa, as he and Dora resumed their walk. "He has no friends among birds. He has only one useful trait. Like nearly all birds, he does destroy many injurious insects. This is the one thing in his favor. He is a great coward, fights only with weaker birds than himself, and runs even from his equals. He spends nearly his whole time looking for nests of birds smaller than himself. When he has found them he does just what you saw him doing this morning. Whenever you notice a bluejay make his appearance in a neighborhood you will presently hear the other birds cry and scream with fright.

"What a hateful thing!" Dora exclaimed indignatly.

"He's very beautiful," grandpa said admiringly, as the bluejay flew in front of them again.

"I think I'd rather be good than beautiful, though," the little girl replied softly under her breath.—Exchange.

ONLY THE SCRAPS

Miss Mary's class had met at the church to make scrapbooks for the missionary box. Now the books were ready to go on their long journey acroos the sea, where they would show little children over there what American places and peoples are like. and would help them to listen to the missionaries as they told them of Jesus.

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As they cleared up the room they talked of ways to earn the dollar to pay the postage on the box. All at once the telephone bell rang, and some one called to Miss Mary to come home right away. The children went, too. "I wish we could have finished cleaning up," said Miss Mary.

"Only the scraps are left," said Elsie.

"I'll stay and pick them up," said Anna.

"That is just like my faithful little Anna; thank you, dear," said Miss Mary.

They had all gone but Anna and she was slowly, carefully picking up all the tiny scraps, when the minister came hurrying down from his study looking troubled. "I have just time to get down to the train," he said, "and I forgot to send an important paper to Mr. Kellogg. I was going to ask Miss Mary to take it, and tell her that I would give a dollar to the class; but I see she has gone."

"I will take it," said Anna.

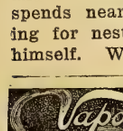
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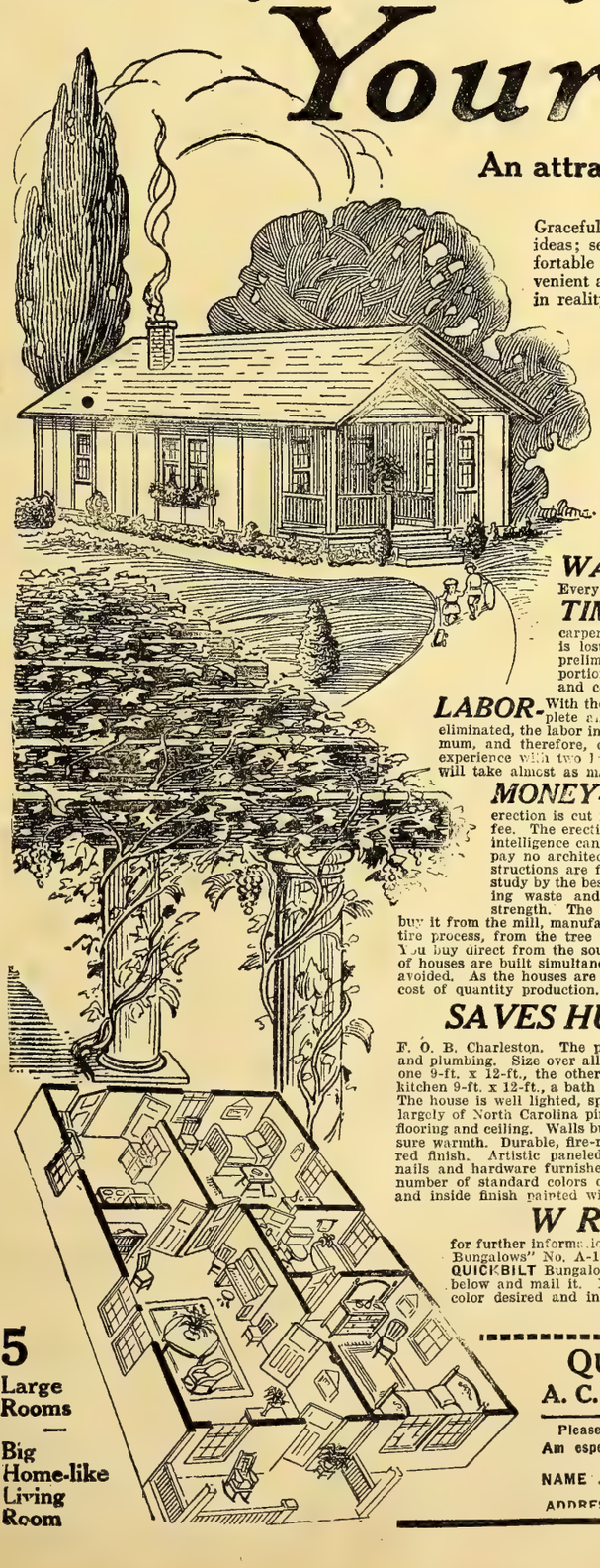
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Bishop Cannon's presence here was a great encouragement to the officials and friends of the state movement present. His hearty endorsement of the plan of campaign mapped out for the state and already being rapidly set in motion, and his practical experienced suggestions as to further educational effort in acquainting all the people with the need of their help, really enthused his conferees, giving an added impetus to their purpose to aid in this great world-wide effort to cast off a grievous burden.

State Director Mebane has been further encouraged by receipt of an official report of the Board of Temperance and Social Service at the North Carolina M. E. Conference, held at Wilson last week, adopted by the Conference and in which the World League Against Alcoholism was unanimously endorsed. "To us it seems necessary," the resolution says, "that the liquor traffic, which antagonizes all the work of the Church, will have to be destroyed in the Missionary fields before the Church can work to the best advantage through hospitals, schools and Churches." "We are glad of the part our Church has been able to take." continues the resolution, "in this splendid work, and we urge our people to give their united support in every possible way to the League in all its efforts to enforce the law and help establish prohibition in the other nations of the earth."

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Rosman, Pine Grove	17-18
Brevard	18
Leicester, Leicester	24-25
West Asheville	25

District Stewards

Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

	December
North Monroe, Icemorlee, night	5
Unionville, Unionville, 11 a. m.	6
Mathews, Mathews, 11 a. m.	7
Belmont Park, night	7
Hickory Grove, 3 p. m.	10
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m.	12
Lilesville, Forestville, 11 a. m.	13
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	14-15
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m.	20-21
Monroe, Central, night	21
Seversville, Seversville, 11 a. m.	28
Hawthorn Lane, night	28
	January
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m.	3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m.	4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night	4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m.	10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m.	11-12

The District stewards will meet in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21, at 2 p. m.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

	December
Coleridge, Rehobeth	6-7
Randleman, St. Paul, night	7
Deep River, Cedar Falls	13-14
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, 11 a. m.	14
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel	20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m.	21
Randolph, Vernon	27-28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night	28
	January
Uwharrie, Concord,	3-4
Asheboro, night	4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night	11
Wentworth, Salem	17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

	December
Summerfield, Morehead	6-7
Ararat, Mt. Herman, 11 a. m.	10
Yadkinville, Prospect	13-14
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m.	
Leaksville, at 3 p. m.	21
Spray, at night	19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m.	27-28
Elkin	27-28
	January
Dodson, Dodson	4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m.	9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m. 11, night	
Madison, Madison	11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

	December
McDowell Circuit, at Murphy's Chapel	6-7
Marion Station, Sunday night	7-8
Marion Circuit, Providence	13-14
Thermal City, at Thermal, Sunday night	14-15
Forest City and Pleasant Grove and Forest City Circuit	20-21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel	27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock	28-29
	January
Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel	3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock	4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine	10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night	11
Micaville, Shoals Creek	17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel	24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night	1-2

Our District stewards will please meet at the Methodist Church in Marion on Wednesday, December 3, at 2 o'clock. If possible let every one be present.

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

	December
Crouse, Crouse, 11 a. m.	6-7
Cherryville, Bethlehem, 3 p. m.	7
Polkville, Polkville, 11 a. m.	13-14
LaFayette Street, 7 p. m.	14
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m.	20-21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m.	21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m.	27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m.	3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m.	4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m.	11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m.	17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m.	18
Mayworth, Lowell, 11 a. m.	24
Belmont, 11 a. m.	25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m.	25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward, in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

	December
Woodleaf, Woodleaf, 11 a. m.	6-7
South Main, 7 p. m.	7
Gold Hill, Gold Hill, 11 a. m.	13-14
East Spencer, 7 p. m.	14
Kannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m.	20-21
Kannapolis station, 7 p. m.	21
New London, New London, 11 a. m.	27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m.	4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m.	10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m.	11
Badin, 11 a. m.	18
Salem, 7 p. m.	18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m.	24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m.	25
	February
Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m.	1
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m.	8

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	December
Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	7
Davidson, Fairview, 3 p. m.	7
Hickory, First, Hickory, 11 a. m.	14
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, 7 p. m.	14
Stony Point, Pisgah, 11 a. m.	21
	January
Olin, Snow Creek, 11 a. m.	3-4
Cool Springs, Ross Chapel, 3 p. m.	3-4
Catawba, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	10-11
Ball Creek, Friendship, 3 p. m.	10-11
Troutman, Troutman, 11 a. m.	17-18
Race Street, Race Street, night	18

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

	December
Helton, Greenwood	2-3
Warrenville, Warrenville	6-7
Creston, Southerland	9-10
Eikland, Blackburn	13-14
Watauga, Henson's	20-21
Boone, Boone, night	21
Elk Park, Elk Park	24-25
Avery, Pisgah	27-28

District stewards will meet at North Wilkesboro, November 19, 2 p. m. and night. Pastors are invited. The night meeting will be devoted to Centenary and Evangelism. Entertainment free. Notify Rev. W. R. Ware if you are coming.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
First Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder

	December
Kernersville, Oak Ridge, Kernersville, December 3, 3 p. m. and night.	
Forsyth Circuit, Oak Summit, December 7, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.	
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.	
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.	
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.	
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.	
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.	
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.	
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.	

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C. Telephone 224—J

	December
Franklin Circuit, Salem, Monday and Tuesday	1-2
Andrews	6-7
Murphy Station	7-8
Murphy Circuit, Tomotla, Sunday 3 p. m., Monday, 11 a. m.	7-8
Judson, Judson, Tuesday, 11 a. m.	9
Jonathan, Shady Grove	13-14
Bryson-Whittier, Whittier, Sunday night and Monday, 11 a. m.	14-15
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster	20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday	21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers	27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday	28-29
	January
Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers	3-4
Pines Creek, Pine Grove	10-11

N. C. CONFERENCE

DURHAM DISTRICT
M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder

First Round	December
Hillsboro Circuit, Hillsboro, 11 a. m.	13-14
Pearl and Eno, Eno 7:30 p. m.	14
Brooksdale Circuit, Brooksdale, 11 a. m.	20-21
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30 p. m.	21
Graham and Hawriver, Graham, 11 a. m.	28
E. Burlington, Webb Ave., 7:30 p. m.	28
Branson at Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Carr, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Calvary, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Lakewood, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Memorial, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Trinity, Trisity, 7:30 p. m.	31
W. Durham, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
	January
Burlington Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	3-4
Burlington, Front Street, 7:30 p. m.	4
Person Circuit, Lea's Chapel, 11 a. m.	10-11
E. Roxboro, Longhurst, 7:30 p. m.	11
Rangemont Church, Rangemont, 11 a. m.	14
Milton Circuit, Milton, 11 a. m.	17-18
Pelham, Pelham, 7:30 p. m.	19
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	25
Chapel Hill, 7:30 p. m.	25
Durham Circuit, Fletcher's Chapel, 11 a. m.	31-Feb.1
	February
S. Alamance Circuit, Swepsonville, 3 p. m.	7
Mebane, Mebane, 11 a. m.	8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	14-15
Yanceyville Circuit, Locust Hill, 11 a. m.	21-22
Leasburg Circuit, Leasburg, 11 a. m.	28-29

District Stewards will meet at Trinity Church, at 12 o'clock, December 17, 1919.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Elizabeth City, N. C.

	December
City Road, morning	7
First Church, night	7
Edenton	14
Hertford	21
Pasquotank, at Newbegun	27-28
	January
Camden, Newlands	3-4
Chowan, Evans	7
Perquimans, Epworth	8
Mayock, Mayock	10-11
Currituck, Mt. Zion	17-18
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	22
Roper, Roper	23
Plymouth	25
Gates, Gatesville	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
North Gates, Kittrells	1-2
Kitty Hawk, Kitty Hawk	6
Roanoke Island, Manteo, Morning	8
Dare, Mann's Harbor, night	8
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	10
Hotteras, Frisco	12
Columbia, Columbia	14-15

The District Stewards will meet at District Parsonage in Elizabeth City on Wednesday, Deember 17, at 3:30 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT
F. M. Shamburger, Presiding Elder New Bern, N. C.

First Round	December
New Bern, Centenary, 11 a. m.	7
New Bern, Riverside, 7:30	7
Goldsboro, St. Pauls, 11 a. m.	14-15
Goldsboro, Elm Street and Pikesville, 7:30	14-15
Oriental Circuit, 11 a. m.	17
Vandemore Circuit, Stonewall, 11 a. m.	18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 a. m.	21-22
Kinston Caswell Street, 7:30	21-22
	January
Beaufort, 11 a. m. Preaching	4-5
Morehead City, 7:30, preaching	4-5
Mount Olive Circuit, Smiths Chapel, 11 a. m.	10-11
Mount Olive and Calypso, 7:30	11-12
Snow Hill	17-18
Hookerton Circuit, Maury's Chapel, 3 p. m.	18-19
LaGrange Circuit, 11 a. m.	19
Grifton Circuit, 11 a. m.	23
Dover Circuit, 11 a. m.	24-25
Newport and Harlow Circuits together at Newport, 11 a. m.	29
Straits Circuit at Summerfield, 11 a. m.	30
	February
Atlantic and Ocracoke	1-2
Jones Circuit, Trenton, 11 a. m.	6
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove	7-8
Goldsboro Circuit, Salem	14-15
Goldsboro, St. Johns, at night	15-16
Pinkhill Circuit	18
Pamlico Circuit, at Bridgeton	21-22

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

First Round	December
Cary Circuit, Macedonia, 11 a. m.	7
Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 p. m.	7
Millbrook Circuit, 11 a. m.	13-14
Epworth, 7:30 p. m.	14
Clayton, 11 a. m.	21
Central, 7:30 p. m.	21
Kenley Circuit, 11 a. m.	27-28
Selma, 7: 30	28

The District Stewards of the Raleigh District will meet in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Friday December 5 at 11 a. m.

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder
Weiden, N. C.

First Round	November
Weldon	30
	December
Rosemary, Rosemary	6-7
Roanoke Rapids	7
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield	13-14
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers	12
Garysburg, Garysburg	20-21
Weldon	21-22
Middleburg, Middleburg	27-28
Norlina, Norlina	28-29
	January
Rich Square, Rich Square	2
Conway, Conway	3-4
Murfreesboro and Winton, Murfreesboro	4-5
Northampton, Jackson	10-11
Roanoke, Tabor	17-18
Littleton	18-19
Warren, Providence	23
Warrenton, Macon	24-25
Bertie, Windsor	30
Harrellsville, Ahoskie	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Henderson	7-8
N. and S. Henderson	8
Scotland Neck, Scotland Neck	13
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston	14-15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

	November
Rocky Mount, Clark Street	29-30
	December
South Rocky Mount	1
Nashville	1
Tarboro	2
Washington	3
Bethel, Bethel	4
Farmville, Farmville	5
Greenville, night	5
Bailey, Bailey	6
Stantonsburg	7-8
Fremont, Eureka, 2:30 p. m.	8
Vanceboro	9
Mattamuskeet, Watsons	12
Fairfield, night	12
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter	13-14
Grimesland, Salem	16
Ayden, night	17
Stokes, Stokes	19
Bath, Bath	21
Pinetops, Pinetops	27-28
Elm City	28-29
Wilson, First Church and Calvary, together, night	29
Aurora, Aurora	31
	January
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	2
Spring Hope	3
Rocky Mount Circuit	4

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

First Round	November
Wilmington Circuit, Wesley Memorial	29-30
	December
Wilmington, Fifth Avenue	7-8
Wilmington, Grace	7-8
Wilmington, Trinity	14-15
Wilmington, Bladen Street	14-15
Jacksonville-Richlands, Jacksonville	21-22
Southport, Trinity	27-28
	January
Kenansville, Kenansville	3
Faison-Warsaw, Faison	4-5
Ingold, Johnson's	17-18
Clinton	18-19
Burgaw, Burgaw	23
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	24-25
Tabor, Tabor	30
Chadbourn, Evergreen	31-Feb. 1
	February
Carver's Creek, Council	6
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	7-8
Whiteville	8-9
Wallace-Rose Hill, Rose Hill	13
Magnolia, Centenary	14-15
Swansboro, Swansboro	20
Onslow, Maysville	21-22
Town Creek, Zion	27
Shallotte, Shallotte Camp	28-29

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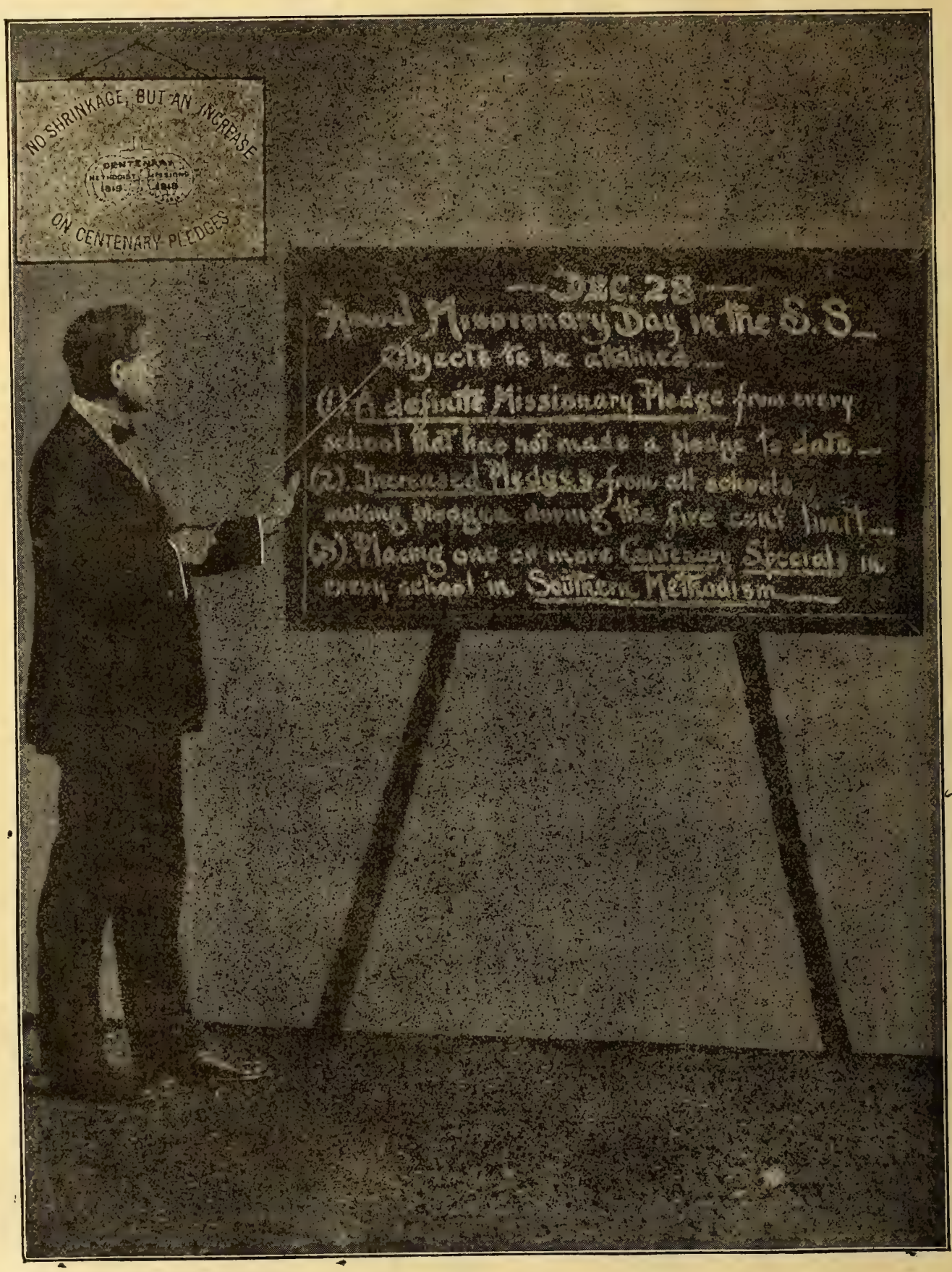
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A Better Brand of Methodists

OVER the portals of its second century, Methodism has flung out against the sky the urgent challenge to add this year a million lives to the Kingdom. In other words, to give every one for whose redemption Methodism may be responsible a fair chance for eternal life.

To this end the Church must begin itself and through organization, consecration, and intercession gird itself for this supreme goal. We have, in a sense, already enough Methodists. The call now is for a "better brand" of Methodists. The word of Henry Drummond is pertinent: "God is all for quality; man is for quantity. But the immediate need of the world at this moment is not more of us, but, if I may use the expression, a better brand of us. To secure ten men of an improved type would be better than if we had ten thousand of the average Christians distributed all over the world."

John Wesley said something like this: "Give me a brand of Methodists wholly devoted to God and on fire for saving men and I will take the nation for Christ." Has the Church itself caught the vision? Is it so endued with power as to be itself the evangel? It is possible for individual Methodists to be the rock of offense over which men stumble into perdition.—Bishop Thirkield.

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Editorial

SECURING OUR RIGHTS

Is there record in the New Testament of Jesus at any time standing upon His rights? He was the Creator and rightful owner of the universe, and yet He lived in the world with no place to lay His head without a single murmur that His rights were denied Him. His wisdom and knowledge surpassed that of the world's greatest scholars; and, if we should look at it from the standpoint of men today, that certainly ought to have entitled Him to the first place in the Church of His day. If He had spoken like men of our day, he would have demanded the bishopric of Jerusalem as His right; but He appeared humbly in the synagogues to teach the people until He was denied even these—and still never a word of His ignored rights.

James and John had some idea of their rights in the kingdom of Christ in the days that our Lord walked with them in the flesh. They were not very slow in presenting their claims, and they had many a good reason with which to enforce them. They called their mother to their aid; and, impelled by a sincere affection, however misguided it may have been, she wanted her two sons to get what was their just due at least when He should set up His kingdom. Peter had something of the same idea when he said: "Lord, we have left all and followed thee. What shall we have therefore?" The question of their rights pressed so strongly to the front in those days that we are told that they were at strife along the way. They "disputed" with one another about the matter. This striving for our rights is very likely to lead to some bitter contests. The Church of today is not entirely free from things of that sort. We are deeply concerned about getting our rights.

We have all sorts of questions about getting our rights in the Church of Christ today. The Church press is full of the claims of the l ity rights, as if that were something different from, and even antagonistic to, the rights of the clergy. And the rights of the clergy are spoken of as if they were something very sacred and must be safeguarded against the encroachment of laity rights. Then we have the rights of the women—O, how they have been repressed and kept in servitude when they ought to have been allowed their liberties! But that battle has been fought and women's rights have come into their own. Our ecclesiastical reformers are mortally concerned about the rights of the dear rank and file of the membership to do this or that in the government of the Church. It is clearly an exhibition of ecclesiastical despotism that they have been denied these things so long.

We are pursuaded that all of these things must jar upon the sweet spirit of the lowly Nazarene. He said to James and John that they did not know what they were asking. When the disciples "disputed among themselves" about which should be greatest in the kingdom of God, He hushed their querulous disturbance by pointing to the lowliness of the way that led thither. Do not be disturbed about your rights—about the importance of the place that you will occupy in the kingdom—about what you will get out of it to gratify your earth-born ambitions and desires. Be as the little child about these things, who is not concerned whether the royalties of the throne are piled about him, or whether he is wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is a hard lesson for human nature to learn, and it is to be feared that even the Church has never wholly learned it. It is an evil omen in the world today that it is everywhere vocal with the clamant demand for supposed rights that have been trampled upon in some way by some one.

Back of this clamant demand for one's rights is the persistent seeking of self interest. We should not say that it is always a selfish interest, but to say the best of it, it is self interest. Nor do we claim that it is wrong to be concerned about self-interest. To be so is really a part of ourselves, and there is no process of nature or of grace that is going to eliminate it; but so dominant is this principle in most of us that it becomes selfish. The clamor for our rights in the religious world, and in the industrial world, we are afraid is instigated in the great majority of cases by even selfish considerations. Certainly, when it comes to the Church none of us has any rights there. That we have a place in the kingdom at all is wholly of grace. All our rights in that direction have long since been forfeited by our sinfulness and consequent unworthiness in the sight of God.

James and John and Peter and the rest of that original company finally caught the vision. They saw a better thing than self-seeking in the kingdom. When the Holy Spirit had fallen upon them at the Pentecost, and they were enabled to know of a truth that the kingdom of Christ "was not of this world", a new motive impelled them to action. The word 'right' still clung in their vocabulary, but it had an altogether different significance. When the civil court had threatened them and commanded them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, they were able to retort: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." Instead of contending with unseemly strife for their rights, they were ready to do what was right at any cost. It was the better, the higher, the holier viewpoint; and, if we but had the vision which the apostles had caught, many of our supposed rights would sink out of sight in the effort to do what is right.

TRAINING OF TEACHERS

We see that one of the things to be emphasized in our Church work this year is the better training of our Sunday school teachers. We are glad that this is to be so. The good which the Sunday school has accomplished under great difficulties is tremendous. We have been content with poor equipment for effective work—equipment which the world would not call equipment at all for the doing of a similar kind of work. There is a power in the gospel that presses its way in the face of great difficulties. The penetrating power of the leaven is certainly in it, and its transforming power likewise. The very fact that the children have been gathered together and this Word taught to them, though in a very imperfect way, has made its impression upon the young minds and hearts, and many thousands of them have been brought to the saving knowledge of the truth. For all of this work we are profoundly grateful.

But we need first of all to put a new emphasis upon the importance of the Sunday school teachers' office. It is no small thing to teach the Word of God to children or adults. It is infinitely more important than the teaching of letters and science, important as the latter is. The Word of God is concerned primarily with eternal things. It deals with the fundamental truths of life, the truths that promote the essential worthiness of our being. And they are not simply the speculations of the human mind; they are truths which God has revealed to men. There is no error in them. Men may inject erroneous interpretations into them, but "the Word" itself "is truth." We know of the centainty of these things about which we speak, and they are things of eternal importance. It is, therefore, no light thing to impart these truths to the minds and hearts of men. No teacher should be content to do anything less than the best possible teaching.

To this end training is very important. The mind never comes to its best without it. And training calls for personal effort. There is more or less of suffering in it. It involves effort that taxes the strength of mind and body which we possess. There is no royal road to it, and there is no process that pours it into us while we passively receive it. It does not come that way; and every teacher who aspires to be the best teacher must make up his or her mind to put some honest and persistent effort in reaching the goal. Here is where so much of our teacher training for the Sunday school, and for the day school for that matter, falls down. We skim through books without sinking the plummet of our thoughts into their depths—when the books themselves have any depth—and we are but little if any the better for our pains. We go to institutes and listen to what is said with an indifferent heart. This is the discouragement that every educator meets in whatever field he labors, but perhaps it is more pronounced in purely religious work than it is anywhere else. Let us insist in the beginning that this is something that is worth doing well, and that it is necessary to put the greatest effort into the work in order to get the best results.

And in all this training we must not trust wholly, or principally, to intellectual standards. There is something in the Word of God that is far above intellect. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." It is a curious thing that some of the greatest intellects of the world make the most egregious blunders in the interpretation of Scripture. There is a significance in this divine message that is above mere intellection. It is not superstition nor cant to say this. The natural mind is alienated from God; and, however cultivated it may be, there is a perversion about it that closes it to these higher spiritual truths. He does not apprehend them because they are spiritually discerned. The attitude of the heart toward it often closes the mind against the truth. It is important to recognize this fact; and in the discipline for teachers in the Sunday school, the attitude of the heart must not be overlooked.

We cannot insist too earnestly upon all of our teachers, and many others who ought to be giving themselves to this work, that they give themselves sincerely to the task of a better preparation of mind and heart for it. The goal to be gained is an eminently worthy one. If it is difficult, that fact should only inspire us to more heroic effort. Nothing that is worth while comes easy. The hope of the future is in the proper training of the children, and much of this training in religious matters is left to the Sunday school. That thirty minutes before the class are exceedingly precious. And the life that is lived the rest of the week by the teacher is also of prime importance. The two must go together, and there must be a harmony between them, if it is to redound to the good of the child and to the glory of God.

THAT CENTENARY PLEDGE

It was a great day when the wires flashed the news over the country that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had pledged $53,000,000 for the evangelization of the world during the next five years. It stirred the heart of all Christendom with the realization that a new day had indeed dawned. The people of this country had never laid so much money upon the altar of the Church before, and to get it we had held out the promise of a new and better order of life.

We do not doubt that the men and the women who made these pledges are going to make them good. The slogan of the Treasury Department, "No shrinkage, but an increase", will have been realized when the five-year period shall have passd. But the work may be seriously crippled by delay. The first year's payment is already passed due, except in cases where the time of payment was stipulated, and the limit of that date is rapidly approaching—the first of the new year. And, when that time shall have come, the second installment will be due. Plans have been made and work projected that will call for the use of that money, not twelve months hence, but now. That work has been projected upon the basis of your promise. To fail to make good the pledge would be worse than not to have made it at all. In that case the work could not have been projected and the men assigned to it; now, without the payment of these pledges, they will be left without support in the work to which the Church has sent them. We know that our people will not suffer that, except it be through thoughtlessness or ignorance of the fact. The word we wish to emphasize is promptness in the payment of that pledge.

And our readers must remember that this pledge does not take the place of the regular collections of the Church. The ordinary budget is to be continued as heretofore, and the Centenary pledge is additional. Otherwise the heart of the movement would be cut out. The movement was launched as a great forward movement—not to take the place of anything already in existence. The machinery already in operation is, of course, to be continued; and it is expected that this will have its normal development. But over and above this, the Centenary movement is to enter open doors that we have not hitherto been able to enter, and extend the kingdom of Christ into the regions beyond.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Football Season has closed again, and only five deaths are charged to its account. This is heralded as a great improvement, and in point of numbers it is. There were ten deaths last year, twelve in 1917, 18 in 1916, and 16 in 1915. *Only* five deaths, and for what? Is football so great that five strong young men—for if they were not strong they could not have gotten a place on the teams—must be sacrificed to its indulgence? But that does not tell the whole story—nor half of it. How many have suffered from overstrain that will reveal itesIf in heart weakness and early death, the statistics do not show. Stilll less do the statistics show the brutalizing effect of this brutal game—unconscious though it be—upon those who apparently escape any physical injury. And this game has its stronghold in the institutions of learning—places that certainly ought to lead in the higher ideals of life. Surely it is time that the end of it had come.

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Appreciated Endorsement. Zion's Herald, of Boston, Mass., a paper that commands a wide circle of readers in every section of American Methodism, approves the action of the Western North Carolina Conference as follows: "The Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has passed resolutions in opposition to the bill pending in Congress which would establish universal military training. It condemns the bill on the ground that it would foster unduly in our young men, unacquainted with actual war, a spirit of militarism from which in the past we as a nation have been happily free, and against which we would guard with a constant jealousy, because we desire nothing that smacks of German militarism, even though it bear the name of American militarism.' This is clear cut and emphatic opposition to a most dangerous measure. America wants no system of training that savors of militarism for its young men."

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The Light of a Deferred Hope is still flickering over the darkness of the coal miners' strikes that is forcing upon the country a serious coal shortage just in the beginning of these wintry days. While the world is short upon almost everything but money and profiteers, the industries of the country are being crippled for the lack of coal to keep the wheels of production turning, passenger trains are being reduced when they were already too few to accommodate the travel of the country, and the homes of our people are threatened with the lack of the necessary fuel to keep them warm. The hope is held out that the miners will be back at work by Friday of this week. This is not a certainty yet; and, if it proves true, the strike has already proved a costly thing to the country—to the great public that is in no way responsible for the strike. We say again that some other way than the strike must be found to adjust the differences that arise between the employers and employees of this country. The strike cuts the throat of production, and not the capitalists, but the public suffers. The conditions created by them are intolerable.

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A Correction. In one of our Conference notes we made the statement that Brother W. F. Galloway had served fourteen years in the itineracy. We were guided by the Journal which stated that he joined at Wilson in 1905. We certainly did not intend to do Brother Galloway an injustice, and we are sure he does not think that we did. However, to keep the record straight, we gladly insert his correction as follows: "You should have gone back thirty years to the Conference held at Greensboro in 1889, where I was admitted on trial, and was assigned to Kenly Circuit 1890, to Aurora 1891. 1892 I was sick and the bishop gave me a nominal appointment. That fall at the Goldsboro Conference I was sent to what was the Cape Fear Circuit and served four years. From there I was sent to the Newton Grove Circuit for three years. Then for four years I was in revival work. In the fall of 1903 I was sent to Hatteras, and have continued in the regular work until last June, when my health failed and I had to quit." We are glad to print this correction for Brother Galloway and sincerely wish that he may live many years yet to preach the gospel.

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Greensboro, N. C.

In the Present Strained Relations With Mexico it is gloriously good news to learn that President Wilson is not so "incompetent" as certain senators had been claiming, and that he has blown a cooling breath upon the militaristic flame that was flaring up in Congress. We have no patience with the propaganda that is being persistently carried on to entangle this country in war with Mexico. There has just come to our office a carefully prepared map, purporting to show how many American lives have been sacrificed by Mexican lawlessness. It would be entirely competent to ask how many of these lives were really sacrificed to American greed and exploitation of Mexican resources. We are aware that conditions on the border are extremely irritating, and we have no belief in the immaculate purity of Mexico; but there is a vast difference between defending the Mexicans and inciting Amricans to go to war with our neighbor to the South. Some other way must be found to protect the rights of Americans. We are profoundly grateful that President Wilson said to our congressmen, "Go slow," and convinced them that he still knows what he is talking about

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The Same Old Tactics. The fight on liquor in England has begun in earnest. We suspect that there is a long battle ahead: for even Churchmen over there balk at the total abstinence pledge—not all of them, but some. When the King proposed it under the stress of the recent war, the response came from some of the bishops in the House of Lords that they had tried it once, and it proved injurious to their health! We used to hear that over here, but we have learned better. William E. Johnson, commonly known as Pussyfoot Johnson because he sounded no blare of trumpets when he went to catch blind tigers, is now in England doing service for the World League Against Alcohol. On November 13th, he was taken in hand by some rowdy students and such physical injury was done him that he has since had to have one eye removed, but he will see as straight as ever with that other eye. After the operation on our Thanksgiving Day, he was reported as doing well. Men have never been able to answer the arguments against the traffic in intoxicating liquors in this country or in any other; so the liquor forces adopt the method of trying to kill off the men who make them. They tried it in this country; but for every martyr to the cause there were a dozen other men who sprang up to take their places. It will be so in England.

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Women Preachers Have Organized. On November twenty-first in St. Louis, there was organized the International Association of Women Preachers. The purpose of the organization as stated in the constitution of the new organization is "to promote fellowship among women preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, to secure equal ecclesiastical rights for women and to encourage capable and consecrated young women to take up the work of the ministry." The following declaration of principles accompanies the announcement of the organization: (1) The Holy Scriptures as the revelation of God to man and the ground of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. (2) A full presentation in teaching and preaching of both individual salvation and social righteousness. (3) A missionary program that shall comprehend the needs of the whole man throughout the whole world. (4) A genuine democracy that shall secure equality of opportunity for all regardless of property, caste, race, or sex. The organization is made international in scope and interdenominational in character. Now, there you are! We pause to move that we mere men organize to secure our right to stay at home and nurse the babies and tidy up the rooms, while the women hustle for bread to support the family. It's a burning shame that we have been denied the glorious privilege of these inalienable rights through all these years!

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The Source of Authority in Methodism. In these days when movements spring up over night that claim to be world-wide in their scope and offer themslves as the channels for the religious activities of Christian people, it is well to enquire who is competent to commit the Methodist Church to the endorsement of them. This office has been flooded by the Interchurch World Movement, for instance, with the endorsement given by certain of the General Boards of our Church, or it may be by sub-committees of these Boards. The habit of endorsing anything that looks like it is trying to do good has become strong with Church people, and in it there may lurk a serious peril. These endorsements that go out from men who occupy high official position in the Church go a long ways in the public mind toward committing the Church itself to them. It is well to remember that such is not the case. No General Board, nor all the General Boards combined (and we spell them with capital letters, too,) can commit the Church to anything. In recent years our College of Bishops has been charged in certain quarters with being too autocratic, but in this matter they are more modest than some of their accusers. In a recent issue of Zion's Herald, the following action of our College of Bishops is quoted: "It is the sense of the College of Bishops that without the action of the General Conference we have no authority to assume any form of relation to the Interchurch World Movement; and also that we have no authority to appoint a member of an Annual Conference an agent, secretary, or to other work of this organization." The Bishops are unquestionably correct in the position which they have taken, and in our judgment it would be well for other high officials of the Church to recognize similar limitations.

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Bring the Seditious to Justice. The "Reds," the "Bolshevists," the I. W. W.'s, and all that class, have found unusual freedom for the propagation of their doctrines in the United States of America. This country has been heralded to the world as the home of the free, and they have come from all quarters in vast numbers. We have been called "the melting pot of the nations," but the trouble is that we have not always "melted" them. When the nation was put under great stress by the world war, these disordant and un-American elements revealed themselves, and the peril of them has grown more rapidly since. Open enemies of the government, and of all government, boldly lift their heads in many unexpected quarters; and the peril from them is a real peril. Such a thing is so new to this government that there is no proper law to deal with the situation. The Department of Justice has prepared a bill and it has been introduced in Congress by Representative Martin L. Davey, of Ohio. It is known as the Davey Sedition Bill, H. R. 10,650. As an effective measure for dealing with the enemies of the government, and the fact that the Department of Justice has drawn the bill ought to be sufficient guarantee for this, ought to leave no room for argument. It ought to be passed without opposition, and the very fact that it is likely to meet with opposition is all the more evidence that it is needed. We must have sufficient laws to protect ourselves against such enemies of the public good. In the midst of the many pressing needs that confront us, this measure ought to be pressed quickly through. We wish that all of our readers would write to their representatives in Congress urging this matter upon them.

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GUIDANCE

Mrs. E. M. Anderson

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."—Proverb 3. 6.

Acknowledge God to be the Lord,
Author of all our life,
Believe on Him, and trust His word,
And blessings will be rife.

The pathway then will be a way
Of blessing and of love;
For He'll direct thee every day,
And guide thee home above.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

MRS. SUSIE SOUTHERLAND LEE

The subject of this memoir, Mrs. Susie Sutherland Lee, wife of Rev. T. W. Lee, one of the younger members of the North Carolina Conference, was born in Kenansville, N. C., December the 19, 1889, and died of influenza-pneumonia in Mayesville, N. C., October 10, 1918.

Mrs. Lee grew up in the Presbyterian Church, having joined that Church on confession of faith in early childhood, and in its enriching fellowship she might have spent all of her life but for the one event that means everything to a genuine, high-souled woman; she fell in love, and the object of her affection, in the providence of God, proved to be a young Methodist preacher, just out of college who had come to take up the responsibilities of an itinerant on the Kenansville circuit, in the bounds of which she lived. Love called to her, and like Rebecca of old, she said, "I will go," and on October the 14, 1914, she plighted her troth to her young preacher-husband giving her hand and heart to share with him the joys and sorrows, the victories and the defeats of an itinerant's life. She immediately joined her husband's Church, as the proper thing for a loyal wife to do, and to the hour of her lamented death she continued a devout, earnest Christian, having laid her life, and all the possibilties of it in love's name, a living sacrifice on the Methodist altar.

Hand in hand the husband and his devoted young wife turned their faces with eagerness toward the great tasks, the high and holy ministries to which they believed that God had called them, and in the joy and radiance of love's young dream they saw the enchanted paths of service stretching away through the vista of the lengthening years even down to old age, the hush of the twilight, and life's calm evening crowned at last with the benediction of God: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

But alas for the phantom of human hope, and the dreams of youth that never come true! Only for a little while, only for a few miles of the mortal journey, did this beautiful spirit walk by the side of God's young prophet, cheering him, comforting him, inspiring him to do his best. Their young lives have scarcely fused in the pure white flame of love's holy passion, and the orange blossoms of the bridal wreath have barely wilted under the touch of time before the hands that clasped so lovingly at the bridal altar are wrenched asunder at the open grave. In the awful scourge of influenza that swept the state and nation in 1918 she fell its victim, and all life's tasks were done.

To us who see so dimly and with such blurred vision, her life work had just begun; but surely God never blunders, and faith and sweet submission must leave it all to Him.

The glory of motherhood had crowned her young life, and she left a sweet little babe eight months old, love's supreme gift, in whose pure prattling presence the lonely husband may live over again the few brief years of wedded bliss, and find in its holy companionship a bond and a voice that will make the past more than a memory.

One who knew Mrs. Lee well pays her this beautiful tribute: "Our community suffered an irreparable loss in her death. Hers was a bright, cheerful disposition, carrying sunshine and happiness with her always. Her heart and home were ever open to all who came to her for comfort and counsel; all given so gently and so modestly. Her influence over the young was marvellous. Both old and young loved and appreciated her. She was never too busy (though she was never idle) to help others. She was the most devoted and happy wife and mother I ever knew. Her great ambition was to see and help her preacher-husband grow and develop in his noble work."

Love would have kept her longer, and why the dear Lord called her so early, with the dew of youth still upon her, and with her work seemingly not half done, and from the little parsonage home where she reigned with such queenly grace, and of which she was the light and joy, we may not now inquire. Perhaps he needed her for some larger task in some fairer world. And so we will think of her as still living, still loving, still learning, still busy, until earth's shadows lift and we shall know even as we are known. R. C. B.

W. W. ORMOND

By T. McM. Grant

On October 4, a month after his sixtieth birthday, W. W. Ormond ,of Greene county, North Carolina, died. His death brought sorrow to many hearts. While they were sad on account of his going, they were full of gratitude for the gift of his life. He was indeed a knight of Christian chivalry, willing to do and dare for the right.

A spirit so passionately in earnest to render service for men, because they were men, had to have a soul message for his fellows. W. W. Ormond had such a message. Man's imperative need to grow in soul life was the enthusiastic call he sent out.

The force of his message was due partly to the impact of a consecrated ancestry. The Cunninggims and Ormonds numbered many religious giants in their pious families. Brother Ormond's immediate family allowed these fathers to speak eloquently through them. Not only have all of his brothers and sisters proved faithful Christians, but two of his brothers, Rev. A. L. Ormond and Rev. J. Marvin Ormond, answered the challenge of the Christian ministry.

It would be unfair to overlook the strength for his message Brother Ormond gained from the many loving hearts about him, chief among whom was his life's companion. His helpmeet was with him in the most sacred relation of life for more than twenty-eight years and she was always a silent glory in his work—a Mary ever furnishing a Bethany for the trials of Jerusalem.

The holy ancestry and the power of many loving hearts contributed to his life in joy, comfort and a desire for the right, but they did not in any way detract from the personal glory of his religious dynamic. His message was throbbing with the essence of his own personality and was made attractive by the intense energy of his spirit. He passionately believed that men could and should grow in soul life.

He called with the earnestness of a prophet, to his brothers, in the fight of life to let the soul grow by the aid of God. His plea was always personal, direct and candid. Men knew his platform and his presence made an appeal to the best in them; it condemned the low and vicious and challenged the noble. This earnest appeal of his soul sent boys to college; it made men face the call of the ministry; and school teachers were made to recognize the nobility of their work.

Brother Ormond's silent and creative benevolence demonstrated his belief in man's ability, by the aid of God, to grow into better things. He was a genius in business and accumulated much property. His known prosperity subjected him to many calls of charity, but in answering he did so without publicity and with a desire to help somebody grow in character. Through his generosity many boys have had a chance to get a college education. A few years ago he made a substantial gift to Carolina College. His will makes him the largest individual donor of our orphanage at Raleigh. All of these gifts are creative; they seek to give the young life of our state a chance to grow into Christian manhood and womanhood.

His intense loyalty to the church had a burning message behind it. To him men were sinners, and their only hope lay in Jesus Christ. Woodrow Wilson's words, "Let no man suppose that progress can be divorced from religion or that there is any platform written for the ministers of reform other than the platform written in the utterances of our Lord and Saviour," were the words of a prophet to him. Hence it is easy to see how the "Centenary" held him in its spell. It fascinated, challenged and humbled. Through it God was leading His hosts and a true soldier had no alternative—he had to advance. It was genuine joy for him to have a part in the movement.

To his immediate family are left to mourn their loss his mother, Mrs. Jane Ormond, his wife, Mrs. Lela Ormond, one sister, Mrs. Laura Turnage, and three brothers, Rev. A. L. Ormond, Rev. J. M. Ormond and Mr. H. C. Ormond. We commend these to the mercy of a loving Father.

MRS. FANNIE ROBESON BAGBY

Mrs. Fannie (Robeson) Bagby was born March 2, 1853, and peacefully departed this life November 7, 1919. She was the daughter of Manuel and Polly Robeson, of Catawba county, North Carolina. On August 31, 1875, she was happily married to Rev. W. M. Bagby, now a superannuate of the Western North Carolina Conference. After an itinerant journey of forty years this lovely couple were at home at Montezuma, N. C. To this union were born nine children, seven of whom with the husband still survive; also a brother and sister, Lawson Robeson, of Catawba, N. C., and Mrs. Harrett Boyd, of Maiden, N. C. The children are: Mrs. W. H. Willis, of Weaverville, N. C. whose husband is presiding elder of the Asheville District. Mrs. W. H. Swift, of Greensboro, N. C., whose husband is a lawyer, traveling for a child labor committee of New York, investigating and studying child labor laws of different states. Charles W. Bagby, a lawyer and postmaster, of Hickory, N. C., Miss Ivah Bagby, of Montezuma, a school teacher, who has held five positions in different city schools of the state, now at home with her father and doing fine work as Sunday School superintendent at their home Church at Montezuma. Rev W. M. Bagby, Jr. of Winston-Salem, N. C., who received his appointment at Greensboro, N. C., in October, James Willis Bagby, principal of technical high school of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Rufus A. Duval, whose husband is principal of grammar school, Columbus, Ga.

In early youth she professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church. After her husband had served nine years as pastor in this Church, she with her husband joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, making their first stop at Statesville. She occupied the following parsonage homes in the Western North Carolina Conference: Statesville, Mooresville circuit, Randolph circuit, Old Trinity, Greensboro, Centenary, Gastonia, Monroe, High Point, Morganton, Hickory, from there two years on the Mt. Airy District. At Statesville and Greensboro she occupied new parsonages built under the leadership of her husband as pastor. She was educated at Rutherford College.

She was a woman strong in body, intellect, and spiritual power. A marvel in industrial labor for the comfort and happiness of her family. To make an itinerant journey of nearly forty years, to rear a large family, to give the abundant hospitality of the parsonage home, to share the necessary struggles with her husband that each child be educated and trained for life, to share in giving liberally to the various benevolent enterprises of the Church, is an achievement that challenges the gratitude and admiration of the Church and the world; yet with all of this abundant labor and achievement, the best of it all was her gentleness, meekness, gracious kindness, deep sympathy in the life she lived. The historian may write of the great men of Church and State, but to the guardian and keepers of the parsonage homes do we owe a debt of profound sympathy and love. No wonder the mother of President Wilson lived in a parsonage home! With the mothers of our itinerant system God has wrought gracious wonders in our midst.

While the husband has gone on many a tour for the wandering sheep of Israel, the mother has lived with God, toiled hard, sung and prayed: "Give

us Lord our daily bread: Give a gracious message for the husband to deliver and enough that each child may be educated and well trained for Thee." I wonder today how many in the Church of God are not acquainted with the burdens and sorrows of those itinerant mothers receiving small salary.

Once I heard the heart wound and sorrows of a mother in a parsonage home as she spoke with tears of the wound in the heart of her boy, straying from the fold partly on account of the meagre support offered by the Church. She went with us to Conference at Greensboro looking forward to the joy of visiting each child before returning home at Montezuma. The plan of this trip was from Greensboro to Winston, Hickory, Columbus, Ga., Weaverville, Montezuma. But on November 6th with valise packed she was taken suddenly ill at ten p. m. It was November 7, 8 p. m. with an unexpected change in schedule. Home at last but by the Heavenly route. On looking into the valise a touching thing of arrangement was to see each child's picture folded away with the last letter from each one inside the picture. This marks the close of a truly great life. The image of each child with the last message from each one folded away in her heart with all of her love and sacrifice richly bestowed upon them.

And now to go on the journey to see them—the labor, the love, travail and crown of her life is the close of this modest, quiet, peaceful life hid with God in Christ the Lord.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Deserving especial mention was one from a prominent Jew, of Greensboro. These lines seem so befitting to answer in gratitude for this beautiful offering:

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy,
Let us live to make men free.

While God is marching on, (Anon) both the signs of the times and the holy prophecies seem to point us on into the glorious day when both Jew and Gentile shall offer themselves willingly in the day of God's power in holy array.

From Greensboro the remains were brought to Montezuma, and laid to rest near her home on the crest of the Blue Ridge. A large host of friends gathered, with the tear of sympathy to say good by.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer who was her pastor last year. May God graciously comfort the bereaved husband, each child and grand-child of this home. Dear children, as you think of your pictures folded away in her heart, look up to Jesus now in your sorrow. The image of the life we are called to live is pictured as Jesus was incarnate in the flesh. In the storm and stress of life he is saying, "It is I, be not afraid." As we journey on life's troubled sea, may we one and all hear Him say, "Peace, be still; it is I, be not afraid."

T. S. Coble.

BACK TO HIS OWN

Japan Mission Annual Meeting

W. J. Callahan

One of the most fitting acts ever performed by our College of Bishops was the assignment of Bishop Walter Lambuth, D. D.-F. R. G. B. to the charge of the Oriental Missions of our Church.

The Oriental Mission fields gave him to the Church, and now in returning him to us he was but sent to his own. In more than simply a physical sense is Bishop Lambuth ours, for no man holds a deeper place in the affections, certainly of Methodism in Japan, than he.

He was born in China, of Missionary parents, and remained there until he was fourteen years old, when he went to America for his education. This completed, including a full course in medicine which was a passion of his life, he went back to China as a medical missionary, where he remained a number of years.

In 1886, when it was decided by our Church to open a mission in Japan, the Rev. J. W. Lambuth, D. D., and wife (parents of the Bishop) Rev. Walter R. Lambuth, D. D., and Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Dukes, were selected from the China Mission, to open the new Mission in Japan. Dr. Walter R. Lambuth, remained in Japan until toward the end of 1820, as superintendent of the mission, confining his efforts from this time entirely to preaching, and educational work, there seeming not to be the same providential opening for medical work as in his former field.

The date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Mission was August 20, and place, Karuizawa. The outside the bounds of our Mission, it is the great Missionary summering place of Japan, and is in the heart of the mountains of Shinshiu, 3,080 feet above the sea level.

Then, too, the Korean Mission was anxious to have their Conference during the first week in September, so we decided to try the month of August in Karuizawa, using our vacation time for Mission Meeting.

Standing at this momentous time of the world's history, the new Orient-to-be, in the birth pangs of tremendous changes, yearning after higher things, with the need of sympathetic, but wise interpreters—our Church on the threshold of the new Missionary Century and the launching of a great extension program, it would seem that God had sent the one man who was by all counts the one best equipped for this monumental task. By heredity, natural bent, and life training, Bishop Lambuth has been prepared as no other man, certainly in our own Church, for grasping the facts of this time in Japan, Korea and China and interpreting them to the Church at home.

In these who are to be his travelling companions and supporters Bishop Lambuth was especially fortunate at this time in having Miss Howell, of the Council, and Dr. E. H. Rawlings, of the General Board.

There was a deeply devotional note running through the whole Conference, from the afternoon of August 20, when Bishop Lambuth led the opening devotional hour of the first session, in heart to heart talk on prayer, to the closing hour near midnight of August 27.

Great issues were under discussion, strong convictions were expressed strongly, by men of ripe experience, yet there was with rare exception, the most brotherly considerations shown in every thing.

Naturally the Centenary and questions bearing on the carrying out of the Centenary program, occupied a large place in the proceedings. For example, in one session, "How may we be of Service to the Home Church"—Wainright, "How may we be of Service to the Japanese Church"—Callahan, "How shall we administer Centenary Funds"—Wilson, were the three subjects presented, and brought out interesting discussion. In another, "Lines of Extension"—Jones, "Supply of Workers"—Haden, and "Serving the Community"—Weakly, were splendidly presented and the discussion, following showed that each was a really live issue.

Everybody in the home Church of course, is interested in the Hiroshima Girls' School, and its reorganization. This had been under consideration for several years.

Founded in prayer, and with a wonderful providential development, this school has grown to fill a large place in the community which it was built to serve, but it has developed to such proportions that it is too great a responsibility for any one person to carry. In this all are agreed. Just what form the reorganization is to take in its final shaping, is not quite as clear in all its details.

Certain questions were submitted to a committee of five to report at the called session of the mission fixed for sometime about November. If a forecast be made, it is probable that this committee will recommend the separation of the Kindergarten Training Dept., from the Hiroshima Girls' School, and that under the Council, it be united with the Bible Woman's Training School, in some place to be fixed upon, the two to form the nucleus of a great Women Workers' Training School.

Whether this will be for our own Mission only, or other Missions to come in with us, will be determined by later developments. This was recommended to the Mission by the Board of Control of the school, and was well received, so will be likely to be also among the findings of the new committee of five referred to above. As for other changes at Hiroshima, it will probaly be divided into departments under responsible heads, and all under a president. There will be some higher courses of study and some extension work also added.

Shall Kwansei Gakuin be a University?

Was a question that brought out some lively discussion. Some felt that under the union organization with the Canadian Methodist Mission, and its expansion in the few years since that co-operation began from a small struggling institution, to one with more than a thousand students, and a full fledged college, the next logical step was development into a university. They went so far as to say that much, if not all of what had already been gained, would be sacrificed if the step was not taken.

Others felt strongly that it was open to question as to whether a University under legal handicaps and other difficulties could really do any better work than a thoroughly equipped, efficient institution of college grade. Then too, there was the further question as to whether a real University doing graduate work, could be financed on one or two mission budgets, without drawing too heavily on the total funds available for that particular field, and causing a one sided mission development.

Previously the proposition had come before the Canadians, the other mission co-operating in the Kwansei Gakuin, and they had endorsed a one-department university of commerce, for the present.

Having committed themselves before to the scheme of a union Christian university—in Tokyo probably—the Canadian mission did not wish to do any thing that would dampen the prospects of such an institution, or indicate any cooling of ardor for the enterprise.

It was not clear just what the fate of the proposition would have been, had it come to vote immediately, but after one day's discussion, it was voted to commit to a special committee of seven, with instructions to report with recommendations at the called meeting in the autumn. Their report will be awaited with much interest.

The World's Sunday School Convention

To be held in Tokyo, and finally fixed for the autumn of 1920, received due notice. Steps are being taken to get in touch with all the representatives who are to come from our own Church. (1) In order to make their visit count for as much as possible in acquainting them with mission work generally in Japan, and particularly that of our own mission. (2) Using those who come to us as experts in some line, for making our work here stronger.

It was recommended further that the representative from the mission on the federated missions Sunday school committee, give as much time as possible before and after the convention, to preparation for the convention throughout Japan, and Sunday school extension work in connection with the visitors from abroad.

A most interesting feature in the mission meeting was the presence of a large number of our Japanese brethren, much of the time among them being Bishop Hiraiwa, of the Japan Methodist Church, who, as many of my readers know, was one of the fruits of Canadian Methodist Missions before the union. Most of these mission Conferences are intensely loyal to mother Church. I think the visiting friends, especially, were much amused at the way some of our old M. E. South, boys, now leaders in the Japan Methodist Church, would talk in the most spontaneous way about what "We Southerners do." What is best of all, they are loyal, through and through.

I would not close without reference to the splendid address given by Bishop Lambuth to a general missionary audience in the Tabernacle on, "Eight Hundred Miles on Foot Though Central Africa," which was without doubt one of the most thrilling recitals I ever heard. He captured everybody, and one man who had heard the address many times before said, "I never heard him equal to that." On Sunday morning the Bishop spoke again at the Auditorium to a great English speaking congregation of probably more than a thousand people, mostly missionaries. Such an audience could probaly not be duplicated anywhere in the Orient.

The deep spirituality of the preacher seemed to grip his audience, and hold them to the end.

The appointments caused about the usual difficulty where there are not much more than half enough men to fill the places that should have them.

Uwajima, Japan.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Tarboro station has increased the salary of Brother Earnhardt from $1,500 to $1,800.

—The Washington District has increased the salary of its presiding elder to $3,300.

—Our Church in Lexington beat its own record Thanksgiving by contributing $156.64 to the Children's Home.

—Farmville increases the salary of its pastor, Brother J. L. Rumley, from $1,500 to $2,000. Farmville itself will soon be a station.

—South Rocky Mount with the aid of First Church and the appropriation, will pay its pastor, Brother Ivey T. Poole, $1,500.

—Clark St., Rocky Mount, has increased from $1,200 to $1,500, and Brother Slaughter is feeling correspondingly good.

—The Roanoke-Chowan Times says that it is a great pleasure to the many friends of Rev. J. M. Wright that he is again sent to the Northampton charge.

—The Nashville station, just beginning life this year, starts with a salary of $2,500, while the whole circuit of which it was a part only paid $1,800 last year.

—Eight delegates are to go from Trinity College to the National Student Volunteer Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, from December 31 to January 3.

—A new railroad is to be built from Senaca, S. C., to Brevard, N. C. Plans were agreed on at a meeting held at Brevard, Nov. 28, and the preliminary survey ordered to be made at once.

—The congregation of Jarvis Memorial, Greenville has increased the salary of Brother Walter Patten from $2,500 to $2,700, and is planning to build at once new Sunday school rooms.

—Rev. H. E. Spence, one of the professors in the Biblical Department at Trinity College, spoke Monday night of last week to the Current Topics Club of Rocky Mount on "The Crisis Before the American People."

—Mr. Robert L. Milam, of Atlanta, Ga., is locating in Raleigh, N. C., as a Gospel singer and choir director and is available to build up choir and community singing in this state. Write him at Raleigh, N. C.

—We are glad to note that Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of Burkhead Methodist Church, who recently underwent n operation at the Lawrence Hospital, continues to improve. It is thought now that he will soon be able to be moved home.

—The Appalachian Training School at Boone held appropriate Thanksgiving services. Addresses were made by Rev. J. R. Walker and others. We note with genuine pleasure that Brother Walker is making a fine impression and the outlook is good.

—Rev. W. F. Elliott was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office a few days ago. He makes a cheerful report of things at Trinity and on the Randolph circuit. At Trinity plans have been adopted for the erection of a $12,000 church and the work of gathering material has already begun.

—The presiding elder informs us that Bethel is asking to be made a station and is offering to pay Brother W. E. Trotman $1,800, while the whole circuit paid only $1,500 last year. A plan to accomplish this end has been recommended to the Bishop and awaits his action.

—Brother Harry Falls, Lay Leader at King's Mountain, informs us that they raised for the Children's Home at Winston-Salem on last fifth Sunday $83.30, and of this amount sixteen members of Mr. G. T. King's Men's Bible class gave $58.25—approximately $3.65 per member.

—We are requested by Presiding Elder Newell to announce that Rev. Jim Green has been appointed pastor of the Bald Creek Circuit. He was to fill his first appointments last Sunday in the morning at Friendship and in the afternoon at St. Pauls. We regret that we did not receive the notice in time for announcement last week.

—The congregation at Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem, has installed six memorial windows in their church, two of them in honor of deceased pastors, Rev. W. M. Biles and Rev. Harold Turner. Rev. J. Ed Thompson, of Belmont, a former pastor, was present on Sunday, November 30, and preached the dedicatory sermon.

—Rex. R. H. Broom writes from Hookerton that he has been very kindly received. He is hopeful "of a most pleasant and profitable year, including a much larger circulation of our excellent Conference organ. That big, old fashioned pounding on the night of our arrival was just what we needed, and we feel like starting afresh."

—Charity and Children says: "The sermon by Rev. W. A. Lambeth has not been surpassed, according to Tom Bost, by any of the 36 distinguished preachers who have appeared before the Teachers' Assembly. We are not at all surprised at this statement, and have no doubt it is a just estimate of the sermon by our Thomasville boy."

—Of Rev. E. N. Harrison the Roanoke Beacon says: "Mr. Harrison has served only two years here, but during this period he has made many close friends both in the Church and out of it. Never in our remembrance during the past forty years have we heard so many regrets expressed at the loss of a pastor. However, our loss is Enfield's gain."

—The presiding elder of the Washington District is making a rapid trip around his district to organize the work for the year. He has already held the Quarterly Conferences for the South Rocky Mount, Clark Street, Nashville, Tarboro, Washington Farmville and Greenville charges, and all have made substantial increases in the pastors' saaries.

—At the first quarterly conference of Rural Hall charge the board of stewards was reorganized and the salary for the pastor was advanced to $1,500. This is an increase of $600 over any previous year. Other advanced steps were taken. All indications point to a great year on this splendid charge. "Poundings" galore have been coming in.

—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., requests us to say for him: "Owing to the fact that I have been elected chairman of the Educational Campaign Commission and also chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commission, in order that I may be able to give to that work such attention as its importance demands, my address until further notice will be No. 2, Evylen Court, Nashville, Tenn."

—The new pastor, Rev. L. D. Hayman, preached at the M. E. church on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Mr. Hayman is a pleasant speaker and seems pleased with the idea of serving the Weldon church. He announced that his family would arrive in Weldon on Thursday, December 4th. The ladies of the church will see that the parsonage is ready to receive them and give them a warm welcome.—Roanoke News.

—We acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of an invitation to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Dulus Harper Dixon, of Goldsboro, N. C., for Friday evening, Dec. 12th, 1919, from 8 until 11:30 o'clock. Brother Dixon is our efficient Centenary treasurer for the North Carolina Conference, and we wish for him and Mrs. Dixon many added years of bliss on the sea of life.

—The churches of Welcome charge, Rev. C. C. Williams, pastor, have recently purchased a parsonage at a cost of $2,000. Brother Williams also received a "severe pounding" as a Thankoffering on Thanksgiving Day. A large quantity of provisions were left at the parsonage. Brother Williams held a Thanksgiving service at Midway Church Thursday, and the collection for the Children's Home amounted to $25.

—Rev. J. C. Keever, pastor of the Shelby circuit, writes: "We have been kindly received by the people of the Shelby circuit. On our arrival, a good number of the people from Sharon and Sulphur Springs churches were at the parsonage to meet us. They had a good dinner prepared, and all along since then they have been 'pounding' us. Our work is moving along in a hopeful way and we are expecting a good year here on the Shelby circuit."

—A note from Rev. S. T. Barber, who is still confined to the hospital in Wadesboro, says: "I have been here four weeks and I feel that I cannot wait longer to thank most heartily every individual and church who have remembered me so graciously in this affliction and have helped me to feel happy and easy in that my main thoughts can of friends who care and of God who knows best. How much more religion and friends mean to me now!"

—At the fourth Quarterly Conference for the Tarboro charge Mr. W. O. Howard was elected Sunday school superintendent. He made a most excellent start, says the Tarboro Southerner, last Sunday morning. Brother Paul Jones, who has been superintendent for six years, takes up the work of musical director of the school and will give his loyal support to the school. Last year the Church paid on the general budget $5,000, besides the amount paid on Church debt. Fifty-six members were added to the church.

—Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, who has been nominated by the Democrats of the 9th Congressional district to succeed Mr. Webb, is a remarkable man. When too young to take the oath of office, he was nominated for the lower house of the legislature from Cleveland and won at a time when no one else in his party would venture to enter the race. Since that time he has never failed in any race upon which he has entered and those who know him intimately expect him to have an easy walk-over this time. The fact is that he is a good man and the people are not afraid to trust him.

—Rev. M. T. Plyler is given the following words of commendation by the Wilmington Dispatch in noting his change from Grace Church, Wilmington, to the Durham District: "Mr. Plyler is a fine preacher, a good pastor, and a wise manager of Church affairs. During his ministry here 307 names were added to the Church roll and the Sunday school annex was planned and built at a cost of $20,000—the same would probably cost $50,000 now, owing to the increased price of labor and material. He leaves the Church in good condition. By his genial spirit and courteous treatment of all, Mr. Plyler has made hundreds of warm friends in the city and throughout the Wilmington district, who, while regretting to see him go, wish him the highest success in his new and enlarged field of service."

—"Davidson Day," observed by the Presbyterians in a great meeting at Davidson College, on Wednesday, November 3rd, was a great day for their Million Dollar Campaign in behalf of their schools in the North Carolina Synod. It was announced that the sons and daughters of Mr. J. W. Cannon, of Concord, had contributed $50,000 to the fund, also that the total amount contributed to date by the Synod is $532,000. Another announcement of special interest in this connection was that of R. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, an alumnus of Davidson College, who stated that he would be one of 10 or 20 men to contribute $50,000 to endow an alumni chair at the college. Following this was another announcement, which was made by James W. Pharr also of Charlotte, that he would contribute $5,000 to the endowment of the alumni chair.

NOTICE

The District Stewards of the Warrenton District will meet in the Methodist Church at Weldon on Wednesday, December 17, at 2 o'clock.

E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder.

EXCHANGED HATS

Through mistake some one and I exchanged hats last day of North Caroline Conference. I have the best bargain, but hope to hear from the other party and change back.

A. H. Andrew, Siler City, N. C.

CORRECTED ASSESSMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

For some reason the Secretary failed to get an accurate report from the Statistical Secretary on the amount paid for ministerial support in the various Districts. I am requested by Rev. O. W. Dowd, Secretary to Finance Commission, to make correction and send a copy to the Advocate. The purpose is to get this published before the various Districts have the meeting of the District Stewards.

I am sorroy to make this change.

F. S. Aldridge for O. W. Dowd.

District	Salaries 1918	Gen. Work	Conf. Work
Durham	$ 27,654	$ 7,942	$10,403
Elizabeth City	21,715	6,237	8,169
Fayetteville	21,694	6,231	8,160
New Bern	31,154	8,946	11,720
Raleigh	28,435	8,166	10,697
Rockingham	30,338	8,713	11,413
Warrenton	27,145	7,796	10,212
Washington	28,187	8,094	10,603
Wilmington	25,194	7,235	9,477
	$241,516	$69,360	$90,854

REVIVAL AT TRINITY COLLEGE

As a part of the Centenary undertaking to promote a great revival of religion, and under the direction of the Centenary program for evangelization in the colleges, Dr Clovis G. Chappel, pastor of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., has been assigned to Trinity to conduct a revival here the first week in February. Dr. Chappel was a member of the class of 1905 and is one of the best known preachers that have ever gone out from the College. As pastor of the Representative Southern Methodist Church in the capital of the nation Dr. Chappel during the war and since has been one of the most influential preachers in Washington.

APPRECIATION

I want to express our appreciation of Brother A. W. Price, who served our Church and circuit for the past five years. He was the only man sent back by our Conference last year to serve his fifth year. He is a man of great power and would serve any community efficiently. I would be glad to have him as pastor for five years more, but he suffers so severely from rheumatism that he has been compelled to take a superannuate relation.

Let all Advocate readers pray especially for his speedy recovery; for he has been such a great help to our Church and community that I feel that he would be a power for good in any community. I have been closely associated with him and learned to love him most affectionately.

Luther Y. Gray.

FROM CLYDE

After three years of ministerial labor where I had neither parsonage to live in nor Church to preach in it seems mighty good to begin living in

a parsonage and preaching in a Church again. That sort of pleasure has come to me up here in the mountains at Clyde. The people have received us with evidences of appreciation. Poundings are in good style here yet. The pounding began the day we came and it has not stopped. The year is beginning hopefully. It is generally agreed that the charge is in fine spiritual condition, and we are confidently looking for a year of spiritual and numerical growth. Our officials are a bunch of progressve young men who believe in the Church. They attend preaching and Sunday school. I see many reasons for believing that we are going to have a great year in the Lord's work.

Otho J. Jones.

CHADBOURN CIRCUIT

Another year has been passed and gone into history. It has been a hard busy year with more calls and demands than ever.

The Centenary was the talk and work of the first part of the year together with the struggle of and with the epidemic of the flu.

But I am very grateful that amid all the stress and duties the Lord has brought us safely through and there has been some progress along all lines. This is very true from a financial standpoint. We were able to report at Conference more than $8,565 raised for all purposes. This included $1,866 for the Centenary which is over $300 more than the first year's payment.

The Church at Fair Bluff which was begun in 1914, and with much struggle and faithful effort has been completed during the year and Bishop Darlington has promised to dedicate it January 14, 1920 I take this time and opportunity to invite all former pastors and friends to be present. We will be glad to have you. And I wish now to again thank the men of Fair Bluff Church for a nice suit of clothes and the Ladies Aid Society for $20 to buy shoes and hat. They are certainly a faithful band.

Work is progressing nicely in remodeling Evergreen Church which will make it a beautiful and comfortable building and house of worship.

So we start upon the new year with renewed feelings of faithfulness and fidelity and humbly praying that this may be a great spiritual year. A year of great revivals and spiritual prosperity. Pray for us.

B. E. Stnafield, P. C.

HIGHLANDS

We are among a warm hearted people. We had hardly gotten settled in Highlands before the people of the community came in a storm, bringing most everything they thought the preacher and his family could eat. Outside of the eatables two five dollar bills were among the gifts to buy other things to suit us. After a season of social intercourse and a short inspiring program, the people retired, leaving the preacher and his family to enjoy the delicious apples and other good things. We wish publicly to thank every one that contributed anything.

J. C. Umberger.

FROM SPRAY

We left Murphy on October 30 and after traveling four hundred and fourteen miles in our car we landed in Spray.

We were greeted at the parsonage by many of our members. Supper had been prepared and things in general had been arranged for our coming. There has hardly been a day but what we have been the recipient of some act of kindness at the hands of these good people.

On Staturday night, November 8 there came a good size crowd of our members and gave us a real nice pounidng and we had not begun to recover from this one until some who did not get to have a part in the first pounding came an' gave us another good one.

The ladies have made quite an improvement in the parsonage in the way of making it comfortable. A nice set of aluminum ware has been put in the kitchen, druggets on the floors and a good many other things have been added.

The Stewards have not been unmindful of our needs. On November 24 they met and fixed the salary at eighteen hundred dollars. This is an advance of $600 over last year and in addition to all this we hope to be able to pay for our splendid parsonage which was contracted for last year but not paid for. The people are giving us large congregations both morning and evening.

These good people have put us under obligations to them by their many acts of kindness and if we did not try to do our best we would be guilty of ingratitude.

We are praying for and expecting this to be a great year for this charge.

J. W. Ingle.

JOHN R. PADDISON

A gentleman of the old school passed from earth when Major John R. Paddison fell on sleep, Sept. 16, 1919. A Virginian by birth, English by extraction and a Carolinian for years, he combined within his character the best that such environment and influences could produce. Above everything he was a devoted Christian His loyalty to his church was unwavering. For 35 years he was a member of the Methodist Church, South, and for 15 years of that time he served as superintendent of the Sunday school of his church in Mt. Airy, N. C., the town in which so many useful years were spent, a town which is better for having had such a citizen.

Major Paddison was born in Prince William county, Va., in 1846, but came to New Hanover county, N. C., in childhood and had lived in this State since. He volunteered for service in the Confederate army before he had reached the age of fifteen years and served his country faithfully until his capture at the time of Fort Fisher's fall in January, 1865. After his release from a Federal prison he came to Pender county and engaged in business with his brother at Point Caswell

In 1869 he was married to Miss Alice Foard of Iredell county. Upon this marriage was builded an ideal home. In this home one found all the gracious hospitality of the Old South mixed with an atmosphere of true and unpretending religion. In this home charity in its largest sense was always found, charity which means love and warmth of kindliness.

This dvoted couple had planned to celebrate their golden wedding, but death claimed the beloved husband only thirteen days before the date of th anniversary.

During th illness which terminated in his death Major Paddison was the recipient of every attention that an affectionate family and th truest friends could give. The memorial services held in the Methodist Church of Mt. Airy gave strong testimony to the high esteem which his co-workers had for him. Even those who knew him only by reputation were aware that a blameless Christian gentleman had passed away and in his going had made the world poorer.

The South has few men of his class left. The quick-footed modern day does not give time for the flowering of the old-time qualities. But the young men who knew him will not fail to carry through life the memory of his gentleness, his courtesy, that quality in him which came up to the full measure of Paul's description of love, "Love suffereth long and is kind. Love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself; . . . Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

Besides the widow there are left to mourn this good man six sons who are scattered throughout different states and who are making of themselves citizens worthy of a great country, and worthy of the parents who trained them.

A Friend.

COOL SPRINGS CHARGE

We have just closed a spiendid revival meeting at New Salem church, in which we had 45 conversions and reclamations and 25 accessions to the church. Great good was accomplished in many ways. Brother John Green, pastor of Statesville circuit, did all of the preaching, and he is splendid help in a meeting. His great earnestness, together with his consecration, makes his preaching very effective. The offering plates were passed twice during the meeting, and people contributed $53.15 to Brother Green as a small token of their appreciation for his valuable services.

Individual poundings have been coming to the parsonage almost every week, placing us under lasting obligations to the good people of Cool Springs charge. I am praying for and expecting the best year the church of Christ has ever had.

Fraternally, R. A. Swaringen.

CHAPEL HILL

Our work at Chapel Hill is flourishing. We have a preponderance of Methodist students gathered from every county in the state. Every third man you meet on the campus is either a Methodist, or from a Methodist home.

In the main they are very fine boys. The student body is quiet, dignified, orderly and studious. We think the spirit is exceptionally fine. We have a ministerial band, composed of those who expect to enter the ministry; our Bible study groups, and our Y workers. The churches are active. No young man need go wrong here. I feel like I should say this in simple justice to the administration. If a boy goes wrong he does so because he prefers evil to good association. It is rather popular with the student body to be religious.

I have many letters from parents in regard to their boys. This is well. You know the dangers of University life. Your letters inspire the pastor, and frequently help to locate the boy. Besides this we are glad to know that prayer and solicitude follow the boy to his new work. There are many things in the life of the school that as an orthodox Methodist I do not approve of, and the boy can easily be led wrong if he is so inclined; therefore, the work is of first importance. Prayers from a thousand home altars ought to ascend for these boys every day.

Readers, we are seriously hampered for equipment. Our church is too small, and we have no study rooms, nor class rooms worthy of the name. I have been teaching a class of men down in a bank bui'ding, where a friend has been kind enough to furnish me a place. This is necessitated by lack of room. We need many things which this little local community cannot afford. Indeed I think it would be unfair to the local church and community to expect them to provide an adequate church plant and force necessary to train all the young men of the state who come here. If the state provides the institution, and it does (the local community does not) surely the church ought to come forward as promptly as the state, to take care of the spiritual side of the student life.

Especially just now we need a good piano for the student class. We would like a good one, for the boys know, and appreciate adequate things. They ought to have the best. They have but little money—many of them borrow the means to complete their education—and they make the best men. Now I am starting a subscription account from my friends and the friends to the work over the state to procure this piano for the boys. Will not you who read these lines send me at least a small investment in the cause? I will publish the list in the Advocate in due time. Any amount you may send will be thankfully received by the undersigned and by the boys.

We think the opportunity to turn out these University students as model Christian workers is second to nothing. They are going to their future communities as leaders. They ought to be given the finest training and knowledge as to the Bible and religious work possible. What a strategical point for victory.

You ought to hear these boys sing in the chapel, in the Sunday school; bass, soprano, tenor! How their lusty voices inspire us! Then they play—many of them—the orchestra this year is fine. It would even gladden the heart of an editor to witness them!

Finally, we need new Bibles, song books, more Sunday school literature and leaflets. While you are providing these, get ready to build our big modern plant for the future.

Cordially,
Euclid McWhorter.

MAXTON

For several weeks before the session of our Conference in Wilson I counted on nothing other than superannuation at Conference, and that being the case I looked forward to the Conference with a feeling of sadness. I love the work to which the Master called me three dozen years ago, and would be glad to keep it up until it is His will to call me to my final home. Two or three weeks before Conference I began to improve so rapidly that hope sprang up in my heart that I might be able to go on in active service, I was able to discard my crutches, with which I had been able to move about slowly during the spring and summer, and stand up to deliver messages to my people. Then my people, the best in all the world, unanimously asked for my return as pastor of the charge I had served so poorly during the past Conference year. And here we are in the parsonage in dear old Maxton.

We began our itinerant ministry right here thirty-six years ago. It was then called Ashpole Mission, that is when we first came to it. We spent four years as pastor of the charge. When we became pastor of the Maxton Church (then Shoe Heel) there was no Church buliding for the Methodist flock, but before we left it we had quite a nice Church building on the corner of Patterson and Sanders streets. While we were stationed here thirty odd years ago the name of the town was changed from Shoe Heel to Maxton, and we left it with the name Maxton Circuit. Since we left this charge thirty-two years ago we have served eleven other charges, and we sincerely loved all the charges we have servd, but we have found no people whom we loved more than those of this charge.

We have started off with the work of the new Conference year very nicely, and are looking to the great Head of the Church for His blessings on our efforts that this may be a year of revival fires in the charge.

We had a great Conference at Wilson. Bishop Darlington is simply ideal as a presiding officer, and all the pastors looked happy and prosperous, inspite of the "high cost of living," and the strenuous times amid which we are living.

As a member of Conference Board of Finance I was deeply pained at the pittance we were able to send out to the faithful men and women who had wrought so nobly in the years that are gone. As a member of that Board, and on behalf of the Conference Claimants, I want to express very sincere thanks to Mr. J. B. Duke for his continued munificence to this most worthy cause. Mr. Duke has

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Woman's Missionary Society

Mrs. W. R .Harris, Editor, 19 Orange St., Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. V. Royster, Assistant Editor, Raleigh, N. C.

GOD'S ALMONERS

God's almoners are we;
From out His store
He gives to thee, to me,
Now less, now more;
Some gift, some sacred trust,
That we alone
Of all his children must
Bear swiftly on
to those who watch and pray
In bitter need,
Doubting, while we delay,
If God doth heed.

God's almoners! Untold
Untold the honor given
To us that we should hold
The gifts of heaven
In sacred trust like this!
Then let it not
(The deed forgot!)
Be ours the joy to miss.
—E. E. Brown, Cambridge, Mass.

Friends of Mrs. W. A. Newell of Statesville, N. C., Social Service Superintendent of the W. N. C. Conference will be saddened to know of the great sorrow which has come to her recently in the death of her brother, Mr. William Payne, who passed away last Saturday in a Chicago hospital following an illness from a carbuncle. We extend to Mrs. Newell and the other loved ones our most heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour.

HARVEST DAY SERVICE

What about that Harvest Day service which we are asked to observe in December? Has your society held it, and if not, are plans being made for an early observance of this most important day? We have heard of a number of societies that are planning interesting programs for such a service and are working to bring all obligations up in full so that it maybe a real service of thanksgiving and gratitude. We are urged by our council officers to hold a Harvest Day service and if every society will do so and will work towards a fulfillment of all financial obligations by that day we are quite sure our pledges will all be met and we can sing a song of thanksgiving. Let us work to that end and see that our missionary obligations are all paid in full before the coming of the Christmas holidays when there are so many calls for our money.

CONFERENCE OF INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

Our Council officers are asking the co-operation of our missionary workers in the great interchurch world movement of North America, which is the agency by which all the Evangelical Churches of America propose to meet the multiplied opportunities of these greater days and develop an adequate world program for Christian resources and co-operation.

The Conference for North Carolina will be held in Raleigh December 15, 16 and 17.

At this conference prominent leaders, both men and women, of various denominations, who are thoroughly acquainted with the Movement, will present its entire message, including the survey, the objectives, organization and dynamics, which constitute the official message of co-operative Evangelical Christianity. No greater opportunity for progressive Christian work has ever confronted us than this work proposed by this movement—the greatest work for Christendom since the Reformation.

We hope that many of our leaders in our conferences will attend this Conference in Raleigh.

EXPLANATIONS FROM THE ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT SECRETARY

Just a few lines to the dear Auxiliaries in my district, that you may know why I have failed to hold a district meeting or visit you as I had planned. As Conference met later this year, the first quarter was about gone when I was elected. A short time after that I went to Washington, D. C., and could not return conveniently until June, which was the end of another quarter.

Circumstances at that time of the year prevented us from having a district meeting, so I thought it best to visit each auxiliary and meet the officers and members and see the work that was being done on the district. I attended the Gates County Missionary Institute, which was a great meeting, and visited a few of the auxiliaries when my daughter was taken very ill and for the past two months I have been nursing her, and will not be able to make other visits. Do not forget that this is the last month of the last quarter, let every woman in every auxiliary make a sacrifice if necessary to meet every obligation.

Mrs. George Hawkins.

The Young People's Society of Central Church, Asheville, have for several reasons, had a most discouraging year, and at one time it seemed as if the faithful few who attended the meetings would be compelled to disband, but through the interest, prayers and co-operation of some of the older members of the Church, the society has taken a new lease on life and for the past several months have had most interesting meetings with a good attendance. Several new members have been added and the financial record for the year is very gratifying. At a recent meeting held with Mrs. Joseph Witz, the local superintendent of Young People's Work, officers for 1920 were elected and plans for the work of another year discussed.

Following are the officers chosen for the new year: President, Miss Inez Kessler, 111 Chestnut St.; vice president, Miss Mary Webster, 137 Biltmore Ave.; rec. and cor. secretary, Miss May Bloomer, 209 Cumberland Ave.; treasurer, Miss Marion Mitchell, Starnes avenue; Supt. Mission Study, Miss Sarah Orr, 84 Starnes Ave.; Supt. Social Service and Supplies, Miss Helen Fisher, 97 College St.

RALEIGH DISTRICT

Vara L. Herring, Dist. Sec.

At our district meeting at Apex it was decided that we would make 100 per cent in our contribution to the Scarritt Endowment Fund and in the observance of the Week of Prayer. Our rating last year in these two items was only 60 per cent. It is now too late for me to urge the Week of Prayer observance, but I do hope that every auxiliary in the district will contribute $4 to the Scarritt Fund during this month if they have not already done so. We do want our financial report at least, to be 100 per cent this year. Last year we made the goal of 10 per cent increase in finances and in members, and this year we must make the 10 per cent gain.

Let each auxiliary take an account of its standing at once and make sure of the goal. Reports so far have been very encouraging and I greatly appreciate the fine spirit and splendid work of all the auxiliaries—Adult, Young People and Bright Jewels.

It was my privilege to visit the Benson auxiliaries during the Week of Prayer. These auxiliaries were reorganized during the first quarter of this year after having been disbanded for two years while their beautiful new church was in building.

Mrs. W. D. Boone is the president of the adult auxiliary; Miss Vallie Hill superintendent of Young People's Work and Mrs. S. P. Roberts superintendent of Children's Work. These auxiliaries with their splendid leaders are doing a fine work and it was a great pleasure to meet with them in a union prayer service on the third day of Prayer Week.

Vara L. Herring, Dist. Sec.

LUCY H. ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In a letter found on this page which was written by Miss Herring of the N. C. Conference to the members of her district, there is special reference made to the Scarritt Scholarship fund. Miss Herring urges each auxiliary on her district to contribute at least $4 to this fund, which goes to pay the expenses at the Scarritt Bible and Training School for girls who volunteer for service, either in the homeland or on foreign fields.

We feel that it would be well to emphasize what Miss Herring has said and call the attention of our societies in both Conferences to this very important matter. In the W. N. C. Conference this fund is known as the Lucy H. Robertson Fund, named for our loved president, a greater part of whose life has been spent in training young women and who has this special work on her heart. The amount contributed by the auxiliaries of the W. N. C. Conference for 1918 was not as large as we had hoped it would be and this year during these closing days, we want to urge each auxiliary to be sure and send in some amount to the Treasurer to be applied to this fund. We have a number of girls in our Conference who are planning to go to Scarritt for the missionary training as soon as it is expedient for them.

Let us not forget this contribution, as we are rounding up our year's work but send in some amount even though it may not be as large as we might wish.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

December is the month in which officers for the auxiliaries will be elected. Fearing that some society may have overlooked the changes made at the last meeting of the council regarding the officers for auxiliaries we quote from the Constitution and By-Laws of Adult, Young People and Junior Societies.

In the Constitution and By-Laws of Adult auxiliaries, item 8 reads as follows: "The officers of the auxiliary shall be a president, a vice president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, and superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study and Publicity, of Social Service and of Supplies."

In the Constitution for Young People we find item 6 reads: "The officers of the auxiliary shall be a president, a vice president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer and the superintendents of Study and Publicity, Social Service and Suplies."

Item 4 of the Constitution for Junior auxiliaries says: "The officers of the Junior Division shall be a president, a vice president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and superintendents of study and publicity and of social service.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS, FEBRUARY 20th, 1920

"Together" surely is the key word of this era. We have witnessed nations doing mighty things together, things impossible attempted separately. And we have seen the conquering power of a united front attacking sin citadels. Councils and federations have been born and waxed strong. An international mind and interdenominational vision have become existant. The line of demarcation between Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth, is fast ceasing to be a line of cleavage.

For many years missionary societies have been observing interdenominationally, a Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions and a Day of Prayer for Home Missions. Now, at last, TOGETHER the thanksgiving petitions and intercession for home and foreign missions will arise. The first Friday in Lent has been chosen by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions for the annual observance of this united Day of Prayer.

TOGETHER these two organizations have prepared a program for February 20th, 1920, based on the happily inspired theme "The World to Christ we Bring". Copies may be secured, one cent each, from the various denominational woman's boards, home and foreign, from the Council of Women for Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or Miss M. H. Leavis, West Medford, Mass, agent for the Federation. This program will be ready and on sale January 1st.

"A Call to Prayer," a two-page card contains topics for preliminary, preparatory prayer. These cards, which fit an ordinary correspondence envelope, should be widely distributed. They are now ready and may be secured from the denominational women's boards, free of charge.

All boards are urged to bring the matter before their constituencies, as widely as possible. Speakers and leaders are asked to announce the united Day of Prayer for Missions and to impress upon women everywhere that each feel a responsibility, if no one else is taking the initiative, to call together women of all denominations in the local community by January 15 to plan for the observance of the Day of Prayer. Pastors are requested to insert a notice in the Church Bulletins and to call attention from the pulpit for at least two Sundays before the Day of Prayer that we may all be together "with one accord in prayer and supplication" on that day.

Attractive posters have been published by the Council of Women for Home Missions and may be had, each set of six, for fifty cents. Orders should be sent to the Council of Women for Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave. New York, or to your denominational board headquarters.

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Any poultry raiser can easily double his profits by doubling the egg production of his hens. A scientific tonic has been discovered that revitalizes the flock and makes hens work all the time. The tonic is called "More Eggs." Give your hens a few cents' worth of "More Eggs," and you will be amazed and delighted with results. A dollar's worth of "More Eggs" will double this year's production of eggs, so if you wish to try this great profit maker, write E. J. Reefer, poultry expert, 3259 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., who will send you a season's supply of "More Eggs" Tonic for $1.00 (prepaid). So confident is Mr. Reefer of the results that a million dollar bank guarantees if you are not absolutely satisfied, your dollar will be returned on request and the tonic costs you nothing. Send a dollar today. Profit by the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.

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Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Lexington, N. C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

N. C. CONFERENCE

THE CENTENARY IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

According to the Standard Plan for the Centenary in the Sunday school, December 28 is designated as a special Missionary Day in this Conference. Every Sunday School that has not done so is asked to make a pledge to the Centenary on that day. All schools that have made their pledge are asked to increase their pledge, if possible, and take a Special. The Secretary has a number of books of Specials on hand which he will be glad to furnish to any who request them.

THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A few of our Sunday schools have been heard from since Conference and these are preparing for a membership drive during this month. In one of the towns where I lived as a boy it used to be very easy to induce Sunday school pupils to attend during the month of December. The anticipated reward of the Christmas tree brought them all into active membership for the time being. In this membership drive we ought not to allow any hope of material reward to influence anyone. We must keep in mind the real purpose of the campaign, which is to save the youth of our community. I am glad that so many of our Sunday schools are beginnng to celebrate Christmas in the right spirit; not by the receiving of gifts but by the giving of gifts. Let us urge the boys and girls to become active members of the Sunday school because it will help them to live for Him, and not for any kind of selfish reason.

KENLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. J. G. High, superintendent of the Sunday school at Kenly, N. C., invited the Field Secretary to talk to the school on Sunday, November 30. It was a pleasure to be with the school in Kenly for a day. They have two good Wesley classes that are rendering good service to the Church and school. Kenly Methodists are planning to build a new church building in the near future. When they do build the Sunday school interests will be well taken care of.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE

If you are planning to build a new Church or Sunday school building this year, we would appreciate it if you would get in touch with the Sunday School Board through the Field Secretary. The Secretary will be glad to go anywhere in this Conference and consult with you in regard to building plans for Sunday schools.

A WESLEY CLASS AT WARRENTON

Warrenton Sunday school is planning to organize a Wesley Class. Mr. H. A. Boyd is the superintendent and Rev. J. T. Gibbs is pastor. We predict great things for this class.

CITY TRAINING SCHOOLS

Three cities are planning to hold a Training School for Sunday school workers during the coming year. Newbern will have one in January, Durham in March, and Louisburg in May. Besides these city schools, many circuits and charge groups are laying plans for Sunday school institutes and Conferences. The year promises to be a very active one in training teachers for work in the Sunday school.

A LETTER FROM NEW TOWN

We had our Church wide canvass for new members last Sunday afternoon. You know our lesson in the morning was about real service in the Kingdom. Well, I made an appeal for canvassers based on the lesson and nearly every upil in the school wanted to help in the canvass. We let them all help too. Found something for everyone of them to do. Our canvass was an even greater success than we hoped for. We found 34 people in Methodist homes who were not attending Sunday school and we gave them a cordial invitation to attend our school. There were five soldier boys who had not attended since they returned from overseas. We found thirteen people who honestly were not able to attend. I am going to have a Home Department for these right away. I will let you know next week how many of these people accept the invitations and become members of our school.

I am puzzled to know what to do about a Christmas tree this year. We have always had one in our school and made up money to buy a present for each pupil. The children are beginning to talk about it already this year. Somehow I don't feel that it is exactly right to have a tree and load it down with presents for ourselves, when we have so much already and there is so much suffering in the world. It seems like Christmas ought to mean the joy of giving instead of getting. Have you any suggestions along this lone?

Let me hear from you sometime.

Supt. New Town S. S.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

MORNING TONIC

Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah negligently. Jeremiah 48:10

STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOLS

There are three kinds of Standard Training Schools for the development of Sunday school leaders: Conference, district and city schools.

A Standard Conference Training School is one held at some convenient place to which pupils will come from throughout the bounds of a whole Conference. Such a school could best be held in some educational plant where dormitory accommodations could be had.

A district school would draw from within the boundaries of a given district. This school could be held at some camp ground or college plant where suitable accommodations could be obtained. In fact the school could be held at any place where the pupils could get entertainment.

A city training school is primarily for the city. Such a school is easiest held since the people can attend its sessions from home.

Either one of the foregoing schools extends through six days or nights or both. Several courses may be given at these schools but the student can take only one for the six days. He must attend two forty-five minutes recitation periods per day on given course for six days to obtain credit. It takes twelve lessons to complete any course of study in these Stndard Training Schools.

There are three city Standard Training Schools now scheduled for three cities in our Conference, viz: Winston, Greensboro and Asheville. All the Methodist Sunday schools in these centers will send their officers and teachers and prospective teachers to these schools for training. Each evening's work will begin at about 6:30 with the evening meal served on the first floor of the Central Church. Following will come a recitation period which in turn will be followed by a short devotional period and then again will come the recitation period. By 9:15 the school will close and the pupils will go home to rest for the next day's work and study.

Eventually there must come training schools in reach of any of our Sunday school workers. For the present we must be content to hold them where they are easiest held. The patronizing churches bear the expense. The above named schools will obtain their faculties from Nashville and Trinity College without expense, due to the kindness of Dr. Shackford and President Few.

NORTH CHARLOTTE

Spencer Memorial, Charlotte, observed Sunday, November 30, as Rally Day. The Sunday school formerly numbering about 100 members gave itself a month to run its membership to 250. The month ended November 30 with an attendance of 304.

Things are happening at this place. A Men's Bible Class has sprung up from nearly nothing to a membership of 74, nearly all of whom were present for Rally Day exercises. Primary department had 60 present. All classes were running over. Two live forward looking persons is the pastor, Rev. J. H. Armburst, and superintendent, L. E. Anderson, who are directing our work in North Charlotte.

North Charlotte is being made over. Brother Anderson is the superintendent of the big mills there, having just taken hold of things, and he proposes that the Church and Sunday school make it possible for the $1,200 paid by the mills for a special policeman to be placed to the credit of the three Churches in the village. Keep your eye on North Charl tte. Armburst and Anderson are on the job, in every way, all the time.

ASHEVILLE

I got a better line on the Centralville Methodists everytime I go there. A recent trip to those parts in the interest of the Centenary cause and also the Sunday school teacher training work impressed me with the willingness of these good people to get at good movements.

I got a better lien on the Central and West Asheville affairs than others but shall get in touch with the other congregations as our teacher training school draws nigh.

Central is preparing to enlarge its plant. Congregations can't readily be seated. Sunday school attendance growing. Entire back page of each Sunday's Church bulletin given to Sunday school interests. Entire Church membership divided into groups with director in charge for each group. Pastor McLarty and Supt. Rogers are getting good results as they press their work.

Rev. E. W. Fox is our pastor at West Asheville. His Church is a beauty as it stands on a beautiful eminence facing the main street of West Asheville, Asheville's most rapidly developing suburb. A building program is being considered for Sunday school development. This congregation raised two and a half times its Centenary quota in individual pledges. Central's pipe organ will probably be purchased since Central has bought the magnificent organ in Grove Park, Inn. West Asheville is rapidly coming to be one of our strong appointments. Pastor's salary and other financial matters show healthy growth.

EPWORTH, CONCORD

I had the pleasure of speaking to the congregation at Epworth, Concord, Sunday even, November 30. Their's is a beautiful and well kept Church plant. Beautiful new seats have just been placed in the main auditorium and the ten Sunday school class rooms have been splendidly equipped. Appearances tended to make one believe that the Christian soldiers of Epworth were marching ownard. Rev. M. H. Vestal is their tried and true captain and Supt. J. R. Terry their enthusiastic first lieutenant.

N. C. METHODISTS AND BAPTISTS

I recently gathered the following statistics dealing with the Methodists of our two N. C. Conferences and the N. C. Southern Baptist convention. First column Methodist, second Baptist.

Numer Church	1,680	2,198
No. Sunday Schools ..	1,549	2,094
S. S. Members	181,428	213,755
Church Members	212.195	292,764
Year's Mem'ship gain	4,857	3,794
Baptisms	8,420	13,404
Women's Societies ..	505	1,530

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A. S. BARNES ..... Superintendent
Mrs. Mattie Jenkins ..... Matron

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FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeath to the Methodist Orphanage .....dollars, for the purpose contemplated by the charter under the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The cold frosty, nights of the past week have reminded me very forcebly of the need of more quilts and blankets for the children. Unless more of our friends send us covering, we shall be forced to buy within the next few weeks. I believe there are dozens among us who can and will remember our pressing needs along this line. "Help somebody today." The orphan child has a big place in our hearts and nothing will give us more genuine pleasure than to make them warm and comfortable.

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Good books are indispensable. A home like ours needs them in large numbers. Possibly our Orphanage is further behind in its library than any other one in the State. I want to ask a thousand friends to send us a good book each for a Christmas present. Judge Walter H Neal and Brother R. F. Bumpas are going to donate a number. Brother R. H. Broom has already sent us a nice collection. Let's give our boys and girls something wholesome to read. How many will send us one or more books by Christmas?

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A great opportunity has opened up before the Methodists of the North Carolina Conference. Brother John W. Ward has challenged our Methodist hosts to consecrate twenty-four thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a Baby Cottage at our Orphanage, pledging himself to give the other one thousand dollars. There is no reason why we should not meet this ringing challenge. It means the conservation of childhood and the enrichment of the Church's life. The Master took the lambs up in His arms and pressed them to His great, loving heart. His command is recorded in the Good Book which says: "Feed my lambs." There are thousands of little children in our Conference who are motherless and fatherless and friendless. Is there anything more humane and, at the same time, more divine than for a great Church like ours to mother them in their helplessness? The appeal comes to us from the great Father's heart. May He grant that a tender, responsive chord may be struck in the hearts of all who are financially able to contribute to this most worthy cause!

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May I suggest that on Christmas morning, when the heart of the world is merry and generous, that twenty-four friends of motherless children phone or wire me that they will agree to give one thousand dollars each, provided the whole amount can be secured within the next six or eight months. It can be paid as follows: Two hundred and fifty dollars when the entire amount is pledged, two hundred and fifty dollars when the corner stone is laid, two hundred and fifty dollars when the Cottage itself is half done and the balance when the building is completed. With arrangements of this kind, making the payments so easy, we ought not to experience any difficulty in finding twenty-four friends who abound in the grace of liberality and who want to do something worth while and at the same time add joy to their lives. I wish to request that all wait till Christmas morning to phone, wire or write me. I shall spend most of the day in the office so I can be reached by all who want to communicate with me. It is needless to say that I shall spend the day in an expectant mood. On Friday morning after Christmas the results of the campaign will be published in the city daily papers. A tide of great joy will be borne to every pastoral charge within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference provided our people rise to the greatness of the undertaking and make our fondest hopes a glorious reality.

RECEIPTS

St. Paul S. S., St. Paul Ct., $6.52; Parker's S. S., Raeford Ct., $18; Center Hill S. S., Chowan Ct., $5.50; Lillington S. S., $13.41; Chapel Hill S. S., $7; Warsaw S. S., Faison and Warsaw Chg., $7.50; Bridgeton S. S., Riverside Chg., $5; Wesley's Chapel S. S., Elizabeth Ct., $3.57; Rowland S. S., $13..03; Baxter's Grove S. S., Moyock Ct., $1; Mrs. Mattie Womack, Yanceyville, $100; Prospect S. S., Yanceyville, $6; Beach Grove S. S., Craven Ct., $5; Pleasant Grove S. S., Millbrook Ct., $3.33; Lillington S. S., $24; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carr, Jr., Trinity, Durham, $100; Lumberton S. S., $50; H. C. Satterfield, Durham, $25; Wesley Class, Hay St. Fayetteville, $30; Union S. S., Harresville Ct., $1; Roberdel No. 1 S. S., $2.84; 4 S. S. of Chadbourn Ct., $10; G. H. A. Lilly, Mt. Gilead, $1.20; Hebron S. S., Roper Ct., $17.84; Purdies S. S., Elizabeth Ct., $3; Pleasant Plains S. S., Lillington Ct., $2.19; Circle No. 2, Edenton St., Raleigh, $6; Missionary Society, Wilson, $10; Philathea Class, Burlington, $6; Missionary Society, West Durham, $8; Mrs. I. T. Smith's S. S. Class, Wilson, $10; Missionary Society, 1st Ch., Elizabeth City, $8; Bright Jewels, Clinton, $8; Missionary Society, Lumberton, $10; Missionary Society, Fuquay Springs, $6; Mt. Vernon Ch., Siler City, $25; Methodist Ladies, Red Springs, $6; Y. W. Missionary Society, Rocky Mt., $6; Missionary Society, Oxford, $8; Missionary Society, Greenville, $8; Aid Society, Chapel Hill, $18; Mt. Pleasant Ch., Bailey, $6; Missionary Society, Aberdeen, $21.50; Ellen Well's Society, Laurinburg, $8; Mrs. J. B. Davis, Warrenton, $5; Missionary Society, Littleton, $8; Missionary Society, 5th Avenue, Wilmington, $6; Y. W. Missionary Society, Rocky Mt., $8; Circle No. 3, Edenton St., Raleigh, $8; a friend, $100; Allensville S. S., Brooksdale Ct., $25; Johnson Grove S. S., Clinton Ct., $7.90; Mrs. W. E. Brown, Duke Chg., $5; Edwards Chapel, Grifton Ct., $25; Mrs. R. H. Crichton, Lumberton, $10; a friend, Macon, Warrenton Ct., $5; Mt. Zion S. S., Gardner Ct., $19; Oak Grove S. S., Jones Ct., $7; Lea's Chapel S. S., Person Ct., $25; a friend, Hookerton Ct., $25; Mrs. J. S. Westbrook, Wallace, $5; Mitchell family of Carvers Creek Ct., $25; Class No. 3, Rockingham S. S., $10; Mrs. E. L. Hart, Grace Ch., Wilmington, $10; New Hope S. S., Perquimans Ct., $6.40; Bethlehem S. S., Warren Ct., $1.71; Parker's S. S., North Gates Ct., $10; Mrs. Joella Saddler, Vandemere Ct., $5; Middleburg S. S., Ridgeway, $5; Mrs. L. L. Crews, Oxford Ct., $2; Bynum S. S., Haw River Ct., $20; Apex S. S., Cary Ct., $6.31; Cary S. S., Cary Ct., $27.80; Farmville S. S., Farmville Ct., $40.69; Holly Springs S. S., Cary Ct., $25.60; Pleasant Hill S. S., Pittsboro Ct., $6.50; Rockingham S. S., $26.89; East Lumberton S. S., $12.68; Siloam S. S., Plymouth Ct., $8; Smithfield Baraca Class, $5; Purdies church, Elizabeth Ct., $50; Sharon S. S., Grifton Ct., $74.03; Graham S. S., $30; St. John S. S., St. Johns and Gibson Chg., 36.47; West End S. S., Aberdeen, $25.06; Ridegway S. S., Ridgeway Ct., $2; Stoval S. S., Oxford Ct., $5; Wesley's S. S., Old Trap, Camden Ct., $52; Zebulon S. S., $13.50; Calypso S. S., Mt. Olive and Calypso Chg., $5.35; Rev. J. W. Bradley, City Road Ch., $50; Piners S. S., Rich Square Ct., $11.25; Yanceyville S. S., $4.20; Brooksdale S. S., $12.16; Ebenezer S. S., Currituck Ct., $21.40; Miss Vallie Hill, Benson, $10; Daniels Chapel S. S., Goldsboro Ct., $2; B. C. Thompson Bible Class, Harrellsville Ct., $10; Miss Lillie Duke's Class, Memorial Ch., Durham, $10; J. L. Yelverton, Stantonsburg, $100; Trinity S. S., Fairmont, Robeson Ct., $47.55; Oak Grove S. S., Person Ct., $11; a friend, Hampton, Va., $5; Fred W. Bynum, Rockingham, $10; James B. Church, Southport, $10; Mrs. Lula House, Millbrook Ct., $20; Business Men's Class, Louisburg, $15; Evans S. S., Chowan Ct., $100; Cedar Grove S. S., Haw River Ct., $5.85; Jerusalem S. S., Ridgeway Ct., $2.20; Mt. Bethel S. S., Rougemont Ct., $3.30; Orange Factory S. S., Rougemont Ct., $5; Tuttle's Grove S. S., Carteret Ct., $3; Wesley Bible Class, Mt. Gilead, $3; B. J. Thompson, Stantonsburg, $100; J. D. Spires, Smithfield, $120; Busy Men's Class, Smithfield, $45; Whitfield S. S., Columbia Ct., $12.72; Milton S. S., Milton Ct., $6; Mt. Zion S. S., Pittsboro Ct., $10; C. E. Dale, Carteret Ct., $1; Rone's Chapel S. S., Mt. Olive Ct., $1; Fair Promise S. S., Goldston Ct., $7.50; Bowmore S. S., Raeford Ct., $5.05; Cedar Grove S. S., Perquimans Ct., $25.72; Macon S. S., Warrenton Ct., $27.

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Rev. H. F. Starr, Albemarle Church, Albemarle, $6.50; Rev. J. M. Green, Dan Valley Church, Mayodan, $9.58; Rev. J. M. Green, Settles Bridge, $4.68; Rev. W. M. Smith, Ramseur Church, Ramseur, $112.-50;; L. T. Smith, Main St. Church, Reidsville, $75.00; J. A. Agner, Providence Church, Salisbury, $2.60; Rev. H. C. Freeman, Shoal Creek Church, Whittier, $2.00; Rev. Jos. W. Kennedy, Walnut Cove Church, Walnut Cove, $73.00; Rev. J. M. Greene, Mayodan Church, Mayodan, $8.25; C. J. Blanton, Sharon Church, Shelby, $4.05; Mrs. N. B. Baldwin, Patty's Chapel, Fletcher, $10.00; J. J. Goldston, Forest Hill Church, Concord, $160.00; H. L. Lipe, Kannapolis Church, Kannapolis, $50.00; Rev. P. H. Brittain, Nebo Church, Nebo, $2.55; Rev. M. F. Moores, Hendersonville Church, Hendersonville, $100.00; Rev. L. L. Smith, Stanley Church, Stanley, $12.50; Rev. W. L. Dawson, Forest City Church, Forest City, $35.00; Rev. N. R. Richardson, Cooleemee charge, Cooleemee, $50.00; E. B. Claywell, Morganton Station, Morganton, $255.20; Rev. W. S. Hales, China Grove Charge, China Grove, $30.00; J. L. Finger, Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly, $10.00; Geo. A. Hoyle, Central Church, Shelby, $250.00; Jno. C. Templeton, Knox's Chapel, Mt. Ulla, $20.85; Rev. E. N. Crowder, Mooresville Ct., Mooresville, $10.00; Rev. H. C. Byrum, Troutmans Ct., Troutmans, $41.60; H. C. Freeman, Shoals Creek, Whittier, ..2.55; Rev. Jos. W. Kennedy, Walnut Cove, Walnut Cove, $73.00; Rev. E. E. Yates, Wilkes Ct., Moravian Falls, $2.21; Rev. J. F. Moser, Cherryville Charge, Cherryville, $14.28; James E. Lambeth, Main St. Ch., Thomasville, $67.31; Rev. Elzie Myers, Cullowhee, Webster, $12.89; J. W. Latham, Monroe Central Church, Monroe, $101.85; Rev. E. N. Crowder, Mooresville Ct., Mooresville, ..16.75; Rev. P. L. Terrell, Liberty Church, Winston-Salem, $25.00; Rev. M. B. Clegg, Rutherford College Ch., Rutherford College, $43.50; Rev. J. E. Cay, Madison Church, Madison, $115.81; Rev J. A. Fry, Morganton, Morganton, $12 32; Rev. R. C. Kirk, East Spencer Church, East Spencer, $10.00; Rev. H. C. Byrum, Troutman Ct., $53.30; Rev. J. R. Warren, North Monroe and Icemorlee, $16.57.

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THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

T. H. Lackey, Rocky Springs Church, Hiddenite, N. C., $20; C. R. Latham, Clifton, N. C., $5.00; J. L. Finger, Mt. Holly S.S., Mt. Holly, N.C., $12.32; Miss Janie M. Gibreath, Straw, N. C., $4.00; Rev. E. M. Avett, Gold Hill Church, Gold Hill, $32.65; W. B. Bell, Charlotte, $5.00; C. G. Hill, Winston-Salem, $50.00; Miss Nannie Joyner, Statesville, $2.50; C.G. Armfield, Ch. and Epworth League, Elkin, $291.00; Rev. J. M. Barber, Wilkesboro Church, Wilkesboro, $5.00; a friend, Jamestown, $5.00; N. E. Nelson, High Point, $5.00; a friend, Jamestown, $50.00; B. M. Spratt, Jr., Maiden, $40.00; W. A. Scott, Greensboro, $5.00; I. T. Underwood, Pine Forest Union S. S., Altamahaw, $2.10; Mrs. Lee Hemphill, Wilkesboro S. S. Class, $3.00; S. S. Shepherd, Wadesboro, $5.00; a friend, Salisbury, $1.00; Samuel Turner, Monbo, $6.00; W. H. Clarke, Winston-Salem, $10.00; L. Lea White, Winston-Salem, ..6.00; B. F. Huntley Furniture Co., Winston-Salem, $50.00; E. E. Vail, Bolivia, $5.00; J. F. Prather, Mt. Airy, $10.00; J. C. Smith, Shelby, $100.00; Mrs. T. P. Rankin, Lowell, $1.00; Howard L. Penn, Madison, $5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Norfleet, $10.00; W. A. Johnson, Rutherfordton, $2.50; Mrs. Mamie G. Galloway, Winston-Salem, $25.-00; Miss Carrie Atkins, ---- Airy, ..00; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, $50.00; Miss Laura A. Lockett, Duke, $8.00; P. A. Surratt, Salisbury, $3.50; W. D. Brooks, Ansonville, $3.00; Rev. J. J. Edwards, Marshville Church, Marshville, $34.00; DeWitt T. Smith, Lenoir, $2.10; J. Forest Leetz, Shelby, $25.00; T. F. Fulton, West End Church, Winston-Salem, $177.05; J. L. Womack, Cliffside S. S., Cliffside, $7.20; J. M. Varner, Advance Church, Advance, $5.25; ... Gurley, Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, $36.-56; Miss Lilly M. Rogers, Ladies Miss. Society, Sanatorium, $1.75; Z. N. Anderson, M. E. S. S., Mocksvillel. $36.40; T. F. Murdock, Church and S. S., Hiddenite, $18.-00; A. J. Underwood, Forest School House, Albemarle, R. 1, $8.10; James Simson, M. E. Huntersville, Box 84, $12.00; G. B. Goodson Lincolnton, $25.00; R. H. Leonard, Central Church, Mt. Airy, $175.00; Rev. E. W. Fox, W. Asheville Church, Asheville, $25.00; Allen C. Burton, Bethlehem S. S., Reidsville, R. No. 3, $8.07; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Furgeson, Whittier, $2.00; Miss Ada Dunn, Primary Class, Mt. Holly, $25.00; P. H. Hanes, Jr., Winston-Salem, $20.00; Miss Dora Howell, Todd, $6.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pratt, Morven, $20.00; W. A. Sharpe, Hiddenite, $40.00; J. R. Felts, Trinity, Charlotte, $100.00; T. M. Slagle, Mt. Zion Church, Franklin, $2.10; Mrs. R. M. Holt, M. E. Church, Spencer, $1.00; Kope Ellias, Jr., M. E. Church, Bryson City, $37.00; Miss Ocie Shrum, Little Peoples Class, Connelly Springs, $3.00; Miss Arra Lankford and some friends, Saluda, $17.04; Rev. E. E. Yates, Beulah Church, Moravian Falls, $2.56; Sunday School, First Church, Salisbury, $50.00; Sunday School, First Church, Salisbury, $2.00; "Two Salisbury Friends," $2.00; J. B. Little, Hickory, $5.00; Mrs. Ida G. Vail, Mocksville, $3.02; Mrs. Joe Setzer, Mt. Zion S. S., Franklin, $12.00; Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Fletcher, $5.00; Mrs. Essie L. Lowrance and some friends, Catawba, $56.00; E. B. Webster, Statesville, $5.00; Rev. J. A. Cook, M. E. Church, Sylva, $38.00; Rev. C. C. Williams, Center Church, Welcome, $7.00; Rev. C. C. Williams, Ebenezer Church, Welcome, $12.50; "A Friend," Raleigh, $5.00; E. W. Hauser, Doub's S. S., Pfafftown, $2.00; H. L. Horton, Treas., Central Church, Albemarle, $38.00; Children's Bible Class, Lincolnton, $1.30; a friend, $5.00.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

L. N. Raff, M. E. S. S., Paw Creek, $8.40; B. F. Leonhardt M. E. S. S., Lowell, $3.89; E. L. Lauder, Cedar Grove S. S., Norwood, R. 1, $2.92; R. E. Bundy, M. E. S. S., Jamestown, $10.50; J. J. Shumam, Calvary S. S., Charlotte $17.00; D. C. Moir, Loves S. S., Walkertown, $13.54; L. A. Strupe, Antioch S. S., Tobaccoville, $6.35; J. E. Starnes, Bethlehem S. S., Monroe, $2.25; D. D. Weaur, Ashley S.S., Warrensville, $4.00; Miss Hetty Clay, Bethany S. S., Fletcher, $2.20; L. C. Kimbrell, Wedington S. S., Matthews, $5.12; Miss May Russell, Westford S. S., Concord, R. No. 6, $7.82; Miss Annie Pearson, Center S. S., Greensboro, $4.20; J. R. Moore, Gethsemane S. S., Greensboro, R. No. 2, $2.30; T. D. Shuford, Roses Chapel S. S., Statesville, $5.45; H. A. Helms, Mineral Springs S. S., Mineral Springs, $4.35; J. A. Dixon, Union Grove S. S., Indian Trail, $3.00; Edw. Jordan, M. E. S. S., Jamestown, $4.63; J. L. Long, Center S. S., Yadkinville, $3.00; J. M. McMickael, M. E. S. S., Stokesdale, $2.00; E. B. Claywell, M. E. S. S., Morganton, $8.03; G. A. Lefler, Liberty S. S., Cooleemee, $4.50; W. M. Carter, Sweet Water S. S., Hayesville, $1.95; A. Ross Archer, Bethel S. S., Greensboro, $17.24; Mrs. T. M. Rickert, Snow Creek S. S., Statesville, $4.00; R. J. Roane, M. E. S. S., Whittier, $19.11; W. E. Clark, Salem S. S., Stokesdale, $3.00; Miss Nellie Speer, M. E. S. S., Boonville, $11.45; F. K. Ostwalt, M. E. S. S., Ostwalt, $3.04; Emmet E. Hyatt, Midway S. S., Lexington, $55.00; D. A. Russell, M. E. S. S., Granite Falls, $50.50; J. A. Harmon, M. E. S. S., Shelby, $3.00; H. Carroll, Tanner's Grove S. S., Forest City, $2.00; P. V. Cobb, New Hope S. S., Alexis, $10.-61; G. A. Tuttle, Little John's S. S., Lenoir, $7.21; A. G. Odell, Forest Hill S. S., Concord, $20.63; E. G. Faulkner, M. E. S. S., Unionville, $2.60; D. F. Mast, M. E. S. S., Valle Crucis, $5.43; E. S. Hager, New Salem S. S., Elmwood, $18.15; Jno. C. Furgeson, Bethel S. S., Franklin, $3.18; Cyrus Falls, M. E. S. S., Kings Mountain, $85.50; Miss Arra Lankford, M. E. S. S., Saluda, $6:34; H. H. D. Hoover, Mt. Zion Church, Lenoir, 65c; H. L. Myers, Plateau S. S., Hickory, $3.50; J. W. Atwell, Chapel Hill S. S., Statesville, $1.61; Miss Winnie Sharpe, Rocky Springs S. S., Hiddenite, $4.00; R. R. Richmond, Liberty M. E. S. S., Winston-Salem, $16.54; W. C. Daniel, Oak Hill S. S., Candler, $3.11; C. S. Lee, Palm Tree S. S., Lawndale, $40.50; Miss Daisy Sikes, Oak Grove S. S., Farmer, $2.14; W. L. Gwyn, Salem S. S., Mt. Airy, $3.67; J. S. Bell, M. E. S. S., Elkin, $23.70; Julius P. Hager, Hill's Chapel S. S., Davidson, $3.67; Mrs. Dora T. Knight, Moria Memorial S. S., Balsam, $1.00; Rev. N. R. Richardson, M. E. S. S., Cooleemee, $10.51; W. H. Poole, Horse Shoe S. S., Horse Shoe, $3.85; S. A. Stimpson, Clarksbury S. S., Statesville, R. No. 7, $17.21; Miss Laura Etta Smith, M. E. S. S., Liberty, $45.96; W. T. Bowman, M. E. S. S., Germantown, 52c; Wm. M. Jones, Central S. S., Asheville, $129.72.

(Continued Next Week)

160 HENS—1500 EGGS

Mrs. H. M. Patton, Waverly, Mo., writes: "I fed 2 boxes of 'More Eggs' and got 1500 eggs from 160 hens in exactly 21 days." This scientific tonic has made big profits for thousands of poultry raisers all over the U. S. It revitalizes the hens, tones them up and makes them lay all the time. Get ready now and make big profits out of your hens this winter. A $1.00 package will double the egg production and a million dollar bank guarantees to refund your money if you are not entirely satisfied. Send $1.00 now to E. J. Reefer, the poultry expert, 3259 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., and get a season's supply of "More Eggs." Profit by the experience of a man who has made a fortune out of poultry.



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10 Hens Lay 8 Eggs a Day. How it's Done

Mr. Davis Shows How to Wake Up Idle Hens. Easily Tried.

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Mr. Davis wrote this letter in February, after a severe test in the coldest weather. Try it, as he did, and watch your hens stop loafing and start laying. Here's our offer:

Give your hens Don Sung and watch results for one month. If you don't find that it pays for itself and pays you a good profit besides, simply tell us and your money will be promptly refunded.

Don Sung (Chinese for egg-laying) works directly on the egg-laying organs, and is also a splendid tonic. It is easily given in the feed, improves the hen's health, makes her stronger and more active in any weather, and starts her laying.

Try Don Sung for 30 days and if it doesn't get you the eggs, no matter how cold or wet the weather, your money will be refunded by return mail. Get Don Sung from your druggist or poultry remedy dealer or send 50 cents for a package by mail prepaid. Burrell-Dugger Co., 468 Columbia Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

THE CENTENARY

R. M. Courtney, Thomasville, N. C. Missionary Secretary, Western North Carolina Conference.

FAMILY ALTARS

The goal is set for enrolled members of the Family Altar League in Southern Methodism at 100,000. For the Western North Carolina Conference the goal is 5,000, which is distributed to the districts as follows: Asheville, 500; Charlotte, 650; Greensboro, 550; Marion, 450; Mt. Airy, 400; N. Wilkesboro, 225; Salisbury, 550; Shelby, 525; Statesville, 650; Waynesville, 365; Winston, 650. If any pastors have not received their packet of Family Altar literature, they should write to Dr. S. A. Neblett, Centenary Building, Nashville, Tenn., asking that this be sent immediately. One pastor has already reported ninety-two members of the Family Altar League. Where is there another charge with ninety-two Family Altars in it?

EVANGELISTIC SURVEY

Dr. Goddard has sent to the circuit preachers in the Conference a letter with a post card for the order of literature on Evangelism which contains the blanks and plan for the Survey to be made preparatory to the Evangelistic Campaign. I want to urge every circuit preacher to order this literature at once and let us make a complete Survey of our rural territory preparatory to our Evangelistic Campaign in the spring.

COLPORTEURS FOR PALESTINE

The European Commission has asked for ten Colporteurs for Palestine at $200 each per year for five years. These are ready to be assigned to Churches or Sunday schools or individuals. May we not have several of these assigned in the Western North Carolina Conference? If we get them, we will have to act quickly.

This report does not include Centenary money from Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues, but covers other Centenary collections to November 25.

Asheville District

	Pledge	Paid
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Bethel	$ 6500.00	
Central	40000.00	$ 4691.80
Chestnut Street	12000.00	
Haywood Street	13000.00	1514.82
W. Asheville	7000.00	1283.24
Asheville Circuit	1070.00	37.00
Biltmore	5500.00	524.30
Black Mountain	1000.00	368.50
Brevard	9000.00	357.02
Fairview	1800.15	47.25
Flat Rock	2900.00	250.00
Hendersonville	19121.50	1683.00
Henderson Ct.	2173.30	673.05
Hot Springs and Marshall	3624.50	52.40
Leicester Circuit	2729.00	253.10
Mars Hill	2400.00	
Mills River	4958.10	682.75
Rosman	1560.00	
Spring Creek	1109.00	110.00
Swannanoa	2344.50	542.23
Sulphur Springs	6239.50	877.27
Saluda	420.00	125.00
Walnut	1468.00	53.50
Weaverville	7765.00	10.00
Weaverville Ct.	2632.00	225.50
Miscellaneous		35.00

Charlotte District

	Pledged	Paid
Ansonville	$ 5023.00	$ 226.00
Charlotte—		
Belmont Park	6879.50	397.00
Brevard Street	5446.50	227.70
Duncan Memorial	1451.00	163.50
Calvary	4833.50	188.72
Chadwick	1670.00	271.07
Dilworth	6324.00	
Hawthorne Lane	22409.00	2138.91
Seversville	4511.00	595.50
Spencer Memorial	209.00	
Trinity	25966.68	
Tryon St.	35784.25	6341.70
Hickory Grove		528.25
Lilesville	2403.81	332.90
Marshville	6483.86	762.06
Matthews	1598.95	123.70
Monroe Central	11888.00	10.00
N. Monroe	1761.23	188.50
Morven	9874.75	1161.80
Pineville	5866.00	1082.05
Polkton	4593.25	317.90
Prospect	5196.62	193.50
Unionville	1068.00	87.75
Wadesboro	13865.00	1596.41
Waxhaw	5471.25	338.50
Weddington	4185.16	161.67
Miscellaneous		84.00

Greensboro District.

	Pledged	Paid
Asheboro	3699.43	1177.60
Coleridge	1343.00	155.15
Deep River	1205.75	222.50
Gibsonville	2730.00	259.12
Greensboro:		
Centenary	12972.00	1805.95
Spring Garden		235.65
Walnut St. and Carraway	7838.47	1388.00
W. Market	43419.19	6265.80
Greensboro Ct.	4903.54	76.35
W. Greensboro	4715.85	712.90
High Point		
East End	1595.00	318.68
Main St.	3633.25	469.75
Wesley Memorial	39169.21	8099.34
Pleasant Garden	5837.50	940.28
Ramseur and Franklinville	7412.34	1410.25
Randleman	4504.00	578.00
Randolph Ct.	5886.70	383.47
Reidsville	12200.00	1067.71
Ruffin	604.75	79.00
Uwharrie	3170.10	392.55
Wentworth	5508.35	749.50
Miscellaneous		40.00

Marion District.

	Pledged	Paid
Bakersville	474.00	20.00
Bald Creek	349.00	100.00
Broad River	2168.00	151.00
Cliffside	7120.00	1339.57
Connelly Springs	4610.00	10.00
Enola	437.50	31.75
Forest City	2928.00	1595.00
Henrietta and Caroleen	7190.75	1110.50
Marion Sta.	7335.00	150.00
Marion Ct.	1360.00	169.10
Marion Mills	1759.00	142.85
McDowell	5899.00	101.10
Micaville	325 00	90.95
Mill Springs	2212.50	
Morganton Sta.	15255.50	1235.20
Morganton Ct.	6238.00	546.85
Old Fort	5870.75	1035.00
Rutherfordton	7596.25	1056.75
Spruce Pine	5317.88	313.50
Table Rock	2074.50	505.28
Thermal City	2315.05	354.05
Miscellaneous		10.00

Mount Airy District.

	Pledged	Paid
Ararat	913.50	159.20
Danbury	1244.50	104.15
Dobson	1460.95	165.16
Draper	4029.50	441.10
Elkin	19617.16	2029.10
Jonesville	1046.25	171.50
Madison-Stoneville	10347.50	1364.25
Leaksville		1156.00
Mt. Airy-Central	16950.00	969.50
Mt. Airy Ct.	4500.00	
Pilot Mountain	3935.00	75.95
Rural Hall	1716.20	411.64
Spray	4655.00	
Stokesdale	3489	535.45
Summerfield	2580.75	222.15
Walnut Cove	2860.00	416.30
Yadkinville	2123.25	201.25

North Wilkesboro District.

	Pledged	Paid
Avery	381.25	68.85
Boone		57.00
Creston		
Elkland	151.00	13.00
Elk Park	750.00	
Helton	1715.00	312.25
Jefferson	4715.00	195.50
Laurel Springs	31.80	
N. Wilkesboro	14196.00	2897.20
No. Wilkes Mission	567.00	110.00
Sparta	705.25	107.75
Watauga	1500.00	580.93
Wilkesboro	2994.00	564.40
Wilkes Ct.	50.00	227.80

Salisbury District.

	Pledged	Paid
Albemarle Cen.	7105.00	802.33
Albemarle First	1735.00	
Albemarle Ct.	107.50	44.50
Badin	942.75	70.00
Bethel-Love	3520.00	71.33
China Grove	786.50	108.50
Concord Cen.	9780.40	475.00
Epworth and Center	2974.82	10.00
Forest Hill	6205.00	364.00
Kerr Street	1687.00	226.00
Westford and Harmony	600.00	9.00
Concord Ct.	3660.00	384.00
Cottonville	1115.00	168.00
Gold Hill	1324.25	163.06
Kannapolis Sta.	4417.00	504.25
Kannapolis Ct.	668.62	127.85
Mt. Pleasant	2741.75	449.75
New London Ct.	2089.00	224.95
Norwood-Randall	6042.00	
Salem Ct.	911.81	250.42
Salisbury First	12834.90	1130.41
Park Avenue	3500.00	235.00
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Salisbury Ct.	1025.00	186.70
Spencer Cen.		887.50
E. Spencer and N. Main	630.00	
N. Main	1389.00	
Woodleaf Ct.	1457.50	206.08
Miscellaneous		30.00

Shelby District.

	Pledged	Paid
Belmont	4955.00	310.40
Belwood	10364.92	1099.15
Cherryville Ct.	9585.00	498.02
Crouse	2580.20	216.15
Dallas	4993.50	
Gastonia, Main St.	20800.00	
Eighth Street		
East End		
Kings Mountain	10063.00	378.84
Franklin Ave.	4687.95	237.00
Lincolnton	1000.00	
Lincoln Ct.	3971.00	177.97
Lowesville Ct.	2751.50	58.00
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Mt. Holly		666.02
Polkville	11620.75	
Rock Springs	10501.25	567.30
Shelby Central	18025.00	3400.00
Shelby Ct.	9908.00	153.95
South Fork	2257.75	142.50
Stanley-Iron	1997.80	244.50
Miscellaneous		6.00

Statesville District.

	Pledged	Paid
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Catawba	6360.65	855.75
Cool Springs	8824.00	165.00
Davidson	4111.36	81.40
Dudley Shoals	2316.25	303.78
Granite Falls	9183.00	1213.50
Hickory First	20508.00	1900.00
Hickory Ct.	2104.75	55.80
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Lenoir Ct.	2104.75	482.05
Maiden Ct.	5878.00	628.60
Mooresville	13000.00	1033.55
Mooresville Ct.	4978.00	438.00
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Bryson City	4650.25	566.90
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Franklin	6500.00	555.96
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Robbinsville	1106.00	180.00
Sylva	6397.00	20.00
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Waynesville	11377.50	1845.17
Waynesville Ct.	1170.00	209.00
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	Pledge	Paid
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Davidson	5619.25	951.85
Davie	2354.75	355.40
Denton	1809.40	180.20
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Hanes-Clemmons	1430.00	50.00
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Lexington Ct.	3682.00	393.22
Lexington	25675.25	4082.35
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New Hope	1037.25	56.65
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9:45 am			Ar Star	Lv	11:30 am		
12:28 pm			Ar Varina	Lv	8:36 am		
1:15 pm			Ar Raleigh	Lv	7:50 am		
9:50 pm	D6:00 am	D2:05 pm	Lv Raleigh	Ar	7:35 am	7:45 pm	12:05 pm
12:05 am	8:05 am	4:05 pm	Ar Wilson	Lv	5:15 am	5:35 pm	10:00 am
1:36 am	9:40 am	5:42 pm	Ar Greenville	Lv	3:32 am	4:03 pm	8:28 am
2:55 am	11:20 am	6:50 pm	Ar Washington	Lv	2:25 am	3:05 pm	7:25 am
		8:15 pm	Ar Belhaveu	Lv			d6:00 am
6:30 am	3:00 pm		Ar Eliz. City	Lv	10:47 pm	11:25 am	
8:40 am	4:50 pm		Ar Norfolk	Lv	D8:35 pm	D9:40 am	
E3:30 pm	E1:45 pm		Lv Asheboro	Ar		10:50 am	12:55 pm
4:08 pm	2:55 pm		Ar Seagrove	Lv		10:10 am	11:45 am
4:43 pm	4:25 pm		Ar Star	Lv		9:45 am	10:45 am
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ASHEVILLE SPECIAL

RUNNING OVER

The Asheville Leaguers believe in Methodist Measure. Instead of sending me material for one special, they have sent enough for two. And every line of it is very interesting. So this week we give our space to the City of Asheville. Next issue will be devoted to the Asheville district, reporting Swannanoah, Biltmore, Mt. Pleasant, East Flat Rock and Hendersonville.

CENTRAL

The League year began in September. Our last year's president then left us for school to prepare for work in the mission field.. In its Sunday prayer meetings, the League is trying more than ever to make itself educational in every way, a school for Christ-expression. To this end we have encouraged our younger members to conduct the services; last month three such made their debut. The effort counts; never such attentive audiences. The first department has further proved a spiritual blessing in earnest nightly prayer meetings prior to revival services in the church. Our Centenary is all pledged and coming in. In the second department our immediate objectives are Thanksgiving baskets and a visit to the county jail. We would like to attempt a pageant for Christmas. A plan just put into effect and working well, is that of serving simple supper to those who cannot get supper at home and be at League by 6:30. That half hour before League is a clearing house for League business and future plans. In two weeks we shall launch a membership campaign. Our aim: Christ for the League—the League for Christ.

HAYWOOD STREET

Number members, 72.

New members received, 12.

Total number of meetings held, 44.

Total attendance at meetings 1,014

Calls in interest of religious work, 150.

Calls on sick, 129.

Telephone calls on sick, 200.

Baskets to needy, 75.

Raised for charity, $111.70.

Days and nights nursing sick, about 100.

Invitations to attend worship, about 130.

Visits to hospital, about 208.

Paid League Centenary $56.50.

Paid for delegate to Junaluska conference, $10.

Paid for other purposes, $12.29.

Amount raised for all purposes, $190.49.

Amount in treasury at beginning of the year $4.21.

Balance in treasury $4.32.

Owing to the influenza epidemic we could not get an accurate number of visits and calls.

Lennie M. Swicegood, Sec.

CHESTNUT STREET

Having been requested to report from Chestnut Street League, Asheville, N. C., will say that I do not feel the least embarrassed, but find it a pleasure to tell of our work under the leadership of our splendid president, Mr. A. C. Williams. Our membership at present is about 48. As to our devotional meetings, at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evenings. Will just refer to last Sunday's, Nov. 17th, meeting 35 or 40 present, 8 or 10 participants, no unusual preparation, just a good leader and program. Sunday afternoon a party under the supervision of our second department superintendent, visited Oteen Hospital, distributing literature, apples, etc., as has been our custom for some time, but, however, do not confine our visits to Sunday afternoon. Our greatest regret is that we are not able to do more for the boys and nurses from "over there." You may think me silly in saying it is a pleasure to visit a hospital. But, after visiting Oteen once and finding the cheerful and appreciative spirit that seems to pervade the hospital, you will not fail to agree with me. I am ashamed to admit that those patients are just learning there is such an organization as the Epworth League in Asheville. Isn't it time to wake up? They can tell of the other organizations all over the state. Let's let them, as well as other hopsitals, know what the Epworth Leagues stand for. Our chapter will visit there the day before Thanksgiving, or at least we are planning to do so. We have pledged eighty dollars per year to the African or Centenary work. We are pained at the loss by death of three of our members during the past three months, but hope the work dropped by them will be taken up by volunteers, who will strive to emulate the life of Him who so plainly reveals itself in theirs.

Mrs. Ira Askew.

BETHEL

The Epworth League of the Bethel Methodist Church, this city, is planning a very definite step forward this year. A membership campaign is scheduled to take place at an early date, during which time w shall seek to interest many people in League work. To this end we shall, on December 5th, give a banquet in our church to which prospective members will be invited and a good dinner enjoyed by all. The speeches following the dinner will center about the subject of how we may promote the growth and usefulness of our League as well as make it a source of spiritual inspiration to its members and others.

Our secretary recently obtained from our pastor the names of a number of sick and needy in the community and we plan to meet at the church on Thanksgiving Day to carry fruits, flowers, and perhaps baskets of provisions to these people.

We are making satisfactory progress in regard to our African Centenary special and expect to report it paid in full. We have undertaken the building of five churches per year in africa for five years, amounting to $50 per year.

We are especially anxious that our League be of real service to our church both in a material and spiritual sense and to this end we are working.

FROM MISS BRADLEY

November 14 I attended a District Institute at Asheville where I conducted the institute on the 4th department and later gave a brief outline of my plans for the year. From Nov. 15 to 20 I was in the Shelby district. During this time I organized a League at Franklin Ave., and visited the Belmont Chapter, speaking at their special League service Sunday night, Nov. 16. Nov. 23 and 24 were spent in Stokesdale where I organized a fine chapter. I reached home Tuesday night to spend only four days until I leave again to be gone until December 15.

Nov. 30, Saluda; December 1, Salisbury; Dec. 2-3, Greensboro; Dec. 4, North Wilkesboro; Dec. 5, Elkin; Dec. 6, Morganton; Dec. 7, Glen Alpine, Dec. 8-15, Marion District.

I have no engagements after Dec. 15 and will be glad to hear from any pastor or League who needs me. My time is not all filled during my week in the Marion District and if any pastor in that District can use me then, the district secretary, Mr. W. M. Shuford, of Morganton, will be glad to hear from him.

Grace Bradley,
Field Secretary.

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All this you may have heard, but do you know how Florence Nightingale came, in the first place, to be interested in the sick? No? Then you will like to know how, because the same interest might come, and in just the same way, to you.

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"Her love for pets and her skill in curing them soon became well known, and in a short time she had become the nurse of all the wounded animals in the neighborhood."—Apples of Gold.

WHY SAHYA FORGAVE

For those who have not been fortunate enough to hear Bishop Oldham himself tell the story of Sahya, this outline may have some interest. In the early months of the Singapore mission, in 1885, Mr. Oldham (as he was then) was visiting the families of his converts to invite them to join the Church at a special service the next Sunday. In his rounds he came to the home of a Mr. White, who said, after some conversation, "If you are to have all the family join the Church, you must have our Malay daughter, too."

Answering a request for explanation, Mr. White told of a journey to Sumatra he had made some years before. His party had halted at a village where the natives had lately attacked and conquered a small Mohammedan settlement. Among the captives was a young girl, too slight and delicate to be sold with her brother as a slave, or to share with her parents the fate of a cannibal feast. Her captors were about to knock the girl on the head to be rid of her when Mr. White in pity, purchased her for a trifle, and took her home with him to Singapore. There she grew up with his own children as half maid, half daughter.

When summoned, Sahya proved to have an intelligent knowledge of the fundamentals of Christianity. After explaining carefully the steps of the Christian life and the meaning of Church membership, Mr. Oldham put the question to her definitely. But Sahya drew herself up proudly, and her black eyes flashed as she replied, "Sahya cannot be a Christian!"

"But why not?" urged the pastor.

"Because," she answered, "to be a Christian one must forgive, and Sahya can never forgive!"

Remembering her history, he could not wonder at her attitude, yet tenderly and persuasively Mr. Oldham talked with her until his voice was too full of tears to continue. Crowded with duties as he was, he could not see her again that week, but he sent another faithful missionary helper to visit the Malay girl.

When the Sunday service came, the people moved forward in response to the invitation, but Sahya sat still in her seat. Mr. Oldham waited a moment, and surely something of the yearning of Christ's love in his heart must have spoken through his eyes, for Sahya ran forward so quickly that she would have fallen across the altar rail had not the pastor stretched his arms to catch her.

"Oh," she cried, "the missionary told me of Christ on the cross, and of how he said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' And now Sahya has learned to forgive, and Sahya can be a Christian!"—Woman's Missionary Friend.

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KEEVER—Miss Rosa Keever was born May 27, 1900, and passed away at St. Peters' Hospital, in the City of Charlotte, Oct. 22, 1919, being 19 years, 4 mos., 25 days of age. She is survived by her father and mother, 6 sisters and two brothers. Miss Rosa was converted and joined the Methodist Church in Mt. Holly at the age of 15. Her last illness was brief and full of great pain, but she endured her suffering patiently and her young life closed in much triumph. Realizing that the end was approaching, she bade farewell to her loved ones, saying: "Don't worry, mother; I am God's child." Of her it migh well be said:

"Thy day has come, not gone;
Thy sun has risen, not set;
Thy life is now beyond
The reach of death or change
Not ended—but begun."

C. M. Short, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father saw fit to take from us on the 20th day of October, our friend, Mr. S. S. Earle.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That in the death of Mr. Earle our town lost a good citizen and a faithful member of his Church. One whose place was seldom vacant, as long as he was able to attend. One whose heart responded to every call for help. We will sadly miss him.

2. That our Missionary Society extends to the bereaved wife and son our tender sympathy and prayers, that they, realizing the Everlasting Arms are around them, may bow in humble submission to the Heavenly Father's will.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. N. B. Finch,
Mrs. Sallie May Wood,
Mrs. Sallie B. Spivey,
Committee.

KENNEDY—On Oct. 12,1919, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kennedy and took their little darling, Frances, to heaven. Little Frances was a sweet, loving child, and we do not see why God called her so soon.

It grieves our hearts to put our loved ones away. The Lord help us to be submissive to His will. Our hearts ache and are sad, and at times our grief seems more than we can bear. But our loss is her eternal gain. Our little darling was laid to rest at High Falls on Oct. 13 to await the resurrection morning, when God shall call us home. How we miss little Frances. May God's richest blessings rest with Brother and Sister Kennedy. May we meet our darling some day.

Earth has lost its look of gladness,
Heaven seems to us more bright
Since the spirit of our dear one
Took its heavenly flight.

We long to cross the river and see our precious darling with our Savior evermore.

A Friend.

HORNBUCKLE

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has taken unto Himself and from our beloved pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle, their little son, Ralph, on Nov. 17, 1919, at the tender age of one year and nine months.

A cloud has cast a shadow over their home, due to one little vacan. chair of three. The death angel came and claimed his own their darling babe. He scattered love and sunshine in their home, with his bright eyes, dimpled cheeks and loving smiles. Resolved:

1. That we, the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church of Burnsville, N. C., extend to them our heartfelt sympathies, love and prayers in this their sore bereavement.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be published in our home paper and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. G. E. Gardner, Pres.
Mrs. H. C. Smith, Vice Pres.
Mrs. C. C. Carraway, Sec.

COLE—Rev. L. D. Cole was born March 24, 1843; died Sept. 16, 1919, aged 76 years, 5 months and 21 days. At fourteen he united with the Methodist Church and was a worthy member of the same till death. Was married to Martha A. Miller Aug. 15, 1869. To this union was born 13 children. He is survived by his aged wife an 9 children. Brother Cole was a local preacher in the Methodist Church 25 years. We bear upon our hearts, tender with sympathy, the sorrow of his bereaved family. May they feel beneath them ..y everlasting arms. May they be kept by Thy peace," the Peace of God which passeth all understanding.

O. D. Stacy.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from this world our brother and co-laborer, Mr. William Otho Morrow, thus causing our Church and Sunday School to sustain a grievous loss and while we are submissive to our Father's will, yet we wish as a Sunday school class to express publicly our grief. Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That in the death of Brother Morrow our Church and Sunday school have lost one of their most loyal members, one whose place was seldom vacant and one whose heart responded to every call for service.

2. That we shall sadly miss his presence and help.

3. That we extend to the bereaved wife and children our tenderest sympathy.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our Sunday school record, a copy sent the family and a copy sent the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

L. G. Sloop,
W. L. White,
J. L. Brown,
Committee.

SWINDELL—"The old order passeth." Brother George I. Swindell, for more than forty years a licensed and practising exhorter in the Methodist Church, sleeps with his fathers.

He was old and full of years and was the best loved man I ever knew. His life was a silent rebuke to every enemy of Christ. Although superannuate when I came on the work, he loved to go with me to the country appointments, and we went fishing together, and always his conversation was of God's abundant love, and of the home in heaven.

He told me dozens of times, "Brother Troy, don't let them sing any sad songs at my funeral, for that will be a happy day for me; sing "Palms of Victory—Deliverance has come."

The first day I saw him he told me, "I am not able to talk any more, but they come to me with their troubles;" and they did.

They tell me that at the time of the great earthquake in 1880, half the citizens of Richland township rushed down to his house, figuring that if the world burst in two Brother George would be on the best half.

Just a few weeks ago, as he was talking of his departure, I said, "Brother George, who is going to take your place when you are gone?" and he said sadly, "I don't know."

May the Lord Himself speak to some Joshua, "Moses, my servant is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, into the land which I will give them."

Eugene B. Troy, P. C.

ALEXANDER—Hattie Alexander, wife of John W. Alexander, died in Washington City, Oct. 29th, 1919, at the age of forty-three years. She leaves behind, of her immediate family, her husband and two interesting little boys—John, aged fourteen years, and James, aged twelve years.

Mrs. Alexander, who was Miss Hattie Allison, was born and reared in Webster, Jackson county, N. C. Was married to John W. Alexander and moved to Hayesville, N. C., some sixteen years ago. She was a most excellent Christian lady, having joined the Southern Methodist Church in early life and lived her religion daily. A model wife and mother—devoted to her husband, children and friends.

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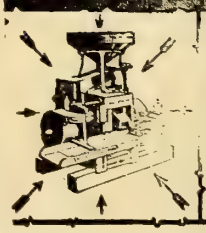
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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT
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	December
Swannanoa, Swannanoa	14-15
Black Mountain	15
Henderson Circuit, Fruitland	21-22
Saluda	22
Acton, Acton	28-29
Biltmore	29
	January
Harmony, Pleasant Hill	3-4
Mount Pleasant	4
Asheville, Riverview	10-11
Flat Rock	11
Rosman, Pine Grove	17-18
Brevard	18
Leicester, Leicester	24-25
West Asheville	25

District Stewards
Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

	December
Morven, Bethel, 11 a. m.	12
Lilesville, Forestville, 11 a. m.	14
Marshville, Gilboa, 11 a. m.	14-15
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m.	20-21
Monroe, Central, night	21
Seversville, Seversville, 11 a. m.	28
Hawthorn Lane, night	28
	January
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m.	3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m.	4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night	4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m.	10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m.	11-12

The District stewards will meet in Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, Friday, November 21, at 2 p. m.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

	December
Deep River, Cedar Falls	13-14
Ramseur and Franklinville, Ramseur, 11 a. m.	14
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel	20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m.	21
Randolph, Vernon	27 28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night	28
	January
Uwharrie, Concord	3-4
Asheboro, night	4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night	11
Wentworth, Salem	17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

	December
Yadkinville, Prospect	
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m.	
Leaksville, at 3 p. m.	21
Spray, at night	19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m.	27-28
Elkin	27-28
	January
Dodson, Dodson	4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m.	9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m. 11, night	
Madison, Madison	11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

	December
Marion Circuit, Providence	13-14
Thermal City, at Thermal, Sunday night	14-15
Forest City and Pleasant Grove and Forest City Circuit	20-21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel	27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock	28-29
	January
Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel	3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock	4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine	10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night	11
Micaville, Shoals Creek	17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel	24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night	1-2
Henrietta and Caroleen	7-8

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

	December
Polkville, Polkville, 11 a. m.	13-14
LaFayette Street, 7 p. m.	14
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m.	20 21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m.	21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m.	27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m.	3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m.	4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m.	11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m.	17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m.	18
Mayworth, Lowell, 11 a. m.	24
Belmont, 11 a. m.	25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m.	25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward, in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

	December
Gold Hill, Gold Hill, 11 a. m.	13-14
East Spencer, 7 p. m.	14
Kannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m.	20-21
Kannapolis station, 7 p. m.	21
New London, New London, 11 a. m.	27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m.	4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m.	10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m.	11
Badin, 11 a. m.	18
Salem, 7 p. m.	18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m.	24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m.	25
	February
Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m.	1
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m.	8

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	December
Hickory, First, Hickory, 11 a. m.	14
Granite Falls, Granite Falls, 7 p. m.	14
Stony Point, Pisgah, 11 a. m.	21
	January
Olin, Snow Creek, 11 a. m.	3-4
Cool Springs, Ross Chapel, 3 p. m.	3-4
Catawba, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	10-11
Ball Creek, Friendship, 3 p. m.	10-11
Troutman, Troutman, 11 a. m.	17-18
Race Street, Race Street, night	18

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

	December
Elkland, Blackburn	13-14
Watauga, Henson's	20-21
Boone, Boone, night	21
Elk Park, Elk Park	24 25
Avery, Pisgah	27-28

District stewards will meet at North Wilkesboro, November 19, 2 p. m. and night. Pastors are invited. The night meeting will be devoted to Centenary and Evangelism. Entertainment free. Notify Rev. W. R. Ware if you are coming.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
First Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
m., Quarterly Conference, December 5, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.

	December
Lewisville Circuit, Sharon, December 7, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 6, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.	
Cooleemee, December 13, night, December 14, 11 a. m.	
Farrington, Circuit Bethlehem, December 14, 3 p. m., Quarterly Conference, December 12, 11 a. m., and 1 p. m.	
Advance Circuit, Advance, December 17, 10:30 a. m.	
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, December 17, night.	
Grace, December 21, 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference, December 22, night.	
Salem, December 21, night, Quarterly Conference, December 23, night.	

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
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	December
Jonathan, Shady Grove	13-14
Bryson-Whittier, Whittier, Sunday night and Monday, 11 a. m.	14-15
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster	20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday	21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers	27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday	28-29
	January
Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers	3-4
Pines Creek, Pine Grove	10-11

N. C. CONFERENCE

DURHAM DISTRICT
M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder

First Round	December
Hillsboro Circuit, Hillsboro, 11 a. m.	13-14
Pearl and Eno, Eno 7:30 p. m.	14
Brooksdale Circuit, Brooksdale, 11 a. m.	20-21
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30 p. m.	21
Graham and Hawriver, Graham, 11 a. m.	28
E. Burlington, Webb Ave., 7:30 p. m.	28
Branson at Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Carr, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Calvary, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Lakewood, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Memorial, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Trinity, Trisity, 7:30 p. m.	31
W. Durham, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
	January
Burlington Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	3-4
Burlington, Front Street, 7:30 p. m.	4
Person Circuit, Lea's Chapel, 11 a. m.	10-11
E. Roxboro, Longhurst, 7:30 p. m.	11
Rangemont Church, Rangemont, 11 a. m.	14
Milton Circuit, Milton, 11 a. m.	17-18
Pelham, Pelham, 7:30 p. m.	19
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	25
Chapel Hill, 7:30 p. m.	25
Durham Circuit, Fletcher's Chapel, 11 a. m.	31-Feb.1
	February
S. Alamance Circuit, Swepsonville, 3 p. m.	7
Mebane, Mebane, 11 a. m.	8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	14-15
Yanceville Circuit, Locust Hill, 11 a. m.	21-22
Leasburg Circuit, Leasburg, 11 a. m.	28-29

District Stewards will meet at Trinity Church, at 12 o'clock, December 17, 1919.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Elizabeth City, N. C.

	December
Edenton	14
Hertford	21
Pasquotank, at Newbegun	27-28
	January
Camden, Newlands	3-4
Chowan, Evans	7
Perquimans, Epworth	8
Mayock, Mayock	10-11
Currituck, Mt. Zion	17-18
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	22
Roper, Roper	23
Plymouth	25
Gates, Gatesville	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
North Gates, Kittrells	1-2
Kitty Hawk, Kitty Hawk	6
Roanoke Island, Manteo, Morning	8
Dare, Mann's Harbor, night	8
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	10
Hotteras, Frisco	12
Columbia, Columbia	14-15

The District Stewards will meet at District Parsonage in Elizabeth City on Wednesday, Deember 17, at 3:30 p. m.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
First Round

	December
Bladen, Bethlehem	13-14
Fayetteville Circuit, Fayetteville, 2 p. m.	18
Jonesboro, Jonesboro, 2 p. m.	20-21
Sanford, Sanford, night	21-22
Parkton, Parkton	27-28
Hay Street, 7:30 p. m.	29
Person Street and Calvary, Calvary, 7:30 p. m.	31
	January
Glendon, Cool Spring	3-4
Carthage, Carthage, night	4-5
Hemp, Tabernacle, 2 p. m.	5
Roseboro, Bethel	10-11
Stedman, Bethany	17-18
Duke, Duke	24-25
Dunn, Dunn, night	25-26
	February
Lillington, Lillington	1-2
Buckhorn, Olive Branch	3
Newton Grove, Hopewell	8-9
Pittsboro, Pittsboro, 15-16, p. m.	
Haw River, Bynum, 15, night 16, a. m.	
Goldston, Goldston	21-22
Siler City, Siler City, night	22-23

District Stewards Meeting, 7:30, p. m., Thursday, December 18, in Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, N. C.

NEW BERN DISTRICT
F. M. Shamburger, Presiding Elder New Bern, N. C.

First Round	December
Goldsboro, St. Pauls, 11 a. m.	14-15
Goldsboro, Elm Street and Pikesville, 7:30	14-15
Oriental Circuit, 11 a. m.	17
Vandemore Circuit, Stonewall, 11 a. m.	18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 a. m.	21-22
Kinston Caswell Street, 7:30	21-22
	January
Beaufort, 11 a. m. Preaching	4-5
Morehead City, 7:30, preaching	4-5
Mount Olive Circuit, Smiths Chapel, 11 a. m.	10-11
Mount Olive and Calypso, 7:30	11-12
Snow Hill	17-18
Hookerton Circuit, Maury's Chapel, 3 p. m.	18-19
LaGrange Circuit, 11 a. m.	16
Grifton Circuit, 11 a. m.	23
Dover Circuit, 11 a. m.	24-25
Newport and Harlow Circuits together at Newport, 11 a. m.	29
Straits Circuit at Summerfield, 11 a. m.	30
	February
Atlantic and Ocracoke	1-2
Jones Circuit, Trenton, 11 a. m.	6
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove	7-8
Goldsboro Circuit, Salem	14-15
Goldsboro, St. Johns, at night	15-16
Pinkhill Circuit	18
Pamlico Circuit, at Bridgeton	21-22

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

First Round	December
Millbrook Circuit, 11 a. m	13-14
Epworth, 7:30 p. m.	14
Clayton, 11 a. m.	21
Central, 7:30 p. m.	21
Kenley Circuit, 11 a. m.	27-28
Selma, 7: 30	28

The District Stewards of the Raleigh District will meet in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Friday December 5 at 11 a. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
H. M. North, Presiding Elder
First Round

Vass, at Cameron, December 13 at 11 and 14 at 11.
Biscoe, December 14 at night, and 15 at 10 o'clock.
Aberdeen, December 20, at 3 p. m. and December 21 at 11.
Roberdel, November 1, December 21, at night, at Roberdel.
Laurel Hill, at Sneeds, January 3 and 4 at 11.
Caledonia, at E. Laurinburg, January 4, at night.
Robeson, at Trinity, January 10, at 11, and January 11, at 11.
Maxton, January 11, at night, and 12 a. m.
Rockingham, January 14, at night.
Raeford, January 17 and 18, at 11.
Red Springs, January 18, at night, and 19 a. m.
Mt. Gilead Circuit, at M. Gilead, January 24 at 11, preaching at Little River, January 25 at 11.
Mt. Gilead, January 25, at night, and 26, a. m.
Rowland, at Rowland, March 31 and February 1, at 11.
Laurinburg, February 1, at night and a. m. February 2.
Elizabeth, at Trinity, February 7 and 8 at 11.
Lumberton Station, February 8, at night, and a. m. February 9.
Lumberton Circuit, at E. Lumberton, February 1?, at 11.
St. Paul, February 15, at night, and a. m. on February 16.
Montgomery, at Beulah, February 21, at 11, and 22, at 11.
Troy, February 22, at night, and a. m. on 23.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbe, February 29, at 11.
Richmond, at St. Paul, February 29, at 3 p. m.
Piedmont, at Roberdel, February 29, at night.

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder
Weldon, N. C.

	December
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield	13-14
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers	12
Garysburg, Garysburg	20-21
Weldon	21-22
Middleburg, Middleburg	27-28
Norlina, Norlina	28-29
	January
Rich Square, Rich Square	2
Conway, Conway	3-4
Murfreesboro and Winton, Murfreesboro	4-5
Northampton, Jackson	10-11
Roanoke, Tabor	17-18
Littleton	18-19
Warren, Providence	23
Warrenton, Macon	24-25
Bertie, Windsor	30
Harrellsville, Ahoskie	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Henderson	7-8
N. and S. Henderson	8
Scotland Neck, Scotland Neck	13
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston	14-15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

	December
Mattamuskeet, Watsons	12
Fairfield, night	12
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter	13-14
Grimesland, Salem	16
Ayden, night	17
Stokes, Stokes	19
Bath, Bath	21
Pinetops, Pinetops	27-28
Elm City	28-29
Wilson, First Church and Calvary, together, night	29
Aurora, Aurora	31
	January
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	2
Spring Hope	3
Rocky Mount Circuit	4

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

	December
Wilmington, Trinity	14-15
Wilmington, Bladen Street	14-15
Jacksonville-Richlands, Jacksonville	21-22
Southport, Trinity	27-28
	January
Kenansville, Kenansville	3
Faison-Warsaw, Faison	4-5
Ingold, Johnson's	17-18
Clinton	18-19
Burgaw, Burgaw	23
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	24-25
Tabor, Tabor	30
Chadbourn, Evergreen	31-Feb. 1
	February
Carver's Creek, Council	6
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	7-8
Whiteville	8-9
Wallace-Rose Hill, Rose Hill	13
Magnolia, Centenary	14-15
Swansboro, Swansboro	20
Onslow, Maysville	21-22
Town Creek, Zion	27
Shallotte, Shallotte Camp	28-29

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wisely placed many a dollar of his large fortune, but I do not believe he has ever placed any of his gifts more wisely than the ten thousand dollars he has been giving each year to the worn out preachers, widows and orphans of the two N. C. Conferences for several years past. Surely these good men and women will not forget to invoke heaven's blessings on the giver of these amounts.

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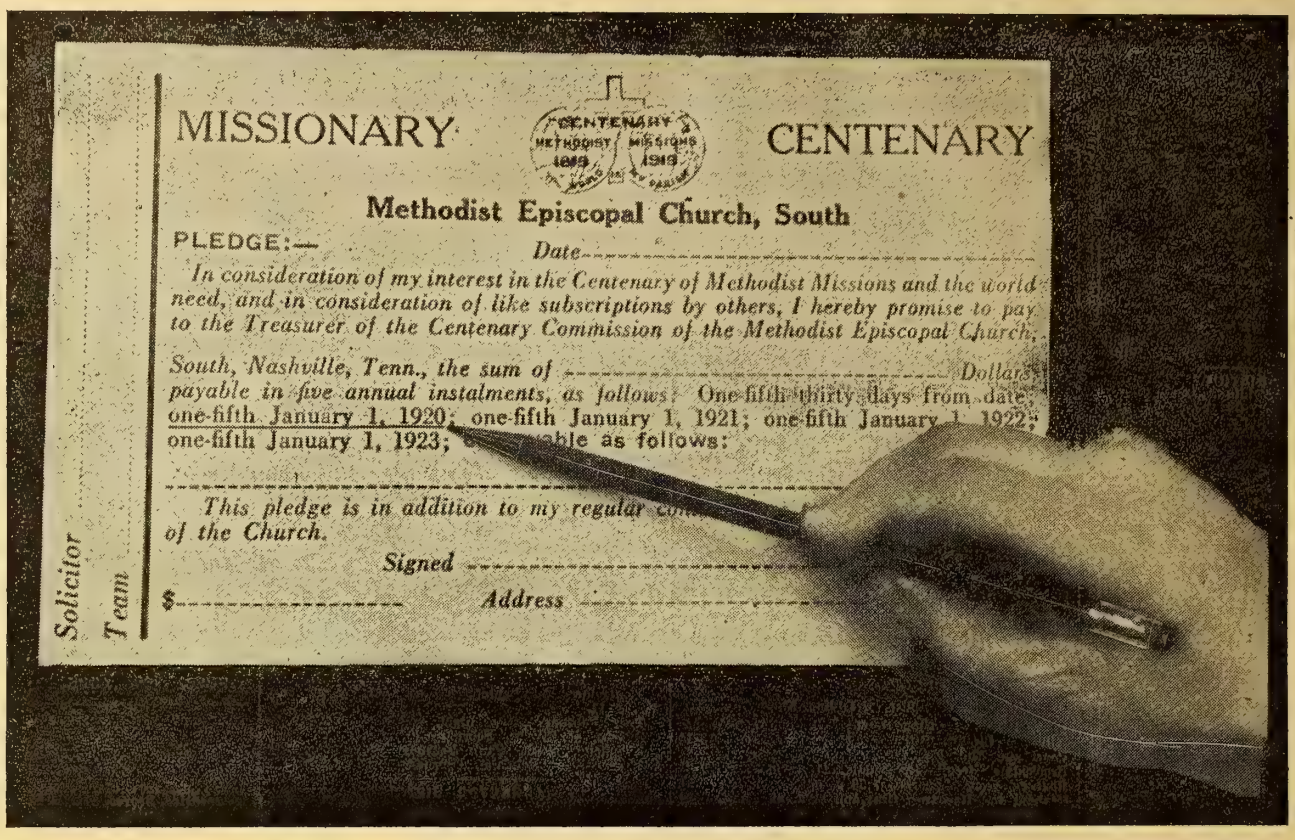
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Calm on the listening ear of night
Come heaven's melodious strains
Where wild Judea stretches far
O'er silver-mantled plains.

Celestial choirs from courts above
Shed sacred glories there,
And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
Make music in the air.

The answering hills of Palestine
Send back the glad reply;
And greet from all their holy heights
The day springs from on high.

O'er the blue depths of Galilee
There comes a holier calm;
And Sharon waves, in solemn praise,
Her silent groves of palm.

"Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Loud with their anthems ring;
"Peace to the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's eternal King."

Light on thy hills, Jerusalm:
The Savior now is born,
And bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains
Breaks the first Christmas morn.

—Edmund H. Sears.

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Editorial

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

It is entirely proper that the whole world should come with rejoicing to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem. No other event in the history of the world is comparable to this in the beneficent results that it has brought to the children of men. The truth is that human life could have no worthy meaning without it. The darkness of a fatal and irremediable tragedy would hang over it all. We cannot conceive of what the world would be without Christ. We have no sample of men anywhere—no community of people on the face of the earth—from whom we can form an idea of what the world would be without our Savior. We speak of the darkness of heathendom, and it is appalling; but there is not a heathen land on earth that is not after all a different place from what it would be if there were no Christ. Would there be any humanity, or even any place? We cannot conceive of it.

On the other hand, there is not a single community among men that has appropriated the full blessing of His coming. There are darker and lighter shadings on the map of the world, but there is more or less of shadow on all of it. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, and He is going to defeat ultimately this great adversary of the race; but there is not a single community from which he has yet been completely driven. May we ask if there is a single human heart? How about your own? Does this sound the note of discouragement? Not in the least. This earth is the theatre of only a short span of human life. Millions of souls have been absolutely delivered from the hand of Satan, but the great majority of them are in the other world. This is only a transition stage we are in here. It is the "grub" stage, if you would use the term of the biological laboratory. It is the state in which God is seeking to bring us to the fulness of the blessing of Christ. If we had a community of such life here, it would be heaven; and after all that we have been able to do this world is not yet a heaven. Christ said: "My kingdom is not of this world;" and, while some good people are doing their best under misguided notions to make it such, that ideal is not going to be realized. We are passing through a process here, and then in God's own good time we take a transfer. No, there is not yet in all the earth a single community that has appropriated the fullness of the blessings which Christ came to bring to men.

But this does not mean that He has not already greatly blessed us. Each added day of life comes to us loaded with them. The days of our sojourn here are wonderfully different because of the presence of the Christ in the world. Many of the shadows are lifted, and Hope sings her songs of joyous expectancy for all the days that are to come—yea, for all the eternity that lies out beyond the days of this earthly life. We are given a measure—a large measure—of emancipation from the evil here. For all the days that we will let Him, Jesus breaks the power of evil over us. We need not be its slaves. We can feel the thrill of this wondrous deliverance. We can enter the spirit of the halleluiah song of the redeemed, though the battle has not been completely won. The powers of evil still do battle at the gateways of the heart, but the expulsive power of this Jesus is within; and we know that he is greater than all the forces that are without.

It is, therefore, entirely proper that we rejoice with the return of the season at which we celebrate the coming of Christ in the flesh. It would be strange if we did not. And amidst the confusion of these times our joy is not to be shaken. The foundations of political powers are being shaken. The kingdoms of the world hardly know where to find themselves at this time. Policies of government are in the crucible and many of them are having to be re-adjusted to stand the pressure of present-day conditions. The old partizan rallying cries seem woefully out of date. The channels of commerce have practically all been changed in the last five years, and where the channels now run—if there are any channels—can hardly be determined. The industrial world is all topsy-turvy, and neither labor nor capital can find itself. But these things do not disturb the foundations of our religion. Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. This sure foundation is not swung around by the tides of time. Our confidence in its perpetuity and its sufficiency need not be disturbed. What comfort there is in the thought! The joy of our Christmas season abides with us, and is only augmented by the turbulence of the times.

But we must not forget that this joy must be of a character in keeping with the character of Christ. If it be our habit simply to take advantage of the Christmas occasion to indulge a season of worldly dissipation, then our joy may be adversely affected by the turbulence of the times. It is well that such joy should be. Nothing could be a greater profanation than to take the Christmas season, designed to call our attention sharply to the coming of Christ into the world with all its purpose of salvation from sin, and make of it an orgy of sensuous dissipation that contributes to all the baser elements of our nature. When we say that the Christmas season should be a time of rejoicing, we certainly do not mean the revelry of the world. We mean absolutely the reverse of this. And the same thing is true when we say that the religious life should be a joyous life. It should not be what the world calls pleasure—the gratification of the sensuous desires of the flesh. Certainly the Christmas joy and the joy of the Christian life ought to be in harmony. To celebrate the coming of Christ in a way that defeats all the purposes of His coming is an anomaly. The fact that it has become so general is an unimpeachable witness to the depravity of human nature.

Let us resolve this year to make the Christmas season for us one that our Christ will be well pleased with; one that will not bring a pang to His heart of love, as He watches us from His place at the right hand of the Father; one that will make its contribution to the making of our character like unto His own, and one that will bring cheer and good will to all with whom we shall be associated. Such a use of the day will be blessed indeed.

THE REVIVAL IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is unquestionably true that, if we are to have a Church-wide revival, much of the work must be done in the Sunday school with the children. And for what else do we carry on the work of the Sunday school? If it is not to bear fruit in the salvation of the children, it is falling very far short of its true purpose. Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost; and, if the Church with all of its agencies centres upon any lower work, it is proving recreant to the trust which our Lord put in it. Yet we are speaking of this revival work these days as if we had been doing Church work mainly with some other end in view. But, if the Sunday school is to prove the efficient agency that it should in this work, what is necessary?

First of all the superintendent needs to have this purpose constantly before his mind. It is all right to seek to build up the school in numbers. It is important to get the people to come, and to go after those who cannot or will not come with the Home department. North Carolina Methodism has 42,219 more Church members than it has members enrolled in the Sunday school, and quite a number of those enrolled in the Sunday school are not Church members. It would be perfectly safe to say that 75,000 Methodist Church members in North Carolina are not in the Sunday school. There is a field for some good missionary work. And there is a number—we would not venture to say how many—who would be Methodists if they were anything who are not in the Sunday school. That is likewise a good field for missionary effort. But the only vision for the superintendent to have is not simply to get the people to the Sunday school. A still more important question is what is he going to do with them when he gets them there? Upon the answer to this question depends whether or not the building up of the attendance is worth while. This further purpose should never be out of the mind of the superintendent in all of his planning, in his selection of teachers and in his own conduct of the Sunday school services.

Possibly the most important factor is the teacher. Consecration to the service of Christ and a true vision of the main end to be sought are more important than intellectual ability or social standing. We do not mean that the teaching should be hortatory, or that the teacher should wear pious airs; but the genuine ring of true religion ought to sound through their daily lives. And the unfolding of truth ought to have this question of their personal relation to God in the back ground. It may not be wise to thrust it forward very often. No iron clad rule can be given as to this. The teacher must use his best judgment. The intuitions of the Spirit are far better than any external guide can be; and to His leadership the teacher must commit himself. But it is a great mistake to think that emphasis upon the religious will run people away from the class. The heart hungers for that truth as it does for no other; and, if the teacher will wisely present it, he will find that it draws his pupils to him and makes his work more effective.

Difference of opinion will be found about the use of decision day, but this difference grows out of the peril of misusing it perhaps more than anything else. One thing is certain the teacher must somehow bring his pupils to a decision. We are not attracted by that term; the work is likely to be too superficial. It is too easy to decide a thing one way today and then reverse the decision tomorrow. Especially is this true of children when the truth has not sufficiently gripped the heart. But whatever means are employed, the teacher must somehow get the boys and girls to commit themselves definitely to Christ. If the teaching stops short of this point, it will not accomplish the best results. The nail needs to be clinched. It is the truth that saves, but it is not truth in the abstract. There is something very personal about this salvation, and the individual sinner and Christ must be brought together. There is no salvation without this, and the Sunday school has never completed its work without the salvation of the children.

There never was a time that we needed to realize this truth more than now. These are days of stress. They are times that try men's souls. The current and counter currents are strong and there is danger of the anchor dragging. There is only one thing that will hold us true today, and that is the real knowledge of God. No mere intellectual apprehension of His attributes will answer the demands of the hour. No man can know God except Christ reveal Him to him. He is not discovered by the intellect nor in His personal power over life but only through the heart. We know Him in the experience of His saving grace; and hence it is that the little child can know Him oftentimes when He is not discoverable to the mind of the worldly wise. And, when we thus know Him, we have something to steady us in the midst of the storms. We have an anchor that can hold against the strongest tides of life. Let the Sunday school deliver its full power at this time to bring the children of our Methodism into this intimate sort of knowledge of God.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

This is what the world needs. Still staggering under the shock of war and stinging with a sense of wrongs perpetrated, men have lost that spirit of good will which alone can make them dwell together in peace. Peace grows out of purity. Speaking of the wisdom which cometh from above, and which by the way is the only infallible remedy for all our social and moral ills, the apostle says that it is first pure, then peaceable. Only the Spirit of God in man, imparting to him the divine nature, and enthroning divine love, can give to him that flexibility which is necessary in order that he may avoid hurtful and annoying conflict with his fellow man.

War is the instrument of revenge. It is the al

tempt of a wicked and perverse nature to resent some real or fancied injury perpetrated by another, and there is no distinction as to the principle involved whether the avenger be an individual or a nation. What would become of our society if individuals were allowed, like nations, to settle their differences by a resort to gun or saber? Every man would be a law unto himself, and the good will which cements society and which makes life worth living would be substituted by the spirit of hate. Anarchy would soon take the place of orderly society.

Perhaps the strongest indictment against war is the fact that hate and disorder always follow in its wake. The demons of the nether world are turned loose, and notwithstanding the signing of an armistice and a permanent peace pact, these demons are loose and in some instances it requires generations to eliminate them and to cure the moral and social plagues which they brought with them. Selfishness and greed accompanied by a shocking disregard for human life, always manifest themselves in the wake of war, while the finer sensibilities, such as sympathy and love, are apparently extinct. It is indeed a fearful price that we pay for liberty and righteousness when we have to unleash the powers of hell and blight the earth with the smoke of torment in order to achieve these. The greatest loss is by no means the brave men who die. The irreparable loss is the destruction of high moral ideals and the enthronement of hate where otherwise brotherly love and helpful sympathy should prevail.

The mission of Jesus was a mission of peace. The proclamation of the angels gave to the world a true conception of what must be the ultimate effect of the preaching of the gospel—peace and good will. The prophets of the Old Testament all agree as to this. In their vision they saw all the elements of disorder and confusion removed from society. The desert was transformed into the fruitful field, the thirsty land refreshed with springs of water, while reeds and rushes sprang up in the habitation of the dragon. The wolfe and the lamb and the leopard lie down together. Thus we have that ultimate glory which is to embrace the whole earth and which is to reconcile all the conflicting elements of the human family and cause them to dwell together in perfect peace.

This blessed state will come, not by physical force. As in the vision of Elijah, the winds may blow and rend the mountains; the earth may quake and fires sweep over the earth; but the Lord will not be in these terrible cateclysms. He will manifest Himself in the still small voice. This means that the effective force which is to conquer and calm a turbulent world, is the invisible force of divine power imparted to us by faith in Him who is the Prince of Peace.

May we not all pray that this spirit which is the true Christmas spirit may be ours, and may we not thus combine the force of our lives to bring genuine peace to the world?

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Armenians and Syrians are still knocking at our doors for help. The suffering for the lack of the absolute necessities of life in those countries is terrible beyond description. The Christian people of this country have responded liberally to these people since the beginning of the European war, but the destitution is still very great. It is said that there are 250,000 homeless babies to be housed, clothed, fed, and educated. The Near East Relief Committee is caring for between 70,000 and 80,000 similar cases. Many of these babies are sleeping in the streets, and would gladly be at home in a friendly manger. A campaign in the interest of these people is to be waged in North Carolina Feb. 1-22 inclusive. It will be directed by an executive committee of influential and prominent citizens headed by State Chairman George H. Bellamy, of Wilmington. The funds will be handled by Mr. Robert A. Brown, of the Citizens National Bank, Raleigh. North Carolina is asked to take care of 3,334 of these orphans. The need is great, and we doubt not that North Carolina will do her part in meeting this need.

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"Aycock School Improvement Day" is to be observed December 19. On that day the patrons of every school are expected to meet at the school house and discuss—or, better still, provide—such of the following fourteen improvements as are most needed: (1) Lengthening the school; (2) Getting an additional teacher; (3) Getting better school buildings; (4) Painting the building; (5) improving school grounds; (6) Getting a school library; (7) Getting a traveling library; (8) Getting sanitary drinking fountains, or individual drinking cups; (9) Getting pictures for the school; (10) Arranging for a school farm in 1920; (11) Arranging for a school fair; (12) Arranging for a course of lectures, music, etc., for the entire community; (13) Teaching illiterates in the community to read and write; (14) Getting boys and girls into club work. Two or three of these items may be good or bad according to the quality of the thing they get, but it is for the people of the community to be on hand and see that proper kinds are gotten, as for instance the lecture courses, the fair, the right sort of pictures for the walls and the right sort of books for the libraries.

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Christian Literature Sunday is to be observed January 25, 1920. We think that the time has come to put a strong emphasis upon the importance of Christian Literature. As a people we are fearfully indifferent as to the type of literature that we read. We have meat inspectors to protect us against impure food. We are careful to protect the physical man, and we ought to be. But the spiritual man is infinitely more important. Certainly no Christian will for one moment dispute this fact, and yet we do not protect the spiritual man against the unwholsesome food of impure literature. What one reads is as really food for the mind as what one eats is food for the body; and the former can no more escape the consequence of reading vicious literature than the latter can escape the effects of eating putrid meat. The American Tract Society is promoting Christian Literature Sunday, and makes the following announcement: "In view of the imperative need for rallying all the available forces for conserving the moral and spiritual life of our nation, January 25, 1920, has been designated as Christian Literature Sunday. Churches, Sunday schools, Young Peoples Societies and other Christian organizations of America are urged to observe this day with appropriate services, in order that the function and power of Christian literature, as an Americanizing and world evangelizing force, shall receive its proper recognition."

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The League of Nations and the Peace Treaty have had but little consideration since the opening of the new Congress. The question has become so partizan—and it is criminal that it has been made so—that it becomes difficult for a religious newspaper to speak of it with proper freedom. Of course, we do not wish to take any part in party politics; but this is a question of such tremendous import for the whole world that we do not feel justified in keeping silence because peanut politicians in high places are trying to muddy the waters. This partizanship is making it difficult to get at the truth. Most newspapers are partizan. Even those that claim to be independent have their "leanings;" and much that goes into print on the subject is purely "propaganda," designed to bolster one side or the other. The broad fact stands out above all the clamor that the nations—especially the strong ones—must bind themselves into a league to prevent war, or the old national jealousies will lead each nation to arm itself to the teeth and as a consequence be always on the lookout for a scrap. The interests of the United States have become so interlocked in a thousand ways with the nations of Europe that, if they go to war, we cannot escape the consequences of it. The world-war has proved that to be true, and it will be more true in the future than in the past. A blind man can see that. In a final analysis it resolves itself into the question of forming the nations into a league for peace, or of forming alliances to fight against each other. Unless the American people keep clear heads in the face of partizan disputes, the cause seems to be in great peril.

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Let the Law Be Enforced. Our attention has been called to an editorial in the Washington Daily News with reference to a petition that had been circulated in that town, asking Judge Connor to mitigate certain sentences which he had imposed upon the violators of certain liquor laws. The News very properly took a position against the petition; that is, it was proper speaking in general terms. Of the merits of the particular cases we are not in position to speak, but we have reached the point in North Carolina where it is exceedingly difficult to enforce the law. Crime flourishes; and, when a penalty is imposed, the friends of the criminal rise up and almost demand the annulment of it. If the court stands by its decision, then the next step is an appeal to the Governor, and that seldom fails—for long. The poor criminal is held up as an object of pity and the crime is lost sight of. This is why blockading is flourishing in North Carolina as it is in no other State of the Union, according to the reports of the Internal Revenue Department. We plead for mercy for the criminal and forget the boys that are being debauched by the nefarious business of the blockader, forget the poverty and suffering that are coming to many homes because of drink, forget the girls that are to be wives of the future drunkards thus made, forget the weakened, diseased, abnormal offspring of future generations. Mercy! It is not mercy to turn these criminals loose upon society, and encourage others to be criminals as well. We are glad that the Daily News had the courage to speak out concerning an evil at its own door, and we trust that this eternal weakening of the courts will be discontinued in our State.

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The Organized Forms of Christianity are being put to a severe test these days. As usual extremes are about to meet. On the one hand, there is a class fired with the ambition for world-wide ecclesiasticism. The extreme unificationists of American Methodism belong to this class. They are arguing for the united force of a world Methodism to meet the unusual conditions that the great war has thrust upon the Church. They are planning for an organization that will hold permanently in one organization, strongly centralized in America, the Methodists of every land under the sun. There is something in that which appeals to human nature. It makes the blood stir to think of it. It ministers to denominational pride; it cultivates spiritual arrogance, and it leads to spiritual death. That ecclesiastical idealism is the most fearful peril in the doctrine of the unificationists, and it is one way that the pendulum is swinging. On the other hand, there is another class that is seeking to iron out the lines of denominational distinctions. In the spirit of re-action from the too tense rivalry—sometimes the narrowness and bitterness of denominational disputes—they deprecate all denominational divisions. In illustration of this spirit we quote here from the report of Dr. E. T. Root in connection with pastor's salaries. He suggests three remedies for the small salaries paid, the third of which is as follows: "The combination of small congregations into larger groups, even though this may mean the binding together of people hitherto held apart by denominational considerations." This represents the swing in the direction of breaking down denominational lines, and will find many sympathizers. Especially will these sympathizers come from the class who look upon the Church simply as a business that ought to be handled in the least expensive way. Here is the world again impinging upon the Church, and its policies would soon reduce the Church to a mere business organization, and then—death. We cannot discuss in a note these movements in apparently opposite directions, but which ultimately swing together. We only call attention to them that our readers may be thinking about them.

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CHRISTMAS

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O Christmas Day, glad Christmas Day,
I love thy silver bells!
Their welcome cadence to our hearts
The joyous message tells;
And over all the countries wide
The little ones, in glee,
Re-echo in their merry hearts
The joy thou art to me.

Not only in the stores of sweets,
And stockings in a row
Packed full with all the gifts of love
While midnight breezes blow;
Not only in the zest and cheer
Of merriment and play,
From early break till latest eve
Thou art my holiday.

For "*On earth peace!*" came o'er the hills
Of sleeping Palestine.
The heralds of the Christ swept low,
Proclaiming love divine.
And holy peace broods o'er the world,
And war and strife shall cease,—
O Christmas day, from far away,
Thy holy joy is, "*Peace*"!

PLACE THE "FORGOTTEN MAN" ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST.

By Luther E. Todd, Secy.

Once again the Christmas bells are about to ring. Throughout this land millions of souls will rejoice, because by their generosity they caused a little good cheer to trickle through deprivations and distress into the lives of the needy. In making up the list of those who shall receive of your bounty, you have included many who are worthy. But I am wondering if you have failed to include one who has spent himself unreservedly, even to the point of old age and physical disability, in the interests of humanity, and who now waits patiently and uncomplainingly for deliverance from the painful conditions of poverty in which he exists. I refer to the superannuated preacher of the M. E. Church, South. Have you forgotten him?



They Did Not Forget

The last General Conference created the Board of Finance and charged it with the sole duty of caring for the superannuates. It authorized the Board to raise $10,000,000 as an endowment for the support of these grand old men. But, it directed that the Board could not carry on an organized campaign to raise this money during the present quadrennium, as this period was reserved for the campaigns of the Missionary Centenary and that of the General Board of Education, in neither of which is the cause of superannuates included. However, it did give liberty to the Board of Finance to accept *voluntary* gifts to the Superannuate Endowment Fund from any who might be inclined to make them.

Therefore, I appeal to the members and friends of the M. E. Church, South to make this Christmas of 1919 memorable by an avalanche of voluntary giving to the Superannuate Endowment Fund, such that will encourage the leaders of this sacred cause and hearten the drooping spirits of the superannuates. These lines will likely be spread before the eyes of 150,000 of choice Southern Methodists. Just think what even a small gift to the S. E. F., from each of them would mean in the aggregate! If they would average the small sum of $5 each, it would add $750,000 to the fund—which in itself would be nearly $200,000 more than the Church has secured for this purpose through twenty years of effort. Why, the annual interest for the year's distribution to the superannuates, from that possible $750,000 would be $45,000, *forever*—and this alone would be nearly double the highest annual amount ever received from the fund by the superannuates in any year.

But our people should not be content with gifts in small amounts, if they are able to give in large sums. O, you who have made fortunes during the past few years, seize this opportunity to do a *really big thing* for the most neglected and appealing cause before the Church. To do so will guarantee the brightest and happiest Christmas you have ever known.

Here are a few ways to respond, from which choose the one best suited to your conditions:

(1) Cash contribution in any amount.

(2) Annual payment subscriptions, extending over any number of years.

(3) Gift of one or more Liberty Bonds.

(4) Gift of War Savings Stamps.

(5) Gift of any amount on Annuity Plan. (Write for information about this, or inquire of your pastor.)

(6) Purchase Annuity Bond in any amount for some superannuated preacher, who has done you a great service, making him the beneficiary as long as he lives—then your money will pass to the General Fund to help all Superannuates forever.

(7) Purchase Life Membership in our Conference Claimants Club (Triple C). It will cost you in cash as many dollars as there are years between your present age and eighty (80). A beautiful certificate and a gold-plated, enameled pin is presented to every Life Member.

(8) The very least you would consider doing is to become an*Annual Member* of our Conference Claimants Club (Triple C). This requires three things, namely: (a) Pay one dollar cash, (b) Be a constant worker and booster for the Cause, (c) Answer the annual roll call with another dollar until you choose to discontinue your membership.

Since the latter part of August I have been passing up and down the whole Church, visiting the Annual Conferences. I have personally met and talked with hundreds of superannuates, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf to the "famous line". While writing the lines of this Christmas appeal in their behalf, their battle-scarred faces come before me. They have been characterized as the "Forgotten Men" of Southern Methodism. But they shall not be overlooked this Christmas time, if I can help it. What say you?

Direct all communications to the Board of Finance, Security Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

A HOLY TASK.

By Rev. T. A. Matthews.

My earnest prayers go out for those engaged in the holy task of reviving the old family altar in every home in Southen Methodism. I am devoutly grateful today for having been reared under the old family altar dispensation in a Methodist preacher's home, whose predecessors for at least three generations observed this holy practice. It is my abiding conviction that I am in the ministry today because of the influence of the old family altar. The hallowed memory of my father's and mother's voice in prayer around the old hearthstone, lingers through the years like an iridescent dream, clear as cathedral bells and as sweet as the music of angels. From the first day of my wedded life until this, not a day has gone by—except for unavoidable reasons—without the offering of the morning and evening sacrifices of praise, thanksgiving and intercession upon the home altar. All the members of my immediate family, and for three generations preceding, were dedicated in infancy by baptism and reared under the holy influence of the family altar. It will not surprise you, therefore, when I state that not a child in these three generations but was a member of the Church before attaining the age of twelve. From these generations have gone a long line of preachers, teachers, physicians and missionaries, and not a member of these three generations or their offspring, have ever been convicted of crime.

Had I a thousand voices and only time to deliver one message before I go hence, I think I should leave to the fathers and mothers of Methodism, a parting exhortation to return to the old family altar and give to the childhood of Methodism that which is the inalienable birthright of every child born into the world—early knowledge of and acquaintance with the Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible. Judging by the present trend of things, if they do not get it in the home they will not likely get it anywhere. Much that is transpiring in our country would indicate that a very large class have never had an adequate conception of God or the teachings of His Son. Schools are forbidden to read the Bible and pray. There is no place in the educational curriculum for either Bible reading or recitation. Society taboos everything that savors of religion; business has neither place nor time for such things. The Sunday schools can do only a very fragmentary work for lack of time and equipment, and that, too often, without the presence or co-operation of parents.

The crime of the age is the dearth of the family altar and consequent spiritual pauperism of children reared in prayerless homes.

Vacant pulpits all over the land have their cause, in my judgment, in the homes where the fires of spiritual devotion no longer burn on the family altars, and sweet incense, the prayers of saints, no longer rises with each opening and closing day. Low social standards, divorces without number, conflicts between capital and labor, lost confidences and wrong financial standards between men and nations, piteous cries from the underworld unheeded, hands outstretched and plaintive wails from the starving, homeless and desolate millions across the seas disregarded, all would be marvelously changed if in every Christian home an old-fashioned family altar were erected. The question of stewardship of Life would be instantly solved, and stewardship of property would follow easily and naturally. It would not be hard then for any Christian to adopt and live up to the motto of Livingston, "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ." Mothers would be heard again—as they were heard a generation ago—to say, "I would rather my boy would be a preacher than anything else in the world." The Lord speed the day when no child will go out of any Methodist home and point back to it in after years and say, "I never heard my father's or mother's voice in prayer in the home of my childhood."

PLAN FOR THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following plan presented by the General Sunday School Board for the co-operation of the Board in the General Evangelistic Campaign has been unanimously adopted by the Ad Interim Committee of the Centenary Commission:

The General Sunday School Board is deeply anxious to forward a wide-spread and truly spiritual Evangelism in the Church. It shares in the conviction that the present moment is pregnant with possibilities both for good and for evil, and that there is more than ordinary need at this time for a united Church-wide Evangelistic campaign.

Charged as it is with special care for the young life of the Church, and realizing the responsibility growing out of the fact that a large majority of our Church members in recent years have come from the Sunday school membership, the General Sunday School Board and the Sunday school forces are bound to strive by every possible means to bring those who are already in this School of the Church into a conscious personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The Sunday School Board, has, therefore, most heartily approved the General Evangelistic campaign that has been launched by the Joint Committee on Evangelism as a part of the Centenary Conservation Program. It is anxious to relate the Sunday school organization to this campaign in such wise that the forces of the Sunday school may, as far as possible, be integrated with the general plan and operations of the Joint Committee on Evangelism. The Board earnestly desires that the hundreds of thousands of Sunday school teachers and workers make their contributions to this campaign, to the end that every teacher and Sunday school worker may become an evangelist, and that every unsaved person in all our Sunday schools may come to know God as Father and

Jesus as Savior, and may become an active member of the Church of Christ.

In order thoroughly to articulate the Evangelistic campaign in the Sunday school with the General Evangelistic Campaign so as to make the organization of the General Campaign available for the promotion of the Sunday School Campaign, and to utilize the Sunday school organization to the fullest in promoting the Sunday School Campaign in harmony with the General Campaign, the following plan was proposed by the General Sunday School Board and accepted by the Ad Interim Committee of the Centenary Commission:

Plan

1. There shall be a General Committee on Sunday School Evangelism composed of the following: The General Sunday School Secretary, the Chairman of the Sunday School Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Superintendents of the several departments, and Dr. O. E. Goddard and Dr. W. G. Cram representing the Joint Committee on Evangelism.

This Committee shall be especially charged with the promotion and supervision of the Sunday school campaign throughout the Church, which is to be conducted in co-operation and general harmony with the General Evangelistic Campaign.

There shall be added to the Joint Committee on Evangelism the Corresponding Secretary of the General Sunday School Board and the Superintendent of Teacher-Training.

2. There shall be an Annual Conference Committee on Sunday School Evangelism composed of the following: The Chairman of the Sunday School Board, the Sunday School Field Secretary, Active Department Superintendents, two other persons elected by the Conference Sunday School Board, or its Executive Committee, and the Conference Evangelistic Campaign Director.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to promote and to supervise Sunday School Evangelism within the bounds of the Annual Conference. The Sunday School Field Secretary shall be the executive officer of this committee unless determined otherwise by the committee.

To the Annual Conference Committee on Evangelism of the Missionary Centenary shall be added the Conference Sunday School Field Secretary, or the Chairman of the Conference Sunday School Board.

3. The District Sunday School Executive Committee shall constitute the District Committee on Sunday School Evangelism. The Presiding Elder is Chairman of this Committee.

It shall be the duty of the District Committee on Sunday School Evangelism to promote and to supervise Sunday School Evangelism within the bounds of the District.

4. The Local Sunday School Evangelistic Committee shall be composed of the Following: The pastor, the superintendent, the superintendent of each of the organized departments of the school above the primary, or in schools not departmentally organized, one representative teacher of pupils under twelve, one of pupils twelve to seventeen, and one of pupils eighteen years old and over.

The duties of this committee shall be to promote and to supervise Evangelism within the local Sunday school.

For further information write to Dr. Charles D. Bulla, Director of the Evangelistic Campaign in the Sunday School, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

By Charles D. Bulla, Corresponding Secretary of the General Sunday School Board.

Through the window of Christmastide I look upon my boyhood days at the old home. This is what I see: A path leading from the gate by the side of the road to a substantially built farmhouse with porch extending across the front; to one side the deep well, with an oak bucket hanging above the cool water; in one part of the smoke house the cured meats, in the other—well, a lot o' things; the great barn, with its granaries, haymow, tool chest, and warm stalls; stretching away in every direction, orchard and vineyard, pastures and fields; the schoolhouse, the nearest building on the right. Early in my career I got mixed up with the alphabet and multiplication table in the district school, and I have not succeeded in wholly disentangling myself to this day.

The old-fashioned Christmas came to that home. Of course the children found out that Santa Claus and father were one and the same person. But for all that there was an unfailing interest in the reindeer and sleigh and the strangely filled stockings. What if father and mother were in partnership with the kindly old man from the land of snows?

I live over again those long-past winter evenings. The chores are done; supper is over; the family gathers about the blazing logs in the great fireplace. Father sits at the right humming a hymn and working out plans for the welfare of the children. On the other side mother is sewing by a small table. The fire glow from without and the heart glow from within glorify the careworn face of the angel of the home. The children—boys and girls—busy with their school lessons, round out the charmed semi-circle.

The Seth Thomas clock on the walnut mantel strikes nine. Apples and nuts are brought in. A hungry boy finds a roasted potato in the hot embers. The day is done. It is an hour of holy calm. A chapter is read from the Bible; God lowers a ladder from the skies; the hearthstone becomes a Bethel; prayers ascend to the throne of grace, and down the shining way angel answers descend in benediction. Home and heaven overlap.

The home is the most influential factor in the building of character. The Christian family is a school of all the virtues. The supreme need of our day is a revival of hearthstone religion. The Sunday school seeks to supplement the home. The home ought to co-operate with the Sunday school.

PLACE SEEKING

By R. M. Taylor

That a preacher should be deeply concerned about his appointment is as natural as life itself. There are so many reasons for this that they need not be enumerated. These reasons, most of them, are not appreciated by the congregation. They cannot be. The view points are different. A preacher may honestly believe he is not adapted to the wants of his congregation, or charge, and hence seek to move. He may feel that he has not been properly appraised by the appointing power, and seek to get an appointment more nearly according to his opinion of himself. He may feel like his salary is insufficient for his support, and hence seek a move. All of these arguments may exist in his mind when he is seeking a move. In the first two respects he may be mistaken, of course.

When this writer was presiding elder he gave every man in his district a chance to express his wants before going to Conference. Of course, there were no promises made, except that the best that could be done for him would be done in the cabinet. I do not believe in handling preachers as "dummies." They have rights and preferences, and should have a chance to express them in the proper place. It is extremely autocratic for a presiding elder to go up to Conference and sit in the cabinet and dispose of twenty or thirty preachers with whom he has had no conversation as to their wishes. The day of autocracy is over.

It is rarely ever wise or prudent for a preacher to have an interview with the bishop relative to his appointment. The elder is the legal representative of both preachers and people. All negotiations should be made through him. Certainly all advice given the bishop by the elders should be in open cabinet. It is unfair for an elder to "buttonhole" the bishop and stuff him with private advice.

It is unwise for a preacher to set his heart on a place before Conference. A dozen other preachers may seek the same place. All but one, and perhaps all must be disappointed. Then there may be a feeling of disappointment, and the blame must be placed somewhere. Certainly no preacher should ever make a demand for a certain place. Others might put in a demand for the same place. We may say "the place is mine by right." But others have rights as well as we. Much soreness and hard feeling could be avoided by less selfishness.

Again, the salary should rarely, if ever, be the prime consideration for seeking a move. I know as well as any other preacher what a small salary and a cramped condition means. And I know there is the greatest temptation to make the salary the primary matter of consideration. Men are not much to blame when they see themselves threatened with debt or suffering to seek to better themselves financially. The Church has been shamefully negligent of support for the preachers. But there is great danger here of commercializing the gospel. Besides this the motive to move, being a financial one, may not land the preacher in any better place. The chances are that the preacher will be placed on a charge on a par with the one he left. Then he has the expense of the move with no better salary. My experience is that the financial wants of the preachers are not made the primary consideration in the cabinet. It happens frequently that a man has sought to move in the hope of bettering his condition and in the cabinet "market" he would not bring as good a place as he had before. Of course the financial situation may figure in the motive, but not generally as primary.

It seems fair and just that preachers who have children to educate should have preference in being placed in reach of school facilities. This would seem to be a proper motive for requesting a move. But here again my experience is that such questions are not of primary significance in the cabinet. It is not claimed that the appointments are always fair and just to all parties. No human thing is perfect. The appointments are no exception. But a preacher may accept his appointment as from God, and so adjust himself to it as providential. This is the best for all parties as a rule. Nebuchadnezzar had no motive but selfishness for invading and destroying Jerusalem, but God was using him, all unconsciously to him, as his instrument in punishing recreant Israel. The cabinet is trying, or supposed to be trying, to do the will of God in the matter of making appointments. So we have nothing to gain by flying up and rebelling against the appointments. Better take what we get, and do the best we can to "make good."

If the preachers should not unduly seek places, what about the laymen unduly seeking preachers? This is the laymen's day. A word from a leading layman will go much farther with the cabinet than anything we preachers can say about appointments. The laymen have the "ear" of the appointing power now, and they make a great many appointments. There should always be a balance of power and influence between preachers and laymen. Neither should go too far in an effort to influence the cabinet.

Concord, N. C.

CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

D. H. Tuttle, Pres.

After adjournment of our Conference session on Saturday evening, Nov. 22, 1919, Wilson, N. C., our Conference Brotherhood was reorganized, I trust never again to be merged into any organization on a less brotherly basis. Sometimes in seeking self-protection we forget a brother's. May our Brotherhood motto be:

"Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this our motto be
Lord help me to live for others
That I may live like Thee."

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one. Names and money, both from ministers and laymen, poured in faster than two secretaries could write. $3 is the assessment to be paid on death of a member. Only ministers are beneficiary members. Laymen are honorary, or contributing members, and pay $1 on each assessment. Our good women are eligible to membership, and will be welcomed as honorary members. Each of our preachers was to present this matter to his charge and take the names of such brothers or sisters as desired to become members of the Brotherhood. We trust they will not forget to do so. Should your pastor not do so, then send $1 o Rev. W. P. Constable, Spring Hope, N. C., and he will enroll you as a member. Do this today that our treasurer may be able to mail check at once to the widow of the first preacher who may pass to his reward—the first fruit of our Brotherhood.

Submission is no cry of a defeated man; it is the soul seizing on the privilege and right of being completed after God's pattern.—Phillips Brooks.

Notes and Correspondence

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES

—Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Boone have recently been visiting relatives in Jackson, N. C.

—Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, of the North Carolina Conference, visited at Whitsett last week.

—The salary of Rev. E. T. Davis, Bailey, has been raised from $1,200 to $1,500 for the current year.

—Salaries at Stantonburg, Rev. J. R. Thompson, pastor, and at Fremont, Rev. W. T. Phipps, pastor, have each been raised from $1,500 to $2,000.

—The report of Weaver Hall fund printed elsewhere in this issue has been on hand for several weeks, waiting for space. We regret the delay but have done the best we could.

—Rev. H. M. Eure, the new pastor at Rich Square, has filled his first engagements, and according to the report of it in one of our exchanges has made a very favorable impression—a fact at which we are not surprised.

—The new pastor, Rev. O. W. Dowd, has received a most cordial welcome to Morehead City, according to the Coaster. The pastors of the First Baptist and the Free Will Baptist churches joined in the welcome.

—Rev. J. A. Dailey, preacher-in-charge of Person circuit, was in Greensboro last week in attendance upon the conference of prohibition workers. He is beginning his fourth year on that charge in a hopeful and even enthusiastic frame of mind.

—The Messenger reports 727 people in the Rockingham district who are giving one-tenth of their income to the Master's cause. Elizabeth charge seems to lead with 77, but Raeford is a close second with 74 and St. John and Gibson reports 72.

—Rev. J. E. Blalock, of Hillsboro, passed through Greensboro one day last week on his way to Milton, where he has completed a four year pastorate. He was making a flying trip back to officiate at the marriage of a couple among his former parishioners.

—Rev. W. E. Poovey, presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro district, requests us to announce that Rev. W. L. Scott has been appointed to the Warrenville circuit in place of Rev. R. E. L. Plummer. Brother Scott's address will continue to be Jefferson, N. C

—Rev. J. A. Hornaday preached a fine sermon last Sunday morning in opening his second conference year as pastor of St. Pauls Church. Mellowed by the leadings of the Spirit, he preaches the pure gospel of Christ and calls his flock to service as urgently as the Master himself.—Scottish Chief.

—The salary of the presiding elder of the Greensboro district has been increased from $3,000 to $3,500. When the first round is complete and the full reports tabulated it will likely be found that pastors' salaries in the whole district have been increased in a similar or even larger proportion.

—The Statesville district showed a net gain of 560 members during the last Conference year, secured a surplus of $50,000 on the Centenary, and the Conference collections showed an increase of 68 per cent over the preceding year. It is now the second largest district in the Western North Carolina Conference.

—The Gastonia Daily Gazette of Dec. 5th reports an interesting revival service in progress at Mount Holly Church of which Rev. C. M. Short is pastor. Rev. Raymond Browning is doing the preaching. The evangelist's sister, Miss Louise Browning, had charge of the music. The meeting was expected to continue through all of last week.

—That was a fitting tribute the people of Laurinburg paid Rev. E. H. Davis upon the eve of his departure for his new work at Clinton. He had been at the Scotland county capital for two years, and had won all hearts. The ministers of the city passed strong resolutions of appreciation in which they especially emphasized his work

—Rev. J. J. Lewis writes that he has been kindly received on the Currituck circuit. A good pounding has been administered and he is living on wild goose and wild duck. He hints that the charge is thinking of presenting him with a car which will about complete the good things that he needs. His address is Poplar Branch, N. C.

—Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of our Church in Tarboro, begins the new Conference year with a circular letter addressed to each member of his charge which is a clear call to fidelity and zeal in all the duties of church membership and the Christian life. It is a good thing to keep thus in close touch with the individual members of the charge.

—Rev. I. S. Richmond, of the Western Virginia Conference, now a post graduate student at Trinity College, spent Sunday, December 7th, with his friend, Rev. E. P. Billups, and preached at Glenwood church in the morning and at Bethel in the evening. The services were well attended and the sermons of the visiting preacher greatly enjoyed.

—Rev. M. Bradshaw, Memorial Church, Durham, "delighted an audience at St. Pauls Methodist Church last Sunday night," says the Scottish Chief. Brother Bradshaw served one year at Maxton in the nineties, and they were never satisfied until they got him back for a four year pastorate before the new century came in. He is justly popular wherever he goes.

—Rev. J. M. Rowland, who occasionally favors the Advocate with a contribution, was sent to Lynchburg by the recent Virginia Conference. Most of the churches in Park Place, Norfolk, where he had been serving, closed their doors and worshiped at the Park Place Methodist Church, as an expression of their esteem of Brother Rowland

—Rev. D. R. Proffitt is now comfortably domiciled in the new parsonage on the East Greensboro charge, and is taking hold of his work in a very hopeful spirit. He has two splendid congregations in four miles of each other with the parsonage situated on the highway between the two. This is now an ideal charge and ought to develop rapidly under the new arrangement.

—Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Coltrane, of the North Carolina Conference, have been visiting their daughter in Greensboro recently. Brother Coltrane has just completed a four year pastorate at Carthage, and was sent to Scotland Neck by Bishop Darlington at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference. We have no better, truer man, and Scotland Neck is to be congratulated on their new pastor.

—Rev. W. L. Sherrill gives a very hopeful report of the Mocksville charge. It goes without saying that he and Mrs. Sherrill received a very hearty welcome back into this field in which they served so acceptably once before. Brother Sherrill states that his predecessor, Brother E. O. Cole, did fine work in the Sunday school and left it in fine working shape. The estimates and plans for the new year indicate a progressive spirit.

in the community without reference to denominational lines. Mr. W. H. Weatherspoon, on behalf of the people of Laurinburg, presented him with a gold watch and chain in token of the appreciation in which he was held. We record with pleasure, but not with surprise, these evidences of the esteem in which Brother Davis is held by that noble company of people. Brother Davis goes to Clinton, where it requires no phophet to foretell that he will again win all hearts

—The Reidsville Review of December 12th says: "A fine congregation listened to the pastor, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, as he delivered the third of his series of twenty-one sermons on the "Sermon on the Mount," at Main Street Methodist Church last Sunday night. This series will continue at 7:30 each Sunday evening until finished, and the growing congregations indicate that the people are interested in this consecutive study of the teachings of the Great Master."

—Rev. A. J. Burrus, writing of the death of Brother Pink Randall, says: "His death was a great shock to his Church, his community and his large circle of friends and a great loss to his family left behind. The heavy stroke was upon the wife who is physically infirm and who was so tenderly cared for by her husband. He was a good man, loved his Church, his pastor and his Savior. He never failed to attend Church when it was at all possible for him to be present. His heart and home were always open to his pastor. We shall miss him so much, but God knows best."

—Rev. J. E. Holden, the new pastor of Kenly charge, has been pounded by his people. It seems that he had one from the colored people of Rich Square where he has just closed a pastorate, upon the eve of his leaving. An exchange gives the following account of it: "Mr. Holden's pastorate here was a great success. His Church was greatly strengthened, and he won and retained the love and good will of the people of other denominations. A few days before he left an unusual honor was bestowed upon him. The colored Baptist Church, the A. M. E. Church, and the colored school of which Prof. W. S. Creecy is principal, remembered him with gifts and other tokens of love and friendship."

—A correspondent writing from Mooresville says: "A large crowd attended the services at the Methodist church Sunday night when the church service flag was lowered with appropriate exercises. On the flag are forty-three stars, one of which is gold for Private Ira Poston, who died of pneumonia while in camp. The flag will be sent to Raleigh, N. C., for safe keeping in the hall of history. Active in lowering the flag were two former service men, Captain C. G. Falls, Infantry, 81st Division, and William Evans, Marine, Second Division." The program for the flag lowering service was elaborate, participated in by Rev. E. N. Crowder, Mr. M. T. McKnight, Captain C. G. Falls, Rev. L. A. Falls and Rev. J. W. Jones.

TRINITY PARK SCHOOL

On account of the fact that some students of the Trinity Park school cannot return after Christmas there will be a limited number of vacances for rooms. Boys wishing to enter after Christmas should write to the Headmaster at once to engage rooms.

F. S. Aldridge.

A CORRECTION

The Secretary of the Centenary for the Western North Carolina Conference reported in the Advocate that Sylva, Waynesville district, had paid $20. The fact is that our quota was $5,000, and there has been paid into the treasury $1,357, which is more than the amount due on the first installment. The only trouble is that our treasurer had failed to report to Brother J. A. Gray.

J. A. Cooke, Pastor.

CHANGES

Bishop Darlington approves the exchange made by the presiding elders by which Rev. E. T. Ipock goes to Grimesland circuit on the Washington district and Rev. G. C. Wood to the Kennekeet circuit on the Elizabeth City district. He also approves and authorizes a change in boundaries by which Bethel and Shiloh churches become Bethel station and Conetoe is transferred from Bethel circuit to Tarboro and Robersonville from Bethel circuit to Stokes circuit. Wares Chapel is transferred from Stokes circuit to Washington station.

N. H. D. Wilson, P. E.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express, through the Advocate, my appreciation of the many kind letters of condolence I have received since the departure of my dear wife. I should love to answer them all if I had the time, but this will suffice. It is a great consolation to know, when we are under the cloud, that we have the prayers and sympathy of our brethren. The people at Liberty St. Church have received me cordially and we are starting out with prospects of having a successful year.

P. L. Terrell.

WEDDINGTON INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

The Weddington Industrial Inustitute is somewhat "A new face in the Old Lighthouse," but we hope that Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference will in the near future famaliarize themselves with her face, and recognize her as one of the indispensable links in the chain of our Church instiutions.

This school has been known for quite a number of years as the Weddington Academy, and run under the auspices of the Methodist Church to accomodate a local constituency and has done a great work in this way. The time has now come when our dreams of her more extended field of usefullness must be materialized. No school of our Church has greater possibilities of development into an institution that will directly appeal to our people than this one. The school owns six hundred acres of good farm lands which we hope to use in helping support the school, and at the same time, offer our boys an opportunity to support themselves while here in school. An industrial plant for girls is also being thought of in connection with the school. We have already found people who are ready to assist us in planning for girls, who are limited in means, to prepare themselves for life in some useful domestic lines, and avail themselves of a good literary high school education. We are planning courses in agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, and domestic science which we hope to offer next year in addition to the regular courses of study.

We are glad to welcome our new pastor, Brother McSwain. We feel that he is going to be a great helper in time of need, for we are in need of more pastors and laymen who are interested in Christian education. One of the lamentable things of our age is the fact that many states are closing the doors of their schools against the Bible. Let us as sympathizers with Christian education do all in our power for the advancement of our Church schools. If you are interested in the Weddington Industrial Institute movement, let us hear from you, or give us a shove on the onward march when an opportunity presents itself.

R. E. Hinshaw, Supt.
R. F. D. 18 Matthews, N. C.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE PROHIBITION CONFERENCE.

In a trenchant, epigramatic, instructive address before a large audience composed of delegates to the World Prohibition and Law Enforcement Conference for North Carolina, and citizens of the city of Greensboro, Tuesday evening, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., literally stormed and went over the top of the old Alcohol line. All by himself. And several times, too. And the people made the grand old West Market Methodist church ring with cheers, even if a glorious woman, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, president Emeritus of Greensboro College

for Women, was acting as chairman of the meeting. As Bishop for the M. E. Church, South, for Mexico, his account of conditions there was much more optimistic than the susal press reports would indicate, and his discussion of the European situation as he saw it from Paris at the Peace Congress was broadly instructive, chaste language crackling like a new saddle, as ex-U. S. District Attorney Gus Price of Salisbury described it. But the whole object of this present relation is to herald consolation to such as see no pleasure in North Carolina and Virginia prohibition law, by reciting that the Bishop drew applause from even the morally stunted, when he said that in the State of Sonora, Mexico, a man had to get permit from the president, present a card and have it punched every time he whet his whistle. And if he got drunk, the permit was taken from him, landing him high and dry forever. Still he might surreptitiously imbibe of the still; but, if he did, he was taken out, stood against the wall and shot. Some prohibition, that, and law enforcement, regardless.

CENTENARY COLLECTIONS

I want to urge the pastors and the local church centenary treasurers of the Western North Carolina Conference to see that the collections on the first payment on the Centenary pledges be made just as complete as possible by the 25th of this month. Also I wish to urge the treasurers to report all Centenary money to Mr. Jas. A. Gray, Conference Centenary Treasurer, not later than December the 26th so that it may be included in his report for this month to Col. John E. Edgerton, General Centenary treasurer. One very important reason for this request is the fact that the Conference board of missions made appropriations to mission charges at the recent session of the Conference expecting to receive from the Centenary funds an amount sufficient to pay the appropriations as they fall due through the year. In order for this money to be available for this Conference year it must be in the hands of the General treasurer by the end of this month.

Let all work toward the goal of all first payments on Centenary pledges paid by December the 25th and all Centenary money reported at once to the Conference Centenary treasurer.

R. M. Courtney,
Con. Mis. Sec'y.

Dec. 13, 1919.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD

In the organization of this Brotherhood we have taken upon ourselves a sacred duty which means much to our loved ones in their hour of need. In order that this duty may be discharged we must at all times keep one full assessment in the hands of the treasurer so that it will be available immediately.

With this in view I am asking that all who gave their names for membership at our recent session of our Annual Conference at Wilson and have not paid their assessment to please send me their check in payment of assessment No. 1, which is now due, so that we may be ready to meet the call when it comes. If a call was to come now your treasurer would not be able to meet it in full.

Beneficial membership dues $3.50, assessment $3, and entrance fee 50 cents. Non beneficial membership $1.50; assessment $1, and entrance fee 50 cents. Please let your checks come in.

Fraternally,
Wm. P. Constable,
Secy. and Treas.

Spring Hope, N. C., Box 57.

SUGGESTION TO PASTORS

It is impossible for us to print long letters from the field. Will pastors please keep this in mind and send in only brief notices? Thank you.

PLYMOUTH

Our journey from dear old Clinton to Plymouth was made promptly after Conference, only one Sunday intervening. We found friends here and a royal welcome. The parsonage is the best one I have ever lived in. I am very hopeful that I shall have the best year of my life. To the preachers let me say the early Conference did not hurt the orphanage nor anything else, but it did enabel us to move in good weather. Now let us move up the date, say to the first of November, and we will scarcely ever be bothered with bad weather. The laymen are for it, why should not the preachers favor it? I confess that I am surprised that we have not done this long ago. If we wait for the crops to be gathered and sold we will wait till spring or defer it entirely.

D. L. Earnhardt.

ASSESSMENTS FOR ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT 1920.

	General	Conference	Presiding Elder	Advocate
Aberdeen	$367.00	$478.50	$127.00	10
Biscoe	305.00	398.75	105.00	13
Caledonia	384.30	502.43	132.00	10
Elizabeth	342.60	446.60	117.00	11
Ellerbee	195.20	255.20	67.00	8
Hamlet	497.80	786.55	196.00	13
Laurel Hill	179.34	234.47	61.00	8
Laurinburg	588.00	643.00	180.00	13
Lumberton	524.60	685.85	181.00	13
Lumb'ton Ct	126.82	165.25	43.00	9
Maxton	367.00	483.50	126.00	10
Montgomery	146.40	191.40	50.00	8
Mt. Gilead	367.00	478.50	126.00	10
Mt Gilead Ct	232.80	303.05	79.00	8
Piedmont	192.76	252.01	66.00	8
Raeford	408.70	539.33	141.00	11
Red Springs	367.00	478.50	127.00	10
Richmond	156.65	204.80	54.00	8
Roberdel	167.14	218.52	57.00	13
Robeson	391.14	516.30	135.00	11
Rockingham	609.06	802.50	212.00	13
Rowland	341.60	451.60	117.00	11
St. J. & Gib.	367.50	478.50	127.00	10
St. Paul	372.37	485.52	127.00	10
Troy	342.60	446.60	118.00	11
Vass	372.62	485.77	129.00	10
	$8713.00	$11413.00	$3000.00	270

H. M. North, P. E.

O. G. Reynolds,
J. LeGrand Everett,
Committee.

ASSESSMENTS FOR RALEIGH DISTRICT FOR 1920.

	Pres. Elder	Dist. Work	Conf. Work	Gen. Work
Banks & Y'gsville	$114	$12	$408	$311
Benson	114	15	408	311
Bunn	46	5	171	130
Cary	133	14	476	368
Clayton	171	18	612	468
Four Oaks	142	15	509	389
Franklinton	88	10	317	239
Garner	123	12	442	337
Granville	114	12	408	312
Kenly	142	15	509	389
Louisburg	171	18	612	468
Millbrook	85	9	305	233
Oxford Station	198	20	716	546
Oxford Circuit	152	16	549	415
Princeton	65	7	237	181
Raleigh—Central	160	20	580	442
Edenton St.	371	30	1262	960
Epworth	37	6	136	104
Jenkins Memo.	57	6	201	155
Selma	114	12	409	311
Smithfield	171	18	612	468
Tar River	109	11	376	292
Zebulon	123	13	442	337

J. D. Spiers, Secretary.

SEDITION BILLS

In the Advocate of December 11th, under title of Note and Comment, there is a paragraph devoted to the Davey Sedition Bill which "calls for more talk."

The Reds, I. W. W's, Bolshevists and like ilk have enjoyed large license in America in all time past and have abused this liberty. But we must not forget that others have enjoyed a larger liberty because of this indulgence of political extremists. The restriction of liberty can not be confined to special classes nor to special designations of political faith and so it behooves all good Americans to know something of proposed legislation before they begin to bombard their representatives in Congress or elsewhere urging immediate action.

The very fact that this bill was drawn by the Department of Justice which will be charged with its administration, should subject it to the closest scrutiny. Those who propose to enforce a law are not best qualified to enact it. Ease of administration will often outweigh possible dangers engendered in its origin. The miscibility of departmental functions in the national government is as great danger as the vapid mouthings of a few fanatical Reds.

The extension of espionage and sedition laws in time of peace should not be made with unseemly haste nor without full and frank discussion not only by the representatives of the people but by the people themselves.

And the church should be last of all to urge speedy action upon such important matters. The church must always exercise herself in the saving of the misguided sheep and sheep without a shepherd through the preaching of those doctrines that shall triumph in a regenerated society through a Christ filled individuality.

For the complete exercise of this, her chiefest function, she herself will need a larger liberty than will be granted to the voiceless underworld with its frothy mouth and bloody hands. And so the religious press must be the mouthpiece of this larger liberty wherein those who are oppressed and those who *think* they are oppressed shall find a hall of judment dispensing right decrees.

Now, after all this, I may be heartily in favor of the bill but shall not write my representatives in Congress urging its enactment into law until I know just what the bill proposes to accomplish and what means it would seek for such ends. As a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ I may have something to say, myself, sometime, which my people may need to hear and I do not desire to have a law blocking the way to untrammeled utterance of a truth whose proclamation is under a commission not derived from Washington. Until such time I should rather know a little more about the Davey Sedition Bill, H. R. 10,650.

W. A. Newell.

FINAL REPORT OF J. R. WALKER ON WEAVER HALL, WATER AND LIGHTS.

Asheville District.

Asheville—Bethel	$ 55.00
Central	550.00
Chestnut Street	25.00
Haywood Street	1.00
Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Black Mountain	5.00
Brevard	47.00
Hendersonville	621.00
Henderson Circuit	25.00
Hot Springs-Marshall	5.00
Leicester	3.50
Mills River	25.00
Rosman	5.00
Sulphur Springs	50.00
Weaverville Station	25.00
Charge Unknown	5.00
	$1457.00

Charlotte District.

Ansonville	$ 336.00
Charlotte—Belmont Park	13.00
Brevard Street	10.00
Calvary	58.00
Chadwick	120.00
Dilworth	110.00
Hawthorne Lane	786.95
Seversville	5.00
Trinity	1414.50
Tryon Street	1679.55
Hickory Grove	85.00
Lilesville	25.00
Marshville	131.00
Matthews	5.00
Monroe-Central	633.75
Pineville	153.00
Polkton	228.25
Prospect	271.00
Thrift-Moores	50.00
Unionville	50.00
Wadesboro	140.00
Waxhaw	168.00
Weddington	5.00
Charge Unknown	10.00
	$6488.00

Greensboro District.

Asheboro	$ 50.00
Deep River	1.00
Greensboro—Centenary	948.25
Spring Garden	438.00
Walnut St. and Carraway Memorial	57.00
West Market St.	2133.00
Greensboro Circuit	281.00
West Greensboro	162.75
Gibsonville	80.00
High Point—East End	139.75
Main Street	157.75
Wesley Memorial	855.00
Pleasant Garden	8.00
Ramesur and Franklinville	202.50
Randleman	36.25
Reidsville, Main St.	93.50
Randolph ch.	28.25
Ruffin	5.00
Uwharrie Circuit	29.25
Wentworth Circuit	17.58
Charge Unknown	54.00
	$5776.83

Marion District

Bakersville	$ 100.00
Broad River	5.00
Burnsville	77.00
Cliffside	428.00
Connelly Springs	1727.27
Enola	36.00
Forest City	391.00
Henrietta-Caroleen	141.00
Marion Station	400.00
Marion Circuit	19.00
Marion Mills	55.50
McDowell	20.00
Mill Springs	125.00
Morganton Station	2913.00
Morganton Circuit	153.00
Old Fort	25.00
Rutherfordton	54.00
Spindale	7.00
Spruce Pine	198.00
Table Rock	185.00
Thermal City	15.00
Valdese	184.50
Charge Unknown	25.00
	$7284.27

Mount Airy District.

Ararat	$ 24.75
Danbury	25.00
Dobson	86.00
Draper	25.00
Elkin	786.00
Jonesville	25.52
Leaksville	17.72
Madison-Stoneville	40.00
Mt. Airy Circuit	379.00
Rural Hall	98.50
Spray	15.00
Stokesdale	130.00
Walnut Cove	12.50
Yadkinville	2.00
	$1666.99

North Wilkesboro District.

Avery	$ 30.00
Elk Park	25.00
Jefferson	26.00
North Wilkesboro	307.00
North Wilkes Mission	25.16
Watauga	75.00
Wilkesboro	192.00
Wilkes	107.00
	$787.16

Salisbury District.

Albemarle-Central	$ 51.50
Albemarle Circuit	1.35
Baden	101.10
Bethel	65.00
China Grove	101.00
Concord-Central	306.50
Forest Hill	225.00
Westford-Harmony	50.00
Concord Circuit	124.10
Kannapolis Station	85.00
Kannapolis Circuit	50.00
Mount Pleasant	25.00
New London	10.25
Norwood-Randall	190.00
Salisbury—First Church	40.25
Park Avenue	20.00
South Main	25.00
Salisbury Circuit	25.00
Spencer-Central	35.00
Woodleaf	30.00
	$1561.05

Shelby District.

Belmont	$ 115.00
Belwood	466.00
Bessemer	355.50
Cherryville	110.66
Crouse	15.00
Gastonia—East End	113.00
Eighth Street	180.00
Franklin Avenue	204.00
Main Street	6248.[illegible]
Kings Mountain	453.50
Lincolnton Station	185.85
Lincoln Circuit	127.15
Lowesville	281.00
Lowell-Bethesda	22.60
McAdenville	5.00
Mount Holly	335.00
Polkville	18.00
Rock Spring	204.00
Shelby-Central	916.50
Shelby Circuit	127.50
South Fork	25.00
Stanley	22.00
	$10,530.26

Statesville District.

Alexander	$ 105.00
Catawba	124.75
Cool Springs	92.27
Davidson-Huntersville	135.00
Dudley Shoals	56.25
Granite Falls	253.95
Hickory-First Church	2774.50
Hickory Circuit	50.00
Lenoir Station	200.00
Lenoir Circuit	90.00
Maiden	235.00
Mooresville Station	900.00
Mooresville Circuit	165.00
Mount Zion	302.00
Newton	123.00
North Lenoir Circuit	11.00
Olin	10.00
Rhodhiss	145.00
Statesville—Broad Street	865.65
Race Street	104.30
Statesville Circuit	42.50
Stony Point	29.80
Troutman	112.75
	$6927.72

Waynesville District

Bryson-Whittier	$ 121.00
Canton	136.00
Clyde	51.00
Franklin Station	51.00
Franklin Circuit	15.00
Highlands	2.00
Jonathan	30.00
Macon	25.00
Murphy Station	50.00
Sylva	8.00
Tuckaseegee	5.00
Waynesville Station	80.00
Waynesville Circuit	25.00
Webster-Cullowhee	20.00
	$619.00

Winston District.

Advance	$ 5.50
Cooleemee	22.50
Davidson	62.65
Davie	15.50
Farmington	5.00
Hanes-Clemmons	50.00
Kernersville	205.00
Lewisville	10.00
Lexington Station	621.75
Linwood	1.25
Thomasville Station	747.50
Winston—Burkhead	35.00
Centenary	1165.00
Grace	34.25
Liberty	5.00
Salem	92.00
Southside	31.00
West End	1761.00
Charge unknown	50.[illegible]
	$4972.90
Charge and District unknown	5.00
Other Conferences	2589.50
Grand Total	$50,660.68

Woman's Missionary Society

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A MOTHER'S NEW YEAR PRAYER

Alice M. Ashton

For this new year I pray that I may have
Ability to meet every demand made upon me as a mother.
Breadth of vision to look above the trying, sordid happenings of each day to the Infinite plan directing all.
Calmness of spirit that refuses to fret about minor matters.
Dread of my own faults and weakness sufficiently strong to make me strive for improvement.
Enjoyment of simple pleasures; the dewy dawn, the shade of noon, the sunset and the cloud.
Faith that things will come out right if we do our own part honestly
Gratitude for every blessing.
Health of soul and mind and body, that I may influence my children with wholesome sentiments and give them wholesome care.
Ideals that have to be striven for.
Joy in my work, my play my every act of living.
Kindness of thought and deed toward every living thing.
Love for my enemies as well as for my friends.
Magnanimity toward the faults of others.
National pride which shall influence my children to be patriotic.
Optimism enough to keep me from faltering, not too much to keep me from striving.
Patience under trials and wrongs.
Quittance of whatever harms me or my neighbor.
Repentance of my sins and short-comings.
Tact in dealing with my children and my fellowmen.
Uprightness of spirit that abhors the small deception the "getting even for a wrong, the unkind curiosity"
Virtue that demands purity of mind and heart as well as of body.
Willingness to carry a mother's burdens.
Xenelasia's simplicity of manner.
Yearnings for the best life holds.
Zeal in striving for the fulfilment of my prayer for the New Year.

YEAR BOOKS FOR 1920

We are in receipt of copies of the New Year Books for 1920 for adult, Young People and Children's Missionary societies. We wish to congratulate the Committee on Literature for these splendidly arranged books. We feel quite sure that there was much thought and labor put into this work and believe that if our societies use them as they are intended they will prove helpful and inspiring.

The plan of the adult year book is based on the thought of the Christward Movement of the World and each program given lends itself to this fundamental idea. The general subject of the Bible Study for the year is "Christ the Dynamic of the New Order." In addition to the hymns and missionary topics and news items there are poems suggested for use at each meeting and we are sure this is an interesting feature that will add to the program.

The central theme for the studies in the Young People's Year Book both in the devotional and the missionary topics, is. "Friendship" and this subject has been chosen with a view of emphasizing the responsibility of the Church in this period of world reconstruction to cement the new relationships of the world to Christian fellowship. We find a short prayer given with each month's program and we are sure our young people will gladly use that suggested prayer.

In its colors of King's Blue and White, the book for the children is decidedly attractive and nothing could be more interesting for the little folks for 1920 than to study about "Friends Around the World". We want to urge each auxiliary to get a good supply of these Year Books. They can be obtained from Mrs. B. W. Lipscombe, 810 Broadway, for the small sum of fifty cents per dozen or five cents each and every member should have one. Each auxiliary will receive one copy free, but that is not sufficient. You need more than that. Order now—The supply is limited.

THAT LAST QUARTER'S REPORT.

Have you ever heard how necessary it is to get in that last quarter's report on time to the Conference officers that you may have full credit for the work you have done during these three months? We are quite sure there is not a society in the Conference that does not know that report ought to go out by the last day of December—but how many societies in the Conference are going to fail to send it in? We know of one society that did not get their money to the Treasurer until it was too late to be included in the report for the year 1919 and we expect there are a number who did the same thing, but this year let us be more careful and not let the days slip by without our reports having been mailed. We want to come out in full in every department in our Woman's Work and we believe the auxiliaries are doing their very best to make a good report; so by all means get it into Conference officers in good time—not a day later than December 31. Some of the reports have already been sent in and these societies who have been so punctual are now ready to begin on the work of the new year.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING, GRACE CHURCH, WILMINGTON

The Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist Church, held its regular monthly meeting in the Lydia Yates room on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Otis B. Hinnant addressed the meeting on Social Service, a work which clubs and societies of all kinds are taking up now in ever increasing numbers. After a talk by Mrs. W. B. Cooper a subscription for local work was taken and $116 subscribed. A business meeting followed at which the following officers for 1920 were elected: President, Mrs. E. L. Hart; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Hall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harmann Meredith; Treasurer, Miss Lura Wheeler, Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Davis; Superintendent Young People's Work, Mrs. G. M. Craft; Superintendent Children's Work, Miss Rosa Belle Kirkman; Superintendent Mission Study, Mrs. E. P. Weathersbee; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. W. B. Cooper; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Stone.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY AT STATESVILLE

By Mrs. D. W. Rash, Superintendent Publicity

On Tuesday afternoon following the Annual Conference at Greensboro, the women of the missionary society at Broad Street, Statesville, gave a reception to the women of the Church, that they might have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Conference Corresponding Secretary, who was honor guest on that occasion.

The Sunday school room had been prettily decorated with ferns and Chrysanthemums. Mrs. Dorman Thompson, one of our sweet singers, added to the enjoyment of the afternoon with several selections.

Mrs. W. A. Newell, in a most pleasing and fitting manner, introduced Mrs. Dunham, who made a very interesting and instructive address on the scope and work of the women. A social hour followed the program during which cream, cake and coffee were served. Altogether it was a most enjoyable occasion.

On Monday, December 1, the Society held its regular meeting and officers for the coming year were chosen. We are looking forward to a year of better work and greater activity than we have ever had before.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF SHELBY

We are glad to hear through Mrs. George Hoyle, of a most successful year for the Young People's Missionary Society at Shelby. This society has twenty-two members and like all the young people's societies in the Conference has quite a number of their members absent at College. They went "over the top" on their pledge. Their attendance during the entire year has been fine and their programs have been of unusual interest as they have followed closely the programs suggested in Year Book, each member being the possessor of a Year Book. These are the officers for another year: President, Miss Edith Heavener; Vice-President, Miss Gussie Sisk; Secretary, Miss Thelma Young; Treasurer, Miss Irma Dellinger. (Other officers will be elected later.

HARVEST DAY SERVICE, CENTRAL CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Interested and enthusiastic were the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church who gathered at the Church on Monday for the all-day service in observance of the "Harvest Day," which it is customary for the society to observe in December of each year.

The morning service at 11 o'clock was given over to the social service work and was presided over by Mrs. A. G. Barnett, local superintendent of social service. The program opened with an impressive, uplifting and inspiring devotional service by Mrs. H. A. Dunham, corresponding secretary of the the Woman's Missionary Society of the W. N. C. Conference, and was followed by the discussion of topics of a social service nature by Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Mrs. J. L. Smathers and Mrs. W. R. Harris. Interesting features of this program were a questionnaire on social service led by Mrs. Barnett and the reading of Vandyke's beautiful poem, "Legend of Service," by Miss Gussie Smith.

Lunch was served in the singing room of the church at one o'clock, each member having brought a lunch for herself and one guest.

The afternoon program was opened with a Scripture lesson by Mrs. A. L. Wiley and prayer by Mrs. M. E. Child, after which an interesting program was given which stressed especially the financial department of the society. Each branch of this department was impersonated by one of the members of the auxiliary, viz; "Membership offering," by Mrs. H. H. Brown: "Retirement and Relief Fund," Mrs. H. W. McKay; "Conference Expense Fund," Mrs. J. C. Orr; "Pledge," Mrs. J. T. Sevier; "Scarrit Scholarship," Mrs. Lee Dale; "Local Fund," Mrs. A. G. Barnett; "Week of Prayer Offering," Mrs. J. W. Wolfe.

A vocal solo by J. G. Stikeleather and vocal duet by Mrs. W. R. Griffin and Mrs. Nora Burns added to the afternoon program. At the close of the afternoon officers for 1920 were elected as follows: President, Mrs. W. R. Harris; vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, recording secretary, Mrs. Lee Dale; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. W. McKay; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Coston; superintendent young people's work. Mrs. J. T. Stover, superintendent children's work. Mrs. Chauncey Lawrence; superintendent mission study, Mrs. J. T. Bledsoe; superintendent supplies, Mrs. H. C. Johnson, agent missionary voice, Mrs. J. D. Miller.

The following address was delivered at District Meeting at Laurinburg by Miss Georgia Biggs, District Secretary of the Rockingham District and is published by request.

"Let me begin my message by thanking each and every auxiliary for the hearty co-operation given me since I became your district secretary, for the many courtesies extended me, for the nice letters of welcome and kind expressions of love, as we entered upon our work together. It is indeed a pleasure to me to serve you good women of the Rockingham District, and my only regret is that I haven't more time to give to the work. You have wrought well, and I can but think that you have caught a vision of Christ, have found that 'More Abundant Life,' and are trying to make it possible for all mankind.

"As you know, I was appointed secretary at the annual meeting in Rockingham, to fill vacancy by Mrs. Powers resignation. We regret that Mrs. Powers found it necessary to resign, for she was greatly interested in the work, and made a good secretary.

"A few words to you good folks of Laurinburg. We are glad indeed to hold this our seventh district meeting with you. We have looked forward to this meeting with a great deal of pleasure, for some of us remember well the former meetings held in your good town. I trust that our meeting together may prove a spiritual blessing, not only to the Laurinburg people and each delegate and visitor present, but to our entire district as well, and that some young life from our good district may be called into definite service for our Master, either at home or in the foreign field.

"We need deeper spiritual life in our Churches at home; for without this it is impossible to enlarge our work or to make permanent missionary agencies. How shall we obtain this deeper spiritual life? Through earnest prayer and trust in the One who said, "Lo I am with you always."

Prayer Circles

"I would first mention Prayer Circles. The voice of opportunity is calling for larger service, which comes from more consecrated lives| The voice of need appeals to every listening ear and sympathetic heart. Knowing these things—may we not say, 'Lord teach us to pray.' Let those of us who have not prayer circles in our auxiliaries put this feature into our work, at once, for the prayer life is the essential life.

"We are reminded that Christ's life was a prayer life. No fact of His life so impresses itself upon our minds, as we study the record of His three years ministry as His prayer life. The Bible gives us a brief glimpse of the thirty quiet years at Nazareth, and we can only wonder how and when He learned to spend whole nights in prayer. He suffered weariness, loneliness, discouragements and temptations as we suffer, but strength to bear, strength to conquer came from the Father in every hour of need and we know it will come to us if our hearts are fixed on Him, and our dependence is in Him.

"The greatest need of the Church of God today—our greatest need, is an absorbing spirit of prayer. The whole non-Christian world stands with wide open doors before us, in answer to those who have believed and prayed in years gone by. Are we ready to grasp these opportunities, now that they are open to us? We can only really pray for Missions if we lead a life of prayer, and a life of prayer is communion with God.

(Continued Next Issue)

Sunday School Survey

Conducted by O. V. Woosley, Lexington, N. C.
and J. T. Jerome, Durham, N. C.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE

PAUL'S ADMONITION

Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. II Corinthians 8:11.

PAYING

The Sunday schools of the Western North Carolina Conference had, up to December 1, paid $7,933.80 into the Centenary fund. We stand fifth in the thirty-eight conferences paying to this great fund. Let's keep up the good work. A few schools subscribed to the Centenary and then placed their contribution to the credit of the regular collections for missions in the church budget. This was wrong. The Centenary in the Sunday school is an additional amount promised the Lord's work from those schools that want to do more than the ordinary.

GOING SOME

I have just completed a week of Centenary visitation under the direction of Secretary Courtney. Seventeen charges in five districts were visited and in the main Centenary matters were found in good shape. There is, however, much need for pressing the collection of individual pledges just now. After the money has been paid there will be such a good time for thanksgiving and praise preparatory to the evangelistical campaign. Let the followers of Wesley pay as they pray.

A SHINING LIGHT

Recently when stopping at a hotel in Wadesboro I noticed hanging on the wall of the lobby a placard on which were bold letters reading as follows: "Please Do Not Take God's Holy Name in Vain". On inquiry I found that a good Presbyterian layman of the town had placed such signs all about in public places. My informant also told me that this good man always opens his meat market each morning with prayer, both he and his son kneeling down before any other day's function was performed. The man does a good business.

W. H. DAVIS

Mr. W. H. Davis, a manufacturer of High Point, is the Teacher Training superintendent of the Greensboro district. He took the work reluctantly after having been persuaded to attempt to do something really constructive for the Lord in the Sunday school field. The following list of classes shows how well he does what he promises to do:

Wesley Memorial, Prof. W. M. Marr, leader.
East End, High Point, Miss Lottie Barber.
South Main, High Point, Mrs. John Green.
Shepard, Miss Sarah Walker.
Hopewell, Claude Jones.
Pleasant Hill, L. C. Smith.
Jamestown, R. E. Bundy.
Climax, M. L Allred.
Fairview, Rev W. F. Elliott.
Prospect, E. Taylor.

Mr. Davis spent nearly a year before getting results to any marked extent. Change your name to Davis and see if it does any good.

UNCLE BILLIE

Uncle Billie is to be a resident of the Western North Carolina Conference. Fine news, isn't it? Uncle Billie, as you doubtless know, is none other than Mr. A. L. Dietrich, formerly associated with Dr. Chas. D. Bulla as corresponding secretary of Southern Methodist Sunday school work, but better known as the writer of "Uncle Billie's" pointed sayings.

Brother Deitrich is the new active manager at Lake Junaluska and a good one he will make. He does big and small items of business with the same precision. Welcome, a thousand welcomes, to Uncle Billie.

JUST THE THING!

"The Methodist Superintendent and His Helpers" is a fine little monthly periodical that has come into being. It has been sought for many moons and now that it is here all may be glad. If you are a busy Sunday school superintendent and do not plan your Sunday morning exercises, The Methodist Superintendent will help you. If you want to know how to get the best literature dealing with prevalent problems write for The Methodist Superintendent. It is a small periodical of 20 pages 3 1-2 x8 inches, and comes each month. It will cost you just twenty- five cents for a whole year. When you see it you will want it.

It may be of interest to note that Rev. W. A. Lambeth, chairman of our Sunday School Board, is largely responsible for The Methodist Superintendent. Published by Smith & Lamar, Nashville or Richmond.

REV. G. A. STAMPER

Several weeks ago I visited Leaksville at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. G. A. Stamper. After having spoken at his Sunday morning hour the pastor announced that next Sunday he would organize in the right hand corner of the church a young men's Wesley Bible Class, there then being two or three young men in the Sunday school.

Last week I inquired of Brother Stamper how his class was coming along. You should have seen the smile on his face. He reported that the next Sunday after his announcement five young men came to his class. These five agreed to attempt to get at least twenty other young men to come to the class. They got them. The young fellows got interested and began to give of their money so freely that the pastor had to caution them that they had better hold back for another time. One Sunday recently the class gave $20 to the offering.

The old men's class got the spirit and began to get awake and to shell out as never before. The whole Sunday school caught the same spirit and one Sunday recently nearly $200 was contributed to the Children's Home. Superintendent F. M. Flynn then asked these young men to take charge of the opening exercises one Sunday morning and they did it to the queen's taste. They got up a good quartet and several other musical numbers together with such other work as had been planned. The young men are interested.

And it all started from the pastor's determination to get the young men in an organized class in the Sunday school.

READ THIS

"Our class gave a social at the parsonage (Randleman) last Wednesday night. Two other classes were invited and there were sixty-three persons present. Games were played and apples, oranges, bananas and mixed nuts were served. The occasion seemed to be enjoyed right much by all who were present. Sunday morning following we organized our class with the following officers being selected: President, James Heath; vice president, Gray Lamb; secretary, Ray Talley; treasurer, William Hussey. Committee chairmen were selected.

"We selected for our name, 'Leaders Wesley Bible Class" and our motto, 'Faith without works is dead.' "

Our monthly business neetings will be held each first Monday evening in the month.

We are considering having some stationery printed. Our motto is to appear across the top, then the names of the officers of the class. Then in heavy type the name of the class and the church, then the town and state. On one side is to appear the executive committee and the other committees on the other side. Our plan is to supply the officers with a quantity. Then issue each month to each member a small quantity. The main object of this is to have the boys write to other boys of the town asking them to join our class. They may also use it for social correspondence if they like. What do you think of the plan? I think we will also use a good many post cards put out by Smith & Lamar, Nashville.

Can you tell me where we can get a complete book on the duties of officers and committees with some parliamentary law? We are looking to having some good music in our class. Can you point us to a good book containing some quartets, duets, solos and good choruses?

I may call on you from time to time for help and suggestions.

W. W. Hurley, Class Teacher."

Hallelujah! I had rather try to help a bunch like that than a car load of half-dried ones. Hurley knows what he is after and is definite in his proceedure. Of course his class will lead.

N. C. CONFERENCE

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD N. C. CONFERENCE.

Your Sunday School Board submits the following report:

We wish to call once more the attention of the Conference to the need of renewed activity in the line of Sunday school endeavor. More than a year has passed since the allies emerged victorious from the fearful conflict which threatened civilization. In spite of the promise of better days, we have seen little improvement in the moral conditions of the world. Chaos and confusion still reign. Social and industrial turmoil continually threaten our land with even worse conditions than prevailed during the war. Something must be done to help remedy these conditions. It is the belief of your board that the most effective way of meeting these difficulties and solving the problems confronting us is through a constructive policy of religious education, including all agencies that may be drafted in this emergency. It is a recognized fact that only the ideals implanted in youth are of lasting value; that the truths learned around the fireside are most influential; and that the Sunday school is the most effective public agency for the promulgation of the ideals of the kingdom of God. We are, therefore, especially urgent for hearty co-operation and assistance on the part of our pastors and laymen.

Our work has been greatly handicapped this year by our failure to secure an executive officer for more than half the year. We are glad to report, however, tha' we have at last secured an efficient man in Brother J. T. Jerome, a local preacher, and a son of Rev. C. P. Jerome of our own Conference. His report is encouraging and we hope for great things in our work in the immediate future.

We have the following recommendations to make for the ensuing year:

1. That we co-operate with the Gene Sunday School Board in its plans for an evangelistic campaign in the Sunday school.

2. That we promote and maintain a closer district organization and provide adequate financial provision for the same.

3 That the Executive Committee be empowered to secure the assistance of an elementary wo ker, either for whole or part time if the services of a suitable person may be secured.

4. That we co-operate with the officers of Wesley Bible Class Federation in holding a session of that body within our bounds this year.

5. That we encourage the establishing of Training Schools wherever practicable.

6. That our Executive Committee work in co-operation with the Board of Directors of the Trinity College Summer School for Preachers in putting a course in that school for training our pastors and other Sunday school workers in religious education.

7. That we invite Mr. M. W. Brabham, our former Field Secretary, and now Rural Specialist of the General Sunday School Board, to make a study of one district in our conference, and report his finding and make recommendations at the next meeting of our Board.

8. That we adopt the Standard Plan for Centenary Conservation and set apart December 28th as special Missionary Day in the Sunday schools.

9. That we urge our people to attend the Junaluska Training School for Sunday school Workers.,

10. That we make provision for securing statistics on Sunday school work towards the close of the year and arrange to make a demonstration of our work by districts and in comparison with other Conferences at the next session of our Conference.

MISSIONARY DAY DEC. 28TH.

According to the report of the Centenary Commission only 156 Sunday schools in our Conference have made a pledge to the Centenary this year. Only 37 of these schools have directed their subscriptions to a Special. Our Board has set apart Dec. 28th as a special Missionary Day in the Sunday schools this year, in accordance with the plan laid down by the Centenary Commission. Every Sunday school in this Conference that has not made a pledge to the Centenary is urged to consider the matter very carefully on Sunday, Dec. 28th, and make a pledge as a school, to this great cause. Because we know that it will be for the best interests of the school, we particularly urge that each school making such pledge shall direct its subscription to some Special. Blanks for this purpose may be secured from the Field Secretary, or by writing Rev. J. L. Neill, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Your field Secretary has on hand literature and blank cards for use in the Membership Campaign in the Sunday school. We believe that the opportunity of a lifetime is before the Sunday schools in this Evangelistic Campaign. We believe that if we carry out this plan in all its details, the results will be more far reaching than anything the Sunday schools have ever undertaken. Let us begin by taking stock of our force, increasing our numbers and continue until every boy and girl in our Sunday schools have been saved for His Kingdom. Write today for visitation cards and literature, and plan for a house to house canvass before the year is out.



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Most of the Churches and Sunday schools have been exceedingly kind to us during the Thanksgiving season. For such generosity and tender expressions of love, our big family of two hundred and forty-one children is profoundly grateful. I am hoping that all Churches, Sunday schools and individuals, who have not yet remembered us, will do so within the next week. All such might come in for a Christmas contribution. The High Cost of Living has hit the Orphanage a hard blow and makes it necessary for every Church and each member to make sacrifices for our Orphan children. Acting the part of the Good Samaritan toward our orphan children makes the contributors happier and more contented. All who have tested it have been thoroughly convinced.

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The Baptists of N. C. have subscribed something like eight million dollars for various objects. The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage will receive more than six hundred thousand dollars of the eight million. I wish to commend the leaders of this great denomination for providing so generously for their orphanage. The leaders are men of vision and know what Israel ought to do. The fact that the Orphans were to share freely in the distribution of the funds, had a great deal to do with making the campaign for seventy millions a tremendous success. So far the orphanages of the Southern Methodist Church have not been included in the next "drive" for Educational and Superannuate funds. It seems to me since orphanages are both educational and missionary, they ought not to be passed by or neglected. I am happy over the large provision the Baptists are making for their orphan children. If our North Carolina Conference is to keep pace with the other great denominations, we will have to bestir ourselves and lay more money on God's altar for this most sacred cause. Apart from any denominational pride, I do want to see our orphanage extend a helping hand to many of the thousands within our borders who are absolutely in need of our tender love and protection. What are we going to do with the situation? I call upon our people to pray for wisdom and Divine guidance.

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A ringing appeal has gone out over our Conference for twenty-four persons to promise one thousand dollars each on *Christmas Day* for the purpose of erecting a Home for orphans under five years of age. Brother J. W. Ward has led off with the first one thousand dollar subscription and has challenged twenty-four full-sized men and women to follow his example. No promise will be valid unless the entire amount is subscribed within eight months from Christmas Day. The subscriptions can be paid as follows: One-fourth when the entire amount is pledged, one-fourth when the building is actually begun, one-fourth when the building is half completed and the remaining fourth when the work is done and ready for final settlement with the contractor. These are easy terms and the cause is the most inviting that can possibly come to our people. Who will be the first on Christmas Day to give a thousand dollars worth of stock in this business, the object of which is the conservation of innocent and helpless childhood? It will pay larger dividends in real, genuine happiness than that much stock in cotton mills, bank or any other enterprise. Our people can't afford not to subscribe to a cause that will declare a hundred per cent dividend as some of our leading orphanage friends have expressed it. Just remember I shall be in my office all day Christmas to answer telephone calls or receive telegrams. Let's do the really BIG thing that day in the name of Him who brought good cheer and salvation to the world!

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DONATIONS IN KIND.

Clothes have been received from the following Sunday schools, classes and individuals. Annie Benson Wesley Bible class, Kenly; Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett, Rockingham; Missionary Society, Trinity Church, Durham; S. S. class of Mrs. B. W. Oneal, Oriental, N. C.; Missionary Society, Hay St. Church, Fayetteville; Missionary Society, Roberdel; Philathea class, Franklinton; Y. W. Missionary Society, Fayetteville; Missionary Society, Swan Quarter; Mary Pescud Missionary Society, Edenton Street Church Raleigh; Missionary Society, Apex; Missionary Society, Fuquay, Springs; Missionary Society, Wallace; Junior Aid Society, Fayetteville; Missionary Society, Wilson; Aid Society, Princeton; Volunteer Wesley Class, Smithfield; Missionary Society, Locust Hill; Missionary Society, Oxford; First Church, Elizabeth City; Missionary Society, LaGrange; Missionary Society, Lumberton; Bright Jewels, Clinton; Mrs. I. T. Smith's Class, Wilson; Kershaw Missionary, Oriental; Mrs. T. Walker, Raleigh; Y. W. Missionary Society, Rocky Mt.; Young Ladies' Class, Graham S. S., Graham; Mt. Pleasant S. S., Bailey; Aid Society, Murfreesboro; True Blues, Concord Church, Roxboro; Ladies of Woodland M. E. Church; Aid Society, Red Springs; Missionary Society, Fremont; Missionary Society, Littleton; Mrs J. H. Judd's S. S., Fayetteville; Mrs. John Davis, Warrenton; Missionary Society Pittsboro; Missionary Society, Wilson; Philathea Class, Louisburg; Philathea Class, Maxton; Missionary Society. Fifth Avenue Church, Wilmington; Y. W. Missionary Society, Rocky Mount; M. E. Church, Moncure; Missionary Society Southport; Missionary Society, Edenton; Aid Society, Whitaker; Missionary Society, Wanchese; Aid Society, Laurinburg; Philathea Class, Smithfield; Y. W. Missionary Society, Farmville; Mrs. Wright's S. S. Class, Jenkins Memorial Church, Raleigh; Union S. S., Bayboro; Eureka Church; Missionary Society, Selma; Philathea Class, Selma; Engle hard S. S.; Mr. T. R. Moffitt's S. S. Class, Sanford; Magnolia.

RECEIPTS.

Troy Methodist ss., $50; Soule ss., Swan Quarter ct., $42.14; Mrs. W. W. Cole, Smithfield, $10; Malcolm McKinne, Louisburg, $200; Pelham ss., Pelham chg., $7; Pink Hill ss., Kenansvile ct., $25; Epworth Wesley Cless, 5th Avenue, Wilmington, $10; Eno ss., Hillsboro ct., $16; Selma Cotton Mills ss., $5; Powellsville ss., Harrellsville ct., $14; A friend, Bladen ct., $15.96; Concord ch., Person ct., $345.80; B. G. Thompson, Goldsboro, $800; James Brace, Goldsboro, $200; Jesse B. Thompson's Chapel, Goldsboro ct., $100; Charity ss., Wallace and Rose Hill chg., $31.05; Mt. Olive Baraca Class, $10; Central ss., Raleigh, $7.50; Armon Bruton, Mt. Gilead, $5; Beaufort ss., $5; Bethel ss., Roseboro chg., $55; Scotland Neck Baraca Class, $59.25; Scotland Neck ss., $16.75; Smith's Chapel ss., Mt. Olive ct., $42; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jenkins, Robeson ct., Tabernacle ss., Laurel Hill ct., $1.75; Spring Hill ss., Lillington ct., $10; Leigh Wesley Workers Class, Elizabeth City, $5; Philathea Class of Johns. Caledonia ct., $8.45; Clinton ss., $5.51; James L. Griffin, Pittsboro, $1.46; Swepsonville ss., South Alamance ct., $5; Z. V. Barnnett, Person ct., $20; Jim Davis, Person ct., $5; G. B. Williams, Person ct., $15; J. L. Williams, Person ct., $15; F. C. Barnet, Person ct., $10: Stem ss., Granville ct., $23.35; Banks Chapel ss., Franklinton ct., $10; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Horner, Oxford, $10; Chestnut St. ss., Lumberton, $10; Fair Promise ss., Goldston ct., $22; Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Selma, $120; Piney Grove ss., Tar River ct., $20; J. H. Benner and wife, Fair Promise ch., Goldston ct., $5; Bethlehem ss., Warren ct., $4.62; Spring Hope ss., $10; two classes. Parkton ss., $10; Miss Lola Gibson and mother, St. John and Gibson chg., $20; Mrs. W. O. Davis, Durham, $18.40; Ladies' Aid Society, Halifax, $10; Halifax ss., $2; Conetoe ss., Bethel ct., $13.20; Leas Chapel ch., Person ct., $133; Warren's Grove ch., Person ct., $27; Deems Chapel, Bladen ct., $4.61; Bethel ch., Bladen ct., $2.24; Live Oak, Bladen ct., $2.45; Stantonsburg ss., $10; Pleasant Grove ss., and Epworth League, Northampton ct., $25; Old Hundred ss., Laurel Hill ct., $11; Knights of Wesley Class, Concord ch., Person ct., $60; Harriett Batts, Washington, $6; Mill Brook ss., $3.35.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

(Continued from last week.)

N. A. McIntosh, Snow Hill ss., Mt. Holly, $4.28; T. L. Gilmore, South Main St. ss., High Point, $52; L. P. Eckard, Mt. Pleasant ss., Denver, R. 1, $4.45; Samuel Turner, Concord ss., Monbo, $6.84; C. L. Eaker, Bethlehem ss., Cherryville, $2.17; R. T. Joyce, Sedge Garden ss., Kernersville, $4.41; E. R. Rufty, M. E. ss., Salisbury, 34.61; R. L. McNeely, Knoxs Chapel, ss., Mt. Ulla, $3.35; M. G. Marner, Prospect ss., Thomasville, $6.80; J. A. Brotherton, Webbs Chapel ss., Davidson, $2.92; A. D. Morgan, Liberty ss., Salisbury, $6.14; Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Hanes ss., Yadkinville, $6.41; W. E. Griffith, Pine Grove ss., Winston-Salem, R. 1, $1.30; Mrs. James Nesbett, Fairview ss., Fairview, $2.70; Will R. Smith, East End ss., High Point, $75.70; T. S. Kincaid, Gay's Chapel ss., Salisbury, R. 5, $6; Miss Myrtle Deadmon, Mocksville ss., Mocksville, $1.75; C. A. Dorton, Harmny ss., Concord, R. 1, Box 22, $25; F. S. Bettini, Lee's Chapel ss., Brown Summit, $1; Joe T. 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THE CENTENARY

A. D. Wilcox. 209 Borden Bldg., Goldsboro, N. C., Missionary Secretary, North Carolina Conference.

IMPORTANT

It is so highly important that we receive all monies due by December 25 that we are asking the treasurers now to send in their remittances by personal check if possible. It takes us so long to get the money out of the bank when it has been deposited in the name of J. E. Edgerton that there will scarcely be time to make the collection before January 1. If our Conference is to get the benefit of the 10 per cent rebate we should have our collections reported at the Nashville office by January 1. Preachers and treasurers please attend to this matter at your earliest convenience. Do not put it off another day. There is still $100,000 due on the first years quota. This ought to be in by all means, before January. The time is short, the cause is urgent. **Please Act Now.**

AN EVEN BALANCE

At the Centenary table at Wilson during the Wilson Conference, D. H. Dixon and his assistant, Mrs. E. G. Manthe did a business of about $100,000 in a few rush hours of three crowded days. This business represented checks, drafts, personal reports, some written and some verbal. It involved collections of previous reports and various other matters of a kindred sort. In the checking up, which has been done during the past week, not a single error has been found in all of that rush and flood of money and reports. In the entire business for the year there is only a discrepency of 18 cents which has been traced to exchange charges from certain banks. I make this statement because I want the Conference to know that the business of collecting this money and of handling the books is done in the most thorough and systematic and accurate fashion. Dr. W. G. Cram from Headquarters office looked over our accounts and books during the Conference and said that there was no better system in use anywhere in the Church. He said that we were at the top in this particular as in most things. In this connection we urge all people who have dealings with the Centenary office to be as accuratae and as prompt as possible in their remittances and in the reports of monies and bonds collected. The work at this end is difficult and voluminous. You can assist us materially by exercising care and caution at your end of the line.

THE JANUARY SET-UP MEETINGS

Dr. O. E. Goddard, General Director of the Evangelistic Campaign, has arranged a meeting for January 7 in Trinity Church, Durham, to instruct the Conference Cabinet and Evangelistic Committee in the details of the great Campaign which is to be put on by the Centenary Commission and which is expected to close on Easter Sunday. At this meeting Dr. Goddard himself, will meet the workers whom he has invited to attend the meeting and enter into a full discussion and explanation of all of the plans which are later to be presented in the districts and still later to the local Churches.

After this meeting is held the Conference Missionary Secretary, with the assistance of the Cabinet and the Evangelistic Committee, will hold a series of set-up meetings for the various districts under the leadership of the presiding elder. The itinerary for this series of meetings has not yet been completed but will be completed and announced in our next issue. At these meetings we shall desire the attendance of the pastors and certain officials of the district and of the local Church in the same manner that we met the workers in the set-up meetings for the Financial Drive.

THE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

We have received a new lantern lecture covering the Centenary field of the Southern Methodist Church. This lecture is just out. It is our plan to use it in the District Set-up meetings which are to come in January. However, if any pastor desires to use the lecture in his Church, either before or after the month of January, I shall be glad to let him have it upon application. If he has his own stereopticon we can send him the slides and the printed lecture. If preachers who have no stereopticon desire to have the lecture given in their Churches and will make application I will undertake to make the lecture route and put the machine in the hands of one of our preachers who is accustomed to that sort of work. Please let me know if you care to use it in either way.

CENTENARY HEADQUARTERS

There will be no change in the location of the Centenary Headquarters for this Conference until after the Evangelistic Campaign, at any rate. The office at Goldsboro will be maintained with the force that has been running it throughout the year. D. H. Dixon remains treasurer. Mrs. E. G. Manthe remains office secretary. The Missionary Secretary will come to Goldsboro, at least one day in each week, to keep up his end of the work. Sufficient help has been engaged to insure a continuous preparation without break or let up. All communications concerning the Centenary should continue to be addressed to Goldsboro until further notice.

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8:45 am			Ar Mt. Gilead	Lv	12:24 pm		
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9:45 am			Ar Star	Lv	11:30 am		
12:28 pm			Ar Varina	Lv	8:36 am		
1:15 pm			Ar Raleigh	Lv	7:50 am		
9:50 pm	D6:00 am	D2:05 pm	Lv Raleigh	Ar	7:35 am	7:45 pm	12:05 pm
12:05 am	8:05 am	4:05 pm	Ar Wilson	Lv	5:15 am	5:35 pm	10:00 am
1;36 am	9:40 am	5:42 pm	Ar Greenville	Lv	3:32 am	4:03 pm	8:28 am
2:55 am	11:20 am	6:50 pm	Ar Washington	Lv	2:25 am	3:05 pm	7:25 am
		8:15 pm	Ar Belhaven	Lv			d6:00 am
6:30 am	3:00 pm		Ar Eliz. City	Lv	10:47 pm	11:25 am	
8:40 am	4:50 pm		Ar Norfolk	Lv	D8:35 pm	D9:40 am	
E3:30 pm	E1:45 pm		Lv Asheboro	Ar		10:50 am	12:55 pm
4:08 pm	2:55 pm		Ar Seagrove	Lv		10:10 am	11:45 am
4:43 pm	4:25 pm		Ar Star	Lv		9:45 am	10:45 am
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6:22 pm			Ar Pinehurst	Lv		8:00 am	
6:45 pm			Ar Aberdeen	Lv		E7:45 am	

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Epworth League Department

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Editor. Greensboro, N. C.

THE LEAGUES AND THE CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA

The number of Epworth League Chapters in the Western North Carolina Conference is eight-one, and the number in the North Carolina Conference is a hundred and twenty-two, total number of chapters two hundred and three. This does not equal one League for two charges, to say nothing of the fact that the charges will average about four or five churches to the charge. The number of members of the Epworth League in the Western North Carolina Conference is two thousand, nine hundred and ninety-seven; the number in the North Carolina Conference is four thousand, seven hundred and ten, a total membership of seven thousand, seven hundred and seven. This does not equal more than half the number of officers and teachers in our Sunday schools, to say nothing of the number in members of the Intermediate, Senior, and Adult Sunday school classes, which have the material for the Leagues.

It is evident that the Epworth League has not found its rightful place in our Church as a means of training self-expression, testimony, and personal leadership; also as a splendid atmosphere to inspire and induce right decisions for life work and service. The Epworth League occupies a similar relation to the Church and its other agencies as the debating club and literary society do to the school work of study and experience. It is needless to point out the importance of these societies in the development of individual statesmanship and community leadership. It is an opportunity to put into practical use what is learned in Bible study and religious experience.

NEWTON GROVE

We feel that our League is doing some things worth while. When our delegates returned from the Conference in June they seemed to be enthused and filled with inspiration. This inspiration began to spread until the whole League seemed to be alive to duty.

At our first council meeting this year we laid plans and worked to that end, whereby we might accomplish something. We have held two socials, paid our missionary pledge of $25, bought an individual communion set at an expense of $43.35 and several other things that we were in need of in League work.

The devotional meetings are always good and interesting and our congregations grow larger from time to time. We feel that in every respect the League is profitable to our Church and community, the young people of our Church are becoming very active in Church work and we feel that they are growing in grace as they grow in years.

Program Sunday night, November 16-19, Leader, Mrs. R. B. Wilson

Topic—"Books that have helped me in the Christian life."

Song—"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer.

Devotional Reading—Prov. II 1-9 Luke IV. 16-22 Tim. IV 13. Isa. XXXIV 16.

Prayer—Rev. J. L. Midgette.

Reading—The influence of Reading—Mrs. R. B. Wilson.

Song—Wonderful Words of Life.

Reading—The Sunshine of the Bible—Sallie Westbrook.

Reading—Because some one has faith in me—Hazel Weeks.

Song—The Bible.

Talks—The Privilege of Reading—Mrs. J. L. Midgette.

Song—More About Jesus.

Reading—What then is Life—Lois Bizzell.

Reading—A Mother's gift.

Bible—Alice Lea Williams.

Song—Lead, Kindly Light.

Talks—What to read—Rev J. L. Midgette.

Song—Abide With Me.

League Benediction.

—Eunice Westbrook, Reporter.

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It was Christmas morning.

The little Pattersons, six in number, ranging in age from the six months' old baby who, wrapped in a warm Scotch plaid shawl, lay cooing in mother's arms, to ten-year-old Marian; all stood at the ranch door, waiting for the bob-sleigh that was to take them to spend the day at Brierwood ranch, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pollard. The Lees, cousins to the Pattersons, seven in number, had also been invited with two other families.

It was a beautiful morning. Snow had fallen for two nights and two days; but now the sun was shining brightly, making the country around look like an immense field of sparkling diamonds. Suddenly the sound of bells was heard, and father, clad in a thick fur coat, drove up to the door. In a very short time they had all started off down the trail.

That drive! Some of you boys and girls have had a similar one in a bob-sleigh! Over the sparkling, frozen snow; past groves of trees with boughs and tiny twigs heavily laden with glittering snow; across ice-bound creeks; through coulees, over hills, all to the merry tinkle of the sleigh bells. The little Pattersons loved the prairie; they had all been born in the prairie home.

At twelve o'clock they drew up outside Mrs. Pollard's ranch; and just about the same time aunt and uncle and cousins, including six months' old baby, also wrapped in a warm Scotch plaid shawl, appeared in the distance. Mrs. Pollard had no children of her own, but she had a big mother heart, and knew just how to make chilren happy.

The first thing she did was to give all the little folk a drink of hot milk, "to warm them up," as she said, after the cold drive. How all these children loved a visit to Mrs. Pollard's! It was one of the happiest events in their young lives.

"Now," said she, "don't take off your wraps, but go down to the creek and romp about until dinner is ready."

The creek was covered with thick ice, and there, on the top of the bank, was a large toboggan, and very soon the prairie echoed with shouts of glee as the children tobogganed down the bank of the creek on to the smooth ice below.

At one o'clock came the call for dinner. Such a dinner! Turkey, mince pies, cranberries, plum pudding, fruit, etc. Some of you boys and girls know just about how much one can eat after an hour's tobogganing on a cold day ten degrees below zero. After dinner the mothers, with their babies, gathered round the open fire and talked of the "Homeland," for the mothers had all come across the sea and made happy homes on the great prairie. The boys and girls went off again, some to play hide-and-seek among the bushes, the others back to the toboggan. The afternoon went all too quickly; dark came on, and with it the call of supper, for the great event of the day was to be after supper.

When supper had been cleared away the boys and girls all helped to carry the dishes into the kitchen. Mrs. Pollard led the way into a large room lighted only by wax candles and the yule log in the open grate. The walls of the room were decorated with evergreens from the hills, and in the centre of the room, hanging from the ceiling, was a large bell made of red paper, with underneath a bunch of mistletoe. Oh, the fun dodging the mistletoe!

In the corner of the room stood a large Christmas tree laden with all kinds of presents—dolls, books, skates and everything that rejoices the hearts of boys and girls. Here and there were six candles and pretty ornaments. On a small table nearby were some parcels—for the big people, I imagine. The boys and girls clapped their hands with glee, then gave three big cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Pollard.

"Now," said Mrs. Pollard, "I want everybody to sit down and be very quiet, for I am execting 'Santa' to come at any minute."

Just then came the sound of bells, the door burst open, with Santa in long, red coat edged with white fur, a white fur cap, long white beard, and a chain of bells round his neck.

Taking his place by the side of the tree he said: "Boys and girls, I have watched you all through the past year, and am satisfied that you have been pretty good; so these presents are to show you that Santa never forgets you." Then he began to call the names and distribute the presents. Little three-year-old Jimmie Patterson, when called for his third present, actually looked about to see if he could find another hand, for both his right and left were full. But he managed somehow!

The happy day came to a close, and the children one by one were helped into the different sleighs by Santa, the two little babies who were sound asleep being gently laid on cushions in the back of the sleighs. Then, with many thanks to their kind friends, the families started on the journey home under a starlight sky. The Pattersons had gone two miles when the sound of sleigh bells was heard from behind; then a loud shout.

"Why," said Marian, "it sounds like Uncle Sam." And sure enough it was Uncle Sam Lee, with all the family.

"What's wrong?" shouted Uncle Patterson as he stopped the sleigh.

"Not much," was the reply, "only—only—well, you've got the wrong baby.'

Mrs. Patterson picked up the sleeping bundle, and—it was true. Santa had made a mistake. It was those Scotch plaid shawls! Amid shrieks of laughter babies were exchanged; then the sleighs started off again, and not long after the two families were all sound asleep in their beds at home, each with the right baby.—Emily A. Hustler.

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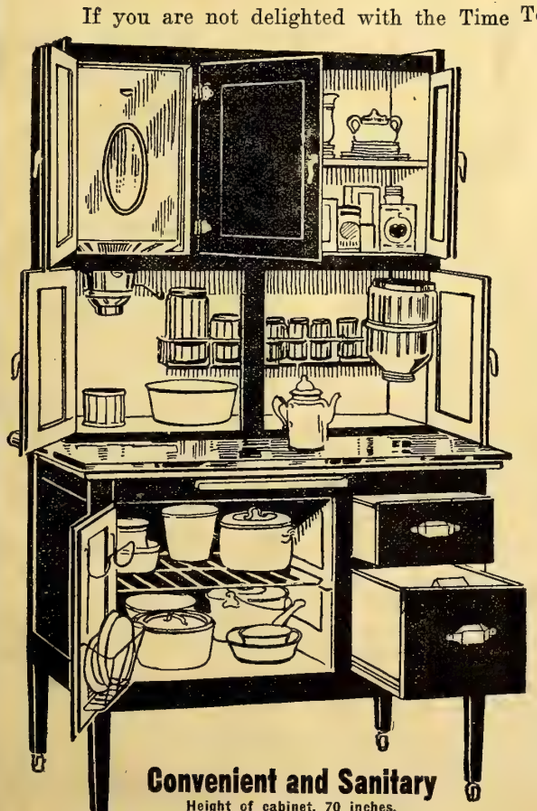
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LOGAN—The announcement of the death of Mr. Frank Logan, which occurred at his home at Union Mills at 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, May 24, 1919, cast a shadow of gloom and sorrow over the entire community. While it had been known for some time that Mr. Logan could not live, his death came as a distinct shock to his many friends. He had been in declining health for the past two years, during which time he has suffered a great deal, but being of a reserved nature he bore his sufferings patiently and with fortitude, never murmuring a complaint.

Frank Bettis Logan was born February 27, 1864, and departed this life May 24, 1919, being 55 years, 2 months and 25 days old. He was born in the Logan section, a son of Col. John Logan and Celia Walker Logan, one of the leading families in the county. He had resided in Union Mills for a number of years. He is an ex-member of the town board of aldermen and was one of the town and county's leading citizens.

He was married to Nancy Jane Allen November 11, 1884. To this union were born four children, three daughters and one son, Misses Mary, Lizzie, Johnny and Rose Logan and Dr. F. W. Hicks Logan, who together with the wife survive. The deceased is also survived by one brother, Mr. M. W. Logan, of Logan, and one sister, Mrs. E. L. Morris, of Union Mills.

Mr. Logan had been a devoted member of the Methodist Church since early youth, first joining at Centenial and later moving his membership to Mt. Hebron. He was greatly devoted to his home and family, being a loving husband and a kind father. Popular with every one, of genial disposition, kind and considerate, he numbered his friends by the hundreds. He was a prominent Woodman, a member of the local camp of that order and took an active part in all its work.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Monday morning at Mt. Hebron Methodist Church, Rev. T. C. Jordan, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. J. Hunt, of Cliffside, Rev. A. P. Sorrels of Union Mills, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, of Rutherfordton and Rev. J. L. Beatty, of Westminster. The pall bearers were: Walter C. Barnes, Flay A. Hill, Lewis B. Koon, Ernest Cobb, Paul J. Sorrells, Horace Marris and Lieut. Fred F. Hill.

Interment was in the Mount Hebron cemetery. The services at the grave were in charge of the local camp of the Woodmen, the departed sovereign being buried with the honors of his fraternity. The floral offerings were many and the most beautiful ever seen here. The funeral was attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a host of friends in Union Mills and throughout this and adjoining countles.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

With sad hearts and bowed heads, we, the members of Rose Hill Sunday school, Wilmington District, desire to pay this tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. C. Mallard, who passed to her reward Sept. 6, 1919.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has taken her from us, we resolve,

1 That in the death of Mrs. Mallard our Church has lost one of its most faithful members, one whose place was seldom vacant at all Church services and Sunday school; one who was every ready to respond to every call of her church and all of its institutions.

2 That her presence in our midst is sorely missed, and that her loving service will ever live in the minds and hearts of her friends.

3 That we extend to the bereaved ones our tender sympathy, and trust that her life will lead them to follow on, till they shall pass like her, into their heavenly home.

4 That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Sunday school, a copy sent to the bereaved family and the N. C. Christian Advocate.

Mrs. R. L. Forlow,
Mrs. A. R. Bland,
Mrs. M. D. Hix,
Committee.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's parents in Youngsville, N. C., Nov. 27th, Miss Susie Pearce to Mr. H. H. Underwood, H. M. Jackson, officiating.

Shaw-Sabiston—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sabiston, near Mayesville, N. C., November 27, 1919, Mr. John Shaw, of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Alma C. Sabiston, Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

Spencer-Bailey.—At the Methodist Church in Roper, N. C., on Nov. 29, 1919, at noon, Miss Ethel Lee Bailey, of Roper, to Mr. James Thomas Spencer, of Norfolk, Va., Rev. L. E. Sawyer officiating.

Jones-Pearson.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. B. B. Pearson, near Bailey, Miss Addie Mae Pearson and Mr. Thomas Franklin Jones, of Eureka, were happily united in marriage at 11 a. m., Nov. 25th, 1919, Rev. B. E. Stanfield, of Chadbourn officiating.

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	December
Henderson Circuit, Fruitland	21-22
Saluda	22
Acton, Acton	28-29
Biltmore	29
	January
Harmony, Pleasant Hill	3-4
Mount Pleasant	
Asheville, Riverview	10-11
Flat Rock	11
Rosman, Pine Grove	17-18
Brevard	18
Leicester, Leicester	24-25
West Asheville	25

District Stewards

Will meet at Central Church, Asheville, Tuesday, November 11, at 12 o'clock. W. H. Willis.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder
508 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

	December
Prospect, Trinity, 11 a. m.	20-21
Monroe, Central, night	21
Seversville, Seversville, 11 a. m.	28
Hawthorn Lane, night	28
	January
Polkton, Polkton, 11 a. m.	3
Wadesboro, 11 a. m.	4
Ansonville, Ansonville, night	4
Weddington, Weddington, 11 a. m.	10
Waxhaw, Waxhaw, 11 a. m.	11-12

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder
508 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

	December
East Greensboro, Holts Chapel	20-21
Greensboro, West Market Street, 11 a. m.	21
Randolph, Vernon	27-28
High Point, Main Street, 11 a. m.	28
Greensboro, Walnut Street, night	28
	January
Uwharrie, Concord	3-4
Asheboro, night	4
Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	10-11
Gibsonville, Gibsonville, night	11
Wentworth, Salem	17-18
Reidsville, Main Street, 11 a. m.	18

The District stewards will meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, November 13, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Let every charge be represented.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT
W. F. Womble, Presiding Elder

	December
Draper, Draper December 20, at 3 p. m., 21 at 11 a. m.	
Leaksville, at 3 p. m.	21
Spray, at night	19-21
Jonesville, Jonesville, at 11 a. m.	27-28
Elkin	27-28
	January
Dodson, Dodson	4-5
Danbury, Davis Chapel, 11 a. m.	9
Mayodan, Mayodan, December 10 at 3 p. m. 11, night	
Madison, Madison	11

MARION DISTRICT
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder

	December
Circuit	20-21
Broad River, Kistler Chapel	27-28
Cliffside Circuit, at Oak Grove, Sunday at 3 o'clock	28-29
	January
Connelly Spring, Ballingers Chapel	3-4
Enola Circuit, at Warlicks Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock	4
Spruce Pine, at Spruce Pine	10-11
Bakersville, at Bakersville, Sunday night	11
Micaville, Shoals Creek	17-18
Burnsville, at Burnsville, Sunday night	18-19
Bald Creek, Boring Chapel	24-25
Mill Springs, at Lebanon	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Rutherfordton Circuit, at Rutherfordton, Sunday night	1-2
Henrietta and Caroleen	7-8

SHELBY DISTRICT
H. H. Jordan, Presiding Elder
Gastonia, N. C.

	December
Lincolnton Circuit, Asbury, 11 a. m.	20-21
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 p. m.	21
Lowesville, Hills Chapel, 11 a. m.	27-28
Mt. Holly, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Shelby Circuit, Sulphur Springs, 11 a. m.	3-4
Kings Mountain, 7 p. m.	4
Bessemer, Bessemer, 11 a. m.	10-11
Gastonia, St. Paul, 7 p. m.	11
Stanly, Stanly, 11 a. m.	17-18
Gastonia, Main St., 7 p. m.	18
Mayworth, Lowell, 11 a. m.	24
Belmont, 11 a. m.	25
East End, Ranlo, 7 p. m.	25

The District stewards will meet at Lincolnton, Tuesday, November 18, at 10:30 a. m. Every pastor and District steward, in the District is earnestly requested to be present.

SALISBURY DISTRICT
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder
Salisbury, N. C.

	December
Kannapolis Circuit, Oak Grove, 11 a. m.	20-21
Kannapolis station, 7 p. m.	21
New London, New London, 11 a. m.	27-28
Albemarle, Central, 7 p. m.	28
	January
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 11 a. m.	3-4
Concord, Central, 7 p. m.	4
Concord Circuit, Boger's, 11 a. m.	10-11
Forest Hill, 7 p. m.	11
Badin, 11 a. m.	18
Salem, 7 p. m.	18
Bethel, Loves, Bethel, 11 a. m.	24-25
Epworth, Center, Epworth, 7 p. m.	25
	February
Salisbury Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	Jan. 31-1
North Main, 7 p. m.	1
Kerr Street, 11 a. m.	7-8
Westford, Harmony, Harmony, 7 p. m.	8

STATESVILLE DISTRICT
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder
Statesville, N. C.
Second Round

	December
Stony Point, Pisgah, 11 a. m.	21
	January
Olin, Snow Creek, 11 a. m.	3-4
Cool Springs, Rose Chapel 3 p. m.	3-4
Catawba, Bethlehem, 11 a. m.	10-11
Ball Creek, Friendship, 3 p. m.	10-11
Troutman, Troutman, 11 a. m.	17-18
Race Street, Race Street, night	18

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT
W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder

	December
Watauga, Henson's	20-21
Boone, Boone, night	21
Elk Park, Elk Park	24-25
Avery, Pisgah	27-28

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
J. H. West, Presiding Elder
Box 312, Waynesville, N. C. Telephone 224—J

	December
Webster-Cullowhee, Webster	20-21
Waynesville Station, Sunday night and Monday	21-22
Haywood Circuit, Finchers	27-28
Waynesville Circuit, Maple Grove, Sunday night and Monday	28-29
	January
Glenville-Highlands, Cashiers	3-4
Fines Creek, Pine Grove	10-11

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
Second Round
Frank Siler, Presiding Elder
1090 W. 4th St. Telephone No. 853
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Burkhead, December 28, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference, March 24, night.
Liberty St., December 28, night. Quarterly Conference March 4, night.
Centenary, January 4, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference March 11, night.
West End January 4, night. Quarterly Conference March 10, night.
Salem January 11, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference March 1, night.
Grace, January 11, night. Quarterly Conference March 2, night.
Southside, January 18, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference March 9, night.
Walkertown, January 18, 2:30 p. m. and night.
Thomasville-Main St., January 25, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.
South Thomasville, January 25, night.
Thomasville Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, January 31-Feb. 1, 11 a. m.
Lexington, First Church, February 1, night. Quarterly Conference, January 30, night.
Kernersville-Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge, February 7-8, 11 a. m.
Southside Circuit, Sedge Garden, February 8, 2:30 p. m. and night.
Davie Circuit, Hardison, February 14, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. February 15, 3 p. m.
Mocksville, February 14, night. February 15, 11 a. m.
Cooleemee, February 15, night.
New Hope Circuit, New Hope, February 21-22, 11 a. m.
Denton Circuit, Newsom, February 20, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. February 22, night.
Linwood, Cotton Grove, February 28-29, 11 a. m.
Welcome, Center, February 27, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. February 29, night.
West Davie, Zion, March 7, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Farmington, Farmington, March 6, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. March 7, night.
Advance, Advance, March 13-14, 11 a. m.
Davidson, Centenary ,March 12, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. March 14, 8 p. m.
Lewisville, Brooktown, March 20-21, 11 a. m.
Forsyth, Mineral Springs, March 19, 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. March 21, night.
Hanes-Clemmons, Hanes, March 28, 11 a. m. Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m., Clemmons.

N. C. CONFERENCE

DURHAM DISTRICT
M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder

First Round	December
Brooksdale Circuit, Brooksdale, 11 a. m.	20-21
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30 p. m.	21
Graham and Hawriver, Graham, 11 a. m.	28
E. Burlington, Webb Ave., 7:30 p. m.	28
Branson at Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Carr, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Calvary, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Lakewood, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Memorial, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
Trinity, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
W. Durham, Trinity, 7:30 p. m.	31
	January
Burlington Circuit, Shiloh, 11 a. m.	3-4
Burlington, Front Street, 7:30 p. m.	4
Person Circuit, Lea's Chapel, 11 a. m.	10-11
E. Roxboro, Longhurst, 7:30 p. m.	11
Rangemont Church, Rangemont, 11 a. m.	14
Milton Circuit, Milton, 11 a. m.	17-18
Pelham, Pelham, 7:30 p. m.	19
Orange Circuit, Carrboro, 11 a. m.	25
Chapel Hill, 7:30 p. m.	25
Durham Circuit, Fletcher's Chapel, 11 a. m.	31-Feb. 1
	February
S. Alamance Circuit, Swepsonville, 3 p. m.	7
Mebane, Mebane, 11 a. m.	8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Mt. Zion, 11 a. m.	14-15
Yanceyville Circuit, Locust Hill, 11 a. m.	21-22
Leasburg Circuit, Leasburg, 11 a. m.	28-29

District Stewards will meet at Trinity Church, at 12 o'clock, December 17, 1919.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
R. H. Willis, Presiding Elder
Elizabeth City, N. C.

	December
Hertford	21
Pasquotank, at Newbegun	27-28
	January
Camden, Newlands	3-4
Chowan, Evans	7
Perquimans, Epworth	8
Mayock, Mayock	10-11
Currituck, Mt. Zion	17-18
Pantego and Belhaven, Belhaven	22
Columbia, Columbia	24-25
Roper, Roper	25
Plymouth	25
Gates, Gatesville	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
North Gates, Kittrells	1-2
Kitty Hawk, Kitty Hawk	6
Roanoke Island, Manteo, Morning	8
Dare, Mann's Harbor, night	8
Kennekeet, Rodanthe	10
Hotteras, Frisco	12
Scuppernong	14-15

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder, Fayetteville, N. C.
First Round

	December
Jonesboro, Jonesboro, 2 p. m.	20-21
Sanford, Sanford, night	21-22
Parkton, Parkton	27-28
Hay Street, 7:30 p. m.	29
Person Street and Calvary, Calvary, 7:30 p. m.	31
	January
Glendon, Cool Spring	3-4
Carthage, Carthage, night	4-5
Hemp, Tabernacle, 2 p. m.	5
Roseboro, Bethel	10-11
Stedman, Bethany	17-18
Duke, Duke	24-25
Dunn, Dunn, night	25-26
	February
Lillington, Lillington	1-2
Buckhorn, Olive Branch	3
Newton Grove, Hopewell	8-9
Pittsboro, Pittsboro, 15-16, p. m.	
Haw River, Bynum, 15, night 16, a. m.	
Goldston, Goldston	21-22
Siler City, Siler City, night	22-23

District Stewards Meeting, 7:30, p. m., Thursday, December 18, in Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, N. C.

NEW BERN DISTRICT
F. M. Shamburger, Presiding Elder New Bern, N. C.

First Round	December
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 a. m.	21-22
Kinston Caswell Street, 7:30	21-22
	January
Beaufort, 11 a. m. Preaching	4-5
Morehead City, 7:30, preaching	4-5
Mount Olive Circuit, Smiths Chapel, 11 a. m.	10-11
Mount Olive and Calypso, 7:30	11-12
Snow Hill	17-18
Hookerton Circuit, Maury's Chapel, 3 p. m.	18-19
LaGrange Circuit, 11 a. m.	16
Grifton Circuit, 11 a. m.	23
Dover Circuit, 11 a. m.	24-25
Newport and Harlow Circuits together at Newport, 11 a. m.	29
Straits Circuit at Summerfield, 11 a. m.	30
	February
Atlantic and Ocracoke	1-2
Jones Circuit, Trenton, 11 a. m.	6
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove	7-8
Goldsboro Circuit, Salem	14-15
Goldsboro, St. Johns, at night	15-16
Pinkhill Circuit	18
Pamlico Circuit, at Bridgeton	21-22

RALEIGH DISTRICT
J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder

First Round	December
Clayton, 11 a. m.	21
Central, 7:30 p. m.	21
Kenley Circuit, 11 a. m.	27-28
Selma, 7: 30	28

The District Stewards of the Raleigh District will meet in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Friday December 5 at 11 a. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT
H. M. North, Presiding Elder
First Round

Aberdeen, December 20, at 3 p. m. and December 21 at 11.
Roberdel, November 1, December 21, at night, at Roberdel.
Laurel Hill, at Sneeds, January 3 and 4 at 11.
Caledonia, at E. Laurinburg, January 4, at night.
Robeson, at Trinity, January 10, at 11, and January 11, at 11.
Maxton, January 11, at night, and 12 a. m.
Rockingham, January 14, at night.
Raeford, January 17 and 18, at 11.
Red Springs, January 18, at night, and 19 a. m.
Mt. Gilead Circuit, at M. Gilead, January 24 at 11, preaching at Little River, January 25 at 11.
Mt. Gilead, January 25, at night, and 26, a. m.
Rowland, at Rowland, March 31 and February 1, at 11.
Laurinburg, February 1, at night and a. m. February 2.
Elizabeth, at Trinity, February 7 and 8 at 11.
Lumberton Station, February 8, at night, and a. m. February 9.
Lumberton Circuit, at E. Lumberton, February 15, at 11.
St. Paul, February 15, at night, and a. m. on February 16.
Montgomery, at Beulah, February 21, at 11, and 22, at 11.
Troy, February 22, at night, and a. m. on 23.
Ellerbe, at Ellerbe, February 29, at 11.
Richmond, at St. Paul, February 29, at 3 p. m.
Piedmont, at Roberdel, February 29, at night.

WARRENTON DISTRICT
E. M. Snipes, Presiding Elder
Weldon, N. C.

	December
Garysburg, Garysburg	20-21
Weldon	21-22
Middleburg, Middleburg	27-28
Norlina, Norlina	28-29
	January
Rich Square, Rich Square	2
Conway, Conway	3-4
Murfreesboro and Winton, Murfreesboro	4-5
Northampton, Jackson	10-11
Roanoke, Tabor	17-18
Littleton	18-19
Warren, Providence	23
Warrenton, Macon	24-25
Bertie, Windsor	30
Harrellsville, Ahoskie	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
	February
Henderson	7-8
N. and S. Henderson	8
Scotland Neck, Scotland Neck	13
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston	14-15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT
N. H. D. Wilson, Presiding Elder, Washington, N. C.

	December
Stokes, Stokes	19
Bath, Bath	21
Pinetops, Pinetops	27-28
Elm City	28-29
Wilson, First Church and Calvary, together, night	29
Aurora, Aurora	31
	January
Rocky Mount, First Church, night	2
Spring Hope	3
Rocky Mount Circuit	4

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
J. H. Shore, Presiding Elder, Wilmington, N. C.

	December
Jacksonville-Richlands, Jacksonville	21-22
Southport, Trinity	27-28
	January
Kenansville, Kenansville	3
Faison-Warsaw, Faison	4-5
Ingold, Johnson's	17-18
Clinton	18-19
Burgaw, Burgaw	23
Scott's Hill, Rocky Point	24-25
Tabor, Tabor	30
Chadbourn, Evergreen	31-Feb. 1
	February
Carver's Creek, Council	6
Hallsboro, Hallsboro	7-8
Whiteville	8-9
Wallace-Rose Hill, Rose Hill	13
Magnolia, Centenary	14-15
Swansboro, Swansboro	20
Onslow, Maysville	21-22
Town Creek, Zion	27
Shallotte, Shallotte Camp	28-29

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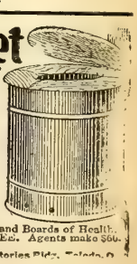
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